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## 74 Utah Students Receive Scholarship or Tuition Awards at CTE Banquet

SALT LAKE CITY – A total of 74 high school seniors were presented with either a Career and Technical Education (CTE) scholarship or tuition award at the 36th Annual Career and Technical Education Scholarships and Tuition Awards Banquet held Thursday at Salt Lake Community College. This banquet is held to honor CTE students throughout the state who have been selected to receive a scholarship or tuition award from a Utah postsecondary institution.

This year's selection process began in February when 213 students applied for a scholarship or tuition award.

CTE encompasses a variety of programs structured to equip students for college and career readiness. In Utah, 172,020 secondary students participate in CTE courses that help them explore career options and develop occupational skills. The curriculum of CTE gives students the practical experience they need to succeed through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory work, and on-the-job training. Through participation in CTE, students learn how to become productive employees and gain the academic skills to increase their earning potential.

Sixty-five percent of all jobs in the U.S. economy require postsecondary education and training beyond high school. CTE is an essential component in filling these jobs. The jobs of today require advanced skills and technical training. Students wanting to stay competitive in the job market need specific training, education, and skills to compete successfully.

Utah CTE provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value. The structured training each student receives gives them the tools needed to be successful in a career after high school and/or further their postsecondary education, whether technical school, two-year college, or four-year college.

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