



# CTE DIRECTIONS

## Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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**Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.**

### Teacher Appreciation Week: #ThankATeacher

May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week and Tuesday, May 3 is National Teacher Day. Utah CTE appreciates the hard work and dedication of each teacher in the state of Utah. Thank you for your passion for teaching and for your commitment to guide students on a path to success. Thank you for all you do for the students in Utah.

### Danielle Coleman: Future Veterinary Technician

"My middle school and high school CTE teachers were amazing, but my most influential teacher was Mr. Mike Gowans at Westlake High School. I have worked with him since my first experience with FFA in the 8th grade. He attended every state competition and was my most hands-on instructor and medical advisor when it came to the animals I have raised at the school farm. I learned a lot from him on how to train my pigs and turkeys and what things I could do year-to-year to improve my state fair experience. I could not have gone as far as I did in both school and in the FFA program without his aid, and that I'm thankful for.



"I also wouldn't have my love of plants if it weren't for Mr. Jeremy Scott who was my middle school (9th grade) FFA advisor. He helped me secure my job at the nursery, and I'm so grateful for all that I learned there. My love of plants really started with him and all the things we were able to grow in class during my last year in middle school. I also loved how excited he was about agriculture. We went on a field trip to the Utah State Fair and helped the FFA with a hands-on experience kids could walk through to see how we get the food and animals we eat. That was a lot of fun teaching younger kids and seeing them light up and learn a lot about agriculture."

### Izzac Zinn: Future Welder



"There were many teachers who were influential in my life, but the ones who stick out are my welding and construction teachers. They were the best at explaining concepts and helped put you in a working environment. They helped with every little step to get better and offered after class time to improve skills. They showed you the mistakes you needed to correct and would stand next to you to show you exactly what to do, so the next time you try you can get it done correctly. I always enjoyed the after-school practice. It really helped me with getting certifications and just overall improving my confidence and my ability to perfect my trade skills."

### Sydney Zuleta: Future Physician Assistant

“Pamela Anderson was an amazing and supportive teacher who helped me while I explored the Health Science field through her classes. She taught a lot of the classes I took and taught them incredibly well. She drew visuals on the board and explained concepts carefully so that they were understandable. She has an amazing personality, that my friends and I got along with great, and was always available to us if we needed help. In a smaller class, she made sure everyone got a lot of her attention. She invited her son, who is a pediatrician, to talk to us about going through med school and what to expect. She was highly influential and helped me so much.”



### Gabriel Bankhead: Future Software Developer



“One of the educators who had a profound influence on my career choice was Rebecca Dajany. She has been my yearbook advisor and digital photo art teacher for the past two years. She is an educator who cultivates a student’s passion for art and allows it to flourish. What’s unique to Mrs. Dajany’s style of teaching is that she doesn’t teach one single method to all her students. She has the capability to reach all of her students, whether that be in front of the class or from one-on-one interaction. In my experience, she has been able to recognize my strengths and talents for the subject of photography. She pushed me to build upon my strengths, rather than dissect the weaknesses. This has allowed me to increase my potential and skillsets in ways I never thought would be possible. I will always be grateful for the mentorship I have received.”

### Cassidy Ashby: Future Elementary Teacher

“Katie Trump is one of the FACS teachers at my school and the FCCLA [advisor] for our chapter. She is amazing and has encouraged my growth in FCCLA. I’m so grateful for all the opportunities she has given me and encouraged me to [pursue]. I know I probably wouldn’t have signed up for my first FCCLA Star Event without her. Thanks to her encouragement I did, and I ended up receiving gold! She encouraged me to be an officer for FCCLA. I went back and forth but with her love and encouragement I signed up. I was chosen to be this year’s [chapter] president and I wouldn’t change that for the world. It has been one of the best opportunities.”



### Calendar:

**May 5:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**May 12:** [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

[Utah CTE Calendar](#) | [ACTE Calendar](#)

The [CTE Directions](#) newsletter will be on hiatus during June, July, and August. The newsletter will return in September with resources to assist you in promoting your CTE programs. Have a great summer! Stay safe. Stay healthy.

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