



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.

CTE Scholarships and Tuition Awards

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the 117 high school seniors who received a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award to a Utah postsecondary institution. This year's selection process began in February when 293 students applied for a scholarship or tuition award. Each year, we are impressed with the pool of qualified applicants and their desire to further their education and training in order to successfully compete in a global economy.

Read what six CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award recipients say about CTE and their high school experience.

Hagen Miller: Future Secondary Education Teacher



"My career goal is to become a high school information technology teacher. Once I obtain a bachelor's degree, I would like to pursue additional CTE endorsements, so that I can offer a variety of classes to students in a rural school. My dream job would be to return to Panguitch High School and teach. I have had the opportunity to benefit from teachers who offer an assortment of classes, and I would like to follow in their footsteps. I have been very fortunate to take numerous CTE classes. I have helped teachers and have taught students who are planning on becoming a teacher. I am more than prepared to pursue my career goals when I go to college next fall."

Natasha Shaw: Future Interior Designer

"CTE is life changing! I want to become an interior designer. I want to make indoor spaces functional, safe, and beautiful. CTE courses provided me with more skills and training than I even thought was possible as a high school student. The more I learned, the more I grew as a person. I am armed with technical training and practical work experience. CTE programs have equipped me with the tangible skills sought by industry leaders. The certifications I earned are industry-based. I am ready for the workforce, and I know what the job entails thanks to my hands-on training."



Colton Blackwell: Future Physical Therapist



“I took many CTE courses in high school, and they taught me many things. I studied medical anatomy, physiology, injury response, exercise science, and physical therapy. My goal is to receive a DPT in physical therapy and start my own practice. I interned as a physical therapy aide during my first semester and am currently interning as an athletic trainer at Lehi High School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my internships and am amazed at the amount of skills I have gained. There have been many adults that have influenced my career choice, and I am eternally grateful for them and their diligence in teaching me all the things I now know.”

Karsyn Short: Future Cosmetologist

“My time spent at Canyons Technical Education Center gave me the opportunity to understand what working in a full-service salon would be like. I've learned customer service, time management, and work ethic. If it wasn't for CTE, I would not have a plan for life after high school, and I would not know what career path to follow. However, I do have a plan, and I am prepared. CTE taught me the importance of hard work and what to plan for after high school. CTE guided me to which college I should attend and what to major in. The CTE courses I participated in gave me a future to look forward to and one to be proud of.”



Tate Rowley: Future Firefighter / EMT



“I participated in a CTE internship with the Unified Fire Authority, Station #118, in Taylorsville. This internship was one of the most valuable learning experiences I have had. It provided me with the opportunity to use the information and techniques acquired in class at the Jordan Academy for Technology and apply during a medical emergency. I had the opportunity to go on several ride-a-longs, service calls, and spend time at the fire house. Getting to work alongside some of the finest firefighters in the valley has only strengthened my desire to become one.”

Anthony Berky: Future Diesel Mechanic

“The CTE classes I participated in helped open a new world of opportunities that matched what I like to do, and what I want to do. After high school, my plan is to become a mechanic, diesel mechanic, or a welder. I learned that productive planning is the key to success because failing to plan, is planning to fail. I also learned the dangers that can be found in these work environments and how to avoid them and prevent injuries or accidents. Taking CTE courses opened up new opportunities and helped me have an appreciation for skilled trades.”



[What is your CTE story?](#)

Calendar:

April 9: [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

April 16: [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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