



# 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.**

## Utah CTE Excellence in Action Award

Utah Career and Technical Education is pleased to announce Bear River Region as the winner of the 2018 Utah CTE Excellence in Action award. The AM STEM (Automated Manufacturing STEM) program in the Bear River Region was selected based on their uniquely inventive and effective approaches to stimulating student learning, offering extensive work-based learning experiences, maintaining strong partnerships with industry and community organizations, and preparing students for postsecondary and career success.

Bear River Region, in collaboration with industry partners, higher education, and secondary education, has created a career pipeline for high school students by offering a program that meets industry needs. Students involved in the program take courses at their high school that align with the requirements found in industry. The AM STEM program combines coursework with work-based learning experiences to support student exploration and skill development.

On September 19, 2018, Bear River Region was honored at an awards ceremony for their Excellence in Action.



## Year of Technical Education

Governor Herbert has declared 2018 the Year of Technical Education, naming it his second-highest legislative priority. In conjunction with the Year of Technical Education Town Hall Meetings are being held across the state.

### October Town Hall Meetings:

**October 3:** Uintah Basin Region – Duchesne Area – [Duchesne High School](#) – Duchesne, UT

**October 4:** Uintah Basin Region – Roosevelt Area – [Uintah Basin Technical College](#) – Roosevelt, UT

**October 5:** Southwest Region – [Southwest Technical College](#) – Cedar City, UT

**October 10:** Uintah Basin Region – Vernal Area – [Uintah Basin Technical College](#) – Vernal, UT

**October 16-17:** Wasatch Front South Region – [Pathways to Professions](#) – Mountain America Expo Center – Sandy, UT

### Making Good on the Promise

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced a new series of briefs that discuss the critical role states have in closing equity and access gaps so that all learners can participate in high-quality CTE. The [Making Good on the Promise](#) series confronts the negative aspects of the legacy of CTE and defines the key challenges learners face today. The series provides promising solutions to help state leaders close equity gaps in CTE.

### USB E Student Advisory Council

High school juniors and seniors are invited to apply for a seat on the first-ever statewide Student Advisory Council established by the Utah State Board of Education (USB E). The Council will include 15 juniors and seniors who will represent the same geographical area represented by each member of the Board. The Council will meet every month to discuss how decisions made at the state level affect students. [Applications](#) are due Friday, October 5, 2018.

### UtahFutures American Graduate Project



The UtahFutures American Graduate project “**Considering Careers? Consider This!**” aims to help more Utahns make well-informed decisions about education and career. Videos highlighting student success stories were featured each week during September on [UEN-TV](#). The videos can be view at <https://www.uen.org/americangraduate/videos.shtml>.

[Outreach Kit](#): UtahFutures has developed content to raise awareness of resources and strategies that are helping Utahns find meaningful employment in high-demand, high-wage occupations.

### CTSO Fall Leadership Conferences

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) are preparing for their upcoming Fall Leadership Conferences where chapter officers will attend interactive workshops, learn about their CT SO, meet fellow student leaders from across the state, set goals for the new school year, and hear words of wisdom from their advisors.

**October 2:** [DECA](#) and [HOSA](#) | **October 4:** [FCCLA](#) | **October 8:** [SkillsUSA](#) | **October 13:** [TSA](#)

**October 24-27:** [FFA National Convention & Expo](#)

“FCCLA has been an amazing influence on me by allowing me great opportunities to speak out to my community, do service work, and to develop in my personal life,” said Kate Kunz, FCCLA Vice President of History.

### Student Highlight: Scott Milner

Scott Milner, a student at Pleasant Grove High School and TSA (Technology Student Association) state officer, attributes his success in high school to CTE and his involvement in TSA.

“I began to get seriously involved in CTE in the 8th grade when I joined the Technology Student Association, a CT SO centered around technology and leadership. I had an amazing advisor, Terry Hunter, who helped me learn what was expected of me and how to do it. I had a lot of fun with my friends while preparing for [state and national] competitions.

“In 9th grade I was eligible to attend my first TSA national conference in Nashville, Tennessee. I got to experience a different part of the country and represent my state. I competed in seven different competitions, was a semifinalist in one, a finalist in another, and earned a trophy in two.

“Through competing in TSA, I have been able to develop my passion for 3D animation. Since 9th grade, I have been competing at the national level in animation, and I have been able to hone my skills while preparing to compete. In the future I hope to study computer science and animation and one day work at an animation studio.”



### [What is your CTE story?](#)

### Calendar:

#### Board Meetings:

**October 4:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**October 11:** [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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