Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

January 2020

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.

Happy New Year

With a new year comes new goals, new resolutions, and new opportunities. Students, as you look at the new year with 2020 vision, plan to take advantage of the many opportunities in CTE. Participation in CTE will assist you in planning, preparing, and setting goals as you develop a College and Career Ready Plan. A good way to start off the new year is to make a goal to learn something new every day. There will be many opportunities to learn during the year 2020.

- Participate in a CTE Career Pathway and strive to become a pathway completer.
  - Students who are a CTE Pathway Completer are recognized by their school and the state at graduation.
- Enroll in a course that offers concurrent enrollment (CE) credit.
  - CE provides prepared high school students with a challenging and rigorous college-level experience. Students in the program receive both college and high school credit.
- Participate in a CTE Internship or other Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunity.
  - CTE Internships provide on the job training opportunities that are directly related to a career goal and course of study identified through the College and Career Ready Plan.

Our vision is to see that every student has the opportunity to explore a variety of career areas, throughout high school, that will equip him or her with the academic knowledge, technical and employability skills vital for entry into the evolving workforce.

2020-2021 CTE Career Pathways

With the implementation of Perkins V, Utah CTE has restructured the CTE Career Pathways for the 2020-2021 school year to better align with postsecondary education, training, and industry needs. Utah has 34 CTE Career Pathways categorized within 13 Career Clusters. Each Career Pathway culminates in a credential of value. The 2020-2021 CTE Career Pathways charts are located on the Web at https://bit.ly/36MvyQy.

Below are four key terms as defined by Perkins V:

- **CTE Concentrator for Secondary** — A student served by an eligible recipient who has completed at least two courses in an approved single CTE program or program of study. One course must be a concentrator course in a specific pathway, as defined by the Utah State Board of Education.
- **Concentrator Course** — An approved CTE course that is assigned to be at the concentrating level in a specific pathway and not duplicated on any other pathways.
- **Completer Course** — An approved advanced CTE course that is assigned to be at the completer level in a specific program pathway.
- **CTE Participant** — An individual, at either the secondary or postsecondary level, who successfully completes not less than one (non-academic) course in an approved CTE program or program of study.

ADA Compliant: January 2020
Student Highlight: Kelsee Ure

Kelsee Ure, a student at Clearfield High School, is a Utah FCCLA state officer who learned leadership skills through her participation in CTE and in FCCLA. Here is her story.

“In CTE I learned leadership skills that will help me throughout life. As an officer of FCCLA I have learned how to lead my peers in a constructive and positive way. This is a skill that will help me in any group projects throughout my school career and most definitely in my future career. The career I currently want to pursue is to be a professor of criminal psychology. I feel like these leadership skills will help me advance in my chosen career. I have also learned how to teach people through CTE courses which will help me be a professor.

“CTE courses and FCCLA have helped with hands-on experience on how to teach and lead both children and people my own age. CTE has helped me decide on what I want to do and has given me the skills to be able to do it.”

BLUE to BLUE

Last month, the Spanish Fork FFA chapter declared Monday, December 16, 2019 as “BLUE to BLUE” day in recognition and sincere appreciation of the commitment of the Spanish Fork Police Department and staff who tirelessly serve the citizenry of Spanish Fork and the public school system. In conjunction with the event, FFA members presented turkeys and poinsettias to the police department as a thank you for keeping the community safe.

This year, Ashley Olsen, Spanish Fork FFA member, presented the turkeys she raised to the police department. Ashley joined FFA when she was in 8th grade. Since that time, she has raised turkeys and competed in local and national FFA competitions. “I’ve learned that one of the greatest joys in life comes from serving and helping others. All of you at the police department are great examples of serving others on a daily basis. The work you do in behalf of our community is often time dangerous and takes you away from your families, even during the holidays. Nothing could truly repay you for what you do, but please accept these turkeys as our thanks to you. We sincerely appreciate you for your dedication and selfless service to the community . . .,” said Ashley.

You can watch the presentation to the Spanish Fork Police Department at https://bit.ly/2sI3J9K.

February is CTE Month

CTE Month is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. Plan now to celebrate CTE in your school and classroom.

The theme for CTE Month in Utah is TURN YOUR DREAM INTO A CAREER. As you plan to celebrate all things CTE, refer to the CTE Month webpage for resources.

Tell us your plans for celebrating CTE Month? Email your photos and stories to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov. Connect with @UtahCTE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Calendar:

January 8: Utah State Board of Education Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT
January 14: Utah State Charter School Board Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT
January 27: First day of the 2020 Utah Legislative Session – continues through March 12, 2020 – Utah State Capitol
January 31-February 1: Utah ACTE Conference – Riverton High School – Riverton, UT

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Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.