



# 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.**

### U.S. Presidential Scholars

Congratulations to the 91 Utah high school seniors, five in Career and Technical Education, who have been selected as the 2020 candidates in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes and honors some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors for their academic achievements, talent in visual, creative, and performing arts, and accomplishments in career and technical education.

The Utah candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education are:

#### Julie Abbott, Mountain View High School

Julie is the Utah HOSA president and is an advocate for the National Library of Medicine's pilot program for Health Literacy. She is working on creating an app for the Health Literacy Ambassador Program.

#### Jared Connelly, Uintah High School

Jared is the student body vice president at Uintah High School where he plans and supervises multiple student activities, including being involved in community blood drives.

#### Daniel Elliott, Skyline High School

Daniel participates in team-based competitions—VEX robotics, Science Fair, and Science Olympiad. He is the vice president of the Science Fair club. He created CAD mockups of proposed robot designs.

#### Trevor Larsen, Maple Mountain High School

Trevor competes on his high school Olympiad team in events consisting of science, math, and engineering principles and design. He won the state tournament in 2019 and competed at the national tournament at Cornell University. He is the chapter president of the ACE Mentor Program.

#### Stefan Todorov, Skyline High School

Stefan is the TSA president at Granite Technical Institute and developed software to streamline meetings in Granite School District. He also created code libraries used by his employer.

U.S. Presidential Scholars semifinalists will be announced in April and the U.S. Presidential Scholars will be announced in May.

### Student Highlight: Carsen Weyland



Carsen Weyland, a student at Roy High School, is a Utah HOSA state officer who discovered his career through participation in CTE and HOSA. Here is his story.

"As a sophomore at Roy High School I took the basic tenth grade health class that my HOSA advisor, Mrs. Cook, taught. She invited me to join the HOSA chapter in our school, reigniting the medical spark.

"Throughout my CTE journey, and being able to take part of a CTSO, it has allowed me to look at different aspects in the CTE field and ultimately decide I want to go into the medical field. Throughout my life I have had an interest of being a surgeon. Because of CTE classes and HOSA I want to be an orthopedic surgeon. I now have a better plan to make my dream career a reality."



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2019 U.S Presidential Scholars

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## Utah ACTE Awards

Congratulations to the following educators who received awards at the Utah ACTE Conference for their dedication and service to Career and Technical Education.

### Rebecca Armitage

Carl Perkins Community Service Award



### Janet Goble

Administrator of the Year



### Julie Snowball

Lifetime Achievement Award



## Microsoft Office Specialist

A Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) is an individual who is certified in Microsoft Office programs—Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Students throughout Utah have the opportunity to become a Microsoft Office Specialist, and qualify for the MOS U.S. National Championship, while taking the Business Office Specialist class in middle/junior high and high school. Becoming certified gives students a competitive edge in the job market.



To receive an invitation to the MOS U.S. National Championship students must earn the highest score in their state in either Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. There is a Fall Qualifier and a Spring Qualifier. Twelve students from each state are invited to the MOS U.S. National Championship based on earning the highest score in one of the MOS exams.

Congratulations to the following schools who ranked first in the state for the Microsoft Office Specialist Fall Qualifier.

Word 2016: Pine View Middle School

Excel 2016: Snow Canyon Middle School

PowerPoint 2016: Deseret Hills Middle School

Word 2019: Sky View High School

Excel 2019: Snow Canyon Middle School

PowerPoint 2019: Mountain Crest High School

You can view the current school rankings in the Spring Qualifier at <http://us.moschampionship.com/about/> (scroll to the bottom of the webpage.) The Spring Qualifier ends May 15, 2020.

## CTSO State Conferences

This month, Career and Technical Student Organizations members will compete in state competitions at their individual state conferences held throughout Utah. We wish each competitor all the best!

- **March 4:** Utah Educators Rising – Eccles Conference Center – Ogden, UT
- **March 9-11:** [Utah FBLA](#) | **March 17-18:** [Utah TSA](#) | **March 19-20:** Utah HOSA | **March 24-25:** [Utah FCCLA](#)

The above state conferences will be held at the Davis Technical College in Kaysville, UT.

- **March 26-27:** [SkillsUSA Utah](#) – Salt Lake Community College – Taylorsville, UT
- **March 30-31:** [Utah FFA](#) – Southern Utah University – Cedar City, UT



## 2020 Utah Legislative Session

The 2020 general session of the Utah Legislature continues through Thursday, March 12. You can keep up-to-date on all education related bills by viewing the [USB E Education Bill Tracking](#) sheet.

## Calendar:

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

**March 19:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, 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.

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