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74 Utah Students Receive Scholarship or Tuition Award

SALT LAKE CITY – Seventy-four high school seniors received a Career and Technical Education (CTE) scholarship or tuition award to a Utah postsecondary institution. This year’s selection process began in February when 165 students applied for a scholarship or tuition award.

CTE encompasses a variety of programs structured to equip students for college and career readiness. In Utah, 177,959 secondary students participate in CTE courses that help them explore career options and develop occupational skills. The curriculum of CTE gives students the practical experience they need to succeed through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory work, and on-the-job training. Through participation in CTE, students learn how to become more productive employees and gain the academic skills to increase their earning potential.

Sixty-five percent of all jobs in the U.S. economy require postsecondary education or training beyond high school. CTE is an essential component to filling these jobs because it provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value. The jobs of today require advanced skills and technical training. Students who want to stay competitive in the job market need specific training, education, and skills to compete successfully. The structured training students receive with CTE gives them the tools needed to be successful in a career after high school and/or further their postsecondary education, whether technical school, two-year college, or four-year college.

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