



# 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.**

### Happy CTE Month: TURN YOUR DREAM INTO A CAREER

This month, CTE administrators, educators, staff, and students throughout Utah will celebrate Career and Technical Education. How are you going to celebrate? As you plan to celebrate CTE refer to the CTE Month webpage for resources. Email your photos and stories to [UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov](mailto:UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov). Connect with @UtahCTE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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“My CTE courses have been some of the best and hardest classes I have taken. Advanced health science, being my hardest class, has greatly prepared me for the medical classes I will be taking in college. I felt child development was a helpful class because of my interest in pediatrics. In that class I learned about how children grow mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially. All of my CTE courses have taught me to work hard and to spend more of my free time studying. I believe that I will be further ahead than most of my college classmates because of the CTE courses I have completed, and the Health Science Pathway I completed,” said Tyler Jones.

### Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

This month five Career and Technical Student Organizations have set aside a week to promote their organization and to raise awareness by encouraging members to participate in a variety of activities. Click on the links below to learn what each CTSO has planned.

February 7-11: [Educators Rising Week](#) | [SkillsUSA Week](#) | February 13-19: [FBLA Week](#)  
February 14-18: [FCCLA Week](#) | February 19-26: [FFA Week](#)



### FFA Highlight: Kenadee Stubbs

“Through FFA and my CTE courses I was able to explore different career paths and find things that interested me before I was thrown into the real world. I was able to take a natural resources class that helped spark my interest in forestry which later led me to a career as a wildland firefighter. I was also able to earn my EMT through a program at my high school that has opened so many opportunities for me. I learned so many valuable leadership and employment skills like public speaking and interview skills that have put me ahead in any job I've applied for. I owe every success I've had since graduation to the skills and opportunities my CTE classes, and the FFA, gave me in high school,” said Kenadee Stubbs, FFA state vice president.



### FBLA Highlight: Ian Brady



“There have been several moments in my life where CTE has affected my life. I have always dreamed of being some form of engineer. Because of this, CTE has been quite a chunk of my life. I have been in the Bridgerland Technical College Automated Manufacturing Certificate Program. I have learned several concepts in automation and electrical engineering. I have learned programming, wiring, troubleshooting, robotics, hydraulics, pneumatics, and several other methods of engineering. When I became a state officer for FBLA that really impacted my life. I have always enjoyed service and planning, to make others happy, and to work hard. I have learned how to speak with confidence, learned formal business ethics, learned parliamentary procedures, and learned multitudes of qualities from being in FBLA and being a state officer,” said Ian Brady, FBLA northern region vice president.

### Advice to Future Students

Utah high school seniors were asked, “What advice would you offer to future students about taking CTE courses during high school?” Throughout the year, their responses will be shared in this newsletter.

“Never put a limit on yourself or allow others to discourage you from doing what you want to do. CTE classes help you get exposure to many career opportunities in a way that you are guided in a safe environment where mistakes and experience become tools to success. This installs good habits,” said Ashlyn Duncan.



### State CTE Education Specialist



Colton Williams has joined the Utah CTE team and we look forward to his contributions to Career and Technical Education. Colton is the new state CTE education specialist responsible for technology and engineering.

Colton is a Utah native who was born and raised in West Jordan. After graduating from West Jordan High School he continued his education at Brigham Young University, where he received his bachelor's degree in Technology and Engineering Education. Colton has taught woodworking at West Jordan High School and at Provo High School. He currently sits on the board for Utah's Talent in Wood Show.

Colton is passionate about making things, solving problems, and teaching others along the way. His goal is to inspire the people around him to get their hands dirty, find their passion, and create something that they can be proud of.

### Calendar:

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

**February 11:** [Utah State Charter School Board 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.