



# CTE DIRECTIONS

## Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

March 2021

**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.**

### CTE Month Highlights

During February, CTE administrators, educators, staff, and students across Utah celebrated and advocated for Career and Technical Education. Here are a few highlights:



#### Alpine School District

A CTE bus, a CTE Lunchtime Expo, and CTE Career Pathways highlighted throughout the month. Take a look [@alpine\\_cte](#) on Instagram to view photos of the CTE Month activities in Alpine School District.

#### Jordan School District

Superintendent Anthony Godfrey celebrated CTE Month by visiting a welding class at JATC South. Listen to the Dr. Godfrey as he learns what skills students are developing while participating in the welding program.



[Episode 74: Sparks Fly When Superintendent Visits Welding Class Celebrating CTE Month – Supercast \(jordandistrict.org\)](#)

#### Provo School District

Provo School District posted a video on their social media platforms highlighting the benefits of students participating in a CTE Career Cluster and Career Pathway. You can watch the video at <https://provo.edu/news/celebrating-cte-month/>.



#### Utah CTE

In case you missed the [@UtahCTE](#) CTE Month social media posts check out [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). There you will find student testimonials, photos, and highlights of CTE Month events and activities.

CTE Month may be over, however, advocating for Career and Technical Education continues. Share your CTE success stories via [@UtahCTE](#) or via [UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov](mailto:UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov).



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## CTSO Virtual State Conferences

This month, Utah members of Career and Technical Student Organizations will virtually compete in state competitions. We wish each competitor all the best!

**March 1-18:** HOSA | **March 3:** Educators Rising | **March 8-10:** FBLA  
**March 10-12:** FFA | **March 15-31:** SkillsUSA | **March 16-18:** TSA | **March 24:** FCCLA

“In CTE I learned leadership skills that will help me throughout my life. As an officer of FCCLA I have learned how to lead my peers in a constructive and positive way”, said Kelsee Ure, Utah FCCLA state officer.



## Student Highlight: Landon Arnell

Landon Arnell is passionate about FFA. He is a graduate of Westlake High School, attends Utah State University, and is the president of Utah FFA. Read what Landon has to say about FFA.



“There are no amount of words I could put together to convey what the National FFA Organization has done for me. I'm a first-generation agriculturist and am proud to advocate for the FFA and agriculture in the state of Utah, as well as in the nation. When I was in ninth grade, I was introduced to the FFA in my biology agriculture class. After learning about the Organization, a little bit, the teacher told me it was possible to raise a pig. Raising a pig and being part of FFA was my top priority. There I was trying to convince my parents to let me raise a pig. This seemed like an impossible task, as it took me fifteen years to get a dog.

“Now four years later I have raised a variety of animals while in high school. I raised four hogs, four lambs, a steer, and eighteen turkeys. Looking back at those experiences from the classroom into the barn, it has taught me knowledge I will use for the rest of my life.

Dedication, persistence, patience, never giving up, always being open to learning, and making friendships that will last a lifetime.

“Being part of the National FFA Organization and an advocate for agriculture has shaped me into the person I strive to be. These affiliations have pointed my life in the direction I wanted to go. I go to Utah State University and am currently a Utah FFA state officer. I continue to have experiences that will shape my life and my character into who I truly want to become. There are trials and hardships all along the way, but I cannot talk about agriculture, or the National FFA Organization, without bringing up one word...SUCCESS!”

## 2021 Utah Legislative Session

The [2021 General Session](#) of the Utah Legislature ends Friday, March 5. You can review the education related bills by viewing the [Education Bill Tracking](#).

## Calendar:

**March 4:** [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**March 11:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

[Utah CTE Calendar](#) | [ACTE Calendar](#) | [Utah School Calendars](#)

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

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