



# 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 #CTEMonth – Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!

Plan to celebrate Career and Technical Education throughout the month. You can choose a day, a week, or the entire month to spotlight your CTE programs and advocate for CTE.

Goals of CTE Month:

- Inform students about the importance of choosing a CTE Career Pathway.
- Increase student awareness of careers, education, and training.
- Strengthen student engagement through the Plan for College and Career Readiness.
- Increase parent involvement and awareness of CTE programs.
- Promote discussion of postsecondary options—training, certificates, and degrees.



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CTE Month Resources:

- [Association of Career and Technical Education](#) (ACTE)
- UtahCTE.org: [CTE Month](#) tab — marketing resources, planning resources, posters, tips to promote CTE Month in your district, school, and classroom.

How are you going to celebrate CTE Month? Send your CTE Month stories, pictures, and videos to [UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov](mailto:UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov), and use #CTEMonth and #UtahCTE when posting to social media.

## Utah CTE Video Contest

Students, as part of your CTE Month celebration, plan to create a video highlighting what you are learning in your CTE classes, Career and Technical Student Organizations, work-based learning experiences, CTE Internship, or in CTE concurrent enrollment classes. The contest is open to all Utah secondary students. Video submissions can be entered individually or as a group. Entries are due Monday, March 5, 2018. Complete contest details at [UtahCTE.org](http://UtahCTE.org).



## Hannah Jensen: Future Graphic Designer

Hannah Jensen, a graduate of American Fork High School, has always been intrigued with art and design and plans to major in graphic design. Through participating in a CTE Internship and job shadow experience Hannah gained the experience she needs to be successful in her career. Hannah received a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award to Utah Valley University to continue her studies in graphic design.



"I have always loved art and design and have a strong interest in graphic design. I plan to major in graphic design with a studio art emphasis in photography/digital design. I have always dreamed of living in New York. I would love to work for a magazine using my digital media background, or be a graphic designer for a large product company. Whether I end up there or not, my intention is a career in graphic design or digital media at a company [where] I can be successful. I hope to gain some experience before my career by working with people locally and networking through internships and job shadowing experiences.

"The CTE program helped me in many ways. I never would have realized my potential if it weren't for the many opportunities I have been blessed to be a part of in my high school career. All of my CTE teachers have been very informative and helpful in guiding me to an interest of study. CTE classes have prepared me to be more self-sufficient, goal-oriented, and confident in my skills. CTE classes have helped me be a better student. I love the CTE programs and the opportunity they provide young students. I am now exceling in digital media thanks to CTE. I am very excited for my future," said Hannah.

## NCWIT Recognized Women for Technological Achievements

The National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) recently recognized nearly 400 high school women, grades 9 through 12, for their demonstrated interest and achievements in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for postsecondary education. NWCIT selected 41 winners and 350 honorable mentions from more than 3,600 outstanding young women.

**Congratulations to the nine Utah students who were selected and recognized as [NWCIT 2018 Honorable Mentions](#).**

Afrah Mohasin, Sandy	Mackenzie Evans, South Jordan	Taylor Dee, Herriman
Ami Iverson, Hyrum	Marissa Angell, Provo	Taylor Fang, Logan
Citlaly Chavex, Salt Lake City	Shriya Pingali, Salt Lake City	Zoe Ewing, North Ogden

## IT Pathways Program

On January 19, 2018, the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED) and Silicon Slopes announced the official kick-off of the IT Pathways program. In August, GOED and Silicon Slopes announced their partnership to create the IT Pathways Program.



Beginning fall 2018, students in Alpine, Canyons, Davis, Nebo, and Provo School Districts will have the opportunity to enroll in courses that will lead to additional training in the IT industry. Districts have partnered with a postsecondary institution in their area. Students will have the chance to participate in job shadows and other opportunities with industry partners including Dell, EMC, DOMO, Instructure, Pluralsight, Workfront, Xactware, Banyan, Nuvi, Microsoft, Qualtrics, Vivint, and InsideSales.

“The IT Pathways program is an important step toward advancing Utah’s tech industry,” said Governor Gary R. Herbert. “The IT Pathways program will more effectively align education with pressing workforce needs to ensure the growth and success of the state’s tech industry for generations to come.”

Learn more about the IT Pathways Program at [talentreadyutah.com](http://talentreadyutah.com).

## 2018 ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest

The Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced the third annual student contest to re-design the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards.

Last year, ACTE received nearly 400 entries for the 2017 Student Trophy Design Contest. Ten percent of the design entries made it to the [Top 40](#). ACTE named Brooks Baro, from McIntosh High School in Peachtree City, Georgia as the contest winner.

**Who:** The contest is open to secondary, postsecondary, and adult CTE students in 3D design courses or other CAD courses.

**What:** Design a 3D trophy for the 2018 ACTE Awards Banquet.

**When:** Entries accepted now through Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

**Why:** The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the national award winners at the 2018 ACTE Awards Banquet in San Antonio, Texas, in November.

**How:** Apply online via the [ACTE Awards Portal](#).

**Prize:** \$1,000 scholarship. Check website for [additional prizes](#).

**Entries Due:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Winners will be notified August 2018.



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## Calendar:

<b>2018 Utah Legislative Session continues through March 8.</b> Follow education-related bills via the <a href="#">USBE Bill Tracking</a> sheet.	
<b>February 1:</b> <a href="#">Utah State Board of Education</a> Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT	<b>February 8:</b> <a href="#">Utah State Charter School Board</a> Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT
<b>February 2-3:</b> <a href="#">Utah ACTE</a> Winter Conference – Jordan High School – Sandy, UT	<b>February 12-16:</b> <a href="#">National FCCLA Week</a>
<b>February 5-10:</b> <a href="#">National FBLA-PBL Week</a> and <a href="#">National SkillsUSA Week</a>	<b>February 17-24:</b> <a href="#">National FFA Week</a>
<a href="#">Utah CTE Calendar</a>   <a href="#">ACTE Calendar</a>	<a href="#">Utah School Calendars</a>