



# CTE DIRECTIONS

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

April 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 Scholarships and Tuition Awards

This month we celebrate 80 students who are recipients of a 2021 CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award to a Utah postsecondary institution. On April 21, 2021, each student will be honored during a virtual award ceremony.

This year's selection process began in February when 195 students applied for a scholarship or tuition award. Each year, we are impressed with the pool of qualified applicants and their desire to further their education and training in order to successfully compete in a global economy.

**Read what six CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award recipients say about CTE and their high school experience.**

#### **Alan Ascencio: Future Trauma Surgeon**



"CTE courses helped me see the career I wanted to go into. I was interested in the medical field, so I took medical terminology, which has drastically helped me in both the EMT and medical interpreting courses I am currently taking. The more [time] I spend in emergency medicine the more I realize my love and passion for it. My EMT course has proven to me that I want a career helping those in emergencies. As I navigated through my EMT course, I found that many take it who are planning on going to medical school. As I heard stories from those planning on going to medical school, and the encouragement from my instructor, for us to pursue our dreams, I found the path I want in medicine. My medical terminology, medical interpreting, and EMT courses have all ultimately kick-started my career in the medical field and expanded my interests."

#### **Aspen Kesler: Interior Designer**

"The CTE courses I've completed during high school have prepared me well for life after high school by broadening my skill set. The interior design classes I've completed have given me experience in my desired field and given me the tools I need to one day become a successful interior designer. I believe the skill set I've gained from taking CTE classes has put me one step ahead of my peers in the job market. This is a great advantage to have when finishing high school, because there will be a large group of people entering the professional job world shortly and being able to stand out from the crowd will benefit me exponentially."





### Warren Hokanson: Future Game Developer

“Coding has taught me a new respect for gaming and development. I have learned that gaming is not all fun and games! For me to enjoy my games countless hours are put into each aspect of the game. I see room for improvement in games and [gained an] appreciation from all the work that has been done up to this point in many of my favorite games. In my web development class, I learned several applications that I could incorporate into my career plan. This class was a great [foundation] for several different career opportunities and helped me see options and applications that will be useful throughout my life.”

### Abigail Hone: Future Nurse

“Taking CTE classes was one of the most valuable decision I have made in high school. Taking these classes has brought out the extrovert in me. These classes have made me come out of my comfort zone and become someone I could not have become on my own. The activities I have been involved in and the leadership positions I have held have provided me many opportunities to grow and learn. I have been taught to go for things even though they may seem scary. This has pushed me to try new things and to not doubt myself, when my whole goal is just to learn and to grow. I feel like this will help me in my future as a nurse, because when you are caring for others you are often approached with scary tasks. I am grateful I was brought out of my comfort zone.”



### Bronson Grace: Future Electrician

“Out of all the courses and classes I have taken in high school, I would say the most beneficial classes for me, that really relate to the real-world and how it works, are CTE classes. They have given me realistic insights in what the world outside of high school is like. It could be argued that these classes are the most important classes you can take during high school, simply because of the real-life situations and experiences they help you receive and learn from.”

### Gabriela Rosas: Future Elementary Teacher

“The CTE courses I completed have prepared me for life after high school by teaching me skills that I can apply in my life. These courses have helped me clarify my choice of becoming a teacher. They have provided me with hands-on experience in a live classroom setting and I have gained knowledge from this experience. Mrs. Parry was influential in my career choice. She introduced me to Educators Rising and taught me everything I need to know to become a teacher.”



### [What is your CTE story?](#)

### Calendar:

**April 1:** Registration begins for [CTE Summer Conference](#)

**April 8:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**April 15:** [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.