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Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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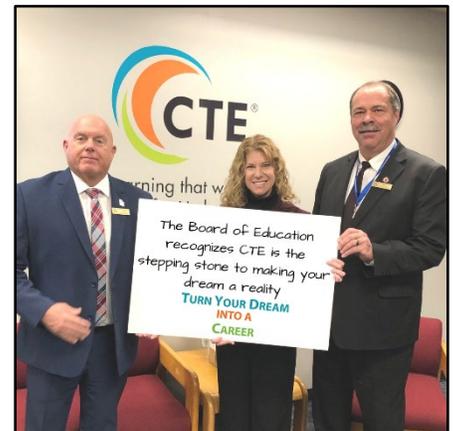
Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

Happy CTE Month

This month, CTE administrators, educators, staff, and students throughout Utah will celebrate Career and Technical Education. The Utah theme for CTE Month is **TURN YOUR DREAM INTO A CAREER**. As you plan to celebrate CTE refer to the CTE Month webpage for resources. How are you going to celebrate? Email your photos and stories to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov. Connect with @UtahCTE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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“Completing the Programming & Software Development Pathway gave me valuable skills for my future and allowed me to find out what I wanted to do with my future. I fully expect to enjoy my college and career experience, all because of the preparation I was able to complete while in high school,” said Avery Bolingbrohe.



Left to right: Utah State Board of Education Board Chair Mark Huntsman, Board Member Cindy Davis, Former Board Member Mark Marsh

Utah CTE Highlighted in Advance CTE Blog



Advance CTE represents state CTE directors and state leaders of Career and Technical Education. In a new blog series, Advance CTE explores how states are leading the way in communicating the value and benefit of CTE to key stakeholders. Last month, Utah CTE was highlighted in the blog titled [Communicating CTE: Utah’s Tools to Sell CTE and Build Local Champions](#).

The blog highlights strategies Utah CTE uses to advocate for CTE. Advocacy training programs, the [At-A-Glance](#) datasheet, and the [Recruitment Guide](#) are key tools used to advocate and execute high-quality and equitable CTE programs in Utah.

Utah CTE Credentials of Value

Utah students have the opportunity to earn third-party certifications while in high school through participation in CTE. Third-party certifications are awarded through validation of skills in cooperation with a business, trade association, or other industry group. The Utah CTE Skill Certificate Program provides students, grades 9-12, with opportunities to receive instruction aligned with standards and objectives set by the state of Utah and by industry. Students’ knowledge and performance is demonstrated as part of the CTE Skill Certification process.

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 during the week.

February 7-13: [SkillsUSA Week](#)

February 8-12: [Educators Rising Week](#) | [FCCLA Week](#)

February 14-20: [FBLA Week](#)

February 20-27: [FFA Week](#)



Student Highlight: Sachin Sundar



“I have learned many important lessons during my time in FBLA. Attending FBLA conferences and participating in competitive events has taught me how to have a balanced CTE experience, where I am able to both network with people and compete in different events. FBLA has taught me the importance of being dedicated and working towards your goals, as these ideals have helped me achieve local, state, and national office positions. I have made lifelong friends in FBLA and met extraordinary people through this organization. I have also learned the importance of being a good communicator and leader. These two attributes I believe will prepare me for a future career in business or law. FBLA has allowed me to take my entrepreneurship experience to the next level by allowing me to participate in Shark Tank, organized by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce. I was able to present my business plan to investors and get feedback from accomplished business professionals. Another significant FBLA experience for me was when I was elected as the FBLA National Western Region Vice President at the National Leadership Experience,” said Sachin Sundar.

2021 Utah Legislative Session

The [2021 General Session](#) of the Utah Legislature began on Tuesday, January 19 and continues through Friday, March 5. The Capitol is open to the public with some limitations. All meetings are available virtually online. Below are several Web resources to keep you up to date during the session.

[Capitol Information](#)

[Utah State Legislature](#)

[Procedures and Guidelines](#) | [Virtual Meeting Instructions](#)

[Utah State Board of Education](#)

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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](#)

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