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.

Utah CTE Scholarships and Tuition Awards
Now is the time for Utah high school seniors to apply for a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award. Last year, 213 high school seniors applied with 74 applicants receiving a scholarship/tuition award.

Who is eligible?
> Students seeking a one-year certificate, or a two-year associate or technical degree. OR
> Students seeking to be a teacher in a CTE area (four-year program).

What schools offer a scholarship/tuition award?

Where are scholarships/tuition awards offered?
Utah postsecondary institutions.

When is the application due? Friday, January 27, 2023

How to apply?

Save the Date: Hour of Code December 2022
In December, the Hour of Code celebrates its 10th year of inspiring students (young and older) to learn the language of computer science. Plan now to participate in this event December 5-11. Join millions of students around the world as they celebrate Computer Science Education Week by participating in the Hour of Code. Register for the celebration at [https://bit.ly/3ePkkof](https://bit.ly/3ePkkof).

As part of the celebration, and to help more students access computer science, partners of Code.org are awarding $1 million to U.S. schools. Learn more and enter to win at [https://bit.ly/3f1mqS2](https://bit.ly/3f1mqS2).
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.

Don Mossman offers this advice to students about taking CTE courses during high school. “My best advice is to take as many CTE courses as you can, especially if you don’t know what you want to go into. Taking a wide range of these classes could easily help you discover a career that you would like to pursue. Even if you don’t figure out what you want to do, CTE courses teach lifelong skills that could heed countless benefits in your future, from saving you time and money to making you a more versatile and valuable employee. On top of that, CTE courses have easily been the most fun classes I have ever taken. They offer hands-on experience that I never would have dared to try on my own.

“During my time in high school, I have learned basic graphic design, basic framing, welding, basic electrical, and how to use countless tools just from taking CTE classes. I would also suggest that you should be open-minded to new things and always try your best. Sometimes you will amaze yourself at what you can do if you just try a challenging task rather than shying away from fear of failure. Failure is your friend. I made that phrase my life motto. Being able to learn from your mistakes is how you are going to become the best to your ability. Most importantly have fun. High School goes by too fast to be stressed out all the time.”

Student Highlight: Donique Ateen

Donique Ateen is a graduate of Monument Valley High School in San Juan School District. As a member of FFA she participated in many service projects. During her senior year she was the Monument Valley FFA chapter president. While participating in the CTE Agricultural Production Systems Career Pathway she had many opportunities to serve her community. Donique’s occupational goal is to become a CTE teacher.

“I have volunteered in building and planting gardens at elder homes in the community. I was given the opportunity to be the lead person in helping my peers during these garden projects. I used my knowledge from my Ag classes to help teach peers and the elders about gardens and new gardening practices. In return, I learned how crops were traditionally planted.

“Being part of the FFA program has helped me gain confidence, helped me become more responsible, organized, and outspoken. I am able to speak in front of people without getting nervous or getting scared. I also have learned how to become a critical thinker. I have learned to be more accountable, responsible, dependable, and outgoing. I have also learned a great deal about helping others. Being a member of FFA has helped me tremendously and prepared me for college and [career].”

Calendar:

November 3: Utah State Board of Education Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT
November 10: 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.