



# 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.**

## CTE Scholarships and Tuition Awards

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, the annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarships and Tuition Awards Banquet took place at Salt Lake Community College. This banquet is a longstanding tradition to honor CTE students throughout the state who have been selected to receive a scholarship or tuition award from a postsecondary institution in Utah.

Each award recipient was one of 277 applicants who applied for a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award. At the banquet, 107 scholarships or tuition awards were awarded to high school CTE seniors for up to one year's tuition at a postsecondary institution.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to each award recipient as he/she advances to college and career and prepares to successfully compete in a global economy.



Read below what 14 CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award recipients say about CTE and their high school experience.



### Calissa Robinson: Future Veterinarian

"My educational and occupational goals are to pursue a degree in veterinarian science, concentrating mainly in equine, bovine, and canine. My plan for employment, once my training/education is complete, is to apply to a local vet clinic. I hope to acquire a job with a vet who specializes in horses, cows, or dogs. Some of the CTE courses I took in high school introduced me to opportunities I would not have otherwise tried. For me, I have always wanted to [work] with animals. My CTE classes reinforced my decision and gave me a step up as I head off to college."

### Jeb Price: Future Construction Manager

The CTE classes I have taken have helped me decide that I want to pursue a career in construction. Because of my construction class I have learned so many valuable skills in building and interacting with others. The class also helped me get concurrent enrollment [credit] to help me get my degree faster. I love to work with my hands and my mind. The thrill of when a project comes together is the best feeling I have ever had."



### Lydia Flores: Future Photographer

"The CTE classes I took in high school have prepared me for the real world by giving me the opportunity to plan and organize events and lead activities. CTE classes and DECA have taught me how to problem solve on my own, how to be involved, and how to communicate better with others. These classes gave me the knowledge and skills to advocate for myself and manage my own life. I have also been able to learn about college, what it will take to succeed and make smart decisions for my future."

### Justin McGee: Future Business Owner

“I plan on becoming a self-employed entrepreneur by [starting] my own company called World Renowned Design. World Renowned will be a graphic design company that will make everything from screen printing to embroidery. The CTE courses I have taken in high school will help me a lot when pursuing my career goal because I already will know how to use Adobe programs. My marketing and business management classes will give me a head start when pursuing my educational goal.”



### Raegen Knudsen: Future Elementary Education Teacher

“I intend to become certified and start a career as an elementary school teacher in the state of Utah, where I can have a positive impact on children and families. My CTE courses helped to prepare me for college by helping me earn college credit while still in high school. Not only will this help me financially with tuition, but it gives me a head start in working toward my degree. My practicum work for my CTE courses helped me get real classroom experience working with elementary age students.”

### Garret Maycock: Future Manufacturing Engineer

“I would like a career as a manufacturing engineer and go on to pursue my own business in the manufacturing industry. I want to find a company with an apprentice program that will help me in my pursuit of achieving a career in manufacturing. CTE gave me experience for what my career will be like. CTE also [allowed me] to be able to work on the skills that I need to improve on in that specific area.”



### Mickell Morgan: Future Accountant

“The CTE courses I have taken have been far from simple, actually difficult and challenging at times. They have taught me that with patience, hard work, dedication, perseverance, and a smile anything is possible. I will use the skills I have acquired to make sure I perfect these qualities and become as elite as possible. These classes have given me challenges, but have taught me to keep pushing forward and to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I know that when trials and tribulations come I can continue on and become better than I was before because of them.”

### Breann Belnap: Future Registered Nurse

“My medical classes have been so important to help me see that amazing thing that is the body. I have grown in my nursing assistant classes as I have worked in collaborative teams to solve problems and with others. My physiology and medical anatomy classes have pushed me academically to learn more and retain information that will be with me and serve as a stepping stone to more knowledge and a better understanding of the body and how it works. Truly, I feel that CTE has made my high school experience complete. Without it I will be limited and with it I feel I am well-rounded and it has led me to pursue a career in this area. For that, I will forever be thankful.”



### Alexander Wilkey: Future Executive Chef

“Once my training is complete I’m planning on going to work in a professional restaurant environment and become an assistant chef, as well as a manager. [I then want] to learn how to become an executive chef and manager by accumulating enough knowledge about the creative arts of the culinary industry. The different CTE courses I took gave me the insight knowledge I need to connect with what I have learned and apply them directly towards the real world. It gave me the options to explore different [career] fields and directly learn from the people employed in those areas.”



**Alexis Archuleta: Future Cosmetologist**

“I plan to obtain a job as a licensed cosmetologist at a salon. This will allow me to build my clientele, which will help me fulfill my goal of owning my own salon. The multiple CTE courses I have completed in high school have given me a huge advantage in the field. At graduation I will be close to completing my required hours and will be able to finish up my hours, get my license, and start working quickly after high school graduation. Without the CTE courses I would just be starting on my career path.”

**Aaron Montoya: Future Computer Programmer**

“Getting a degree will help me to pursue my goal of working as a computer programmer at a large company. I want to work at Hill Air Force Base as a computer programmer or at a smaller company like HireVue. CTE classes prepared me by showing me what I would actually be doing in the different job fields and how I would actually apply the information that I learned in class.”



**Nate Stagg: Future Welding Engineer**

“My occupational goal is to start welding and then move up the ladder to become a welding engineer and/or start and run my own fabrication shop. The CTE courses I took in high school have prepared me for the workforce by showing me how different processes work and how to use them in the proper manner. These courses have also shown me to show up early, come prepared, and work hard. At the same time [the classes] have shown me to take my time and create quality work. I received my 390 hour welding certificate through Uintah Basin Technical College. I am currently working on my 600 hour and 990 hour welding certificates.”

**Breann Erickson: Future Chief Marketing Officer**

“With all of the CTE classes I took throughout high school I have learned many valuable skills such as time management, teamwork, and communication . . . That’s what I liked most about the CTE classes that were offered at my school because those classes taught me employability skills. When I look back on the CTE classes I took I realize that all of my favorite teachers in high school were my CTE teachers. experience amazing!”



**Kaden Carroll: Future Heavy Duty Diesel Technician**

“The CTE courses I took in high school setup the foundation I needed to choose my career path. The CTE courses also allowed me the opportunity to take different classes, so I could figure out which career pathway I wanted to take. Without the CTE classes being available in high school I would [have] taken unnecessary classes in college and this would have wasted my time and money. Taking the CTE classes that were specific to my career allowed me to become more prepared for college life.”

**What is your CTE story?**

**Calendar:**

<b>May 3:</b> <a href="#">Utah State Board of Education</a> Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT	Registration continues through Friday, June 1, 2018 for all <a href="#">CTE Summer Conferences</a> .
<b>May 8:</b> <a href="#">Utah Digital Media Arts Festival</a> Utah Valley University – Science Building Atrium – Orem, UT	<a href="#">Utah CTE Calendar</a>   <a href="#">ACTE Calendar</a> <a href="#">Utah School Calendars</a>
<b>May 10:</b> <a href="#">Utah State Charter School Board</a> Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT	

The [CTE Directions](#) newsletter will be on hiatus during June, July, and August. The newsletter will return in September with resources to assist you in promoting your CTE program. Have a great summer!

