



# 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 CTE Month

During February, CTE students in Utah and across the nation 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](mailto:UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov). Connect with @UtahCTE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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"I'm ready for my future of going to an amazing college and having a head start in whatever career I choose. And, it's all because of CTE," said Ben Swan, Utah FBLA state officer.

### CTE Videos: Turn Your Dream into a Career



Utah CTE received a grant from Advance CTE to develop strategies to recruit secondary students to high-quality CTE programs. Five pathways were identified and a two-minute video was produced for each pathway. These videos will be launched, via Utah CTE social media, during the first week of February. Use the videos to recruit and promote CTE Career Pathways in your high school. The five pathways videos are:

Aviation and Aerospace | Health Science | Information Technology  
Manufacturing | Outdoor Product Design and Development

"I will never forget my CTE experience as one of the defining moments in my life. CTE led me to where I'm at today," said Drew Schnebly, RN.

### Student Highlight: Emily Hamilton

Emily Hamilton, a student at Alta High School, discovered her love of teaching through participation in CTE and FCCLA. Here is her story.

"My life has been shaped by CTE. In a CTE class I fell in love with teaching. It was in middle school that I took CTE Intro [now College and Career Awareness]. It was at that moment I realized I wanted to teach a CTE class. After that class my life changed. I began shaping my every action for the goal of becoming a CTE teacher. I took classes, applied for jobs, and joined clubs that would help me reach my goal. My freshman year I joined FCCLA to complete this goal and I have learned so much from my experiences. CTE classes have helped me gain my confidence and find my place in the world."



## Utah Educators Rising State Conference

**SAVE THE DATE** for the [Utah Educators Rising](#) State Conference on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah. Utah Educators Rising student members will compete in competitive events ranging from children’s literature to lesson planning and delivery. These competitions are engaging opportunities for rising educators to stretch their creativity, commitment, and professionalism.

Educators Rising is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) dedicated to ensuring that the future is full of high-quality educators. Educators Rising offers a variety of opportunities for students to take leadership roles and represent the future of the teaching profession. Students, to join Utah Educators Rising talk to your CTE teacher or CTE coordinator.



## Utah DECA State Conference

On February 20-21, Utah DECA members will gather for the Utah DECA State Conference at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is the largest and most important event for DECA. The Utah DECA State Conference offers DECA members the opportunity to compete in more than 50 competitive events—business management, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing. Nearly 1,200 student members across the state will participate in the Utah DECA State Conference. Those students who place first in their competitive event will represent Utah at the National DECA International Career Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on April 29-May 2, 2020.



“To most high schoolers DECA might sound like just another club. However, DECA is far from an average club. The skills acquired through practice and the connections made through fellow business minded peers surrounding you are crucial to success in the future. DECA has given me the freedom to strive in my future by helping me to choose my path,” said Isaiah Delpino, Utah DECA state president.

## DSU Kanab Center

Dixie State University (DSU) recently opened a new education center in Kanab, Utah. The center supports students at Kanab High School and Kane County residences who want to get a jump-start on a college education and a future career.

Students at Kanab High School have the opportunity to take virtual classes at Dixie State University, while at the same time earning concurrent enrollment credit.

Watch this [video](#) to learn about the opportunities at the [DSU Kanab Center](#).



## 2020 Utah Legislative Session

The [2020 General Session](#) of the Utah Legislature began on Monday, January 27. Below are several web resources to keep you up-to-date during the session.

Utah State Legislature: [New Bills](#) | [Bill Tracking](#) | [Legislative Calendar](#) | [Reading Calendars](#)

Utah State Board of Education: [Education Bill Tracking](#)

## Calendar:

**January 31-February 1:** [Utah ACTE Conference](#) – Riverton High School – Riverton, UT

**February 2-8:** [National FBLA Week](#) and [National SkillsUSA Week](#)

**February 4:** CTE Day on the Hill – Utah State Capitol – Salt Lake City, UT

**February 6:** [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**February 10-14:** [National FCCLA Week](#)

**February 13:** [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

**February 22-29:** [National FFA Week](#)

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