



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

How are you planning to celebrate CTE Month? You can choose a day, a week, or the entire month to spotlight your CTE programs and advocate for CTE. Send your CTE Month stories, pictures, and videos to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov, and use #CTEMonth and #UtahCTE when posting to social media.



Goals of CTE Month:

- Inform students about the importance of choosing a CTE Career Pathway.
- Increase student awareness of careers, education, and training.
- Strengthen student engagement through the Plan for College and Career Readiness.
- Increase parent involvement and awareness of CTE programs.
- Promote discussion of postsecondary options—training, certificates, and degrees.

CTE Month Resources:

Check out the [CTE Month](#) webpage for marketing resources, planning resources, posters, tips to promote CTE Month in your district, school, and classroom.

[28 Things to Do During CTE Month](#) | [CTE Facts](#) | [Marketing](#) | [Resources](#)

Student Highlight

Josephine Schmidt, a student at Maple Mountain High School, participated in a CTE Internship at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center as an emergency medical technician (EMT). Here is her story.



“At my internship, I went with the first responders on every call and got to practice my emergency medical responder skills. I was able to assess patients on scene by checking their vitals and assist with care in the ambulance such as administer oxygen or pump up a body cast. At the hospital, I shadowed patient care technicians who monitor and assist those who have just come out of surgery.

“I enjoyed being in the middle of all the action and experiencing the fast-paced environment of the medical field. I liked that I was able to participate almost as fully as an employee. I would like to become a doctor because I have had an interest in the academic side of medicine for awhile, and after experiencing the actual environment, I know I would thoroughly enjoy it as a career.”

When Josephine was asked what she would say to other students who are thinking about participating in a CTE internship she responded, “This is an awesome opportunity, so make sure you do it! The skills I’ve learned have helped me in various circumstances from using my résumé for job applications to writing about my unique experience for college [applications].”

[What is your CTE story?](#)

Daphne Liu: NCWIT National Winner

Each year, the National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) recognizes high school young women who have demonstrated interest and achievement in computing, have proven leadership ability, excellent academic performance, and have plans for postsecondary education. This year, 40 winners and 360 honorable mentions were selected from more than 4,300 applicants. Daphne Liu, a student at West High School in Salt Lake City, Utah, was a 2019 national winner.

“Daphne Liu is a very hardworking and motivated student. She shows initiative as she works in groups and leads them in the task at hand. Daphne is a natural leader and an asset to our class,” said Nicole Reitz-Larsen, computer science teacher, West High School.

Congratulations to the nine Utah students who were selected and recognized as NWCIT 2018 Honorable Mentions.

Erin Floresca, Draper	Shriya Pingali, Salt Lake City
Sela Serafin, Park City	Hilaria Delgado, Sandy
Marissa Angell, Provo	Trinity Mauer, Sandy
Quincy Taylor, Provo	Naith Barrios, St. George
Citlay Chavez, Salt Lake City	

Utah CTE Video Contest

As part of your CTE Month celebration, consider creating a video highlighting what you are learning in your CTE classes, Career and Technical Student Organizations, work-based learning experiences, CTE Internship, or CTE concurrent enrollment classes. The contest is open to all Utah secondary students. Video submissions can be entered individually or as a group. **Entries are due Monday, March 4, 2019.** Refer to [Contest Guidelines and Instructions](#) for complete details about the video contest.



Stay Connected with UtahCTE

Join our online communities and stay connected with Utah CTE to find out what is happening in CTE across the state of Utah and nationally. Watch for posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) highlighting students and teachers. Below are a few posts you may have missed.

- [Meet Claudia Sardi](#), a student at Taylorsville High School, who is passionate about the field of aviation.
- Precision Exams partnership with Utah CTE was highlighted on [KSL Newsradio](#).
- The Utah State Board of Education approved the [Utah CTE course standards](#).
- Utah CTE teachers Vaughn Nickerson, Robert Cook, and Anthony Van Horn of Granite Technical Institute won \$50k as the 2nd place winners of the [2018 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence](#).

Utah Legislature

The 2019 general session of the Utah Legislature began on Monday, January 28. You can keep up-to-date on all of education-related bills by viewing the [public tracking sheet](#).

Calendar:

February 3-9: [FBLA Week](#) and [SkillsUSA Week](#)

February 8: CTE Day on the Hill – Utah State Capitol – Salt Lake City, UT

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

February 11-15: [FCCLA Week](#)

February 14: [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

February 17-23: [FFA Week](#)

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