

e-News Blast UPDATE March 2022



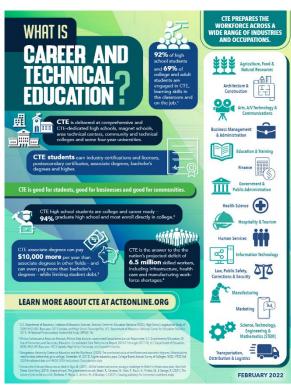
ACTE published a new "CTE Works!" fact sheet that provides an evidence-based overview of CTE's impact on student achievement; education and employment outcomes; and the skills gap and economy.

Research shows that CTE students excel in high school and postsecondary education. The average high school graduation rate of CTE concentrators is 94% – 9 percentage points higher than the overall U.S. graduation rate – and CTE concentrators are just as likely as non-concentrators to earn a postsecondary degree or certificate.

The benefits of CTE extend into employment. For instance, associate degree holders in CTE fields like engineering, IT, health care and skilled trade occupations can earn up to \$2.8 million over their lifetimes – the same as the median lifetime earnings for workers with bachelor's degrees.

Additionally, filling roles in CTE fields is critical to supporting the economy. Over the next decade, the United States faces a projected shortage of 6.5 million skilled workers.

We encourage CTE supporters to share this fact sheet with students and families; federal, state and local education and workforce leaders; policymakers; and the media to convey the value of CTE along with our "What is CTE?" infographic that introduces people new to CTE to its scope and benefits.







Upcoming Conferences

WA-ACTE, Sections, Region V, and National ACTE Conferences

Save the date!
Registration Coming Soon!
WA-ACTE Summer Conference
August 7-10, 2022

The Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane

Call for Presentations

Due May 2, 2022



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Wash. district offers innovation center

A new innovation center in Yakima, Wash., which opened in the fall, offers three career pathways for students in seventh through ninth grade. Officials say the school is tailored to students' interests and intended to help students succeed.

Wash. schools prepare students for agriculture careers

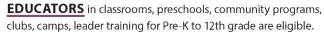
Students in some Washington state communities soon will have more opportunities to prepare for careers in the agriculture field. The West Valley School District, for example, is preparing to start a new agriculture and robotics pathway program.



2022 Educator Award Enter Today and Win \$1000!

<u>WIN \$1,000</u> and a trip for two to the Home Baking Association Annual Meeting in Stowe, Vermont.

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Each year the Home Baking Association awards outstanding educators in classrooms and communities who engage individuals, families and communities with the many educational benefits baking provides for personal, family or professional development. <u>ENTER TODAY</u>



New Student Video Contest

ACTE, host of CTE Month, and NASA HUNCH are excited to announce the 2021–22 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on Earth and in space. This year's theme is "How Can Space Exploration Solve Climate Change?" Students are asked to showcase CTE courses and careers to help us understand and provide solutions to global warming and climate change. The deadline to submit a two-minute video is **April 1**.

<u>CTE Month & NASA HUNCH Student Video Challenge - ACTE (acteonline.org)</u>