

# CTE and STEM Newsletter



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## February 2021

### February is CTE Month!

Career and Technical Education Month, or CTE Month, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

"For years, CTE directors, educators, administrators and those who support these professionals – school board members, business owners and other CTE advocates – have kept a torch burning brightly for future members of our nation's workforce.

So as we celebrate CTE Month, we thank welding instructors for taking extra steps to ensure that their students have the skills our workforce needs. We thank CTE teachers who impart soft skills on their students so they have improved chances of landing those vital first jobs. We thank CTE instructors for partnering with STEM classes to put as many opportunities in front of their students as possible. We thank these people, and more, for helping CTE continue moving to the forefront as a foundational pillar for our educational system.

It is great to see the focus that new government initiatives can bring, but let's all remember the importance of CTE each and every day and recognize how vital it is. Thank you to all CTE professionals for what you do, and what you have been doing, to train Americans with the skills employers need."

Written by Jamey McIntosh, Product Manager for *Realityworks, Inc.* and former High School Teacher. For more information, visit <https://careertech.org/cte-month-campaign>

### Announcements

#### COVID CTE and STEM Mini Grant Recipients

Congratulations to those who applied for and were awarded more than \$28,000 in grant monies. The 50 lucky recipients are from Bend Senior High School, Bend Tech Academy at Marshall High School, Buckingham Elementary School, Cascade Middle School, Cascades Academy, Crook County Middle School, Crook County High School, Culver School District, Hood River Valley High School, John Tuck Elementary School, La Pine High School, Madras Elementary School, Madras High School, Mt. View High School, Philomath High School, Pilot Butte Middle School, Powell Butte Community Charter School, Redmond High School, Redmond Proficiency Academy, Scio High School, Silver Rail Elementary School, Sisters School District, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Steins Pillar Elementary School, Summit High School, The Dalles High School, and Trinity Lutheran School.

#### CTE Program of Study Meetings

We have been working with your administrators to create a schedule for the upcoming program of study meetings. We will send meeting invitations out in the next two weeks Stay tuned!

Agenda Topics: CTE Quality Rubric, Work Based Learning, Statewide POS renewal timeline, Shift training

Choose one of the dates below to register for the Winter POS meeting:

1. [Wednesday February 24th from 9am-11am](#)
2. [Wednesday March 3th from 1pm-3pm](#)

#### CTE Program of Study Lead

Interested in leadership opportunities within your CTE program of study area? Join us for a no-obligation [informational session](#) (TBD). If you are selected as a lead, you will receive a stipend, Professional Learning Community training through [Solution Tree](#), and PDUs. The commitment is through June 2022. Contact [Regine Childs](#) for more information.