

# CTE TRENDS

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## **Mary Stecklein One of Five Finalist for National CTE Award**

Mary Stecklein will attend the ACTE National Convention in Las Vegas, Dec. 12-15, representing Colorado and Region V as the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Educator. She was named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Colorado Association for Career & Technical Education (CACTE) in October and is one of five national finalists for the national award.

In her last full time position as director of Career and Technical Education in Jefferson County Public Schools, Stecklein's responsibilities included instructional support for teachers and classrooms with the district's Department of Learning and Educational Achievement and administrative duties with Warren Technical Center. Being in this position since July 2000, Mary assisted teachers, principals and counselors growing CTE programs from 120 to 194, impacting over 12,000 students annually. She established district CTE academies with three community colleges, where high school teachers are trained by community college faculty. She has been instrumental in developing strong academic classes taught in partnership with academic teachers to increase skill levels of construction, CADD, engineering, business, Teacher Cadet and Process Tech students. She worked with teachers and academic content specialists on crosswalks to identify embedded academics in CTE programs to strengthen skills of students.

Prior to Jeffco, Mary was with Colorado Community College System for 13 years. Her responsibilities included state supervision of Family and Consumer Sciences, Tech Prep director, liaison to the Governor's Office School-to-Career Initiative and grant manager for "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology" working with all teacher preparation programs in four-year colleges.

She began her 37-year career in education, by opening one of the first CTE programs for teen parents and at-risk youth under Family and Consumer Sciences.

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## **WarrenTech Awards Academic Credit in CTE Classes**

WarrenTech instructors from all 24 career and technical education programs were honored for their efforts in academic curriculum alignment at the Academic Crosswalk Celebration Nov. 19.

Now, students enrolled in WarrenTech's career and technical programs will earn academic credit and elective credit, depending on the curricular area. For example, students enrolled in WarrenTech's Biotechnology class will earn high school science

credit in the following courses, Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Genetics. Students enrolled in WarrenTech's Multimedia class will also earn high school English Language Arts credit.

The curriculum alignment process began a few years ago when increased college entrance requirements made it more difficult for students to include career and technical education classes into their schedules. In reality, CTE teachers have always taught academics as they apply to their particular career area and consequently, the curriculum alignment process simply identified those academics within each area and formalized how they are delivered and assessed.

The WarrenTech celebration was an acknowledgement of many years of hard work and an encouragement to continue the process.

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### **SJBTC Opens State-of-the-Art Welding Facility**

San Juan Basin Technical College recently dedicated a state-of-the art welding facility in a new \$800,000 building that replaced an out-of-date shop that no longer served sufficiently served students.

Many community partners were honored for their efforts to help bring the facility to fruition through their contributions of cash and in-kind donations. A \$400,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs covered much of the building costs with the rest coming from donors. State Senator Jim Isgar, Hesperus, was also honored for his efforts to aid in securing the new facility.

Limiting classes to 15 students, SJBTC is seeking a second instructor to help eliminate a growing waiting list.

Graduating students are finding work in manufacturing, structural work, and the oil and gas industry.

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### **Colorado FCCLA Members Attend National Leadership Conference in Denver**

Colorado FCCLA State Officers and chapters from across the state hosted the leadership weekend conference of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Nov. 16 through 18, in Denver, attracting more than 2,000 members, advisers, and guests.

Chapter members managed the hospitality table, helped with registration, led workshops and ushered general sessions. Peggy Harrison, Cherry Creek FCCLA adviser, and Bobbie Stepp, Pomona High adviser, conducted new STAR Event demonstrations on Interior Design and Financial Planning. Attendees participated in a weekend of trainings and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their advisers to become leaders through FCCLA.

Dr. Adolph Brown, III, Opening General Session guest speaker, presented "Character Counts and So Do I," a motivational message encouraging attendees to make the most of their powerful leadership potential. Keynote speaker Jeff Yalden closed out the meeting by addressing how to find yourself and become the leader you envision.

Denver was one of four nationally-sponsored training conferences this fall. The National Cluster Meetings allow local students and teachers to take advantage of high-quality leadership training opportunities. Other meetings were held in Buffalo, Atlanta, and Minneapolis.

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### **MCHS Ag Students Gain Practical Experience**

The agricultural construction class at Moffat County High School in Craig recently gained practical and physically demanding experience working behind a concrete truck as it poured a new sidewalk leading to a new Habitat for Humanity home.

The experience was one of many construction projects the agriculture class has participated in where they can apply their classroom instruction to real-world activities. Other classes include agricultural welding, horticulture, animal science, agricultural science and natural resources and wildlife management. All are designed to familiarize students with a broad variety of agricultural career opportunities.

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### **FFA State Officer Team Preparing for State Convention in Sterling**

The next Colorado FFA State Convention will be held at Northeastern Junior College in the Bank of Colorado Event Center, June 3 to 5, and with an anticipated 1,400 participants expected, the FFA state office team is working hard to plan and prepare for the annual event.

Nichelle Jaeger and Nytashsa Hueller, members of the state officer team, Kelly Huenink, executive assistant director of the Colorado FFA Foundation, were recently in Sterling to meet with the Logan County FFA Alumni Organization and Dennis Wagner, Sterling High School vocational agricultural teacher.

In an effort to make the convention among the best ever, the state officers are including the alumni organization as a host committee, something that has not been done previously. The alumni organization will host the opening night and sponsor a free barbecue for conference attendees.

The entire team of FFA state officers will gather in Sterling, Feb. 18 to 22, during National FFA Week, to book convention sponsors and plan event promotions.

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### **NJC Provides Health Students 'Pathways to Health Careers'**

Northeastern Junior College recently offered Sterling area high school students interested in health care a "Pathways to Health Careers" open house.

Encouraged by NJC President Lance Bolton who wants college faculty to interact with high school students and sponsored by the Med Prep and HOSA programs at NJC, the event attracted students, parents and counselors.

The open house featured NJC faculty Brenda Zink, biology, Connie Henderson, biology and physiology, Rachelle Maker, practical nursing, and Tracy Yahn, EMS/Fire Science, who discussed aspects of their respective programs.

In the Med Prep Lab, participants were introduced to Sim Man, a \$50,000 computerized mannequin that mimics a wide variety of human responses and serves as a learning tool for nursing students.

Zink first talked to all the students about why they should choose to go to NJC. She said the school is a great place to get an education. One of the things that makes it a great place is having the same instructors for classes and labs and the instructors are trained teachers.

She pointed out that at many larger colleges teachers won't write students letters of recommendation because they don't know them well enough. However, That is not the case at NJC where the teachers write many recommendation letters.

Zink and Henderson addressed the advantages of attending a small college where one-on-one faculty-student interaction is the norm. Maker and Yahn then covered the EMT/Fire Service and nursing programs.

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### **PCC Earns Praise for Fire Science Program**

An editorial in the *Pueblo Chieftain* praised Pueblo Community College for working in conjunction with the Pueblo Fire Department to establish a fire science program to train prospective candidates for jobs in local fire departments.

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### **Bogardus Champions CTE Before State Graduation Guidelines Council**

Art Bogardus, executive director of Pickens Technical College, addressed the State Graduation Guidelines Development Council to emphasize the importance of career and technical education and associate degrees.

The governor-appointed council will travel throughout Colorado over the next five months to research and report on possible graduation guidelines that can be instituted statewide before the end of the decade.

"Having been in education for 30 years ... I have had the opportunity to see lots of students go in lots of different ways," Bogardus said. "One reality for me, the biggest thing, is that we are all individuals and our students are all individuals."

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## **A Second CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workshop Scheduled for Dec. 10**

Due to overwhelming demand, a second CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workday has been scheduled for Dec. 10, 8:30-noon, at the Colorado Community College System IT Building #758, Rooms 138-140, on the Lowry Campus in Denver.

Designed for school/college staff responsible for submitting CTE program approvals and renewals, especially those with renewals due prior to the end of the school year, the session will begin with a brief orientation on changes in the process that have occurred over the past few years. The orientation will be followed by the opportunity to complete a program approval/renewal request in a computer lab.

Register for the second workshop at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?408434>. Space for this workday is limited to 47; so register early. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with a list of information/materials to bring with them to the program approval/renewal workday.

Maps to the Lowry Campus can be found at [http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/About/Lowry\\_maps.pdf](http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/About/Lowry_maps.pdf).

Questions can be referred to a Program Director (see <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/index.html>) or Pat Sagrillo at 303-595-1568 or [pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu](mailto:pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu).

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## **Regional CTE Workshops for Instructors, Counselors, Advisors Slated**

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) will be in your vicinity with three day-long and two half-day Career and Technical Education workshops that will introduce CTE instructors, high school counselors and college advisors to Career Clusters, Career Pathways and Plans of Study.

Each secondary school district and postsecondary institution needs to prepare a Plan of Study for one of its CTE programs to include with their Perkins Local Five-Year Plan. All CTE programs, secondary and postsecondary, will eventually be required to have local Plans of Study in place.

Secondary teachers are encouraged to invite their school counselors to attend the workshop with them and postsecondary advisors are also encouraged to attend.

Jan. 15, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Exhibition Hall, Lightner Room, Durango
Jan. 25, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Aims Community College, 5401 W. 20th St., College Center, Rooms 727-729, Greeley
Feb. 8, 1-4 p.m.	Pueblo Community College, 900 W. Orman Ave., College Center, Fortino Ballroom, Pueblo
Feb. 13, 9 a.m. – noon	Colorado Community College System Office, 9101 E. Lowry Blvd., Presidents' Conference Room, Denver

## **Tentative Agenda:**

- I) Overview of Career Clusters**
  - a) Career Clusters
  - b) Career Pathways
  - c) Pathways and Credentialing – How do they fit together?
- II) Plans of Study**
  - a) Template
  - b) Examples of Plans of Study
- III) College In Colorado – Choices Website**
  - a) How to use the website in your classroom
- IV) Afternoon session (full-day workshops only)**
  - a) Individual meetings with program directors
  - b) Work time to develop Plan of Study

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at full-day workshops. Registration is required. Please go to <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?95626> to register. Seating is limited. Questions can be referred to a Program Director (see <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/index.html>) or Pat Sagrillo at 303-595-1568 or [pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu](mailto:pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu).

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## **NNWE and NAPE to Hold Joint Conference April 6-9 in Washington, DC Seeking Presenters**

For the first time, Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment and the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity join forces to bring you four days of best-practice sharing, skill building and federal policy. Don't miss this unique chance to learn from the experts and from your peers. Gain new strategies for preparing a diverse workforce for high-skill, high-wage careers in your states and communities. Conference information can be found at:

<http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences.htm>

Please consider presenting at the joint NAPE/Women Work! Conference. Go to: <http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences/conrfp.htm>

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## **Be a Link! - Strategic Plan Topic Teams**

The CCCS Career and Technical Education Perkins new State Plan website ([www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com)) has added new items of interest!

On the left hand side of the page you will see a new menu item called "Library". Here are resources for your use. The Library is updated regularly, so stop by often.

You can reach this website directly using the [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) address or you can go to the CCCS home page ([www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu)) then click on Career & Tech Education, and then click on Colorado State Plan Website.

## **Partnership effort with Business and Industry**

CCCS is collecting information to develop a strategic plan to enhance career and technical education. The plan will include both high school and community college level programs in Colorado.

Expertise from business and industry is highly valued by career and technical educators. This survey is referring to Career and Technical Education in general and not to any specific CTE program. The results will help guide the future direction of Career & Technical Education in Colorado.

We would appreciate your help in getting the word out to your contacts in the business world. The survey is located on the CCCS State Plan Website, right hand column: [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com).

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### **2008 VE-135 Deadlines**

CCCS is required by law to collect the VE-135 follow-up and enrollment data each year in order to comply with the accountability requirements set forth by both the state funded Colorado Vocational Act (CVA) and the federally funded Carl D. Perkins Act. The VE-135 enrollment and follow-up data affect your CVA reimbursements, program renewals (5-year trend reports), whether or not you qualify for the extra Perkins reserve funds, and your Perkins performance sub-indicators. Other reports may be produced internally throughout the year for CCCS staff from the data in order to maintain, as well as continually improve, CTE in Colorado.

- You **must report the VE-135 data** even if you do NOT receive state or federal funding for your approved CTE programs.
- If you **contract with another school** to send your students to attend their approved CTE program, then your school is required to provide the VE-135 student enrollment and follow-up data to the contractor institution and they in turn are responsible for reporting the data to CCCS. Both institutions are responsible for implementing a system between them in order to assimilate the data for reporting to CCCS.

The VE-135 reporting deadlines for the 2007-2008 academic year are:

**Follow-up deadline-March 1, 2008**

**Enrollment deadline-June 30, 2008**

Contact Julie Eddy at [julie.eddy@cccs.edu](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. Thank you for all of your reporting efforts!

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### **Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals**

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at [www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu). Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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### **Colorado CTE Event Calendar**

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at [www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar](http://www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar). You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact Julie Eddy at [julie.eddy@cccs.edu](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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### Valuable CTE Websites

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CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>  
E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>  
FBLA Newsletter: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/newsletters.htm>  
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