

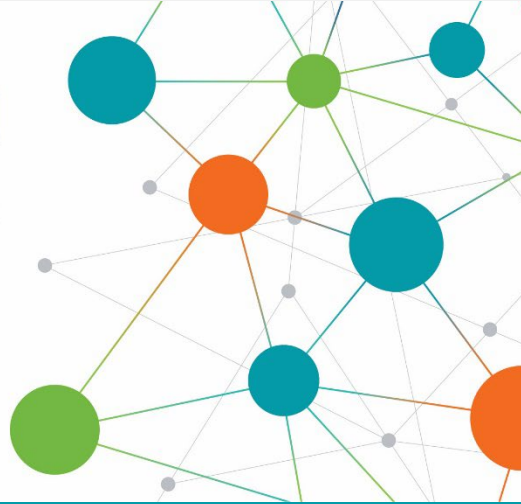
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Career & Technical Education News



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Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Illinois prepare students by teaching authentic knowledge and skills.



***As we look to revive our state's economy, we need to utilize every available opportunity for our students. Career and Technical Education programs graduate 94 percent of students and provide them with the opportunity to begin working in a career at a much earlier time. The emphasis on career-connected learning allows students to develop the confidence they need to thrive in college and in their career.***

— State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala

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## CTE Advisory Council

The CTE Advisory Council held its inaugural meeting in December 2021 to start conversations about state learning standards for CTE pathways. This month, ISBE is planning regional meetings to gather feedback from professionals across a wide range of industries on the knowledge and skills that students need to be successful as they move into our current and future workplaces.

- **April 15 - 9 a.m.** — Mount Vernon Airport

- **April 18 - 1 p.m.** — Heartland Community College
- **April 19 - 10:30 a.m.** — Elgin Community College
- **April 22 - 9 a.m.** — Virtual (Zoom information will be sent to registered participants **April 21.**)

[Registration](#) is free and open to individuals across all industries and professions.

The results of these meetings will be used by educators across Illinois in June to engage in similar activities pertaining to the CTE standards. We hope to have a large turnout to support these efforts and ensure that our educational outcomes are on target for our students, so please share this information with colleagues.

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## In the Spotlight

Thank you for your nominations of outstanding students, teachers, programs, and business partners from across the state of Illinois. We are excited to recognize these individuals and celebrate their achievements. We love to hear your stories! Submit your nominations at [isbe.net](http://isbe.net).

### Program Spotlight

Our program spotlight is the Precision Machining and Welding Program at West Aurora SD 129's Wiesner Center. District leadership and CTE staff have developed engaging and authentic programming aligned to local workforce needs that leads to college and career opportunities.



*Precision Machining student Kevin Wright was first to finish both versions of his bearing knockout tool.*

### Teacher Spotlight

Matthew James from Herrin High School is in his first year as the woodshop teacher and has already implemented several innovative ideas to improve the program. He assisted students in making wooden flags for veterans to celebrate Veterans Day. He

and students also refinished a table for the superintendent's office. Matthew's enthusiasm for the program has transferred to his students, and we see a bright future for this program under his leadership.



*Woodshop instructor Matthew James is building a great program at Herrin High School.*

**Nominate a student, teacher,  
program, or business  
partner  
to be featured in an  
upcoming CTE newsletter!**

### **Student Spotlight**

Samuel Houseworth is a student at Galesburg Area Vocational Center (GAVC) and was recently honored as Student of the Month. He is studying information technology and will soon be competing in the Google Hash Code competition. Sam worked with instructors at GAVC to redesign and rebuild its website.



*Samuel Houseworth tests a virtual reality set at the Galesburg Area Vocational Center.*

### **Partner Spotlight**

HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham is being recognized for its 30-year partnership with the Eastern Illinois Education for Employment System 340. The hospital provides the health occupations program with classroom space, supplies, materials, guest speakers, and more. It support our students by allowing them to work with medical staff and provide care to patients as they complete the CNA portion of the program.

The hospital supports students by providing hands-on clinical and medical learning. The hospital-based classroom in Effingham hosts students from more than eight area high schools. This regional approach to support CTE students in our large rural region is key to providing quality CTE programming.

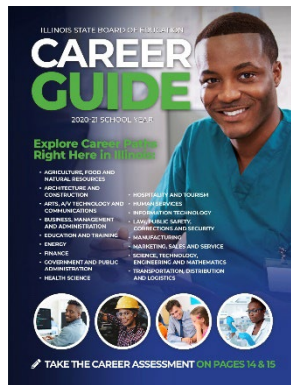
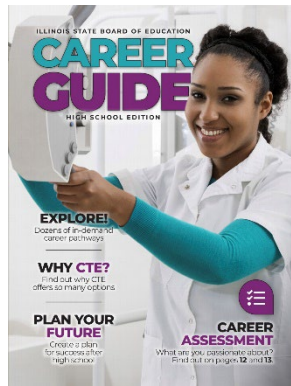
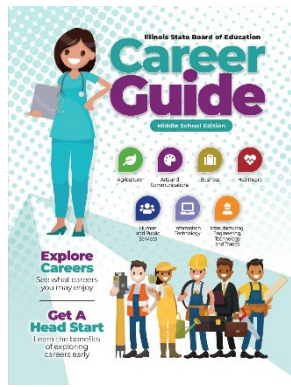


*Effingham High School students in the health occupations program are learning to use a vital signs machine by practicing on each other at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.*

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