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

266k
students

112
CTE programs

16
clusters

7
pathway
endorsements

Career & Technical Student Organizations

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) make a vital contribution to ISBE. Each student body has chosen a representative on the newly formed Illinois CTSO Student Board, which will promote Career and Technical Education (CTE). These leaders have been working hard to create a sense of unity among the various student organizations' varied objectives. These organizations are promoting a number of disciplines, such as consumer science, medicine, or even business, among many others. The CTSOs are partnering with ISBE this membership year in order to integrate our organizations within ISBE's mission through legislative advocacy, mass networking, and promotional projects in support of CTE. The Illinois CTSO Student Board members are:

- **Yash Sharma (President):** Future Business Leaders of America
- **Risa Mohapatra (Secretary):** Business Professionals of America
- **Emily Won:** Science Olympiad
- **Iffat Memon:** Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate Division
- **Paisley Chappell:** Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- **Peyton Shelton:** Educators Rising
- **Jude Erasmus:** Health Occupations Students of America
- **Kris Yun:** Distributive Education Clubs of America
- **Rachel Hood:** FFA

Learn more on the ISBE [Career and Technical Student Organizations](#) webpage.



CTSO student leaders gather in the State Capitol.

High School Diploma & America Welding Society Certification

School District U-46, School District 300, and Central Community Unit School District 301 are highlighted in the July/August issue of *The Welder* magazine, thanks to their collaborative work to create a network of Regional Career Pathways programs for students interested in welding. Two of the five high schools with testing facility credentials from the American Welding Society (AWS) happen to be only 18 miles apart in U-46's Elgin High School and School District 300's Hampshire High School. Read more about this collaborative program that can provide students with AWS certification by the time they graduate from high school in [The Welder](#) magazine.

Illinois HOSA Future Health Professionals FY 2022 Report

Our year started off with the Fall Leadership Conference, which was held Oct. 18, 2021. There were 91 students and 21 advisers present at the conference. Students participated in leadership and team-building exercises led by the state officer team and former State Officer Luis Lopez. Advisers participated in a best practices workshop as well and took part in networking opportunities.

The State Leadership Conference was held February 16-18, 2022. There were 800 attendees in spite of COVID-19 restrictions and a surprise snowstorm. Eddie Slowikowski, a motivational speaker, author, and athlete, delivered the keynote address on the first night. Students participated in 62 different competitive events; the top three finishers in each event qualified for the international competition. GloBingo was the social event held at the end of the competitive events.

The International Leadership Conference was held from June 22-25 at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Illinois HOSA had 217 attendees, who participated in 86 events and 13 activities. Illinois HOSA had 25 top 10 finishers, including one international champion and three top three finishers. State Officers Massillon Boyd and Jill Patel served as voting delegates for Illinois. Advisers were offered CPDUs for assisting with events and/or attending workshops.

"Medical Law and Ethics," reference material compiled by HOSA, was purchased for each chapter.

The final membership total was 2,051 from 52 different chapters, which was about a 16 percent increase from last year.

2022 International HOSA Leadership Conference Winners:

- Ilhaam Qureshi - Niles West - Healthcare Issues Exam - Mastery Level
- Srihas Rao - Adlai E. Stevenson - Human Heredity - Top 10
- Naurisha Kapoor - Adlai E. Stevenson - Microbiology - Top 10
- Mia Robinson - Amos Alonzo Stagg - Leadership - Top 10
- Jennifer Huang - Adlai E. Stevenson - Extemporaneous Writing - Top 10
- Nitya Borra - William Fremd - Healthy Lifestyle - Top 10
- Pranav Prasad - William Fremd - Prepared Speaking - Top 10
- Ananya Sharma - Barrington - Research Poster - Top 10
- Alexandra LeBlanc, Christina Mo, Abigail Froyshteter - Adlai E Stevenson - Health Education - Top 10
- Alexander Zhuang - William Fremd - Dental Terminology - Top 10
- Helen Qian - Adlai E. Stevenson - Pathophysiology - Top 10
- Meera Khare - Adlai E. Stevenson - Biomedical Lab Science - Top 10
- Somika Mannava - Adlai E. Stevenson - Clinical Specialty - Top 10
- Surabhi Gangadkar - Adlai E. Stevenson - Family Medicine Physician - Top 10
- Porsha Foster - South Shore International College Prep - Personal Care - Top 10
- Nitika Goswami & Nikhita Sathiyam - Adlai E. Stevenson - EMT - Top 10
- Anvi Harish & Shruti Govindarajan - Adlai E. Stevenson - MRC - Top 10
- Sarah Narula - Adlai E. Stevenson - Microbiology - Third
- Rohit Kotyada - Adlai E. Stevenson - Job Seeking Skills - Third
- Faizaan Siddique - Adlai E. Stevenson - Medical Math - Third
- Anish Nadella - Adlai E. Stevenson - Leadership - First

Vienna Aviation Program

Vienna High School started an aviation pipeline program, which is being instructed by Wade Stewart, in partnership with Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Aviation. The partnership allows Vienna students to take courses that have been aligned with the SIUC program. AVT112, which is aircraft electricity, and AVT111, which is materials processing, are both taught at Vienna. An agreement between Vienna and SIUC allows students who successfully complete these courses while in high school to be eligible to take proficiency exams. This, in turn, allows them to earn SIUC credits and get

a jump start on the completion of the aviation degree programs at the School of Aviation. There is a high demand for maintenance workers, pilots, and various other employees. Vienna has also partnered with other area schools and agencies and participated in SIUC's automotive and aviation day over the last few years. This year's event was held on Sept. 22.

"Each time that we are able to give students the opportunity to connect to meaningful, high-wage, high-demand career opportunities it is a win. SIUC's aviation program is outstanding and known around the world for its successful outcomes. We are pleased that Vienna students are able to take advantage of the accelerated course options and that regionally high school students are able to participate in the SIU automotive and aviation day each year," said Vienna School Superintendent Joshua Stafford.

You can visit www.viennaahs.com/cc to learn more about the career connection work at Vienna High School.



Students at Vienna High School are taking courses aligned with the Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Aviation.

Educator Prep Program at HSD 214

NBC Chicago went to Rolling Meadows High School in District 214 recently to feature the school's Ed Prep Program. The program is part of an effort to solve the nationwide teacher shortage by getting students interested in becoming educators and providing them an affordable and accessible option to continue their education through a partnership with Eastern Illinois University and National Louis University. Watch the story [here](#).

Cobden Future Educators Visit SIUC

Students from Cobden High School recently visited SIUC to learn more about becoming educators to help address the shortage of teachers in Illinois.



Students from Cobden High School pose with a couple of real-life salukis during a recent visit to SIUC. In the back row from left are Cresli Carillo, Karleigh Ellis, Mary Pender, teacher Karen Engelmann, Makenzie Hilliard, and Allison Benefield. Rhylee Sauerbrunn and Sophie Lingle are in the front row.

ISBE CTE Professional Development Calendar

We are pleased to announce the initial ISBE CTE professional development calendar for the 2022-23 school year. This calendar is considered an initial calendar because we are already adding additional events to it. We also are excited to share that there is **no cost** to participate in any of the events being run solely by ISBE and the Northern Illinois University CTE Project.

All sessions are open to all Illinois educators, including teachers, clinicians, counselors, and administrators, from early childhood through 12th grade settings as well as postsecondary educators. For example, Administrator Academy workshops are not only open to school administrators, but to all educators. Participants who complete workshops will earn Illinois professional development hours or, when applicable, Administrator Academy credit (based on the workshop and one's position).

Check out the full (and growing!) [ISBE CTE professional development calendar](#). Registration links will continually be added over the coming weeks.

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. We are always accepting new submissions to include in our Spotlight section.

Student Spotlight

The Career Development Department of Thornton Fractional High School District 215 would like to nominate Avery Crudup for this recognition. Avery created the name – Lavish Studio – for the school district's innovative Lavish School of Cosmetology and Barbering. Avery is the top student in the district's new barbering program. He is on track to complete the program in the spring of 2023 and will be eligible to sit for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation barber exam.



Avery Crudup checks his work after cutting hair.

Teacher Spotlight

Roxana High School Assistant Principal of Instruction Mike Rumsey nominated Jeff Ogle for the teacher spotlight. Mr. Rumsey shared that Mr. Ogle, a construction trades teacher, joined the Roxana faculty in the middle of the of the 2020-21 school year. In spite of navigating "pandemic circumstances," Mr. Ogle has already established a classroom and lab environment that engages, equips, encourages, and empowers all Roxana students to see and celebrate visible and measurable growth in college/career readiness skills.



Teacher Jeff Ogle shows students how a jigsaw works.

Program Spotlight

Jami Hodge from Education for Employment 560 nominated the health services program in Johnston City. She wrote, "The program continues to evolve and offer many industry credentials beyond just Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Students are earning phlebotomy, pharmacy technician, and others through the CNA program. The school truly recognizes the program, recognizing students at graduation ceremony. It is such a community honor to complete this amazing program in small town, Johnston City - population 3,200."



Students in Johnston City are in the health services program.

Business Partner Spotlight

Gail Wright from Regional Office of Education (ROE) 47, which serves Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties, nominated Wahl Clipper in Sterling as a business partner. She wrote that Wahl has been involved in Manufacturing Pathway development over the past five years. The ROE sincerely appreciates the time the company took for the many meetings that were held throughout this time period. Company representatives participated in meetings on an ongoing basis for several years to help with the development of the Manufacturing Pathway Handbook.

Wahl Clipper participated in ROE 47's development of Workplace Wednesday professional development for teachers. The ROE was looking for assistance in developing authentic, real-world math lessons for transitional math. The company also indicated it is important to see how math is used in its shop if lessons that will be beneficial to students are to be developed. Wahl representatives answered teachers' questions and were very accommodating to have teachers who signed up for this professional development -- Workplace Wednesday -- every Wednesday in July. The teachers were very interested in learning about careers at Wahl Clipper. They learned a lot from the experience and were able to share this knowledge with their students. Workplace Wednesday was a very beneficial learning experience for teachers that they can share with their students because Wahl Clipper and other businesses were willing to open their doors and share this learning experience.

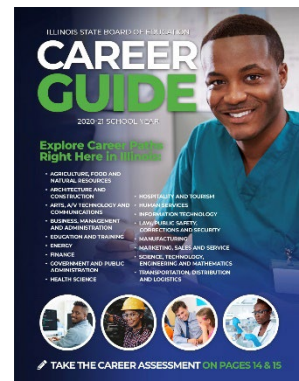
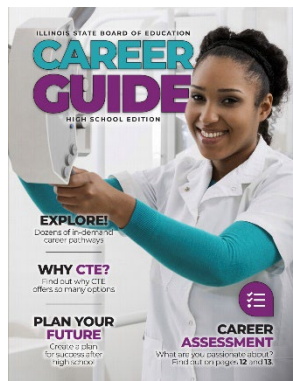
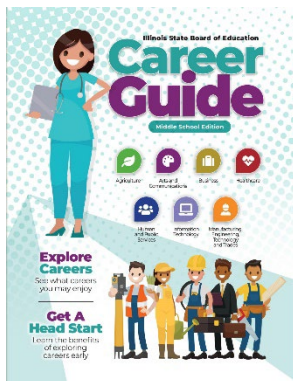
Thank you to Wahl Clipper for being a part of the development of the Manufacturing Pathway Handbook, transitional math lessons, and allowing teachers and students to come to their facility to learn about manufacturing so they can share potential career pathways. ROE 47 appreciates Wahl's dedication to students in helping them prepare for their future.



Teachers from schools in ROE 47 visit Wahl Clippers.

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