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NEVADA DAY

NEVADA DAY: HONORING OUR ROOTS, BUILDING OUR FUTURE THROUGH CTE

Each October, Nevadans celebrate Nevada Day—a time to honor our state’s history, pioneering spirit, and resilience. From mining and ranching to railroads, Nevada was built on innovation, hard work, and community—the same values that continue to drive Career and Technical Education (CTE) today.

CTE has always been part of Nevada’s story. The early skills of blacksmithing, carpentry, agriculture, and mining laid the foundation for today’s programs in advanced manufacturing, health sciences, IT, business, and more. Just as early Nevadans built opportunity through skill and trade, today’s CTE students are preparing to lead the future workforce.

Nevada Day is not only about remembering statehood—it’s about celebrating the people who shaped our industries and communities. From welding labs and culinary kitchens to design studios and health science classrooms, CTE programs honor Nevada’s legacy while preparing the next generation of innovators and professionals.

This year, as we celebrate Nevada Day, let’s also recognize the educators, students, and industry partners who keep Nevada’s tradition of excellence in CTE alive—resourceful, resilient, and rooted in purpose.

NETWORKING EVENTS

ROOTED IN PURPOSE, GROWING OUR FUTURE— TOGETHER THIS OCTOBER



This summer, we gathered at the NVACTE Conference under the theme “Rooted in Purpose: Growing Our Future.” That theme continues this fall as we come together again—this time in more informal settings—to build relationships, strengthen connections, and grow as a CTE community.

Why is attending social events important and beneficial? Attending social events hosted by NVACTE is a valuable opportunity for CTE professionals to expand their professional networks, share innovative practices, and stay current on evolving trends in various industries. These events provide educators the opportunity to connect with colleagues who are just as passionate about advancing CTE programs and student success. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned professional, engaging in these events can help you form collaborative partnerships and discover new resources and strategies to enhance your teaching and program offerings.

NVACTE is proud to offer two exciting upcoming events designed to bring CTE professionals together in both Southern and Northern Nevada:

- **Southern Nevada – Las Vegas**
 - Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM (NVACTE Session: 11 AM–12 PM)
 - Tech Alley @ Taverna Costera
 - This event, held in partnership with Tech Alley, will feature open sessions, a complimentary lunch, and opportunities to connect with local startups. We encourage members to join the full schedule to support local businesses and explore partnerships that can strengthen your programs.
 - The Engagement Committee is proud to help organize this collaborative event and looks forward to connecting educators in a dynamic, educational setting. For questions about the Southern event, please contact Nancy Escobedo at engagement@nvacte.org.
- **Northern Nevada – Carson City**
 - Friday, October 24 from 4:00–6:00 PM
 - Nashville Social Club
 - Join us for appetizers and conversations that foster collaboration and community.
 - The Conference Committee is thrilled to help host this event and looks forward to seeing you there! For questions about the Northern event, please contact Candi Robles at conference@nvacte.org.

Registration is required to help us plan appropriately for food, beverages, and space. Please register here: <https://bit.ly/NVACTEOct2025>

Both events reflect NVACTE's ongoing commitment to professional growth, collaboration, and industry alignment. Social gatherings like these are more than just a break from the classroom—they are a crucial part of growing as an educator

NVACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE



Mark your calendars! NVACTE’s 99th Annual Summer Conference will be held July 14–16, 2026 at the Tahoe Blue Event Center in Stateline, Nevada. This year’s theme, “Setting Sail for Success: Charting the Future of CTE,” invites educators, leaders, and partners to come together in shaping the next wave of CTE across Nevada.

Opportunities for students and educators are already underway! The Logo Competition and Trophy Competition are open now, with entries due by December 31, 2025. Winning students and their teachers will each receive a \$250 award, and their designs will be featured prominently throughout the conference.

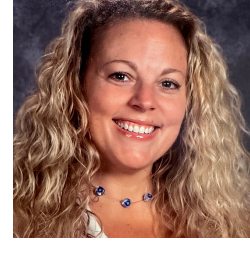
The Partner Application is also open, and we encourage educators to reach out to their industry and community partners to get involved. Partner participation is a vital part of making this conference a success and ensuring that CTE continues to bridge the gap between education and workforce needs.

For more details, including draft schedule, competitions, and partner opportunities, visit the [NVACTE Summer Conference 2026 webpage](#).

For any questions, contact the Conference Committee Chair Candi Robles at conference@nvacte.org.

BOARDROOM BRIEF: COUNSELING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

A COUNSELOR’S ROLE IN CTE



As counselors, one of the most rewarding parts of our work is helping students discover who they are and what they want to become. Career and Technical Education (CTE) gives us a unique way to do this, because it combines academic learning with real-world skills that students can carry into college, careers, and beyond.

Often, students don’t realize just how many opportunities are available through CTE programs—whether it’s earning industry certifications, exploring healthcare, technology, or trade fields, or even getting a head start on college credit. This is where counselors step in. We can open students’ eyes to options they may not have considered, guiding them toward classes and pathways that fit their strengths and interests.

Our role isn’t just about course scheduling—it’s about listening, encouraging, and sometimes even challenging students to take a step toward something new. We also make sure families understand the value of CTE, showing that these programs don’t close doors to higher education; they actually open more.

Counselors also connect students to internships, apprenticeships, and mentors in the community. By building those bridges, we help students see how their classroom learning translates into real careers. And, just as importantly, we work to ensure every student has equal access to these opportunities, no matter their background. In short, CTE allows us as counselors to do what we do best—help students dream big, find their path, and prepare for a future filled with possibilities.

Angela Cordova, NVACTE CCD Division Vice President

CTE SPOTLIGHT

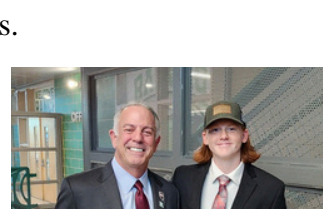
LEADING BY EXAMPLE: ASHTON OSBAHR’S FCCLA JOURNEY



This month, NVACTE is proud to spotlight Ashton Osbahr, a student leader whose dedication to FCCLA is making a lasting impact across Nevada. Now serving his third term as a Nevada State FCCLA Officer, Ashton is helping lead the redesign of the state officer election process to make it more transparent, engaging, and effective for future leaders. His work is strengthening Nevada FCCLA’s presence at the national level and ensuring members have a stronger voice.

At Rancho High School, Ashton also serves as Chapter President, where he guides his officer team in planning events, organizing meetings, and encouraging peers to take full advantage of FCCLA opportunities. His leadership at both the state and local levels demonstrates a commitment to building the organization from the ground up while inspiring fellow students to grow as leaders.

Ashton is also a passionate advocate, sharing the mission and impact of FCCLA with legislators to highlight how CTE programs prepare students with real-world leadership and career skills. His efforts ensure that FCCLA continues to thrive while gaining recognition and support across Nevada.



*Want to spotlight a person, practice, or program in next month’s newsletter?
Fill out the [CTE Spotlight form](#).*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ACTE CareerTech Vision
 - December 9–12, 2025 in Nashville, TN
- National Policy Seminar
 - March 22–25, 2026 in Arlington, VA
- ACTE Region V
 - April 8–11, 2026 in Salt Lake City, Utah
- ACTE’s Work-Based Learning Conference
 - April 29–May 1, 2026 in Providence, RI
- NVACTE Summer Conference
 - July 14–16, 2026 in Lake Tahoe, NV



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