February 2022 Newsletter

In order to bring important information in one venue, the Santa Clara County Office of Education CTE Team, and the SCCOE College Day Committee has combined efforts to bring important CTE and College and Career updates to our community through one monthly SCCOE CTE/College and Career Newsletter. We look forward to building and improving communication with the goal of creating equitable access to high quality CTE pathways and College and Career workshops, opportunities, and information for all our students throughout Santa Clara County.

A Note From the CTE Coordinator

Understanding the demands of all our fantastic educators who work diligently everyday to support all your students, the SCCOE CTE Team and the SCCOE College Day Committee wants to combine efforts so that all pertinent information is in one newsletter for your convenience. We hope you enjoy this new format and wish you the best this February as you celebrate with students CTE Month, and Black History Month.
Celebrating Black History Month

"Each February, National Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are essential to the ongoing story of America — our faults, our struggles, our progress, and our aspirations. " President Biden

Celebrating CTE Month

Because CTE programs put an emphasis on career-readiness, they teach important employability skills that are currently in high demand. According to a Cengage survey, "soft skills" such as attention to detail, effective communication and critical thinking are the most in-demand skills in today's job market.

Expanding Access to AP and A-G Courses

UC Scout provides 65 A-G and 26 AP online courses to support students with meeting graduation, CSU and UC admissions requirements. The Basic and Plus plans are offered free to California public schools, teachers, and students. With Basic, students receive access to video lecture content for supplementary learning. With Plus, teachers receive access to the complete curriculum and offer the flexibility to be facilitated in-person, online, or with a hybrid format.

The paid On Demand plan offers online asynchronous courses where students can receive a transcript upon completion. On Demand scholarships are available to eligible low income, first generation college going, English Language Learners, and students who are foster youth and/or shelter insecure.

Questions about UC Scout? Watch the UC Scout explainer video, sign up for the January 10 General Information Webinar, or visit ucscout.org. Interested in UC Scout's scholarship program? Contact Outreach Coordinator, Priscilla Marino at pmarino@ucsc.edu or 408-482-5820 for more information.
Save the Date - Advancing LatinX Achievement and Success

Mark your calendars for this exciting virtual program, March 2 - 4 hosted by Silicon Valley Education Foundation, a proud partner of the Santa Clara County Office of Education College Day Committee. For more information on this and other exciting events, please visit https://www.svefoundation.org/

The Bay Area Community College Career Exploration Series

Learn more about training and jobs in:

- Construction
- Biotechnology
- Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Automotive
- Teaching and Education
- Public Safety
- Information and & Communication Technology
- Apprenticeships

Presenters include professionals from these fields, college professors that teach in training programs for these professions, students enrolled in training programs and sector specific experts. Webinars will be offered almost daily from 4-5pm. The flyer for distribution is here and the full calendar of events can be found here.

CTE Teacher and Connector Community of Practice

Happy CTE Month!

During the week of May 9th, we will be hosting a Health Sector event. To customize the event to meet your needs, please take a few minutes to fill out this SURVEY.
We look forward to seeing you at the February 14th CTE Teacher and Connector Community of Practice! We have so much to share and talk about. The CoP meeting is from 3:30-4:30 PM

At this meeting you will:

- Learn from Campbell Union High School District Connector Tonette Slaviero about how to organize Career Fairs.
- Connect with colleagues from across the County and share challenges and best practices.
- Get acquainted with the free services of Earn & Learn and PilotCity that are available to help you provide innovative and life-changing career exploration and work-based learning experiences to your students.
- Help shape events and opportunities to impact more students.
- Have a chance to share your support needs, so the Santa Clara County Office of Education can provide you with the best services possible.

Click here for the CTE CoP Zoom Link

Community of Practice Open to Santa Clara County CTE teachers and Connectors

Collaborator of the Month

We are proud to announce that the Collaborator of the Month for February is American Aerospace Technology Academy

AATA students receive Level I and Level II training in Radiography, Magnetic Particle, Penetrant, Ultrasonic Testing, UT Phased Array and Visual Testing, in addition to training in Computed Radiography and Radiation Safety with a foundation in NDT Math. The AATA was founded when John Stewart decided to dedicate himself full-time to helping economically disadvantaged people and veterans struggling with poor job prospects secure fulfilling careers in his field. Stewart, who over the course of his twenty-year career in NDT has trained technicians for companies such as SpaceX, Goodrich Aerospace and Northrop Grumman, believes that by addressing inadequate STEM opportunities, one could empower youth and returning military veterans to fill the shortage of NDT professionals nationwide. For more information, please visit http://www.aatatraining.org/

College and Career Pathway Opportunities - Find your Passion!
1st Annual Black and Brown Career Excellence Summit on February 24-25, 2022.

During this event, high school and college students will engage with community colleges, four year universities and employers, learn about pathways to internships, and be introduced to career opportunities!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-brown-excellence-summit-tickets-194624817067

Free One Week Camp for Girls age 14-17 interested in Fire Science

Camp Cinder Shasta will be held on June 20-24th at the Shasta College dorms.
If you are unable to complete the online application, a printed application form will be accepted by mail.
Shasta: CAL FIRE Attn: Katie Mason, 6105 Airport Road, Redding CA 96002
Don't miss out on this exciting annual event!

The Educating for Careers Conference is an annual three-day professional development event surrounding career technical education (CTE). A variety of delivery systems, strategies, and Industry Sectors throughout the CTE system are represented in the more than 200 sessions offered over the course of this three-day conference. Technical assistance is also provided by several of the delivery systems through a variety of methods during the conference.

Even though education continues to face challenges across the nation, professional development continues to be an important strategy. All stakeholders understand the importance of continuing to improve classroom instruction and that student achievement is critical for our success as a nation. Therefore, the overarching goal of this conference is to offer high-quality, cost-effective professional development for all stakeholders with broad general breakout session themes such as: Assessment & Accountability; California Partnership Academies Model; Career Pathways/Industry Sectors; Curriculum & Instructional Strategies; Employer & Community Partnerships; Mentor & Internship Programs; Middle School Connections; Perkins Policy & Programs; Secondary-Postsecondary Connections; and Work-Based Learning.

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