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## **NJDOE Celebrates Career and Technical Education Month**

**TRENTON, NJ** – The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is celebrating Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month throughout the month of February.

“We are pleased to celebrate CTE Month at the NJDOE,” said Acting Education Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan. “We will join with schools across the state to showcase programs that prepare students for careers in specialized technical fields and celebrate their successes. We want to thank all of the educators, students, parents and stakeholders who make CTE Month an annual milestone.”

CTE Month is a public awareness campaign that takes place each year to celebrate the value of career and technical education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

In New Jersey, more than 78,800 secondary and 70,000 postsecondary students pursue CTE career pathways to industries such as construction and energy, finance, healthcare, technology, manufacturing, and transportation, distribution and logistics.

Throughout February 2021, the NJDOE will participate in virtual CTE program site visits, publicize CTE student success stories and highlight some of the many CTE Month events happening in districts throughout the State.

New Jersey recognizes and supports seven Career and Technical Student Organizations which serve approximately 42,000 students through membership in local chapters: Future Business Leaders of America; National FFA Association (formerly the Future Farmers of America); Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; DECA Inc., an association for marketing students (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America); Health Occupations Students of America; the Technology Student Association; and SkillsUSA.

“CTE provides students throughout New Jersey with a wealth of opportunities, such as earning college credit, industry-valued credentials, and work-based learning,” said Assistant Commissioner Lisa Gleason. “These pathways provide academic, technical, and employment skills designed to help students utilize their skills, talents, and creativity. CTE continues to be an excellent educational experience for so many of our New Jersey students, and we thank the educators and leaders of our districts for continuing to provide these high-quality programs.”

The NJDOE coordinates activities for CTE Month with internal and external stakeholders to highlight best practices in schools, CTE student success stories, school events and presentations throughout the State.

In recognition of CTE Month, the NJDOE will feature the following events and activities:

#### Calendar of Featured CTE Month Events

Activity	Date
State Board of Education CTE Month resolution presentation	February 3, 2021
DOE Digest podcast moderated by Ken Bond	February 11, 2021
#NJEdPartners Twitter chat hosted by Ken Bond	February 16, 2021 at 8:30 p.m.
CTE Twitter posts	February 2021 (throughout the month)
CTE Month webpage postings	February 2021 (throughout the month)
State Board of Education meeting for recognition of CTE Logo Contest student winner	March 3, 2021
CTE program site visits (virtual)	February 2021 (throughout the month)
CTE student success stories/school events	February 2021 (throughout the month)

Tune in to the [DOE Digest](#) podcast starting on February 11 and participate in the Twitter Chat at #NJEdPartners. The DOE Digest podcast with transcripts is also available on the [NJDOE's website](#).

