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[District launches pre-apprenticeship program](#) (Peninsula)

A Washington state school district is finding success with its new Skilled-Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Through the program students learn about plumbing, electric installation, construction, iron work and other skilled trades while being offered the opportunity to earn professional certificates.

[After-school program aimed at raising grades](#) (Shelton)

Educators at a Washington school have used state supplemental funds to revive an after-school program that helps students who are struggling academically. Two days a week, teachers work with students in math and reading to improve their grades and lead other skill-based activities and games.

[Students gain job experience in welding program](#) (Spokane)

High-school students enrolled in the welding program at a Washington state high school can earn a welding certification before graduating. As part of the program, students work at Wagstaff, where they earn \$13 an hour.

[Students to donate tiny house](#) (Oak Harbor)

Students in a Washington state high school are building a tiny house that will be given to a local homeless organization. The students, who are members of their school's robotics team, designed the 70-square-foot home using 3D-modeling software.

[Students take field trip to construction site](#) (Longview)

Several high-school students in Washington state visited the construction site of a hotel to learn more about careers in the building trades. Students learned about the various workers involved in such a project -- from field engineers to plumbers and carpenters.

[Number of dual-credit students rise in Washington](#)

More students are taking advantage of Washington state's Running Start program, which allows high-school students to earn college and high-school credits simultaneously. At Central Washington University, the number of high-schoolers enrolled in the dual-credit program has doubled over the past four years.



Student Trophy Design Contest: We are excited to announce our third annual Student Trophy Design contest! Sponsored by Stratasys, students submit their 3D-printed trophy designs for this year's ACTE Excellence Award winners. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the winner's school will get a free rental of a 3-D printer and materials for one year. Deadline for student entries is **May 1**.

Use Video to Spread CTE Awareness: Check out ACTE's latest video, "CTE is Cool" representing modern day CTE in compelling pictures. Share with your local communities, organizations and schools, and should you wish to include your brand on the video, contact [Rebecca Cox](#). [Watch now](#)

Awareness to Elevate Perceptions of CTE: ACTE's CTE Working Wonders campaign gathers resources to help community members, representing all facets of CTE, understand the crucial role CTE plays in our students' lives and nation's economy. Visit the campaign web page for key talking points and resources, such as the CTE Timeline celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Hughes Act, to help you relay the intrinsic value of CTE to your communities. [Visit CTE Working Wonders](#)

Fact Sheet on Career Readiness and Employability Skills: ACTE has produced a new research-based [fact sheet](#) connecting the general workforce skills that employers most need—professionalism, teamwork, critical thinking, oral and written communication, leadership and more—with research demonstrating that CTE helps students develop career readiness and employability skills that have value across industries and career fields. The research used addresses various aspects of CTE programs, including curriculum, work-based learning, career and technical student organizations and career guidance. Use this fact sheet to show students, parents and others how CTE leads to readiness for all careers! You can access this one-page publication and ACTE's other fact sheets at www.acteonline.org/factsheets

