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[ACTE Region V Conference](#)

April 30-May 3, 2025

South Point (Las Vegas), Nevada

[WA-ACTE Summer Conference](#)

August 3-6, 2025

The Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane

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[Hanford High School Teacher Recognized as All-American High School Film Festival Teacher of the Year](#)



Congratulations, Cheyenne!

RICHLAND, Wash. — A Hanford High School ([HHS](#)) teacher, recognized for her work influencing the education of students in the film and broadcast realm. Cheyenne LaViolette took six students to the All-American High School Film Festival ([AAHSFF](#)) in New York City this past weekend, where they were nominated for two film awards. [Read More](#)



Washington ACTE has been selected as a recipient of the ACTE Quality Association Standards (QAS) Award for 2024! The mission of the Association for Career and Technical Education is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce. The purpose of the [Quality Association Standards \(QAS\)](#) is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members.



**2024 Outstanding New Teacher Award
Heather Gamache, Selah School District, (Region V)**



Congratulations, Heather!



One of the most effective advocacy tools Washington ACTE has is you! Becoming an advocate is one of the most important actions you can take to secure the future of CTE. By subscribing to the *WOVE Legislative Update for CTE*, we will keep you informed, assist you in your advocacy activities, help you reach out to legislators, and promote ongoing support for CTE. Our state legislators and members of congress all make decisions that impact CTE. With your help, we can ensure the strength and future of CTE! The 2025 regular session begins on Monday, January 13, 2025, and is expected to last 105 days, ending on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

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Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia



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CTE Staffing Updates

Associate Director of Career & Technical Education

We are pleased to announce that Kari Morgan will be joining our team as the Associate Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE) effective November 18, 2024.

Kari joins OSPI from North Beach Jr/Sr High School nestled in the beautiful sands, waters, and forests of Grays Harbor County. Kari is an enthusiastic educator who brings more than a decade of direct CTE experience in the educational field as a Skills Center Registrar, GEAR UP Coordinator, CTE Business Education Teacher and most recently as the CTE Director for North Beach School District.

Prior to her career in education, Kari co-owned and operated two businesses including an auto body shop with her husband and spent nearly a decade in the banking industry in positions ranging from teller to branch manager. During her banking career, Kari volunteered with local high schools as a tutor, project judge, WA Business Week company advisor, and Lions Leo Club Advisor. She now jokingly claims that she was built for Career Technical Education before she knew what it was!

Kari has experience in program development, grant management, CTE team mentorship, and the fostering of business and community relationships. She believes that leadership is best performed with a service mindset and is looking forward to working with our CTE professionals, partners, and stakeholders to support the amazing work being done every day for the students and families of Washington State.

Welcome to the team, Kari!



Agricultural Education Program Supervisor

Tamara Whitcomb, who has been deeply connected to Agricultural Education for many years, has accepted the Executive Director position for Washington FFA. In addition to her role at OSPI, she served as an FFA chapter and district leader, Ag Ed teacher and advisor, spanning more than 20 years. We wish her luck in her new role!



We are pleased to announce that Dennis (Denny) Wallace will be joining the CTE Team in an interim role, supporting the CTE Department while we are in the hiring process for the Agricultural Education Program Supervisor position.

Most recently, Denny served as the Washington Representative for ICEV as a curriculum consultant providing CTE Educational Curricula and Industry Recognized Certification for CTE students. Prior to that, Denny served at OSPI as the Skilled and Technical Sciences Program Supervisor and later the Agriculture Education Program Supervisor before retiring in 2022.

Denny continues to live in Olympia with his wife Carol, surrounded by their two sons, daughter, and 5 grandchildren. Denny has agreed to join us on a part-time basis and looks forward to renewing old acquaintances and meeting new professionals in Agriculture and CTE Administrators while providing customer service and guidance.

Welcome to the team, Denny!



[New construction program offers certifications](#)

Yelm High School's new construction class in Washington State teaches students essential trade skills, including framing, plumbing and electrical work, while offering certifications like OSHA and forklift operation. The hands-on program is designed to prepare students for the workforce or further education in trades.

[PNWU-COM, college establish health career pathway](#)

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences and Yakima Valley College have established agreements to streamline pathways for students pursuing health care careers, including through the College of Osteopathic Medicine. "PNWU and YVC have a history of working together to educate healthcare professionals that will serve the communities in the Yakima Valley," said Wayne C. Miller, PhD, provost and chief academic officer at PNWU.

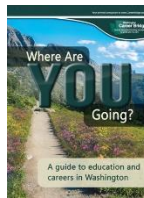
[Manufacturing class prepares students for careers](#)

East Valley High School's Knight Manufacturing Class in Washington State teaches students technical and professional skills through hands-on experiences. The course simulates a business environment to help students develop career skills and connect with local industries.

[Wash. glass firm hosts Manufacturing Day event](#)

Technical Glass Products hosted an annual Manufacturing Day event at its Snoqualmie, Wash., site to allow the local community to explore career openings in manufacturing. Attendees engaged with TGP employees and learned about the latest innovations in the industry. "This event puts us in contact with the people who will drive this industry forward," says TGP general manager Devin Bowman.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



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[2025 Video Contest Now Open](#) - NOCTI is excited to announce the 2025 Video Contest Theme: "CTE MythBusters!" Students are challenged to debunk common misconceptions about CTE by showcasing the real benefits, opportunities, and pathways that CTE provides. See the [application packet](#) for complete rules and requirements!

[Student video challenge: What is Artemis?](#) ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the 2024-25 student video challenge. This year's theme: "What Is Artemis?" The contest is open to students of all ages, including elementary, middle school, high school and postsecondary students and any student who is homeschooled. [Learn more.](#)

ED Launches CTE CHIPS Challenge - The [CTE CHIPS Challenge](#), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, is a \$1M multi-phase prize competition to expand student recruitment, training, and placement strategies in careers aligned with the CHIPS and Science Act. Participants will receive technical assistance, opportunities to learn from subject experts, access to peer networks, and be eligible to win cash prizes. Full details about the challenge can be found at [CTECHIPSchallenge.com](#).

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Foster Love is excited to announce the launch of our 2024 [BrandSource Trade Scholarship](#) application. This \$12,000 scholarship offers life-changing support for current and former foster youth pursuing an approved trade certification or technical degree. **We need your help recruiting students.** The BrandSource Scholarship goes beyond financial assistance; it provides meaningful socio-emotional support and intentional professional development by connecting recipients with a dedicated network of professionals rooting for their success. **As a result, the scholarship boasts a 90% graduation rate, demonstrating our commitment to academic and personal success.**