



**Celebrate CTE Month!
Generously sponsored by NAHB**

February is all about recognizing dedicated CTE professionals like you and raising awareness about the impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE). Get involved and spread the word!

- Engage on social media — Follow ACTE (@actecareertech and @actecareertech1 on Instagram), share our CTE posts, and showcase your own success stories using #CTEMonth.
- Access free resources — Download the CTE Month® logo (available in English and Spanish) and other graphics and CTE infographics to enhance your outreach.
- Show your CTE spirit — [Gear up](#) with festive CTE Month merchandise.

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[HSCTE One-Day Conference | February 22, 2025 | Pierce County Skills Center](#)

[WITEA Spring Conference | March 6-8, 2025 | Wenatchee](#)



Calling All WBL Professionals!

Mark your calendar for **April 2–4** and join us on Seattle’s Eastside in Bellevue, Washington, for ACTE’s Work-Based Learning (WBL) Conference, the premier gathering for WBL professionals!

Featured Highlights

- Hear from esteemed keynote speaker Christopher R. Nesmith, Superintendent of Elma School District and recipient of the prestigious 2024 *District Administration* magazine’s Districts of Distinction Future Focused-Career Pathways Award.
- Build and nurture lasting partnerships between education and industry.
- Ensure compliance with insurance and workers’ compensation regulations.
- Learn about new and innovative WBL initiatives.
- Implement successful internships, job shadows and apprenticeships using proven strategies.

Register by Feb. 14 & Save

[WA-CCER Spring Conference | April 24-25, 2025 | Vancouver/Battle Ground](#)

[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

[Call for Presentations Due April 11, 2025](#)

Registration Opening mid-March

[WA-ACTE Fall CTE Conference](#)

October 16-17, 2025

Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound/Centralia



[Washington ACTE Membership Webpage](#)

- **Renew your membership for WA-ACTE, Sections, and/or National ACTE.**
- **Invest in yourself and stay connected to the largest, most influential network of career and technical educators.**
- **Advocate for your CTE interests and achieve your career goals by ensuring your membership is current.**

Where do I belong? WA-ACTE members have access to 7 sections to provide you with professional development resources, events, and networking opportunities specific to your position or area of expertise. Each section offers tailored opportunities, including access section newsletters, member-specific events, and other WA-ACTE events, and more! You are welcome to belong to multiple sections!

[Join or Renew Membership Dues with a Check or Purchase Order](#)

[Join or Renew Membership Dues Online with a Credit Card](#)

[Showcase Your ACTE Membership](#)

We encourage you to download, post and share the 2025 ACTE membership badge! Add it to your email signature, your website, or share on social media.



Ask Your Senators: Cosponsor the JOBS Act

Ask your Senators to support expanding Pell Grants to high-quality, short-term CTE programs!

[Take Action](#)



Advocate for CTE & Make Your Voice Heard!

[Register by Feb. 16 & Save](#)



Wash. students gain operator skills with sandbox training

Napavine High School in Washington has introduced "The Tiger Sandbox," a hands-on training area where students learn to operate heavy equipment such as tractors. The project allows students to develop basic operator skills in a controlled environment, which are essential for exploring career opportunities in construction and related fields.

Wash. leads US in year-over-year construction job gains

Washington State led US states and the District of Columbia with 4,000 jobs added between December 2023 and December 2024, according to the Associated General Contractors. However, industry advocates express concern about potential impacts from federal decisions, including funding pauses and changes to work authorization. "Many firms are counting on strong public-sector demand this year and plan to hire as a result," says AGC CEO Jeffrey Shoaf. "But possible federal funding pauses and efforts to curtail lawful work authorizations could impact future hiring plans for many firms."

Mobile classroom brings trade skills to students

Centralia College in Washington state has introduced a Career and Technical Education mobile classroom to Lewis County schools, offering students hands-on experience in trades such as welding and electrical repair. The initiative aims to spark interest in trades among younger students and has been supported by a \$1.3 million grant from TransAlta.



WASHINGTON STATE
OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP

Encourage eligible students to apply today!

[LEARN MORE AND SHARE THE APPLICATION](#)

The application deadline is February 26, 2025, at 9:00 p.m. PST.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@waopportunitiescholarship.org with any questions.

You are cordially invited to a tour with **Submarine Group 9 and Trident Training Facility Bangor on February 27th**. This will be an **all-day event**, including lunch on base (lunch cost TBD). Please share this invitation with your STEM teachers and any centers of influence as well. This is an opportunity to see a close up of the Navy at work. And some of the engineering opportunities the Navy has to offer, including nuclear engineering. Please contact amber.g.day.civ@us.navy.mil for more information.

Calling all CTE students!

Make your mark on our 100th anniversary celebration in 2026! We're looking for original student artwork to feature on official ACTE centennial merchandise. Your design could become part of our legacy! The deadline to participate is May 1. The winner's design will be featured on official ACTE 100th anniversary products. [Learn more.](#)



WAVE award launches, help spread the word to CTE students

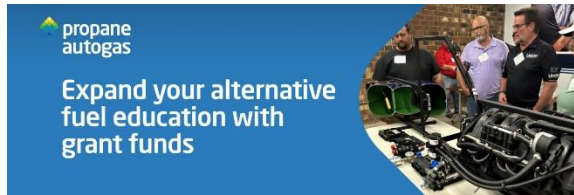
The [Washington Award for Vocational Excellence](#) (WAVE) scholarship application is open for 2025! The award recognizes high-performing Career and Technical Education (CTE) students at both the high school and community-and-technical college level. Many factors determine awards, including appropriated funding from the state Legislature and where students go to school. At a minimum, students will receive about \$3,900 per year, for two years, or \$7,800 total. WAVE is administered by the Workforce Board in collaboration with the Washington Student Achievement Council, which handles the disbursement of funds. The application deadline is March 10.

New workforce system poster available now!

The Workforce Board's popular workforce system poster is freshly updated and ready for 2025. Make sure to order copies of this handy overview of Washington's largest, publicly funded workforce development programs, including participant employment rates and earnings, federal and state funding totals, and a list of administering agencies and providers. The poster is also known as "America's favorite matrix," at least among staff. The poster is free and perfect for cubicle and office walls. Email us at workforce@wtb.wa.gov to request your own copies. View the poster, including [a digital PDF](#), today.

Public comment open for Perkins State Determined Performance Levels

Now is the chance to weigh in on [2026 performance indicators](#) as part of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, a federal plan that addresses Career and Technical Education (CTE) at both the high school and postsecondary levels. States are required to set and report on core indicators of performance, including the graduation rate of CTE students, along with academic proficiency in reading, math and science, among other categories. Public comment ends March 14. Email your comments to [the agency's Perkins team](#). Please include "Perkins" in the subject line.



The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) is making it easy for you to add propane autogas training to your automotive course curriculum, allowing your students to learn how to complete a vehicle inspection on autogas vehicles. With the [Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program](#), approved grant recipients will receive up to \$7,500 worth of grant funds. This popular program has limited funds that won't last long — [apply today](#) while funding is still available!

I'm writing to introduce myself and share information regarding recruiting Washington State Board of Education's Student Representative. My name is Anna Ricks and I'm the Tribal Liaison and Engagement Coordinator for the Washington State Board of Education. We just opened up applications for our next **Student Representative who will serve on the Board** for the 2025–2027 term. We would love your help sharing this opportunity with the students and/or educators in your network. This unique position allows students to influence education policy and represent over one million Washington students. We've pulled together a [social media toolkit](#) with graphics and messaging that might help with spreading the word. [This video from our Student Hill Climb](#) last week gives a great insight into the work the student representative does. Below is some high-level information on the role:

Key Details:

- **Eligibility:** Current sophomores enrolled in a Washington public or private school through 2027.
- **Commitment:** Regular Board meetings (up to 20 hours during meeting weeks, ~16 school days/year).
- **Deadline:** Apply by **March 28, 2025** at the [AWSL website](#).
- **Notification:** Finalists will be notified by April 7, 2025.
- [See our press release for more information](#).

Benefits:

- \$100/day stipend for official duties and travel reimbursement.
- Networking with state leaders and a standout addition to college/scholarship applications.

Video:

- The following link highlights the SBE student members Student Advocacy Day experience: [Student Advocacy Day 2025 - Washington State Board of Education - YouTube](#)

Please contact anna.ricks@k12.wa.us if you have any more questions!