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Welcome to the second issue of CTE Trends for 2010-11!

Bulletins

Colorado CTE Student One of 19 Across America Selected by ACTE to be Featured on Their National Website



Caitlin Culbertson

The **Association of Career and Technical Education** has selected Highlands Ranch High School senior **Caitlin Culbertson** to be one of 19 CTE students across the U.S. to be featured on their national website. Culbertson is the statewide president of FCCLA and has a stellar GPA.

Her profile on the website reads as follows:

Caitlin Culbertson plays an active role in **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America** (FCCLA), the career and technical student organization (CTSO) tied to family and consumer science. Caitlin was introduced to FCCLA through classes offered at Highlands Ranch High School.

Her involvement in FCCLA and career and technical education have made lasting impacts on her life. Once shy and timid, her participation in a CTSO motivated her to become more assured of herself. Her encouragement from her new found success led Caitlin to participate in state and nationwide FCCLA competitions, which gained her the title of National Qualifier.

Through Caitlin's involvement with FCCLA, she acquired necessary professional and life skills, such as public speaking, networking and business interaction, and professional dress and behavior. Caitlin recognizes the breadth of knowledge CTE has given her that will last from high school to college and beyond.

Caitlin thinks of her fellow FCCLA members as a second family—they have inspired her to accomplish more than she could have imagined. She states, “I feel that FCCLA has truly helped me grow into a more confident, knowledgeable and prepared individual.”

Caitlin is grateful for her teacher, Shannon Tufts, who is also her FCCLA adviser, for her sincere interest in seeing her students’ succeed in every area of their lives. Caitlin says that her teacher, advisors and family have been an incredible support system and have helped her see her potential. Through CTE, Caitlin has discovered that she enjoys teaching and helping others, and she plans to become a nurse practitioner or a teacher.

Given the opportunity to meet with a state policymaker, Caitlin would stress the importance of CTE in preparing students for life choices, regardless of whether their future includes college. “These classes are very applicable to my everyday life and have helped prepare me for my future.”

To see Caitlin featured on ACTE’s website, visit:
http://www.acteonline.org/student_co.aspx

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Register Today for Either Denver or Colorado Springs Interactive Workshops on Spatial Technologies for Career and Technical Education



The demand for competencies in **geospatial technologies** continues to intensify. If you are secondary/postsecondary **CTE instructor** or **administrator** or a **STEM coordinator/instructor**, you’ll not want to miss one of two opportunities to attend an interactive workshop covering both: creating new programs in spatial technologies; and, incorporating this field into other disciplines, such as but not limited to, IT, Communications, Health, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The workshops are being offered **September 17** in **Denver** and **November 5** in **Colorado Springs**. The workshops are being presented by the Colorado Community College System, Colorado Geographic Alliance and the Environmental Systems Research Institute. For more information, click this link:

<http://www.cccs.edu/ctetrends/spatialtech.pdf>

To register for the workshop nearest you, click this link:
<http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?436405>

SAVE THIS DATE: CCDA Fall Conference Set for October 29

Mark your calendars now for the **Colorado Career Development Association's Fall Conference**.

The **Colorado Career Development Association** is an organization that exists to serve those who have an interest in career and workforce development issues in Colorado. Click this link to learn more about who they serve: <http://www.coloradocareerdevelopment.org/about.asp>

Here's more information about their Fall Conference that CCDA recently distributed:



SAVE THE DATE!

CCDA Fall Conference 2010

Friday, October 29, 2010
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10600 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CO 80020

"Creating Meaningful Careers: Competence, Commitments, Purpose"

As our workplace changes and our thoughts and feelings about work transform, more people are motivated to find and create meaning in their careers.

Join career development professionals from across the state for a day full of information and insight into how you can work with diverse populations to bring greater purpose and commitment to their work.

More information, including a 'Call for Proposals' and registration instructions, will follow in the next several weeks.

If you are not yet a member, go to our website to join CCDA
www.coloradocareerdevelopment.org

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Golden High School Seeking Engineers and Engineering Professors to Address Students at September 14 Pizza Luncheon



On Tuesday, September 14, the Engineering and Technology Department at Golden High School will hold its second annual **Engineering Lunch Discussion**. This opportunity for students to dialogue with engineering professionals and professors will occur during both lunches in the Engineering Lab (of room 230) from 10:34 am to 12:47 pm.

GHS's engineering students have stated that they would like to talk to different kinds of engineers about where to go to school, where to get a job, what they would do during their work day, how to get a job, how to be the best engineer possible, etc.

Questions will be collected from the students beforehand to email to engineers and engineering instructors who are interested in participating.

The GHS students are interested in the following types of engineering: civil, biomedical, aeronautical, aerospace, mining, geotechnical, explosives, mechanical, and other areas.

If you know of any engineers or engineering professors who would like to do a quick engineering-type problem solving group challenge with students and then have a pizza-lunch discussion about engineering, then please contact GHS's **Scott Aurand** at saurand@jeffco.k12.co.us ASAP.

Participating engineers and engineering professors should park in the western parking lot, go to the main office to check in and then go upstairs to room 230 at 10:34 a.m. The second lunch concludes at 12:47 p.m. and participants who can't attend the entire time are still encouraged to come.

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CCCS Contest Seeks to Find Out More About Secondary Plans of Study Usage

We interrupt this issue of CTE Trends for the following advertisement from the CCCS Office of Career and Technical Education:

How are you utilizing your Secondary Plans of Study?




Are they electronic? Interactive? Paper form?
 In your everyday classes?
 Do you incorporate Parental Involvement?
 Have your academic teachers caught on to the POS movement?
 How do your Postsecondary Feeder Schools play a role?
 Have you engaged your School Counselor in your building too?
 Would you want to learn of strategies and ideas of how to incorporate them more?

The 1st 10 people who respond with their stories, their strategies, their ideas and/or their process of "How you utilize your Plans of Study" will receive a special CTE flash drive and an opportunity to have your program/school highlighted in our semi-monthly CTE TRENDS issues.

Send your narrative response with your contact information, including mailing address to: Lauren.jones@cccs.edu
 For ?'s and clarity please call Lauren at 720-858-2825

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Adams 12 Five Star Schools Opens Colorado's First K-8 STEM School



The Magnet Lab STEM School opened in August

The following is courtesy of ACTE's Career Tech Update

On August 18, the **Denver Post** reported on **Adams 12 Five Star Schools' new Magnet Lab STEM School**, which according to officials is the first K-8 STEM school in the state. "Its most unique feature is that local business and technology experts worked with the district to design its hands-on, science-based curriculum. The whole idea is to restock America's dwindling supply of scientists and innovators, said **Principal Penelope Eucker**." When setting up the school, "Eucker and the district invited private companies to advise about what should be taught at the STEM school." She noted that a special effort was made "toward keeping the school as diverse as the rest of the Adams 12 district." Officials said "instruction will be based on real-world problem solving" and will emphasize collaboration. To read the original article, click this link: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_15822490

On August 20, the **Broomfield Enterprise** reported that **Magnet Lab STEM School** students kicked off the new school year by building rockets and firing them off. Describing the local industry's input into the development of the school's curriculum, industry liaison **Kellie Lauth** said, "Industry is usually brought in on the back side." The Enterprise notes, "Science will infiltrate every area of education at the school. Art class includes discussion of the physical properties of light, music class discusses sound waves, and physical education uses heart monitors. Wednesdays, students will either go on a field trip or have engineers and researchers come to school to lead a project." To read the original article, click this link: http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/ci_15831411

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Faculty Member at Only *American Welding Society Accredited Test Facility* in Colorado Earns Two Key Credentials



Peter Townsend

Peter Townsend, a member of the Welding Technology faculty at **Front Range Community College**, recently successfully passed the national examinations for becoming a ***Certified Welding Inspector*** (CWI) and ***Certified Welding Educator*** (CWE).

The certifications allow Townsend to facilitate welding exams/tests in the ***American Welding Society (AWS) Accredited Test Facility*** at FRCC's Larimer Campus in Fort Collins.

FRCC's Larimer Campus is the only AWS Accredited Test Facility in Colorado.

Townsend joins fellow faculty-members **Jason Walsh** and **Ryan Meeks** who are also certified welding inspectors and educators. Each can certify to any AWS code, work with companies to create their own codes, and test at a company's site.

They also teach 10-hour classes to prepare welders for the exams.

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Public Invited to Check Out WarrenTech Restaurant



WarrenTech buffets are famous for delicious desserts.

The full service restaurant at Jefferson County school district's **WarrenTech, *Expectations***, will open September 21 for another school year. Community members are encouraged to visit the restaurant to give students practical experience in all aspects of culinary arts and restaurant management. It's the best deal in town: ***reasonable prices for top quality food!***

The restaurant is open to the public for breakfast, Wednesday - Friday from 8–10 a.m., and lunch, Tuesday - Friday, 11:30 – 1 p.m. The restaurant calendar and famous buffet schedule are available on line at www.warrentech.org.

Catering services from box lunches to banquets can be arranged by calling 303.982.8556. Questions about the restaurant calendar, buffet dates, or reservations can be answered at 303.982.8555.

The Culinary Arts program at **WarrenTech Central** is one of 25 different career and technical education classes available at **WarrenTech Central** in Lakewood and **WarrenTech North** in Arvada. **WarrenTech** is Jefferson County School District's Career and Technical High School open to any student at least 16 years old-and entering the third year of high school-from Jefferson, Platte Canyon, Clear Creek or Gilpin County public schools.

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CTSO Related

FBLA/DECA Award Winner Featured On 9News for Entrepreneurship that Won Him a Major Scholarship



9News' Gregg Moss interviewed Pomona High School Salutatorian Jared Leventhal on July 31.

When he was just 11 years old, **Jared Leventhal** stopped following his mom around the yard pulling weeds and proclaimed himself, "**The Lawn Lord.**" That was the beginning of a career as a young Colorado lawn care entrepreneur that has earned him a scholarship to the University of Colorado that could cover up to **\$16,000** of his expenses over the course of the next four years.

As the winner of the **Carson J. Spencer Foundation's "Rising Star" Scholarship**, Jared was interviewed on the air on July 31 by **9News** business reporter Gregg Moss. To view the story, click this link: www.9news.com/seenon9news/article.aspx?storyid=150540&catid=509, then click on the video on the right hand side of the screen.

Jared recounts that in the beginning of his business career, he was just getting pocket change mowing a few neighbors' lawns. But before long he had business cards, a website and two employees. He eventually added window cleaning, leaf raking and snow shoveling to his list of customer services.

While running his company, Leventhal hasn't missed out on any aspect of his education. He recently graduated **Pomona High School** as the Salutatorian of his class with a 4.24 GPA. He accomplished this by taking a heavier class load than required, because, as he says, "I wanted to learn as much as I could and I didn't want to waste any opportunities."

His leadership is evident at every turn: captain of his varsity tennis team, three state awards each from **Future Business Leaders of America** and **DECA**, and the winner of dozens of awards and scholarships locally and nationally.

Making his accomplishments all that more impressive is the fact that Leventhal has a dental condition that has required nine grueling oral surgeries. When he faces these challenges in his life, they seem to fuel his drive. When faced with the daunting experience of these medical interventions, he says, "My mom has taught me the value of perseverance. She reminds me to be humble and that life isn't always fair."

The Rising Star Scholarship is given in memory of Carson Spencer, a Denver business leader who died in 2004 and who expressed the desire to help emerging entrepreneurs get to college.

"Jared is a really special young man, and an impressive entrepreneur," according to **Sally Spencer-Thomas**, Executive Director of the Carson J Spencer Foundation.

"People think I am so serious, but I am just a typical teenager too," Leventhal said. "I like to sleep, play guitar, and think up cheesy puns. It's really all about the journey, not the end result."

To learn more about the Rising Star Scholarship and the Carson J Spencer Foundation please visit www.CarsonJSpencer.org

For more information on Junior Achievement visit www.jacolorado.org

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Family and Consumer Science Teacher Recognized for Excellence by Her Colleagues at Air Academy High School



Laura Armstrong, *Family and Consumer Science Teacher* at Air Academy High School, recently was voted by her colleagues as their pick for their school district's **John Asbury Educator of the Year Award**. The award honors teaching excellence and is named after John Asbury who was a remarkable educator in the Academy School District 20.

Upon learning she had been selected by her colleagues, Armstrong remarked, "What an awesome, awesome, awesome honor! This award is the pinnacle of my career! I'm jazzed!"

Here's what the Air Academy staff wrote about Armstrong in their nomination:

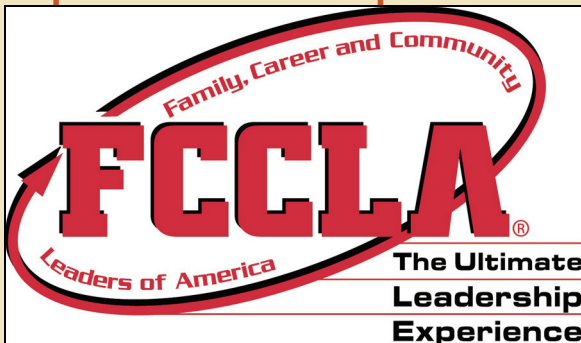
- She creates a great environment for students
- She has an innovative teaching style and ideas
- She creates new programs
- She is a caring person
- She helps students learn about life
- She goes out of her way to support student success
- She is dedicated to extra-curricular student involvement through forming FCCLA

- She goes above and beyond as a Konnections teacher
- She is a progressive teacher
- She is excellent at motivating students to do their best
- She is positive and helpful to both students and staff

CTE Trends congratulates Laura Armstrong for being such an outstanding CTE educator!

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Important FCCLA Updates



FCCLA Take AIM (Active and Involved Members) Leadership Training October 3 - 4 in Vail

Professional trainer, **Patty Hendrickson**, will be conducting this dynamic student leadership training for FCCLA members. New this year for all FCCLA Advisers and FACS Teachers with 5 years or less experience Colorado FCCLA is offering a NEW Adviser Institute, developed and led by **Malissa Sloan** (Standley Lake HS). Malissa will share her enthusiasm for FCCLA, her creativity and knowledge from her years as an FCCLA adviser, state officer team adviser and former Kansas State Officer. In order to secure reservations completed registration forms must be received by **Wednesday, September 15, with payment received by September 24**. Registration forms have been emailed to advisers and can be found on the website: <http://www.fccla.cccs.edu/>

FCCLA Important Dates for 2010 – 2011 Mark your calendars!

October 3 – 4	Vail Take AIM Leadership Training at Vail Cascade (registrations due September 15 with payment due September 24)
October 25 – 26	Executive Council Fall Planning Meeting
November 5-7	Cluster Meetings: Albuquerque NM and St. Louis MO
November 19 – 21	Cluster Meeting: Charlotte NC
April 7 – 9	State Leadership Conference – Denver Tech Marriott
April 22	Food Events Competition at Johnson & Wales University
July 10 - 14	National Leadership Conference – Anaheim CA

Affiliation Deadlines:

November 1	First Colorado Affiliation Deadline – chapters must be affiliated by this date to attend Cluster Meetings and to be recognized at State Conference for increasing membership by 5 or more
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February 15 Final Affiliation Deadline for State Conference Attendees (without being charged late fees)

2010 – 2011 District Conference/Meeting Dates

October 6 Northeastern and Eastern Plains Combined Fall Conference – NJC
October 11 Northern District Conference – Loveland Embassy Suites
October 20 San Luis Valley Fall Conference – Adams State
November 4 Mountain Shadows Fall Conference – Ed Center in Golden
November 10 Mountain View Fall Conference – University Center at Chaparral
January 19 San Luis Valley Winter Conference – Adams State
January 26 Northeastern Winter Conference - NJC
February 25 Mountain View District Conference – JWU

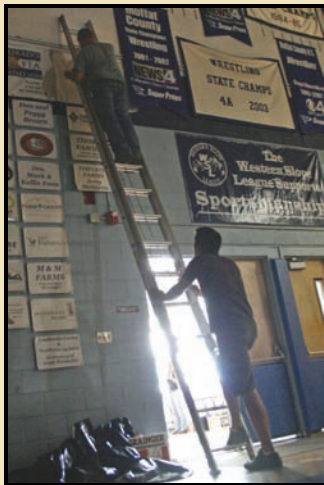
For District Conference registrations and locations contact your District Consultant:
<http://www.fccla.cccs.edu/10-11docs/2010-11DistrictConsultants.pdf>

Get the latest FCCLA info at:

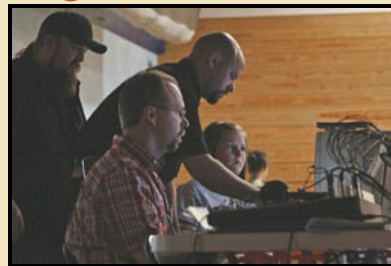
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FFA Convention Comes to Craig



Mike Womochil, state agricultural ed program director, hangs sponsor signs in preparation for the Colorado FFA convention.



Kenton Ochsner, state FFA advisor, front, helps a vendor set up video and lighting components for the state FFA convention.

Editor)s note: the following story ran in the June 8, 2010 *Craig Daily Press* and appears here with permission.

Mandi Ellgen, who will be a senior at **Moffat County High School** this fall, recently won the FFA's district competition for extemporaneous speaking.

Today, however, she will be competing on a slightly bigger stage during the FFA's state convention in Craig.

"I'm probably not going to be too nervous until right before," she said. "... But once I get my topic, I usually feel pretty good and ... once I get going I'm usually OK."

As part of the extemporaneous speaking competition, Ellgen will be speaking on an unknown agriculture subject. If she wins, she will go to the national FFA competition in October.

"I'm just happy to have made it this far," Ellgen said. "It's really fun just to be able to meet the other kids who are doing it and I have enjoyed it so much already, so whatever happens, I'll be really happy."

FFA, also known as Future Farmers of America, hosts its competition in a different Colorado city each year. Craig hosted the convention in the late 1960s and again in 2001, said John Haddan, a MCHS agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor.

The convention features various events, keynote speakers, presentations and competitions.

About 1,500 students from more than 100 different high schools in Colorado are attending the event, which starts today (June 8) and goes through Thursday (June 10).

The convention is open to the public, but state **FFA advisor Kenton Ochsner** said \$10 donations are suggested.

Ellgen isn't the only MCHS student competing in this year's convention.

Karissa Maneotis, who will also be a senior at MCHS in the fall, will be giving a prepared speech on a sheepherding bill.

Maneotis won the district competition for prepared public speaking and will be giving the same speech in hopes of winning state.

"With my parents running commercial sheep, I knew about this legislation coming and how it would affect my family personally," she said.

Maneotis said she is somewhat nervous about performing her speech in front of a hometown crowd.

"It's going to be the whole gym filled, so it's going to be a bit intimidating, but I think I can handle it pretty well," she said.

Ochsner said the convention will focus on three main areas.

The first area will be on **student career development** through the prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speaking and parliamentary procedure competitions, he said.

An **agriculture science fair** will also display students' research projects on topics ranging from animal and plant science, to physics, he said.

Career and leadership workshops will also be offered throughout the convention.

Ochsner said FFA is the "leadership component of agriculture education," and the program is important to students' futures.

"FFA is really where they can enhance their leadership skills, (and) personal development to hopefully make them successful in their future," he said.

Haddan, who is also helping organize the convention, said it is a good event for the Craig community.

"It's a good thing to have all the hotels full for three or four days," he said. "... Anytime we can bring 1,500 students, advisors to Craig, it's going to help with our local economy."

Ellgen said she was excited to have students from around the state come and experience Northwest Colorado.

"It's really exciting to me because I have been to these conventions before and by coming here, they get to see our school and our town, and it's just really exciting to show what our community has to offer," she said. *By Brian Smith.*

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UPDATES

VE-135/VE-130 Reporting Update



CCCS is required by law to collect the VE-135 follow-up and enrollment data each year in order to comply with the accountability requirements set forth by both the state funded **Colorado Technical Act** CTA and the federally funded **Carl D. Perkins Act**.

You must report the VE-135 data even if you do NOT receive state or federal funding for your approved CTE programs because the data is used in the program renewal process and civil rights monitoring visits.

Contact **Julie Eddy**, CTE Accountability Director, by email at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or by phone at 303.595.1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. You may also contact **Tim Cousineau**, CTE Programmer Analyst, by email at tim.cousineau@cccs.edu or by phone at 720.858.2843 with CTE data reporting questions or VE-135 website technical assistance.

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Valuable CTE Websites

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CTE Directors Directory:

http://www.coloradostateplan.com/resources/CTE_Director_Directory.pdf

ACTE: www.acteonline.org

CACTE: www.cacte.org

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Colorado DECA: www.deca.cccs.edu/

Colorado Technology Education Association: www.cteaonline.org

Comprehensive Career Guidance: www.coloradostateplan.com/counselors.htm

Credentialing Office: http://www.coloradostateplan.com/default_cred.htm

CTE Calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/contact>: Julie Eddy, 303.595.1527

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS:

<http://www.coloradostateplan.com/formsReports.htm>

E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>

FBIA-PBL: <http://www.fbila-pbl.cccs.edu/>

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Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

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