

K-12 Strong Workforce Program Newsletter: Regional Highlights

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SPOTLIGHT RESOURCES

Mallory J. Stevens, EdD is the Early College Credit and Transitions Consultant for the region. Mallory joined us to develop products and services to support the expansion of equitable and intentional early college credit practices for pathway completion.

- Join Dual Enrollment office hours: 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1-2pm and 4th Thursday of each month from 10-11am. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/650576260>
- Participate in the Community of Practice Meetings: Email Mallory at malloryjeanstevens@gmail.com to get on the list.

San Diego Unified CTE Innovation Showcase

On Wednesday May 25, 2022, the San Diego Unified School District Career College and Technical Education department held this year's CTE Innovation Showcase. This event featured projects from both the Project Based Learning Institute interdisciplinary team projects as well as CTE pathway projects from across the district. There were over 40 booths showcasing the amazing work our students are doing in our CTE pathways, including the students in our amazing culinary programs prepared delicious appetizers for guests to enjoy. This year, a panel of industry professionals assessed and recognized teams for their commitments to the 6 A's of PBL: authenticity, academic rigor, adult relationships, applied learning, active exploration, and assessment.

Also highlighted were local businesses, non-profits, and colleges who shared the work they have done in partnership with SDUSD as well as opportunities for internships, mentorships, and other work based learning opportunities. As a K-12 Pathway Coordinator, Donny Tenorio did industry outreach to recruit business and community partners to attend this event. For example, he recruited Rady's Center for Healthier Communities and FACES for the Future to attend the showcase; they are a great healthcare partner that supports our Health pathways.

New CTE Teacher Professional Development in Imperial County

Serving the Imperial Valley Community College District, K12 Pathway Coordinator Elizabeth (Liz) Cardenas has provided a series of professional development workshops for new and current CTE Teachers in Imperial County. Topics included CTE Standards, Anchor Standards, Standards for Career Ready Practice, 12 Elements of a High Quality CTE Program, classroom management and interactive technology. Participants learned from experts on topics such as Individualized Education Plans, 504 Accommodations plans, and how to support multilingual learners. The culminating session will be in collaboration with Imperial Valley College Career Education staff and will include CTE facilities tour and roundtable discussions.



In her first year as a K12 Pathway Coordinator Liz Cardenas, has built relationships with administrators, CTE Teachers, Imperial Valley College Career Education Staff, K-12 School counselors, and students. Her expertise and support has assisted schools and worked with districts on A-G, expanding or revising pathways, and assisting CTE Teachers with building Career Technical Student Organizations.

The South Bay Hosts Two Dozen Pathway Meetings

In the South Bay, all high school, adult school, and community college stakeholders are working together to align pathways into Southwestern College. Led by Dean Jennifer Lewis and K12 Pathway Coordinator Christine Jensen, the sub-region held two dozen meetings this spring. Each meeting focused on a different program area, with opportunities for teachers, faculty, and administrators to discuss curriculum, early college credit options, industry recognized certifications, work-based learning, advisory meetings, student recruitment, and/or professional development. There were a wide variety of outcomes, such as strengthening relationships and learning about programs, discussing options for future articulation, invitations to sit on HS and CC advisory boards, offers to guest speak and have tours of classrooms, sharing of resources, and learning about course and/or program opportunities where there are existing gaps. We look forward to continued collaboration across schools and programs! Questions? Feel free to contact Christine at Christine.Jensen@coronadousd.net.

The Biggest Region Opens Its Arms

Every LEA in the Palomar CCD area has opened their doors to virtual introduction meetings that have allowed K12 Pathway Coordinator Michael Gomez to learn about the good work in their CTE programs. He attended and assisted Marjorie White, CTE Coordinator Borrego Springs Unified, with their Advisory Development Committee Meeting, which was nice to see the community interest in their CTE programs and potential growth. Michael worked with Shanell Sands at Warner Springs Unified with getting industry partners along with Palomar College to participate in their career fair, which will grow the support and partnerships for their program. He is supporting The San Marcos Promise with industry professionals for their Future Fair for students of San Marcos Unified which will give them opportunities to meet and network with professionals that may not always be accessible.

Having toured CTE programs at Palomar College and meeting faculty that are eager to get back to working with districts and schools was a highlight as well. Faculty from welding, automotive, cabinetry & furniture technology, and water programs are all willing to work with high school CTE program students in one capacity or another in the near future.

Some of the work that he is truly excited for is the future work with district parent engagement teams to build their CTE understanding and capacity to share that information in their parent meetings, which will hopefully help grow CTE pathway participation and overall support career preparation. If you are interested and are in the Palomar CCD area, please contact him at michael.gomez@sdcoe.net.

2022 Ethics in Business Conference

GUHSD's annual Ethics in Business Conference took place on March 22, 2022, in the Mount Miguel High School multicultural center. The Conference is a joint venture between GUHSD and the East County Chamber of Commerce. This year, over 160 students from GUHSD, Mountain Empire, and Foothills Christian School were in attendance. Students worked with local business and community leaders to explore topics such as core values, ethical decision-making, and ethical leadership. In addition, El Cajon Police Department Captain, Rob Ransweiler, served as the Keynote Speaker. The K12 Strong Workforce Pathway Coordinator, Jamie Davenport, worked with the Chamber of Commerce to plan curriculum for the event and train volunteers. K12 Strong Workforce funding was also used to support GUHSD's Work-Based Learning Specialist in recruiting volunteers and marketing for the event. The Ethics in Business Conference has been an East County tradition for over 20 years and everyone involved is already looking forward to next year!



CTE Showcases, Celebrating Student Achievement & Innovation

2022 marked the return to in-person events for the majority of San Diego County, and career technical education programs celebrated by hosting spring career fairs, industry engagement events, and CTE program showcases. K12 Pathway Coordinator Nicole Moersch was immersed in these events in a number of ways, including industry outreach, marketing, and supporting teachers.

Why host a CTE event? CTE showcases celebrate the value of career technical education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs. Students can showcase technical skills learned in a CTE pathway, for example by hosting a culinary event, selling student-made products, or premiering a student documentary film. Industry partners can connect with pathways and give feedback on culminating projects. Teachers, family, and friends can appreciate the applied learning and hard work that go into completing a CTE pathway.

Below we feature a few of the CTE celebrations that have taken place in North San Diego County this year.

- Earlier this year, Oceanside Civil Engineering & Architecture students sat in on virtual city planning discussions to give input on future developments in Oceanside. Then, students used Minecraft software to virtually recreate the Oceanside High campus and implement similar updates.
- San Dieguito showcased CTE student successes in March with their 2022 Innovation Showcase at Canyon Crest Academy. The showcase, which hosted attendees both in-person and virtually, welcomed guests to the event with music performed by students in the CTE professional music pathway.
- Carlsbad Unified's CTE Broadcasting Students showcased their ongoing industry partnership with Channel 8 News in April when they provided press coverage for First Responder Training at Moonlight Beach alongside a professional news team.
- Middle school CTE students in Carlsbad Unified's MS Architecture and Construction pathway showcased their technical skills in May when they unveiled their completed tiny home. The structure was later auctioned off to raise funds for next year's pathway students.

