

THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS BUREAU'S CTE CORNER

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CTE CHAMPION

Michael Ogas

The *School of Dreams Academy* was the inspiration of Avilo (Lefty) Otero and his wife, Edna Otero, many years ago. Their dream was to start a school that could take a different approach to education that included students planning for careers that spanned opportunities from automotive technology to zoology and beyond. That dream was delivered when their son-in-law and daughter, Michael and Teresa Ogas, decided to make it a reality.

SODA became a charter school in Los Lunas, N.M. on the belief that students could stay in school if provided opportunities for successful futures. Lefty was a well-known electrician in Valencia County and valued the trades, said Michael Ogas, one of SODA's founders.

"My father-in-law wanted a school that would meet the needs of all children while providing them an opportunity to realize their dreams," he said. "Lefty challenged Teresa and I to get it done. We enlisted the help of Kathy Chavez, who was with Youth Development Incorporated in Valencia County, and we put in the hard work."

Humble Beginnings

SODA was chartered in 2009 and opened with about 55 students. Today the school's

enrollment is about 500 students in grades PreK through 12th grade. With Career Technical Education at the forefront, SODA offers programs of study in computer science/robotics, construction trades and other career pathways that are added based on student interest, labor market needs and hiring qualified teachers in those areas. It became clear to Ogas that the primary needs of students came from STEM and STEAM-related subjects, as well as the trades.

"As of 2021, a computer science course is now offered at the middle school level, along with the computer science courses being offered at the high school," Ogas said. "That has allowed us to have a true three-course sequence, that includes the intro course at 8th grade."

CS as a Cornerstone

Ogas said computer science was the place to start because "computing is a part of everything we do as a society, and students benefit from computer science education that is integral to so many careers."

The Construction and Trade Program at SODA was implemented through the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Pathway. The program's project-based learning component has helped complete small projects at the school as well as many throughout the

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MESSAGE FROM TEAM CCRB:

REBECCA GALVES



Welcome to the CTE Corner! The College and Career Readiness Bureau is on the job and ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have about Career Technical Education funding, graduation requirements, CTSOs, dual credit, and more.

Rebecca Galves (Becca) comes to the CCRB with 20 years of educational experience with NMSU. From Director of Academic Services to Computer Science Education and Outreach, and even Director of Alumni Relations. Becca is excited to be part of the PED and CCRB as a CTE Coach and Education Administrator.

As an undergrad at Colgate University, Becca majored in Geography and Information Systems and competed in Division I Volleyball. Becca completed her Master's in Business Administration at New Mexico State University. While serving as a Learning Specialist with the Center for Learning Assistance, she started the CEO! student organization promoting collegiate entrepreneurial efforts.

Contact Becca or any member of our [CCRB Staff](#) for questions about CTE programs, regional issues, or work-based learning, or to share successes or challenges.

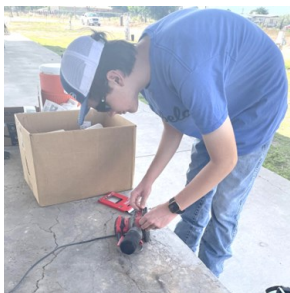
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community and state.

"We pride ourselves as the first charter school in New Mexico to have a FFA Chapter and for assisting in job placement after graduation through community involvement while students are in concentrator classes," Ogas said.



The newest and one of the most exciting programs at SODA is Computer Robotics, he said. The school has implemented the CS-STEM Network, which provides tools and curricula created by the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy. Teachers and students create accounts and the students' successes can be monitored as they work through the curriculum.

"The curriculum calls for VEX products and components which our school has been using in our robotics program for years," Ogas said. "VEX components are approachable and flexible. Their mechanical systems include versatile elements that make engineering approachable for novice users, while still providing experienced users with multiple outlets of exploration. Students will find themselves using the VEX robotics platform to explore topics such as: riverbed reinforcement cranes, fans, transportation delivery routes, traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms. Every project involves programming. With the knowledge of programming, sensors, and automation, students will hone important computational thinking skills that are needed to succeed in the 21st-century workforce."

Course Alignment is Key

Ogas said SODA's efforts to improve course alignments gives students the chance to earn credentials, college credits and have job-ready skills if they want to enter the workforce after graduation. His advice to other schools struggling with aligning courses is clear: It starts with student interests and builds from there.

"It was important to us that we inventoried the goals and aspirations of the students and we worked to fill the need that they and the community recognized," he said. "In doing so, we have made several changes to our schedule and worked to best accommodate all

grade levels to have the ability to work within their identified pathways. In fact, with added classes within the school day we have noticed that many students are dual enrolled within pathway programs, thus allowing a student to build upon their interest in more than one established pathway and creating a well-rounded CTE student."

The goal at SODA is that by eighth grade, students better recognize their intended pathway and can start with the prerequisites. By doing this, students start a concentrator course their first year of high school and can work with certified individuals, as well as with our dual credit liaison to map out and gain experience to finish their high school experience with a capstone course and possibly an internship.

Unique Advantage

"Our unique advantage comes from the fact that we are one school and the same teachers that have the end goal of graduation with certifications and internships are the same teachers that are actively building a foundation for these students as middle school students," Ogas said. "This allows us to be accountable for meeting our own goals and students are able to prosper from the fluidity of each program."

Ogas credits SODA's successes to the staff and students, who are "closely knit." Staff are invested in the industry and pride themselves on attending and bringing information that will engage and motivate students. Ogas says he believes Lefty's dream is coming to fruition because of the commitment from the school community and Valencia County as a whole.

"The students are driven and many times we find ourselves pushing to keep up with the needs and the interests of the students," he said. "Our programs involve community support from professionals and parents, as we reach out regularly to assist the students in their growth. I think Lefty and Edna are proud of what we have done to carry on their dream."



Mike Ogas, the superintendent and founder of School of Dreams Academy, has been at SODA for 13 years, and in education for 44 years. Mr. Ogas has a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Language Arts with a Kindergarten through 12th grade Special Education endorsement, a Master's with Distinction and an emphasis on learning disabilities and neurologically based disorders, and an endorsement as an educational specialist and educational administrator. He has worked as a high school teacher, special education instructor and work-study coordinator, head varsity baseball coach, assistant principal at Los Lunas High School, a principal at Century High School, associate superintendent for special and alternative education and a part-time instructor at Highlands University.

The *School of Dreams Academy* is a New Mexico state authorized charter school, nationally accredited through Advanced Ed. School of Dreams Academy was recently rated nationally by niche.com, who nationally ranks public and private schools under the direction of Carnegie Mellon University. Niche.com was founded in 2002, providing students, families, and professionals with the best-in-class content and deep insight into big life decisions. Niche.com ranked SODA amongst the best charter high schools and college readiness programs in the country.

Do you have a CTE Success Story or Champion you would like to have featured in the monthly CTE Corner Newsletter? Reach out to Kevin O'Shea kevin.oshea@ped.nm.gov and we will work to incorporate your champion in an upcoming newsletter

Career Cluster Guidebooks

The **New Mexico Career Clusters Guidebook** is a valuable resource to help guide students as they make important life and career decisions. The guide is designed to be a tool for planning and preparing students for a career. This comprehensive guidebook provides a structure for selecting careers. It links what they know about themselves with information about occupations and typical training requirements. Order your FREE **hard copies** here. Access **PDF downloads** here.

Career Clusters Guide - 16 Career Clusters, Career Pathways & Tools to help students discover where their interests and career clusters intersect. Whether you are a student or a career counselor, this guide can **help with career planning and preparing for the jobs of today and tomorrow**.

Having information about career options and the education needed to prepare for those careers is an important first step to becoming job ready. Use this guide to explore what jobs match your interests through the **career interest profiler**, learn about **in-demand careers in our state**, and find opportunities to **try out a career through work-based learning**. For more information, contact Kevin O'Shea at 505-629-7705 or kevin.oshea@ped.nm.gov





NMACTE Honors CTE Champions

The 2022 winners

Congratulations to this year's winners and to all of the CTE teachers, counsellors and business support participants who work so diligently for our schools and students.

The New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education, annually recognizes educators, administrators, and business leaders who champion CTE in the state.

ACTE's mission is to promote and support quality career and technical education for everyone through leadership, advocacy, communication, professional development and partnership.



CTE Teacher of the Year,
Crystal Gallegos



New CTE Teacher of the Year ,
Michael Davila of Organ Mountain High School,



CTE Business of the Year,
Nusenda Credit Union, statewide



CTE Teacher Educator of the Year,
Christine Phipps



CTE Counseling & Career
Development Professional of the
Year, Las Cruces Public Schools
(Organ Mountain High School).
Merrilee Saige



CTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year,
John Carter

THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR MONTHLY HOSTED:
CTE SOCIALS!

NMACTE is excited to bring professionals from across the state together to discuss what is important to you! Meet others from around NM in your same division to share ideas, and learn the latest in CTE news with updates & highlights!

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81659039380>

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DIAL-IN NUMBER: +1 669 444 9171

**Career
& Technical
Education**

SOCIAL Series

Online Schedule:

4:30 PM—5:30 PM

First Wednesday of every month~

✓ Wed: October 5, 2022

✓ Wed: November 2, 2022

✓ Wed: December 7, 2022

✓ Wed: January 4, 2023

✓ Wed: February 1, 2023

✓ Wed: March 1, 2023

✓ Wed: April 5, 2023

✓ Wed: May 3, 2023



Pathway2Careers is a free, standards aligned, HQIM resource for use by high school math and CTE teachers. Interested in learning more? Several upcoming opportunities are available:

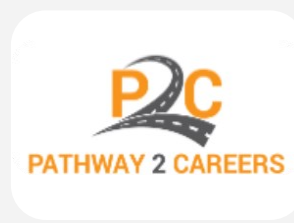
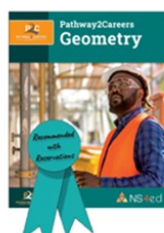
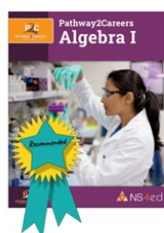
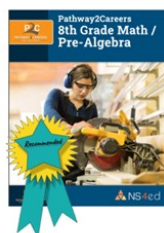


- * Get started with Pathways2Careers. Join MC2 to learn about effective math teaching strategies and an introduction to the P2C resources on Saturday, **Oct. 22**, 10 a.m.- noon [Register here.](#)
- * Schedule a virtual tour of the program or a "quick start" of any one of the resources. Email Alexandra.Lutz@ped.nm.gov or call 505-490-3648.

[Pathway2Careers](#) teaches math skills in the context of high-value careers. More than 500 online lessons cover all core secondary math courses, searchable by standard, skill, or career. Pathway2Careers was created by NS4ed, an educational research and development company dedicated to negotiating education services. NS4ed's mission is to help all students attain successful futures through career exploration. This is achieved through providing effective, vested, engaging sole source solutions in customized labor market data, career exploration tools, and mathematics & career-connected learning curricula. [NS4ed](#) invests in quality measures to ensure its innovative solutions provide exceptional student experience, and comprehensive learning, and support best practices in teaching.



Pathway2Careers is a newly-developed set of math resources that present each new math concept in the context of a high-value career in New Mexico. Developed and paid for as part of a grant from the US Dept of Ed, P2C engages middle and high school students by connecting their schoolwork with their futures. Pathway2Careers is available for pre-Algebra/8th-grade math, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.



What's Happening with AP?

Welcome back to *What's Happening with AP!* We will be striving to share new and exciting developments in AP for 2022-2023. Please take a moment to review the below information on important AP program updates:



1. **AP Exam Fee Wavier:** NMPED will again cover a large portion of the exam fee for eligible students under the College Board's AP Exam Fee Reduction guidelines, resulting in a total cost to students of \$3 per exam. Students must individually qualify for the AP exam fee reduction regardless of the district/school Community Eligibility Provision or Title I status. Please read the [AP Exam Fee Waiver Memo](#) for **revised guidance** on eligibility determination.
2. **Advanced Placement Canvas Course:** The NMPED College and Career Readiness Bureau is now offering an Advanced Placement Canvas course to provide resources and support. [Click here](#) to enroll in the New Mexico Advanced Placement Canvas course to get the most recent AP updates.

All class of 2023 students are now eligible to win \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships they can use at two - or four-year institutions, *just by planning for college!*

Powered by College Board, **BigFuture simplifies the path to life after high school** by recommending small steps that all students—no matter their high school—can take at just the right time to explore career interests, identify potential majors, and find colleges and scholarships, and access financial aid. It rewards the effort students take by providing chances at scholarships.

[Click this button to learn more:](#)



Strengthen Your College List

BigFuture

In 2022, a New Mexico senior from Tularosa High School earned a **\$40,000** scholarship through BigFuture!

Dates and Events

Oct. 5-25: Various [virtual communication and partnership trainings](#) from Sin Fronteras (see 9/25 e-blast)

Oct. 11: K-12 Family Literacy Academy Fall '22 starts. [Register for workshops in English](#) (see 9/20 e-blast)

Oct. 11: National Hispanic Cultural Center [professional development for educators](#) (see above)

Oct. 13: K-12 Academia de Lectura Otoño '22 starts. [Register for workshops in Spanish](#) (see 9/20 e-blast)

Oct. 15: Deadline [to submit updated literacy plans](#) for 2022-23 school year

Oct. 18-19: [Virtual Fall 2022 Curriculum and Instruction Convening](#)

Oct. 18-20: New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network's [Fall into Place](#) virtual conference (see 9/22 e-blast)

Oct. 28: Deadline to nominate students for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program (see 8/2 e-blast)

Oct. 31: Instructional Material annual report due (see 9/1 e-blast)

Nov. 5: 2022 Dyslexia Justice League Student and Parent Conference (see 9/13 e-blast)

Nov. 7-9: Head 2 Toe School Health Conference, Albuquerque (see 9/27 e-blast)

Nov. 18: Deadline to complete Education Plans and Budget Justifications by districts or schools receiving Family Income Index or At-Risk Intervention funding (see 9/8 e-blast)

Nov. 30: Deadline to complete the MLSS Self-Assessment for school year 2022-2023 (see 9/8 e-blast)

Advanced Placement Events

- Advanced Placement PLC #3 - **Oct. 12**, 4-5 p.m.
- Advanced Placement Capstone Community of Practice - **Oct. 12**, 4-5 p.m.
- Advanced Placement Coordinator Exam Order Workshop #1 - **Oct. 20**, 2022 2-3 p.m.
- Advanced Placement Pre-AP Workshop - **Oct. 26**, 4-5 p.m.
- Advanced Placement Precalculus Workshop - **Nov. 2**, 4-5 p.m.

For more information email **Melissa DeLaurentis** at melissa.delaurentis@ped.nm.gov



Financial Aid Education

Claim Your Piece of
\$27.3 Million
Unclaimed Federal Financial Aid in NM



FAFSA

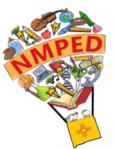
FAFSA 2023-2024 Training

The LIVE training registration is closed. But **tutorials and information** are available through [this linked page](#).



A new Canvas course, produced by PED and New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation, is designed to educate students about the financial aid process at federal and state levels. School counselors, advisors and teachers are encouraged to [enroll](#) their high school senior students through Canvas or their own learning management system. Email questions to canvas.admin@state.nm.us.

- You can find the course in NMPED's Canvas Commons.
- There is a [Counselor Demo course](#) - so counselors/advisors can view the course from a student's view or if they are new, to learn more about the FAFSA process.
- LEAs can email canvas.admin@state.nm.us to cartridge the Canvas course into their own learning management system.
- A [public link](#) is also provided for equity and access throughout the state, so schools can share that link with families/post on their website, if they choose not to enroll students through their LMS. There are no quizzes within the public link, but the rest of the information, links, and resources are provided. LEAs can find flyers and FAFSA information within Angelica Delgadillo's (School Counselor Liaison with the CCRB) [shared resource library](#).



A presentation of the New Mexico Career Technical Leadership Project



(Video Link Above) Learn about the eight student organizations in New Mexico that help make learning directly relevant to the future careers of students.



CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

According to Advance CTE, students who participate in CTSOs demonstrate higher levels of academic engagement and motivation, civic engagement, career self-efficacy and employability skills. To learn more, please visit this [CCRB resource page](#), or contact your [Regional CTE Coach](#)

CTSO Listing and Links

[Business Professionals of America](#) is the leading CTSO designed for students pursuing careers in finance, business administration, management, information systems, digital communication, marketing and other business related fields.



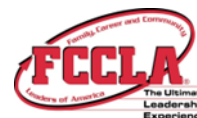
[DECA](#) prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.



[Educators Rising](#) cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession.



[Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#) (FCCLA) is a national student organization that helps youth develop leadership and workplace skills to prepare for both college and careers through peer to peer education, community engagement, and the application of skills learned in the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) classroom.



[HOSA – Future Health Professionals](#) is a national student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care.



[FFA](#) is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is an integral part of agricultural education in New Mexico and across the country.



[SkillsUSA](#) is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.



The [Technology Student Association](#) (TSA) is a national student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



IMAGINE

NEW MEXICO CTSO FALL LEADERSHIP RALLIES

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Unlock the doors of your imagination and innovate the world around you! Dream where your life could take you. Create a habit of believing in yourself and others & how to collaborate for the greater good. Find freedom from fear by looking at your challenges in a new way. Great leaders risk failure and do what it takes to make impossible, possible! **Imagine** the potential you have inside you, let it inspire you, and initiate the action needed to make it happen! **Imagine...Believe...Do!**

OCTOBER 17
ALBUQUERQUE

OCTOBER 18
ARTESIA

OCTOBER 19
LAS CRUCES

- Join hundreds of New Mexico's best student leaders!
- Network and connect with leadership trainers, state officers and more!
- Learn key skills and strategies to take full advantage of opportunities in your CTSO!
- Attend workshops to help you **imagine** more, grow your chapter, and take action to be a better leader!
- Hear an inspiring keynote message

[Registration Link](#)

[More information Link](#)



NM Career Technical Leadership Project (NMCTSO Promotional Video)

It has never been more important for students to graduate from high school ready to navigate the challenges of **College and Career**. Today's employers need a workforce with skills that go well beyond the basics. A Workforce prepared to succeed in the vast changing Global Marketplace.

The **Career Technical Leadership Project** manages four Career Technical Student Organizations in the New Mexico: Business Professionals of America, DECA, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, and HOSA—Future Health Professionals. These organizations engage student members in career and technical education activities as an integral part of the instruction program to meet the needs of a well-trained workforce for the 21st century. [Click here to learn more](#)

CHECK OUT NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER RESOURCES FROM CCRB'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR LIAISON

[SCHOOLCOUNSELORS-NM.COM](https://www.schoolcounselors-nm.com)

ECHO for Southwest College & Career Counseling is offering a *free* virtual professional development opportunity for New Mexico & Oklahoma educators and counselors who engage in college and career counseling to Native American students. During the program, participants will have regular, ongoing, and timely access to experts, resources, training, and best practices in college and career counseling, making them more confident and equipped to serve their students. Program participants may be eligible to receive a *\$250 stipend* for participating.

Session Dates & Times: First and third Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Oct. 5: Capstones Better Prepare Native Students for College and Careers

Oct. 19: Partnerships with Tribal communities to Promote College & Career Readiness

- Register Here: bit.ly/SWCCCregistration
- Learn More About the Program: bit.ly/SWCCClearnmore
- View Past Session Recordings & Slides: bit.ly/SWCCCresourceLibrary

NM ECHO for Educator Resiliency through SEL is offering a *free* virtual professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers. Resilient educators build upon a toolbox of strategies and navigate difficulties and stressors in a way that allows us to adapt in virtual, hybrid, and in-person classrooms. During the program, participants will discover opportunities for students and adults to cultivate practices, and reflect on the social emotional competencies of; self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

Session Dates & Times: First and Third Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Oct. 4: Value-Centered Approach to Promote Resiliency

Oct. 18: Grief, Loss, & Social Emotional Learning

- Register Here: bit.ly/SELECHO
- Learn More About the Program: bit.ly/SELlearnmore
- View Past Session Recordings: bit.ly/SELHomepage

NM ECHO for School Based Health Centers is offering a *free* virtual professional development opportunity for educators, school counselors, nurses, social workers, and administrators interested in advocating for and delivering comprehensive, culturally competent health care for all students. During the program, participants will discover best practices in providing equitable behavioral and primary care that support the health, well-being, and academic success of students.

Session Dates & Times: Last Tuesday, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Oct. 25: Helping Children Cope with Grief

- Register Here: bit.ly/SBHCregister
- Learn More About the Program: bit.ly/SBHClearnmore
- View Past Session Recordings: bit.ly/SBHCresourceLibrary

NM ECHO for Middle School STEM is a free professional development opportunity providing teachers with strategies to build student engagement and discourse using OpenSciEd routines in the classroom. During the program, participants will connect with evidence-based resources and best practices to articulate a shift in science instruction and discuss strategies to support students playing a more active role in the teaching and learning process.

Session Dates & Times: Second and Forth Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Oct. 11: Identify Related Phenomena

Oct. 25: Classroom Culture of Access Through Shared Phenomena

- Register Here: https://bit.ly/MS_STEM
- Learn More About the Program: https://bit.ly/MS_STEM_LongFlyer
- View Past Session Recordings: bit.ly/MS_STEM_ResourcePadlet

TIPS & RESOURCES

Meaningful Career Conversations

It's everyone's job in the school building to have meaningful career conversations with students.



The [Career Conversations Starters](#) provide a guide for working with students at **every** level, parents, and community members to address the American School Counselor Association Mindsets and Behaviors for Student Success: K-12 College-and Career Readiness Standards for Every Student. The Career Conversations questions are based on ecosystems theory, counseling theory and an extensive review of counseling and career counseling literature. The questions can be used to work with individuals and groups of students, parents, and community members.

Implementation Ideas:

Do you send a parent newsletter home? Do teachers have students participate in bell ringers or have students journal? Are you working with a career technical student organization? Do you work with a community-based organization?



You can use this resource and ask questions specifically to parents, community/staff, and students throughout the year.



Angelica Delgadillo, MA

School Counselor Liaison, CCRB
NM Public Education Department

Email Angelica Delgadillo

Schedule a meeting
with Angelica

News & Announcements

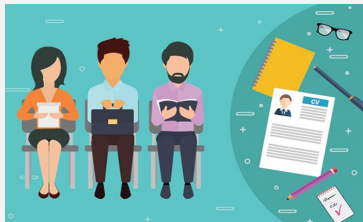
New PED & CCRB Email Addresses

PED email addresses were changed **Oct. 3** from ending in "@state.nm.us" to "@ped.nm.gov." For a limited time we can still receive emails to our current addresses. However, when we reply it will come from our new addresses. *During October be sure to update your digital address books with our new addresses.*



Mock Interviews for High School Students

As part of New Mexico's initiative to increase Youth Career Readiness Opportunities, the Department of Workforce Solutions and New Mexico Workforce Connection Centers encourage high schools around the state to provide mock interview opportunities for students.



The goal of Mock It Till You Rock It! is to offer students throughout New Mexico the opportunity to enhance their soft skills, and to help reduce the stress and anxiety that may surround a young person during their first interview, whether it's for college or a career.

The Department of Workforce Solutions has created tools to help you **PLAN**, **PREPARE**, and **HOST** a successful Mock Interview event for your students on this website ([link](#))

Resource for Jobs and Career Education: New Mexicans now have a new tool at their fingertips to connect to jobs and career education with [Ready.NM.gov](#)!

The Department of Workforce Solutions, New Mexico Workforce Connection, and Higher Education Department developed a comprehensive website and helpline to increase access to gainful employment opportunities in the state. It allows New Mexicans to explore current job openings, learn about high-demand career fields, find career training and educational programs near them, and access information about other resources such as scholarships and grants, childcare, and adult education services. We highly recommend you share this resource with your students, so they are aware of how their career technical education ties into their future!



ATTENTION: New Mexico High School Educators

The UNM Mentoring Institute and the State of New Mexico are offering the A Plus Soft-Skills program at no cost for high school juniors and seniors. The goal of A Plus Soft-Skills is to elevate a student's comprehension of the skills necessary to be successful in the career, vocational, and post-secondary workplace. A solid understanding of these skills provides students with the confidence to establish and pursue their career goals, while students simultaneously gain skills to make themselves more valuable on the job market. ([link](#))

Highlights:

- A Plus is FREE for high school Juniors and seniors
- 56 different Lessons
- 55 different skills
- Teacher and student user friendly
- Schools must apply to access free licenses

ANNUAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT RODEO - ACE LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

AGC New Mexico and Associated Contractors of New Mexico were pleased to participate in the annual Heavy Equipment Rodeo and Job Fair at ACE Leadership High School on **Sept. 30**.



The hands-on event introduced students to what it means to be a skilled Heavy Equipment Operator, how to effectively inspect equipment, and reduce equipment abuse. Eight schools from three counties brought over 400 students to operate various machines and test their skills.

Over 30 employers from the construction industry were at the Job Fair as well.

This year the event expected a record number of students attending the Heavy Equipment Rodeo and Job Fair. This construction-industry driven event aims to expose high school students to a sector of the industry that is not always taught in the classroom. The Heavy Equipment Rodeo and Job Fair is generously sponsored by AUI, Inc., Bernalillo County, 4Rivers Equipment, Frank's Supply Company, Jaynes Structures, Miller Bonded, TLC Plumbing & Utility, and Vulcan Materials Company.

For more information about this event visit www.agc-nm.org.

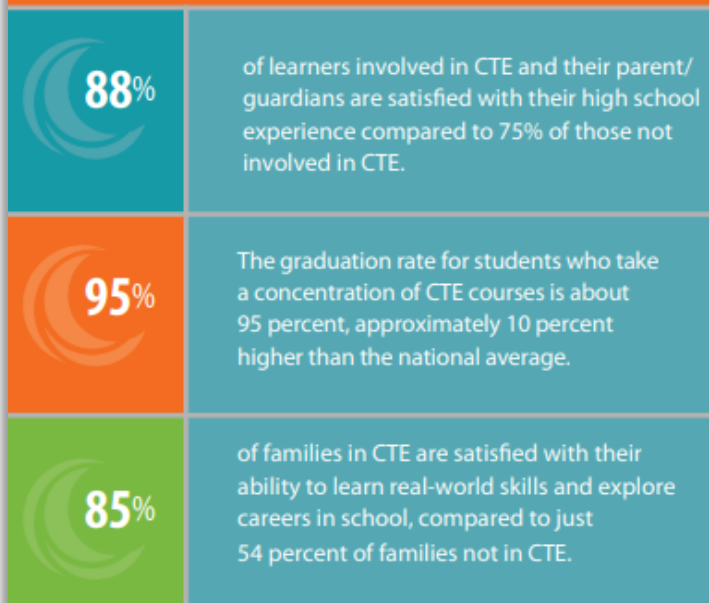


UNM partners with National Hispanic Institute for 2023 Youth Leadership Development Experience

The University of New Mexico is partnering with the National Hispanic Institute to host the 2023 Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez New Mexico Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session for high school students statewide.

This event will host 150 top students in a week-long leadership experience on the UNM main campus **June 11-18**, 2023. ([Details at this Link](#)).

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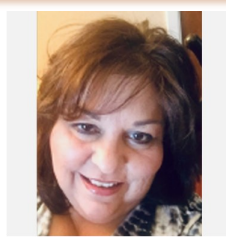
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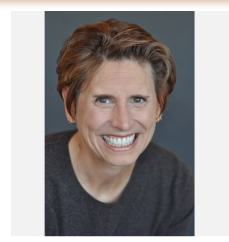


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CTE Region D
Program of Study: Agriculture
CTSO: FFA



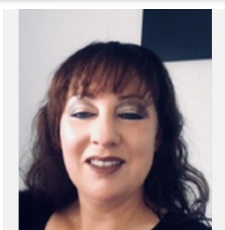
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Initiatives: Climate Change
Programs of Study: Film, Outdoor Recreation
CTSO: FCCLA



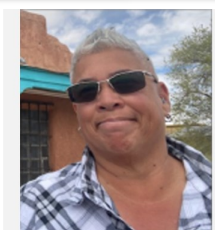
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CTE Region K
Initiatives: Advanced Placement
Programs of Study: Information Technology, Cybersecurity, Aeronautics
CTSO: Computer Science Alliance



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CTE Region I
Initiatives: Careers2Community, Early College High Schools
Programs of Study: Healthcare, Bioscience
CTSO: BPA, HOSA



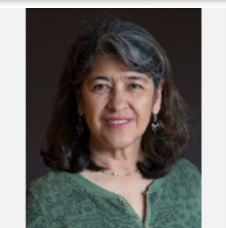
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CTE Regions: C, E
Initiatives: Certifications
Programs of Study: Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation
CTSO: SkillsUSA



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CTE Region: B
Initiatives: Office for Civil Rights/Federal Compliance
Programs of Study: Law, Security
CTSO: CTLP



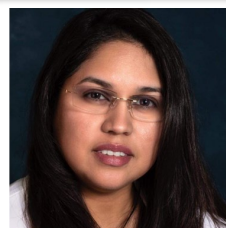
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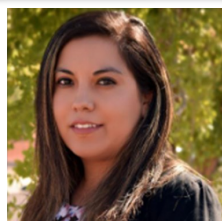
CTE Region: A, B
Programs of Study: Global Trade, Business, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing, Government
CTSOs: BPA, DECA



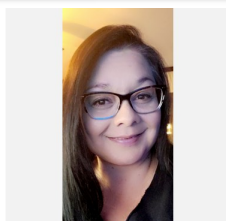
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Initiatives: Newsletter, Career Cluster Guide

Aligning Course Codes: Did you know? The CCRB coaches are available to assist your team in aligning the secondary CTE approved programs of study courses in your district?

Perkins V has given the CCRB an opportunity to strengthen CTE programs across the state. Approved programs of study are used to count students who concentrate in and complete secondary CTE programs, and to ensure consistent CTE data quality at all districts.

Please contact your regional coach for more information.