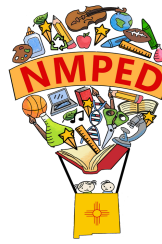


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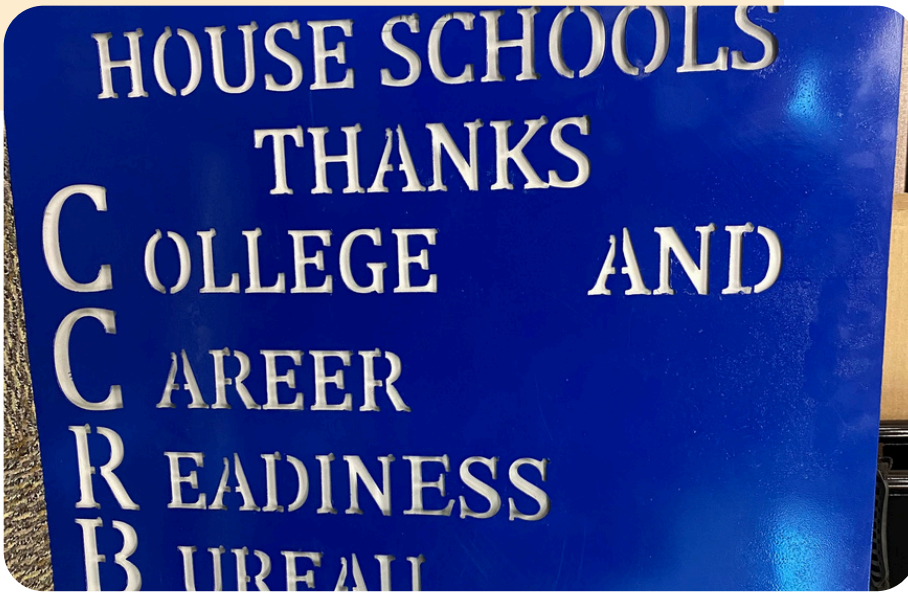
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## CTE Champion: House Municipal Schools

At House Municipal Schools, funding for Career Technical Education programs has opened doors for students to learn new skills, express themselves creatively, teach and mentor their peers, and gain experience that helps prepare them for potential future careers.

Jamie Widner, Ag Program teacher and advisor at House, says that in his 37 years of working in public education, this past school year was the biggest for CTE programming. NextGen funding, administered through the College and Career Readiness Bureau (CCRB), allowed the school to purchase new state-of-the-art metal and woodworking equipment and materials, including a plasma cutting table, router, two new welders, and a metal cutting blade.

Students have been creating wood and metal art for themselves and their community with this new equipment. They have generously gifted a metal sign to the CCRB, and to give them more practice, the school has invited their community leaders, like a local co-op, to place orders for signs. They have also auctioned off some of their pieces.

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**Team CCRB Profile**  
**Tierney Roberts**  
**Education Administrator**

Tierney joined the CCRB as the coach for Region A in November of 2023. She has a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry, and previously worked as a science educator and department head at Sandia High School. Her past work, notably in fieldwork and museums, has enlivened educational settings with authenticity. Tierney's skillful integration of educational technology and interactive teaching has propelled student achievement. These strengths are now the backbone of her coaching role at the College and Career Readiness Bureau, where she will bolster educators and students.

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# CTE Champion (Cont.)



The program has allowed its approximately fifteen students to also work on more exploratory projects, like benches with epoxy resin features. Widner says, “That’s what the grant has allowed us to do – to step up our game.”

Students Cade Lee and Christopher Hernandez have taken particular interest in the new equipment and have become highly skilled and passionate about the program. They have both participated in Near Peer Tutoring to share their knowledge with their classmates. “Near Peer Tutoring is a big deal here this year,” said Widner. “They [Lee and Hernandez] can weld as well as anyone... and they’re working with other students on welding and what they can do with it.”

Lee and Hernandez are open and optimistic about their futures, whether they pursue the pathway of a four-year college or turn their passion for wood and metal artmaking into a career. In the coming school year, Widner plans on helping students continue to hone their skills by using CTE funds to travel out of state to the metal equipment brand’s headquarters, where free training opportunities are offered. Students will also begin learning how to use an aluminum welding attachment, which was also purchased with NextGen funds.



Find out more about House Municipal Schools [here](#).

Learn more about Career Technical Education [here](#).

## [UNM-Gallup gives local high school students hands-on experiences, kickstarting future careers](#)

*(Bela Olague, KRQE)* – In a rural part of New Mexico, students have the opportunity to invest in their future; whether it’s higher education or valuable life skills. “If it wasn’t for the program then I probably wouldn’t be here today,” said Kevin Kee, General Manager at Point S American Tire...Welding, construction, and automotive technology are just some of the twelve programs offered to students.

## NM CTE Featured Stories: Albuquerque Sign Language Academy



### [Buzzing business: Sen. Heinrich visits ASLA students, harvests honey \(Albuquerque\)](#)

*(Gino Gutierrez, ABQJournal)* - A group of students from the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy donned protective beekeeping suits at Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center on Tuesday...these students, who are part of the school’s Honey Badger Youth Conservation Corps program, were ready to harvest honey from a bee farm at the center...Joining them on their harvesting mission was U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., in a protective suit of his own.



### [Sign language-based school abuzz with agribusiness learning](#)

*(Margaret O’Hara, Santa Fe New Mexican)* - ...agribusiness students care for several hives of bees at the Agri-Nature Center. They learn to harvest, refine and jar honey, getting it ready to sell — work experience they’ll be able to show an employer... Heinrich on Tuesday paid a visit to the school’s beehives, even putting on a beekeeper’s suit and helping a group of students harvest honey.



- **September 9** - Attendance Improvement Workshop – Session I: Root Cause Analysis & Tier 1 Strategy Development. 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ([Register](#)).
- **September 9–10** - Assessment and Accountability Conference ([Register](#))
- **September 11** - Language & Culture Division State Programs Southeastern Region Meeting
- **September 10–12** - Data Quality Institute - Washington, D.C.
- **September 11–12** - SpEd Law Conference
- **September 12** - Language & Culture Division State Programs Southern Region Meeting
- **September 16** - Attendance Improvement Workshop – Session II: Tier 2 Strategy Development. 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ([Register](#)).
- **September 17** - Language & Culture Division State Programs Northeastern Region Meeting
- **September 18** - Language & Culture Division State Programs Northwestern Region Meeting
- **September 18** - Work-Based Learning Community of Practice ([Register](#))
- **September 18–20** - ACTE Postsecondary CTE Summit - Chicago, IL
- **September 21** - NM Computer Science Teachers Association Fall Virtual Meet-Up
- **September 23** - Attendance Improvement Workshop – Session III: Tier 3 Strategy Development. 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ([Register](#)).
- **September 27** - Language and Culture Division Central Region Meeting
- **September 30** - Attendance Improvement Workshop – Session IV: Tier 4 Strategy Development. 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ([Register](#))
- **October 11–15** - MBA Conclave Conference
- **October 15–18** - National Health Science Conference (NCHSE) - Phoenix, AZ
- **October 16** - Work-Based Learning Community of Practice
- **October 21–23** - Advance CTE Fall Meeting - Phoenix, AZ
- **October 21–23** - CTSO Fall Leadership Rallies
- **October 28** - State Attendance Conference
- **November 12–14** - Head to Toe Conference (DOH, PED, and Office of School and Adolescent Health)
- **December 4** - ACTE Vision Pre Conference Tours & Workshops ([Register](#)) - San Antonio, TX
- **December 4–7** - ACTE Vision ([Register](#)) - San Antonio, TX

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## Advanced Placement Exam Fee Waivers

For the May 2025 Advanced Placement exams, The PED will continue to offer exam fee waivers for economically disadvantaged students. Review the [AP Exam Fee Waiver Memo](#) for additional details.

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## International Baccalaureate Test Assistance

The PED is excited to announce test assistance for college credit-bearing International Baccalaureate exams for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, please refer to the [IB Test Assistance Memo](#) or contact [tierney.roberts@ped.nm.gov](mailto:tierney.roberts@ped.nm.gov).



## Free Resources for NM Business & Marketing Teachers

New Mexico is an enhanced member of the Marketing and Business Administration (MBA) Research Consortium, which gives teachers statewide **free and at-cost** access to thousands of resources created for business, marketing, finance, management and entrepreneurship educators!

The [MBA Middle School Career Exploration Course](#) is free and sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative. The course contains 20 lessons that cover all 16 CTE Career Clusters, workplace skills, and student self-reflection. Each lesson contains extra resources, presentations, and additional activities that can be modified and presented in any order. The course can be downloaded as modules or as LMS-compatible files.

[Learn more and download here.](#)



## PSAT/NMSQT for 10th Grade Students

Participation in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) can support student college and career readiness. The PED will continue to pay for all New Mexico public school 10th-grade students to take the October 2024 administration of the PSAT/NMSQT. The [PSAT/NMSQT Memo](#) provides additional guidance for exam orders.

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## CTSA-NM Virtual Fall Meet-Up - September 21

CTSA-NM is eager to welcome new board members, share amazing opportunities from CSTA National, and show you how to get a free CSTA+ membership for a year. Plus, there's a chance to win a gift card just for attending!

## Help Develop a Science Vision for New Mexico

The State of New Mexico is working with BSCS Science Learning and NSTA to develop a shared vision for science education. We are asking parents, community members, teachers, leaders, and the public to give their views on science education so we can build a vision that matches the goals of New Mexico's residents. Please take [this anonymous survey](#) of less than 10 minutes asking about your experiences, feelings, and hopes for NM science education. We encourage you to forward this message and survey to others with an interest in science education.

We will provide a public summary of the responses to this survey in Fall 2024. Additionally, be on the lookout for community events this Fall where you can give input into this vision.

Thank you for sharing your hopes for science education in our state.

# Events & Resources



## New Mexico ACTE Online Learning Center for CTE Professionals

CTE Learn's suite of free professional development resources, [linked here](#), is designed to support CTE professionals beyond the offered fee-based credit courses. CTE Learn also offers a student-centric resource, [CareerPrepped](#), to support your students' career development.

The PED is excited to announce that we're partnering with [MetaMetrics](#) to provide the [Lexile Framework for Reading](#) and the [Quantile Framework for Mathematics](#) to NM districts free of charge. Lexile and Quantile measures help personalize instruction, monitor growth and offer a parent-friendly metric to communicate student ability. Use Lexile and Quantile measures to find reading and math materials at a student's ideal challenge level.



[Learn more here](#)

## p2c PATHWAY 2 CAREERS

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## Also check out:

- [E-Blasts from the PED + Subscribe](#)
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- [Advance CTE - New Mexico State Profile](#)
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## Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)



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## NMCTSO Event Calendars

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## CTSO Canvas Courses

Learn how to advise CTSOs at your school with Canvas courses from the PED!

[FCCLA](#) [EdRising](#) [HOSA](#) [DECA](#) [BPA](#) [SkillsUSA](#)



## Explore Benefits of New Mexico's NCHSE Membership

The National Consortium for Health Science Education, the authority of health science education, provides collaborative relationships to enhance and positively impact the lives of students interested in health professions. New Mexico's state membership provides state health science educators access to discounted resources, certificates, and curriculum enhancements; networking opportunities with health science leaders nationwide, professional development opportunities, webinars, and more!

[Learn more about member benefits here](#)



## [Daniels Fund Scholarship Program](#)

The Daniels Scholarship Program is open to students with great potential, big dreams, and values shared with those of the late Bill Daniels, known for his commitment to ethics and helping those in need. Open to graduating high school seniors in CO, NM, UT, or WY. Applications must be submitted through the website **between September 16 and October 18, 2024**. Learn more about eligibility and the application process [here](#).

## [The Veterans of Foreign Wars Student and Teacher Awards](#)

The VFW is presenting the following opportunities for students and teachers:

- **Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition:** Open to U.S. students in grades **9-12**, students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" **\$35,000** grand prize. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.
- **Patriot's Pen Patriotic Written Essay Competition:** Open to U.S. students in grades **6-9**, students compete by writing essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "My Voice in America's Democracy?" **\$5,000** grand prize. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.
- **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award:** Includes \$1,000 Smart/Maher awards for each of the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses, \$1,000 award for each, winning teacher's school, commemorative plaques and an all-expense-paid trip to the VFW National Convention. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.

[Find out more here.](#)

## [Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award](#)

This award is presented annually to one elementary and one secondary teacher who demonstrate superior achievement in instilling skills, knowledge, and passion with respect to cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related subjects. This award highlights the accomplishments of two teachers by providing recognition, such as: a certificate signed by the secretary, public recognition as a leader in the field of cybersecurity education, and participation in public events to improve cybersecurity education.

**Nomination window: August 1 - September 13, 2024.** [Learn more here.](#)



View scholarship opportunities from the University of New Mexico for undergraduate students [here](#).



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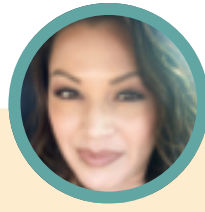
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**Programs of Study:** Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation  
**CTSO:** SkillsUSA



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