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# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL CTE MONTH

## What's Happening



Career and Technical Education (CTE), formerly known as vocational education, has made many changes over the past two decades. As our work force demands change so has the CTE classroom. New software, technology, tools and equipment are needed to support our students prepare for the 21st Century jobs.

To honor my CTE Superheroes, I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the 23 CTE teachers and staff at Yelm Community Schools. Each day they strive to engage and inspire our students to reach their goals and find their passion. CTE teachers take learning beyond the classroom and make a connection to community and careers. Staying current in their technical field through professional development and training, they model lifelong learning for our students. I thank our teachers, and all they do for our students.

-Teri Pablo, CTE Director

### MARCH

- 26 FFA District II Events
- 28 End of 3rd Quarter

### APRIL

- 7-11 Spring Break
- 17-19 FBLA State
- 23-26 FFA Plant Sale
- 24-26 WCTSMA State

### MAY

- 14-17 FFA State
- 22 FFA Awards Banquet
- 29 CTE Advisory Meeting

### JUNE

- 8 Graduation

## CAREER READINESS...START TO EXPLORE



8<sup>th</sup> grade students at YMS working as a team to identify various careers that go into creating a product.

Yelm was fortunate to be selected as one of five districts in the state to create best practices in career exploration and developing opportunities to build a working Washington.

With the help of our school counselors, our 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are engaged in activities to learn about career fields, what skills and abilities are needed for success, and how to make personal and academic choices to open doors to their future.

After each activity, students will bring home information to share with parents in an effort to continue the discussion about career and education options. In addition, resources will be available on line to help families research together at [www.ycs.wednet.edu/careercorner](http://www.ycs.wednet.edu/careercorner).

To bring the research alive, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students visited the high school CTE programs and various continuing educational programs available at New Market Skills Center, South Puget Sound CC, St. Martins University, and the Ironworkers Apprenticeship to help them develop their high school and beyond plan.



## LEADING & LEARNING

Cody Burk, Yelm student and officer of the State Sports Medicine Leadership Organization (WSMCTA), participated in the Legislative Day and was selected to join Governor Inslee at the signing of the proclamation for CTE Month on February 12.

(Cody is pictured third from the left)

Ambition is the path to success.  
Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.

Bill Bradley



## WORK-BASED LEARNING...BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Work-based learning comprises a wide range of activities that are conducted as an extended learning experience as a part of any school program, including guest speakers, structured field trips, school-based enterprises, supervised agricultural experiences, and job shadows. Students who participate in work-based learning connected to their school programs may:



- ↳ Show improved academic achievement.
- ↳ Realize the relevance of their education and apply acquired knowledge in a meaningful way.
- ↳ Have the opportunity to explore career options.
- ↳ Increase self-confidence.
- ↳ Acquire real workplace experience and employability skills.
- ↳ Connect with an adult role model.
- ↳ Be more likely to go on to some type of educational training after high school.

So far this year, CTE classes and student groups have taken 39 field trips to leadership conferences/competitions and local businesses such as Ice Chip Manufacturing, Nisqually Land Trust, Pierce County Construction Career Event, and Ironworker's Apprenticeship. Over 45 different guest speakers have been in classrooms talking with students about careers and skills necessary for the next steps in their education.



## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Learn more about other career options on CTE website—[www.ycs.wednet.edu/programs\\_of\\_study](http://www.ycs.wednet.edu/programs_of_study)

### Health Science Technology

Health science workers promote health and wellness. They diagnose and treat injuries and disease. As a physician, dentist, or nurse, you could work directly with patients. You could also work in a laboratory to get information used in research or provide administrative support by keeping medical records. Health science jobs are found at a variety of different sites. For example, you could work in a hospital, office, clinic, or nursing home. Or you could work on a cruise ship, at a sports arena, or within a patient's home.



Occupations	Average annual wage	Typical Education
Athletic Trainers	\$46,065.41	Bachelor's degree
Chiropractors	\$64,721.67	Master's degree or beyond
Healthcare Support Workers	\$35,218.70	High school diploma with on-the-job training
Massage Therapists	\$54,408.94	Vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$63,793.17	Bachelor's degree
Nursing Assistants	\$29,055.07	High school diploma with on-the-job training
Physical Therapists	\$81,458.08	Master's degree or beyond
Registered Nurses	\$76,372.59	Associate's degree

#### Resources

\*Job descriptions/skills from [wois.org](http://wois.org). Ask your CTE teacher or counselor for site key.

^Job salary information from [careerbridge.wa.gov](http://careerbridge.wa.gov) and [workforceexplorer.com](http://workforceexplorer.com)