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All Nevada students are equipped and feel empowered to attain their vision of success

Mission:

To improve student achievement and educator effectiveness by ensuring opportunities, facilitating learning, and promoting excellence



From the Director's Office by Craig Statucki

I hope everyone is enjoying the slightly warmer of Spring and is excited to finish out the school year. The Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options (CRALEO) has several updates to share as you prepare to end the school year.

We recently hired three new staff members. Cindi Chang was promoted last fall to the Director of the Office of Teaching and Learning Supports and we hired Anna Reynolds as the new Assistant Director for our team. Anna joined us after working at the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) and has previous experiences in the Clark County School District as an Instructional Design Facilitator and as a Project Facilitator for the Assessment, Accountability, Research, and School Improvement Division.

In the 2023 Legislative Session, the Department was charged with the development of the Teacher Academy College Pathway Program from Assembly Bill 428. We hired Ingrid Cepeda in March as an Education Programs Professional to lead this work. Ingrid is a former administrator from the Clark County School District and has two decades of experience in leading, developing, and implementing programs in K-12 education.

Our most recent hire is Catie Wood who joined our team as an Administrative Assistant II. She is replacing Bill O'Driscoll who retired over the summer. Catie joins us after working with the Department of Taxation for the last four years.

Our new editions to the staff will be great resources for you as educators and are eagerly looking forward to supporting you and your students.

We are thrilled with the turnout that we are seeing at each of the Career and Technical Student Organization's (CTSO) state leadership conferences. The Department is seeing record participation or significant growth in participation from recent years. Thank you for supporting your students in developing and displaying their professional and technical skills in state competitions.

Finally, revisions to the Perkins V State Plan have been completed and the State Plan was approved by the State Board of Education. It is currently being reviewed by Governor Lombardo before our submission to the US Department of Education in May. I appreciate all of the school districts, post-secondary institutions, and communities that invited us to meet with their educators and community partners, tour schools and campuses, and to have open forums with students. Without your support and engagement, the Perkins V State Plan would not reflect the needs of our students, educators, and families. Once approved by the US Department of Education, our office will continue to meet with districts and schools to support the implementation of the State Plan.

I hope you have a fantastic end of the school year and I hope to see you at the Nevada Association for Career and Technical Education Summer Conference in July!

Thank you,

Craig Statucki

Director, Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options



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A Message from Gabriella Minoletti

The Nevada FFA Zone Officers epitomize leadership and dedication within the state’s FFA association. These dynamic groups of individuals have exemplified the meaning of leadership throughout their year of service as Nevada FFA Zone Officers.

The Nevada FFA Association consists of three zones each made up of a team of students that have worked hard to build their leadership skills and have impacted many students within their zones.

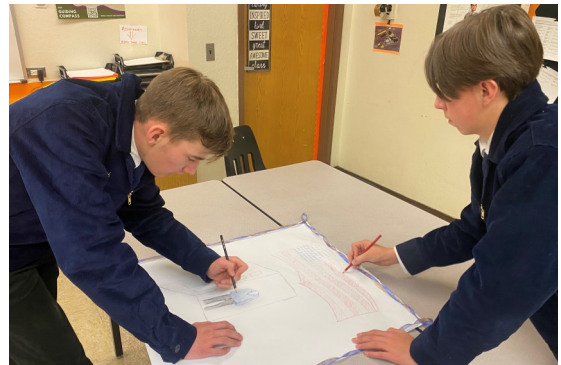
The 2023-2024 Northern Zone Officer Team: *Julian Sosa and Divine Jacobson, Battle Mountain FFA Chapter* has demonstrated leadership by engaging with fellow members of the Northern Zone and pushing them to be successful. Whether it be zone activities or state-wide functions, these two have demonstrated the qualities that a leader in the FFA organization should possess. Julian Sosa, the Northern Zone President, has participated in the National FFA Chorus at the National FFA Convention both his junior and senior year of high school. Both Julian Sosa and Divine Jacobson plan to develop their leadership skills by serving as Nevada FFA Association State Officer.

The 2023-2024 Western Zone Officer Team: *Caitlyn Dock, Liam Few - Churchill County FFA Chapter, Chloe Morrow, Halei Moore, and Ashlyn Bertok - Fernley FFA Chapter, Gage Black - Carson Valley FFA Chapter* has demonstrated leadership through their dedication to provide their zone with leadership development activities. They hosted a remarkable event tailored to student leaders throughout their zone. The chapter officers within the Western Zone participated in workshops and gained hands-on training that taught them their duties and how to fulfill their responsibilities as chapter officers. Chapter officers

from around the Western Zone left eager to implement what they have gained from this experience into their chapters.

The 2023-2024 Southern Zone Officer Team: *Lauren Williams and Layla Moncreif, Moapa Valley FFA Chapter* has demonstrated leadership by giving their members the opportunity to further their career and leadership skills by hosting a Southern Zone Conference. That Conference gave students the opportunity to compete in Career and Leadership Development Events as well as building connections with other students throughout their zone. The officers said “coming into Zone Office, we both agreed that we wanted to bring something to the table that would make Zone a memorable experience for our members,” and that is exactly what they did. These two have gone above and beyond to create a memorable year for their members.

The Nevada FFA Zone Officers have showcased exceptional leadership leaving an impact on the Nevada FFA Association.



Students Gage Black and Rigg Stonebarger participating in a Western Zone workshop.



Nevada FCCLA’s Ultimate Journey at the 2024 State Leadership Conference

Tegan Richardson, 2024-2025 State President; Nicole Jacobs, State Adviser

As Nevada FCCLA members began their Ultimate Journey during the annual State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Reno, they saw a dramatic increase in conference attendees. This year, 528 members, advisers, and chaperones attended from 27 chapters across the state of Nevada and Rancho High School was recognized for having the largest chapter affiliated this year, and Desert Pines High School was recognized for having the largest delegation in attendance for the conference. Nevada FCCLA honored Dena Locke as Adviser of the Year, and both Kara Lee and Michael Gifford as Administrators of the Year, all of whom are from the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology. Deseret Blake from West Wendover was honored as the New Adviser of the Year. Many volunteers from the Nevada community participated as judges, timekeepers, and workshop presenters. Nevada FCCLA had the honor of having Nathaniel Tavarez as the keynote speaker, who spoke about his journey to recovery after undergoing a school shooting as an adolescent, as well as the importance of school safety and action planning.

FCCLA has a variety of competitive events that align with the four foundational pathways of: Hospitality and Tourism, Visual Arts and Design, Education and Training, and Human Services. These specialized events allowed members to compete in something that they were passionate about, whether it was something career-specific like Culinary Arts, or a more generalized career readiness area, like Job Interview or Career Investigation. All of our students allowed their FCS pathways to shine in their chosen event. Sixty-five students qualified to represent Nevada at the National Leadership Conference (NLC), which will take place in Seattle, Washington this summer.

Nevada FCCLA has installed a new state officer team for the 2024-2025 school year with seven elected State Officers, as well as a National Officer Candidate that will be running for the National Executive Council during NLC. During SLC, these new officers underwent training for their positions and have begun their term strong with assistance from the 2023-2024 State Officer team.

2024-2025 State Officer Team: Tegan Richardson, State President, Ionel Vasquez-Ramos, National Officer Candidate and Executive Vice President, Prinz Villagracia, Ashton Osbahr, Mia Blume, Jamara Davis, Nyla Colgan, and Eav Valdez.



**Levi Harbeson (SWCTA)
Christina Sargent (Rancho)
Jennifer Gonzalez (SWTCA)
Kelly Smith (Legacy)**



**Deseret Blake, West Wendover
New Adviser of the year**



Celebrating TSA's Second Year: Highlights from Nevada's State Conference

The Technology Student Association (TSA) in Nevada recently marked a significant milestone as it wrapped up its second full year of operation as a state-approved Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO). With a burgeoning membership and an array of competitions showcasing technological prowess, TSA's impact is palpable across the state.

Nationwide, TSA has established itself as a premier organization nurturing technological innovation and skill development among students. With chapters in schools across the country, TSA has consistently provided a platform for young minds to explore various fields of technology, from coding to robotics, architectural drafting to game design.

In Nevada, TSA's growth has been remarkable. Currently boasting approximately 700 members statewide, the organization continues to attract students eager to delve into the realms of technology and innovation. This was evident during the recent State Conference and Competition held in February, when 320 members participated in various contests.

The State Conference and Competition showcased the diverse talents of TSA members. From architectural drafting to technical fashion design, coding to web design, and video game development to vex robotics, participants demonstrated their skills and creativity across a wide spectrum of technological fields. These competitions not only fostered healthy competition but also provided invaluable learning experiences for all involved.

As TSA embarks on another year of growth and innovation, new leadership has been appointed to guide the organization forward. Among the newly appointed officers for the 2024-2025 school year are:

Central Technical Training Academy:

Gina Nakahara, Advisor
Anjelica Mae Wilffing, Vice President of Finance
Ethan Garcia, Vice President of Membership

Sierra Vista High School:

Tina Faye, Advisor
Jade Hawkins, President
Jacquiline Grote, Vice President of Media Relations

Southwest Career and Technical Academy:

Monte Carmon, Advisor
Isaiah Rondez, Vice President of Public Relations
Eliza Pangilinan, Vice President of Communications

These dedicated individuals bring with them experience and enthusiasm, poised to lead TSA successfully into the new year.

Denise Burton, a current board member, has been appointed as the Executive Director for Nevada TSA. With her background in high school advising and prior experience with Nevada SkillsUSA, Burton is looking forward to guiding TSA towards greater heights.

Looking ahead, a conference committee has been established to plan the 2025 State Conference and Competition. With a focus on innovation, collaboration, and skill development, TSA is poised to continue its journey of empowering the today's technology students.

As TSA concludes its second year in Nevada, the organization stands as a testament to the power of technology in shaping the future. Through its programs and initiatives, TSA continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders in the ever-evolving landscape of technology.



2024-25 TSA State Officers

Jade Hawkins, Isaiah Rondez, Ethan Garcia, Anjelica Mae Wilffing, Eliza Pangilinan, and Jacqueline Grote



This year, The Nevada Association of SkillsUSA has worked diligently to increase our membership. We currently have over 4,890, Students, Professionals, and Alumni registered members. We look forward to hosting 1,590 members and competitors, along with many business and industry partners, and volunteers during our State Championships this April in Reno. This school year we held our Fall Leadership event in Las Vegas last November. The Nevada Board of Directors and the SkillsUSA Officer team are excited to be hosting the SkillsUSA Nevada State Championships in Reno, April 9 – 12, 2024. This summer, our gold-medal champions will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete against the best in the nation. During the 2023 National SkillsUSA Championship last June, Nevada brought home 1 gold and 4 bronze medals. Also, during the National Championships Troy Barrera, a Bio-medical student from Reed High School, was elected as Region 5 Vice Present. As a National Officer, Troy represents SkillsUSA at the highest level. During his time as an officer, Troy has facilitated leadership sessions at SkillsUSA's Washington Leadership Training Institute, met with local and national government officials, advocated for the support of SkillsUSA, and traveled to various states around the country to speak to new and existing members about the benefits of SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA Nevada is extremely grateful for all the support we have received throughout the pandemic and are looking forward to the future successes of our members.



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National Region 5 Vice President



Nevada Association for Career & Technical Education

This year the Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) Region V Leadership Conference was held in Honolulu, Hawaii from April 9 - April 12. ACTE is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. Region V hosts an annual conference to support the professional growth and development of educators in its 17 states and territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and our own state, Nevada.

Nevada had 22 educators who were able (and happy) to attend this conference and take advantage of some terrific professional learning opportunities that included industry tours at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapiolani Community College, Agriculture and Hawaiian Culture at Kakoo OIwi Farm, the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, and a variety of others. Breakout sessions were also available on topics like: Empowering Education: Integrating AI as a Dynamic Supplemental Tool for CTE Instruction, Inclusivity in CTE: Providing Dual Benefits to Students by Integrating Dual Language into Your CTE Programs, Cultivating Credential Opportunities for Students with Disabilities, Building Partnerships for Career-Connected High Schools, as well as an Industry Round-Table Discussion to help educators learn how to better support their students.

The Conference was also an opportunity to recognize the outstanding work done by educators in Region V. The Nevada Association for Career & Technical Education (NACTE) was the recipient of three of the five Region V Communication Awards given out every year: Conference Program, Membership Recruitment, and Newsletter (all are available on the NACTE website: nvacte.org). At Northwest Career and Technical Academy the Kindergarten Teaching and Training Program also received a Region V Innovative Program Award. In addition, Nevada educators received two of the eight Excellence in CTE Awards: Lt. Col Scott Caldwell received the Teacher Educator Award and Melissa Scott received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Both of these winners will now move on to the national level and could be named the national award winners at the ACTE Vision Conference this December in San Antonio, Texas. All the recognition that Nevada received demonstrates that the hard work being done in our State to support CTE is not going unnoticed, causing many other states to ask what “your secret sauce” is.

The first Region V Conference was held in Las Vegas, and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary, Nevada will once again host the Region V Conference April 30-May 3, 2025. For more information about that conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/regionv2025/home>.

Besides hosting Region V next year, NACTE also hosts annual conferences for Nevada educators and CTE professionals every July in Lake Tahoe. This year will be Nevada’s 97th annual conference and it will be held July 16-18 at the new Tahoe Blue Event Center. For more information, visit <https://www.nvacte.org/events/summer2024>

Tina Statucki, NACTE Executive Director



Melissa Scott receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Craig Statucki

Upcoming Events in 2024

June 24-28, 2024	SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Atlanta, GA
June 26-29, 2024	HOSA International Leadership Conference Houston, TX
June 26-30, 2024	TSA International Leadership Conference Orlando, FL
June 29-July 2, 2024	FBLA National Leadership Conference Orlando FL
June 29-July 3, 2024	FCCLA National Leadership Conference Seattle, WA
July 16-18, 2024	NACTE Summer Conference Stateline, Nevada



CTE Mission Statement:

The Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options is dedicated to developing innovative educational opportunities for students to acquire skills for productive employment and lifelong learning.

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