

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Career and Technical Student Organization Presentation

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EXPLANATION:

The Colorado Community College System Educational Services Division Office of Career & Technical Education offers world class Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) to all CTE learners across Colorado. These organizations prepare secondary and postsecondary students for productive citizenship and leadership roles in their communities. The career and technical student organizations (CTSO) are regarded as an integral part of Colorado's career and technical education.

The organizations provide a unique program of career and leadership development, motivation, and recognition for secondary and post-secondary students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs. In Colorado each CTSO has been developed as a powerful instructional tool that is integrated into the local districts' Career and Technical Education curriculum.

Dedicated classroom teachers provide organized curriculum-oriented activities that help students gain career, leadership, and personal skills that maximize employability and the ability to become productive citizens in the workforce, home, and community. Colorado Community College System CTE Assistant Program Directors serve as the "executive directors" of each state recognized CTSO.

Our established organizations are:

(SC)² = SUCCESSFUL CAREER STUDENTS OF COLORADO ALTERNATIVE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (ACE)

Mission: To assist at-risk students with career planning, entrepreneurship, interviewing, job applications and personal finance.

Membership: Although the ACE CTSO is the youngest CTSO, it has experienced positive growth, with over 100 students participating in the Student Leadership Conference last year.

DECA

Mission: DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Membership: Colorado DECA is the largest CTSO in Colorado with over 8,500 projected high school members registered for the 2019-2020 school year. Colorado DECA is the ninth largest of 55 chartered associations in International DECA and continues to grow.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA–PHI BETA LAMBDA (FBLA–PBL)

Mission: To bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Membership: Colorado FBLA-PBL serves approximately 6,200 secondary and post-secondary career and technical education students preparing for careers in business.

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)

Mission: Colorado FCCLA is a state association of the national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Since 1946, Colorado FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

Membership: There are nearly 3,000 FCCLA members in Colorado in 135 chapters.

HOSA – FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Mission: To enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community.

Membership: There are over 2,200 students enrolled in Colorado HOSA this year. HOSA boasts over 202,000 members nationally.

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION (FFA)

Mission: The FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Membership: Colorado FFA has experienced a membership growth year again with over 7,200 members in 120 secondary programs. Nationally, the FFA has again reached a record high membership with over 700,170 members.

SKILLSUSA

Mission: SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA enhances the lives and careers of students, instructors and industry representatives as they strive to be champions at work.

Membership: More than 2,700 secondary, postsecondary members, alumni, and professionals are served by the SkillsUSA Colorado organization annually.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA)

Mission: The Technology Student Association fosters personal growth, leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs.

Membership: There are 83 chapters across the state serving nearly 2,000 middle and high school students.

The CTSO presentation today will focus on how these organizations help develop further leadership to ensure that all of our students leave our programs postsecondary and workforce ready.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider being a judge at one of the state conferences which will be held in April and June 2024.