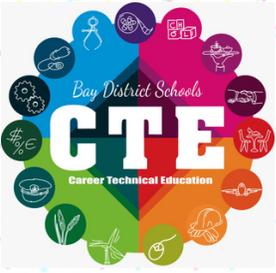


# Who Else Needs to Know?

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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION NEWS

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### The Important Stuff

February is celebrated as CTE Recognition Month across the State of Florida. Your work is significant, and I cannot thank you enough for the effort you give each day. I have shared with many of my colleagues that my view of Bay County has changed tremendously since I have been in this position. I now find myself looking for signs of job creation when a new business opens, or I'm searching for indications of where our offered industry certifications are impacting the local economy.

### What's In This Month's Issue?

- Triumph Gulf Coast and Gulf Coast College
- Tyndall Academy & Rutherford Construction
- Culinary Chef's Challenge
- CTE Success Stories

### Business is Boomin'

The Triumph Gulf Coast Board met on February 5th and made two significant approvals. First, the board motioned to inch further with the \$98 million FSU Inspire project assigned to FSU-PC. The Inspire project is focused on Aerospace technologies. Aerospace and Aviation are new areas where we want to expand CTE pathways. The Second big decision resulted in Gulf Coast College being approved for \$24.3 million in grant funds to expand and improve its Nursing program. These are significant to CTE as both projects are linked to our students in Bay District Schools.



## Tyndall + Rutherford

**Teamwork makes the dreamwork!** The construction program at Rutherford recently came to the aid of Tyndall Academy by building new benches for student use. Tyndall Academy continues to see enrollment growth while the campus is also rebounding from Hurricane Michael. The need for outdoor seating was a pressing matter and the Rutherford Construction Academy with support from Roberts and Roberts Construction was happy to lend a helping hand...or seat!



**Great Job!**

## CHEF'S CHALLENGE

The Chef's Challenge is an essential event for the CTE Department as it shines the spotlight directly on the work of our Culinary students. Gulf Coast State College has recently hired a new Executive Chef to lead their Culinary program. Chef Paul Magnant (pictured here) has brought a new vision to the college, and his team is eager to help develop the Chef's Challenge into the premier Culinary event for our region. A "lite" version of the Chef's Challenge is currently being planned with a hopeful date of mid-April.



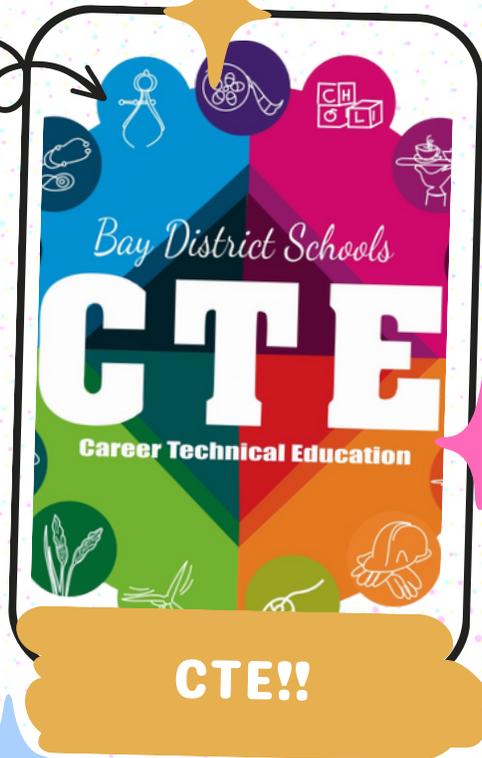
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## CTE FACTS

The Governor's office recently released a proclamation declaring February as CTE Recognition Month! The following facts are derived from this most recent proclamation.

- Nearly 800,000 students across K-12 are enrolled in CTE Courses in Florida. This is a new record-high enrollment.
- More than \$5 billion has been earmarked for CTE by the Florida legislature.
- Florida recently awarded over \$8 million to five state colleges for the development/expansion of CDL training programs.



## SUCCESSFULLY A SUCCESS!

- Hiland Park Elementary, West Bay Elementary, and Walsingham Academy have all recently started their journey with CTE Digital Tools. These schools along with Southport Elementary have 4th and 5th grade students completing Digital Tools certificates.
- The Deane Bozeman FFA team has returned to Bay County after competing at the Florida State Fair. As usual, Bozeman FFA racked up the hardware and returned home with several trophies. The Bozeman team was supported at the fair by former student Paris Jaeger (photo provided)! Paris gave up her time to help the current students prepare their pigs for showmanship.



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