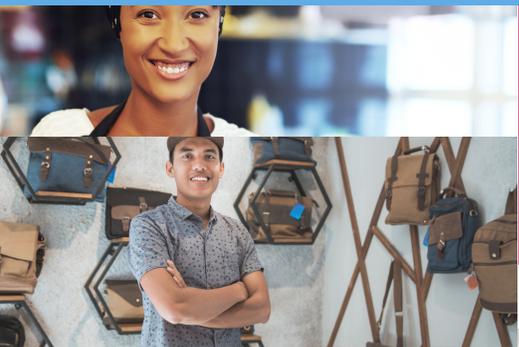




# CTE NEWS



*Career and technology education can give your child what's needed to succeed for life: technical skills, academic skills and employability skills. In addition, career and technical education helps students see how what they're learning applies to the needs of employers.~ ACTE*



## Career and Technical Education is for Everybody! Give your students the CTE "EDGE."



### POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAY - ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Entrepreneurship Career Pathway gives students knowledge about how to own and operate their own businesses. We presently have one program at Mosley High School. The purpose of this program is to provide students with the skills needed to realistically evaluate their potential as business owners, and to develop the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to start and operate a business.

Students in this career pathway participate in Invention Convention and Dolphin Tank. Invention Convention is a competition that gives students the opportunities to develop, business ideas, build prototypes and share those concepts. Winners at the local level compete in the state and then nationally.

**Dolphin tank** is a competition designed around the TV syndicated show - Shark Tank! **FSU's Jim Moran Entrepreneurship Program headed up by Brian Baber and his students judge the ideas and the winners receive scholarship funds to go to school at FSU PC. Winners earn: \$3,500 (1st Place); \$1,000 (2nd Place) and \$500 (3rd place).**

You have probably noticed that in the last several years every person running for political office locally, regionally and nationally is talking about Career and Technical Education (CTE). Why is that? Education and the workforce is changing. It is important for educators (secondary and post-secondary), parents and students to understand this transformation so that they have the best opportunities for success after high school. Business is the driving force for the change. Business wants employees that have demonstrable skills before they hire them that show they have the ability to do the job.

Business partners joined together and developed Industry Certifications (skills based tests/tasks) that prospective employees could earn and provide to show that they could do the job. In 2011, Bay District Schools began developing and expanding career pathways where students earned Industry Certifications in their field of interest. Our students have earned more than 10,105 certifications since 2011.

**Why should your students participate in CTE?** First, it is a way to set themselves a part from other students and to show their competency, Second, it makes them competitive in colleges and universities. How does CTE give students an "competitive edge?" The most important way is that it gives future employers and competitive post-secondary programs like Medical and Engineering schools a guarantee that you have interest and talent in the field. Medical School places are competitive and a slot is well over \$400k. They don't want to give these prized spots to students who may decide this isn't what they want to do. If your student has medical certifications and job experiences as an EKG Technician, Paramedic or Patient Care Technician, this goes a long way to showing that the student is committed and aware of the realities of the job and are much more apt to be successful.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May

**May 3rd - High School CTE Meeting 3:15pm**

**May 5th - Middle School CTE Meeting 3:30pm**

**May - End of year Industry Certification meetings at each school. Please have copies of each certification available for our records.**

**May - End of year check list to be complete before you leave for summer!**

**May - Perkins Grant provided to the state**

**Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.**  
**Winston Churchill**



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Community Builders support our Construction Academies with Awards for NCCER Core Certification Earners with Tool Bag and Tools for this accomplishment!!!



## 1st Annual Chef's Challenge held at Arnold High School



FSU Entrepreneurship "Dolpin Tank" at Mosley!!! Students were awarded scholarship funds to FSU -PC for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



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