

A newsletter for Alaska ACTE Members
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FEBRUARY IS CTE MONTH!

By: Andrea Wade, President

As we Celebrate CTE Month this February, it's the perfect time to reflect on the incredible work happening across our state. Alaska CTE educators are shaping the future by empowering students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workforce. From hands-on learning to industry partnerships, CTE programs are making a lasting impact, and it's time to celebrate all that has been accomplished!

Throughout Alaska, CTE educators are working tirelessly to provide students with real-world experiences that prepare them for careers ranging from healthcare and construction to information technology and culinary arts. The dedication and passion these educators bring to the classroom are inspiring, and their ability to adapt to the ever-changing demand of industry and technology is a testament to their professionalism and commitment to student success.

But it's not just the students who are benefiting. CTE programs in Alaska are helping to close skills gaps in vital industries, strengthening our communities and economy. The partnerships CTE educators foster with local business and industries are creating opportunities for work-based learning and internships bridging the gap between the classroom and the workforce.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to students' success and for being a driving force in the future of Alaska. CTE is a key component in preparing Alaska's students for success.

Let's keep pushing forward together—stronger, smarter, and ready to lead the way!

Happy CTE month!!

Alaska Career and Technical Student Organizations


Enhance student engagement with CTSO participation. CTSOs help students learn and demonstrate leadership, technical, and employability skills. Students participate in CTSO activities at the local, state, and national levels. Each CTSO provides teachers with projects, rubrics and activities that can be incorporated directly into their daily classroom lesson plans. More information about Alaska CTSOs can be found on the Alaska Education Exchange and the Alaska ACTE website. Click on the links below to go directly to student CTSO websites.



Celebrate CTE Month-Engage, Recognize, Inspire!

CTE Month is the perfect time to showcase the incredible work of students, educators, and industry partners across Alaska. Looking for ways to celebrate? Here are a few ideas:


 **Spotlight Success** – Feature outstanding CTE students on social media, websites, or newsletters.

 **Host a Showcase** – Organize an event where students demonstrate skills and projects.

 **Connect with Industry** – Invite businesses for classroom visits, mentorships, or career panels.

 **Social Media Challenge** – Have students share what CTE means to them with #AlaskaCTEMonth.

 **Celebrate CTSOs** – Recognize Career & Technical Student Organization members and leaders.

 **CTE in Action** – Plan field trips, virtual tours, or job shadowing to connect students with careers.

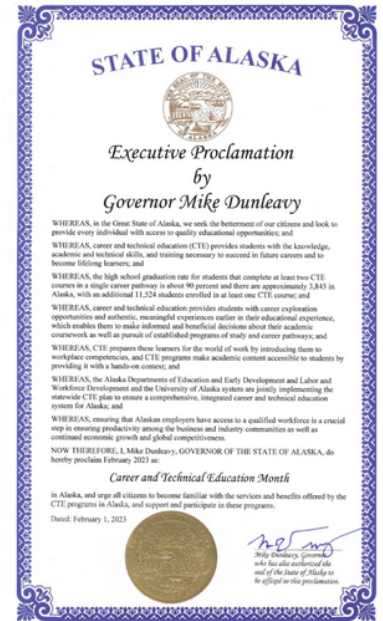
Let's make CTE Month count!

Executive Proclamation

-Governor Dunleavy

Alaska ACTE was honored to be granted an Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy proclaiming February as Career and Technical Education Month! This is a sentiment of all your hard work and dedication to students across the state, and your role in helping to build a workforce for our state's future.

Please share the award with your schools, colleagues, and students so we can continue to prove how important CTE is for our students and for our state.



Why Join Alaska ACTE?

ACTE membership is more than staying informed—it's about joining a community dedicated to strengthening Career & Technical Education (CTE) in Alaska. Open to educators, industry partners, administrators, and anyone passionate about CTE, membership provides access to professional development, networking, and key resources to grow your program and advocate for CTE. Stay ahead of trends, connect with like-minded professionals, and make an impact.

Become part of the exciting movement shaping Alaska's CTE future!

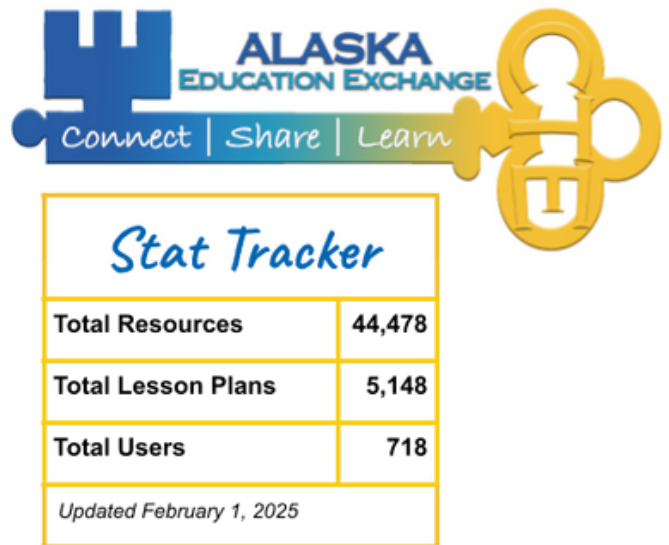
Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Alaska ACTE Professional Development Conference

Exciting plans are underway for the 2025 yearly Professional Development Conference!. The Conference will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook, **October 11th-15th..** The main conference dates are October 13 and 14, with a pre-conference workshop day on Sunday the 12th, and a post-conference day on Wednesday the 15th.

This year's theme is "Empowering Futures: Industry Collaboration". There will be a full schedule of exciting learning opportunities that bring together the best of industry and education, which will ultimately benefit our Alaskan students.

Be sure to start checking the [Conference page](#) on our [ACTEOnline](#) website for the latest updates regarding call for presenters, registrations, conference schedules, as well as vendor and partnership information. See you there!

THE ALASKA EDUCATION EXCHANGE (AKEE)



[https:// www.alaskaeducationexchange.org](https://www.alaskaeducationexchange.org)

- Do you need quick access to supplemental materials or sub plans?
- Interested in what others are teaching in classrooms across Alaska?
- Looking to incorporate job-related skills into your instruction?

The Alaska Education Exchange (AKEE) is hosted by the Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education (AK ACTE) in partnership with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). This free resource provides educators and industry partners with a wealth of resources and lesson plans. Similar to “Teachers Pay Teachers,” but it’s FREE!

AKEE is a free resource that is strengthened by each of us sharing our best lessons, sub plans, projects, and resources to benefit each other in the classroom. Sharing materials on AKEE is a user-friendly process!

Join us, Emily DaLuz and Melissa Reese, for a demonstration of this innovative Alaska-based resource February 18 from 9:15-10:15 in the Resolution at the Hotel Captain Cook.



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REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Emily Daluz



Emily has dedicated 14 years to teaching Career and Technical Education (CTE) at secondary and post-secondary levels. In July 2024, she embraced a new role as CTE Curriculum Coordinator for the MatSu Borough School District. Driven by a desire to serve her community in Palmer, where she's lived for seven years, Emily left the Anchorage School District and a beloved program to join MatSu, drawn by its exceptional leadership and growth opportunities. Originally from San Diego, Emily moved to Anchorage in 2010 after earning her master's in business education. Her passion for education is deeply rooted in her family, especially inspired by her grandfather, a self-made business enthusiast who championed lifelong learning.

Emily's favorite aspect of CTE is its critical role in revitalizing the workforce with skilled, professional individuals. She views her work as a bridge for students transitioning from school to industry, fostering connections with professionals who invest in students' futures.

In her current position, Emily strives to impact her colleagues and community by linking industry with classrooms and ensuring instructors have the resources they need. Her goal is to support and encourage both teachers and students, echoing the wisdom of Admiral Grace Hopper: "The most important thing I've accomplished...is training young people...I say, 'Try it.' And I back 'em up." Emily is committed to motivating instructors and making a significant impact, just as she did in the classroom.