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May 2015 Quarterly Update

Call to Action – Show us CTE in Action!

As the school year winds down, we'd like to ask you to share pictures of your CTE programs with us and we will post them to the CTE Plan website over the next year. Email pictures and their descriptions to: marcia.olson@alaska.gov. Pictures of students would be great – please have a signed photo release on file that allows you to share them with us for posting on the website. Other ideas to submit pictures of:

- Skookum facilities
- Construction academies
- Completed student projects
- Teacher Industry Externship (TIE)

Celebrate Success – Wrangell CTE Programs Demonstrate Real-World Learning

Wrangell High School's welding, marine fabrication, woods, and construction trades classes embody the power of CTE in making school relevant to real life. Instructor Drew Larrabee reports that the classes have partnered with the Wrangell Boat Yard, which provided them space to put up a machine shop at the boat yard. Construction of the machine shop included the entire process, from planning to completion. Local contractors (e.g., electrical) worked with the students, who learned from and made connections with these contractors. Some of the students were able to get into Apprenticeship programs as a result of these connections.

Wrangell has also implemented a 3-D drafting program, thanks to support they received through a 2014 DOLWD CTE grant. The students cut their first 3-D designed boat this year and then assembled it (8 ft. rowing boat). Pictures of the project are posted on the Wrangell Fabrication Facebook Page.

Mr. Larrabee is very willing share his curriculum and program information with other CTE professionals! You may contact him at dlarrabee@wpsd.us or 907-469-0412.

- *If you have a CTE Success Story to share, please submit it using this [form](#).*
- *More success stories may be found at <http://www.alaskacteplan.com/celebrate-success.html>.*

Alaska CTE Plan Update

The CTE Action Committee held its annual work session on April 27, 2015. EED Commissioner Mike Hanley and DOLWD Commissioner Heidi Drygas opened the meeting by reiterating their support for CTE and the CTE Plan, as well as highlighting Governor Walker's passion for CTE. They talked about expanding CTE opportunities for all students, creating CTE messaging for parents, students, and educators, and working collaboratively to support CTE without duplicating efforts. Additional comments and the meeting summary can be found at: <http://www.alaskacteplan.com/advisory-committee.html>.

The Action Committee was briefed on the [CTE Plan Partners' work over the previous year](#) on moving the CTE Plan forward. After discussion, the group identified the top three priorities for next year:

1. Promote Registered Apprenticeships and apprenticeship readiness.
2. Identify advocacy items for legislators, and include other organizations in this effort, such as ARDORS, DCCED, and BEC.
3. Incentivize the hire of Alaska high school seniors for Alaska jobs and work to remove barriers to employment.

The CTE Action Team (UA, EED, and DOLWD CTE staff) are developing action steps and timelines for addressing each of these priorities.

Other CTE Highlights

- [Apprenticeship Applications being accepted for Plumbers and Steamfitters \(deadline August 27, 2015\)](#)
- [APICC seeks industry hosts and teachers for summer Teacher Industry Externship \(T.I.E.\) Program](#)
- [EED Launches CTE Newsletter](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

- UAA CTC is offering an Applied Industry Experiences course for the summer. This is an ideal opportunity for the educator who wants a personally tailored professional development experience related to building stronger relationships with and understanding of an industry partner. It is available for 1-3 credits, based on the duration of the on-site industry time. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Donnelly at 786-6364 or kadonnelly@uaa.alaska.edu.
- For other PD offerings, please visit the [UA Career Pathways website](#). The listing includes both university- and non-university-sponsored professional development.

Upcoming Events

October 2015

- [Alaska Workforce Investment Board – October 29-30, Fairbanks](#)
- [Alaska ACTE Annual Professional Development Conference - October 19 - 21, Anchorage Downtown Marriott](#)
- [Alaska Math/Science Conference, October 23-25, Sitka](#)
- [National Career Pathways Network Annual Conference, October 28-30, Dallas](#)

November 2015

- [ACTE CareerTech Vision and Career Clusters 2015 Combined Annual Conference, November 19-22, New Orleans](#)

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