# 2024 Career Technical Education Fall Conference



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Hosted by CALCP: California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation/CAROCP: The Association of Career and College Readiness Organizations



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# WELCOME TO THE 33RD ANNUAL CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) FALL CONFERENCE

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Career Technical Education (CTE) Fall Conference hosted by CALCP and CAROCP. On behalf of the CTE Conference Committee, we are honored to present this venue to share best practices in the CTE community. The conference committee has put together an opportunity for professional development and growth that will benefit your school's CTE program. Attendees may contribute to the collective learning experiences, network, and build connections for future resources.

The CTE Fall Conference offers innovative learning and teaching practices shaping the current and future direction of CTE. It provides information and strategies to address challenges in student learning, instructional methods, CTE funding, interagency support collaboratives, advances in technology, updated regulations and procedures, leadership development, and what is on the horizon for CTE.

We appreciate the presenters and exhibitors for taking the time to share effective approaches, best practices, plus tools and techniques to help sustain and encourage the growth of a quality CTE program. You are encouraged to network, exchange ideas and experiences to re-energize professional practice. We expect you to find the atmosphere welcoming and inviting to explore, learn and share. Ultimately, we will measure our success if all participants are poised to return to their workplace recommitted to what is of the utmost importance—helping our CTE students prosper and flourish.

Thank you for attending our conference and for your ongoing vital service to our CTE educational community.



Limmy Benavioles & Don Bertucci
CTE Conference Co-Chairs



# THANK YOU TO THE 2024 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Don't Miss This Opportunity for CTE Conference Attendees and their Students!

# Student Scholarship **Program**

# **About the Student Scholarships**

The California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation (CALCP) Board of Directors has established CTE Scholarships for outstanding seniors enrolled in CTE programs. Help your students be successful applicants!

Minimum scholarship amount: \$500

# **About CALCP**

CALCP is a statewide organization dedicated to providing up-to-date information and quality training for those overseeing technical and career prep programs from K-adult levels. As a co-sponsor of the CTE Conference, proceeds help fund student scholarships.

# **Key Info**



These exclusive opportunities are for 2024 CTE Conference attendees only.



Don't wait until the last minute! Applications must be emailed no later than Friday, February 28, 2025.

# See our 2023 Scholarship Winners!













Visit our website to view a full list!

calcp.org





# WELCOME FROM THE CALCP PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of the California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation (CALCP), we are thrilled to be able to meet again at the annual CALCP/CAROCP Conference. Special thanks to the Conference Committee for all their leadership in planning and operating this year's conference. Without their dedication, passion and support this conference would not be possible.

The mission of CALCP is to generate, extend, improve and foster all aspects of career technical preparation. As the Co-Sponsor of the CTE Fall Conference, last year's proceeds provided CALCP with the opportunity to award \$128,000 in scholarships to graduating CTE students. As an attendee of the 2024 CTE Conference, I would encourage you to see the CALCP Scholarship announcement on page 2 of this program. CALCP will again provide student scholarships to help meet the educational career needs of students. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

At the conference, we are happy to provide you with a comprehensive and exciting program of topics and resources that support staff, teachers and administrators which you can take back to improve your programs and create opportunities for student success. It is also an opportunity to network, meet new people and challenge yourself to think critically about the programs at your school.

CTE teachers and administrators are lifelong learners who consistently update curriculum to meet industry standards, embed technology, and increase partnerships to support all students for college and career readiness.

Thank you for all that you do to support our future leaders and workforce.

Enjoy the conference!

Vickie Burch, CALCP President



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# WELCOME FROM THE CAROCP PRESIDENT

Dear Fall CTE Conference Participants,

Welcome to the Fall Career Technical Education (CTE) Conference! On behalf of the California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (CAROCP), I extend my genuine gratitude to each of you for joining us as we come together to champion the mission of exemplary career education, career development, and workforce preparation.

California's evolving educational landscape is designed to bridge the critical skills gaps in our high-growth sectors, fostering a pipeline of talented students ready for both college and career. Your participation in this conference signifies your commitment to this transformative journey in your district, school and Community.

CAROCP has a proud history of over 45 years, representing more than 75 CTE, ROP/C and career and college readiness programs integral to California's educational system. Through regional delivery of career technical education classes, we have maximized opportunities for students to acquire essential skills leading to college and/or career success.

This conference provides a unique opportunity for networking, collaboration, and sharing best practices among schools and organizations. The importance of these connections cannot be overstated. Networking allows us to learn from one another, share innovative ideas, and build partnerships that strengthen our collective impact.

I challenge each of you to make at least one meaningful connection with a CTE program or district during this conference. By doing so, you contribute to a network of support and innovation that benefits all of our students. Together, we can continue to enhance our programs, ensuring they remain relevant and impactful for all students.

Going forward, we must ensure all youth, young adults, and adult workers can effectively prepare for, obtain, and retain jobs that allow them to grow, thrive, and contribute to America's future economic success. The key is making career readiness the number one goal of education and workforce development—at all stages and all ages—and positive, sustained change starts at the state level.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting Career Technical Education and for your active participation in this conference. Your contributions are vital as we strive to make a lasting difference in the lives of students across California.

Warm regards,



Fabrizio Lofaro
CAROCP President

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# In Laving Memory

# Honoring Our Dedicated Fellow Committee Member and Our Longtime Trusted Partner

The CTE Fall Conference Committee is deeply saddened to share that we lost two dear friends over the past year.



Terry Allen passed away in March. Terry was a committee member from 2019 – 2023 and helped his wife Chris with conference registration for many years before that. Terry's role over the last few years was assisting the exhibitors during the move-in process and he continually touched base with them to make sure their needs were met during the conference. Attendees may not have had the opportunity to know Terry, as he unassumingly worked to make the CTE Conference a positive experience for them. Our deepest sympathies to our colleague Chris Allen and Terry's family as we mourn the loss of a dear friend and colleague. Terry, we miss you, but we know you will always be with the committee in spirit.



Peter Connolly passed away in September. Peter provided extraordinary support to our conference here at the Omni Hotel for over 28 years. Those of you who have attended the conference previously may even recognize Peter as he was a continuous presence, helping to make it a success each year. The committee has great memories of working with Peter, remembering the hard work and amazing service he provided, but also the joy and laughter he brought to us. Peter was truly a great human being. Our deepest sympathies to Peter's family and the Omni staff as we mourn the loss of a dear friend.

# **CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	CAROCP Committee Meetings and Board Meeting
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop
	Presenter: Kenneth Shelton, Speaker/Designer/
	Consultant, Elevate Education
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Refreshments with Exhibitors
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CALCP Board Meeting
	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors/Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening Session
	Pledge of Allegiance: Cameron Sladek, State High School
	President Skills USA California
	Keynote Speaker: Niki Spears, Author, Motivational Speaker,
	Educator, Change Leader, Niki Spears
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Breakout Session I
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Visit Exhibitors
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Luncheon/Networking
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	Visit Exhibitors
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Breakout Session II
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Visit Exhibitors
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Breakout Session III
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Refreshments with Exhibitors
	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors/Buffet Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	General Session
	Program Cover Contest Winners
	Keynote Speaker: Luke Meyer, Director, Los Angeles Region
	Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research hosted at
	Mt. San Antonio College
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Breakout Session IV
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Breakout Session V
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Closing Session and Social/Door Prizes



# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	REGISTRATION (Foyer)
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST (Inside Pre-Conference Room)
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	CAROCP COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETING (Salons 1-3)
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Kenneth Shelton, Speaker/Designer/Consultant, Elevate Education (Salon D)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCHEON (Starlight Terrace)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	REFRESHMENTS WITH EXHIBITORS sponsored by Pearson and YouScience BEVERAGES, sponsored by iCEV and KLEIN Educational Systems (Salons 4-5)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CALCP BOARD MEETING (Desert Suite 3)



# PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

# Implications of AI across and within CTE Programs • Kenneth Shelton

This comprehensive workshop will give you a historical and foundational understanding of artificial intelligence (AI). We will look at how artificial intelligence will not only shape the future of education but also transform many of the things we do. Throughout the workshop, participants will engage in various interactive activities, including hands-on exercises, small-group/large-group discussions, and collaborative exploration of shared resources. These activities are designed to ensure that attendees not only comprehend the theoretical aspects of AI but also gain practical insights into its applications, along with possible policy implementation addressing things such as cheating and plagiarism. The workshop will spotlight various facets of AI, such as generative AI, large language models, and image generators. By examining these specific AI technologies, participants will gain deeper insight into their capabilities and potential impact on the field of education. This workshop emphasizes that AI is not merely a futuristic concept but a transformative force that is already reshaping educational practices. Workshop participants will also explore how AI influences instructional design, personalized learning, assessment methods, and administrative tasks.



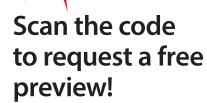
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# ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024 - 8:00 AM** 

Design Matters: Rethinking Learning Environments

Niki Spears, Author, Motivational Speaker, Educator, Change Leader

Passionate, Inspiring, Moving, Authentically Engaging! Niki Spears is ready to take your team on a journey to enlightenment as she opens their minds, hearts, and spirits! A former educator and school principal, Niki understands the struggles in education today and has supported hundreds of school leaders, districts, and administrators in finding the beauty underneath the struggle as they embrace strategies that will create and sustain a positive culture. Niki is the author of three books- one non-fiction titled, The Beauty Underneath the Struggle, and two children's books, The Hand Hug and Kindness Is Contagious Too!

Niki is currently touring the country empowering school leaders and educators to take 100% responsibility for their thoughts, actions, and attitudes. Her talks inspire teams to move beyond a victim mindset to that of a victor allowing them to take the pencil of life and create their masterpiece.

www.nikispears.com

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 - 8:00 AM

California's Labor Market in Ten Years: Which Jobs will be In-Demand in 2034?

• Luke Meyer, Director, Los Angeles Region Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research



Luke Meyer is the director of the Los Angeles Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research (LA COE), hosted at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. Luke holds a master's degree in psychology and evaluation from Claremont Graduate University as well as an MA in education from the University of La Verne. Prior to joining the COE team in 2017, Luke conducted research for the Department of Public Social Services, evaluating the effectiveness of various social programs and services.

Throughout his professional career, Luke has worn many hats-from group home treatment counselor and manager to community-based caseworker, to community college professor and after-school enrichment teacher, to research assistant and program evaluator-his path has veered and winded, but at the heart of each step along the way one thing has remained constant, Luke's desire to help others. His current research with the COE directs community college students towards living wage jobs in growing fields, especially in middle-skill occupations that support the fabric of LA's labor market.

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# **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

- → 7:00 AM 5:00 PM REGISTRATION (Foyer)
- 7:00 AM 8:00 AM VISIT EXHIBITORS/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Salons 4-5)

# 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM OPENING GENERAL SESSION (Salons A-H)

- Remarks: Don Bertucci, Conference Co-Chair
- Flag Salute: Cameron Sladek, State High School President, SkillsUSA California
- Keynote Speaker: Niki Spears, (Author, Motivational Speaker, Educator, Change Leader), Niki Spears
- > 9:30 AM 10:00 AM VISIT EXHIBITORS (Salons 4-5)

# 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSION I

- Adult Education CDE Update (Salon A)
- Beyond the Classroom: Creating Impactful Student Led Exhibition and Showcase (Salon B)
- Building Bridges to Increase Student Engagement (Lantana)
- California CTE: State of the State (Workshop will repeat on Friday) (Salons 1-3)
- CTE Advisory Committee and Student Showcase (Jasmine)
- Developing and Implementing a Safety Instruction Program (Primrose)
- Empowering Futures: The Impact of CTSOs on Students and Schools (Salon 8)
- Hands-On Minds-On: Engaging Middle Schoolers through College and Career Readiness (CCR) (Gardenia)
- Hit the Road with CRY-ROP's Counselor Roadshows! (Plumeria)
- InnovateED: Tech Tools for CTE Educators (Iris)
- Let Your Students Do the Talking: Creating CTE Ambassador Programs (Begonia)
- Sonoma-Marin Bus Operator Pre-Apprenticeship Program (Larkspur)
- Teaching Artificial Intelligence by Building Video Games (Salon 7)
- The Blueprint for Success: Aligning Educational Pathways to Workforce Demand (Salon C)

# **HOSTED BY EXHIBITORS:**

- An Industry Aligned Arts Media Entertainment (AME) Curriculum (Salon 6)
- Evolve or Die: Supercharging Job Search Prep with AI (Desert Suite 1)
- How Schools Can Provide Career Exploration and CTE Training for ALL Students (Desert Suite 2)
- Innovative Strategies That Inspire Discussion and Intrinsic Motivation (Desert Suite 3)
- Starting the College Journey in 9th Grade with a DE Career Class for All (Hibiscus)
- → 11:00 AM 11:30 AM VISIT EXHIBITORS (Salons 4-5)
- 11:30 AM 12:45 PM LUNCHEON/NETWORKING (Salons A-H)
- Remarks: Jimmy Benavides, Conference Co-Chair
- → 12:45 PM 1:15 PM VISIT EXHIBITORS (Salons 4-5)

# Thursday

### → 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION II

- CTE 8th Grade Showcase Event If Stockton Can Do It (Gardenia)
- Design Thinking + AI: Simple Steps to Innovation (Salon A)
- Empower Students with Career Self-Management Tools (Salon 8)
- Frame by Frame: The Secrets to Building a Storytelling Dream Team (Lantana)
- Funding New CTE Pathways with CDE's Specialized Secondary Programs Grant (Jasmine)
- Golden State Pathways Program (GSPP) Capitol Region Meet and Greet! (Begonia)
- Launching Legends: A Guide for Supporting CTE Teachers (Salon B)
- Pre-Apprenticeship Your CTE Program! (Larkspur)
- Sharing Expertise on Developing a Medical Assistant Program (Iris)
- Special Populations-Harness the Linguistic Power of your English Learners (Primrose)
- The Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence in Education (Salons 1-3)
- Tips for Multi-Grant Management (Salon C)
- Using Tech Tools for CTE Open Enrollment in Adult Education (Plumeria)
- Wellbeing for Teachers and Students (Salon 7)

### **HOSTED BY EXHIBITORS:**

- Employer Engagement Strategies: What Works and What Doesn't (Salon 6)
- First Financial Credit Union FREE Auto Buying Services (Desert Suite 2)
- FREE, Video-driven, Interactive, Career Exploration and Work-based Learning (Desert Suite 1)
- Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce Through Career Connected Learning (Hibiscus)
- The Perfect Fit: Elementary CTE and ELOP (Desert Suite 3)

# → 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM VISIT EXHIBITORS (Salons 4-5)

# 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSION III

- Beyond Boundaries: Charting New Paths with Early College (Plumeria)
- Credentials 101 Adult Education and CTE Credentials (Salon A)
- CTE Beyond the Classroom Using Work-based Learning (WBL) for Social Capital and Deeper Learning (Hibiscus)
- Don't You Forget About Me: Connecting with Your Breakfast Club (Iris)
- Getting Started with AI (Salon 7)
- Increase Pathway Completers with Exploratory Middle School CTE (Begonia)
- Leading for Career Readiness with an Equity Mindset (Salon C)
- Middle School to High School, Career Readiness Pathway Program (Gardenia)
- Pathways to Prosperity: Empowering English Language Learners (ELLs) with Healthcare Careers (Primrose)
- Sacramento Update Policy Issues in K-12 Education and CTE (Workshop will repeat on Friday) (Salons 1-3)
- Supporting California Educators: Free Resources You Can Start Using Today (Salon B)
- Take Back Your Time with Artificial Intelligence and Task Automation (Larkspur)
- Unlocking CTE Success with Partnerships and Project-Based Learning (Jasmine)
- Work-Based Learning for Students with IEP or 4.0+ (Salon 8)

# **HOSTED BY EXHIBITORS:**

- Elevate your Health Science Program with Industry Credentials (Salon 6)
- Enhancing Financial Literacy with VE: Real-World Finance Education (Desert Suite 2)
- High-Wage, High-Skill and High-Growth Pathway Course Offerings (Lantana)
- Next Level Work Based Learning (Desert Suite 3)
- Scene to Screen Film Workshop(Desert Suite 1)



# November 21, 2024, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

# **BREAKOUT SESSION I**

### **BEGONIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Let Your Students Do the Talking: Creating CTE Ambassador Programs

Learn how to propel leadership development while making your CTE students the face and the voice of all the CTE programs at your site. Attendees will see how to recruit, interview, select, and utilize the CTE Ambassadors to promote their CTE classes to the school, district, and the community.

- Melissa Bravata, Lead Counselor, La Puente High School/Hacienda La Puente School District
- Lisa Lopez, Principal, La Puente High School/ Hacienda La Puente School District

## **GARDENIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Hands-On Minds-On: Engaging Middle Schoolers through College and Career Readiness (CCR)

This session will help educators introduce students to high school pathways in a fully immersive middle school exploratory hands-on elective. Utilizing a 10-day module rotation, the Paxton Patterson model builds upon engagement linking MS students into career fields. Pathways cross all industry sectors transforming one classroom into a lab for ample exploration.

- David Allen, College and Career Readiness Lead Teacher, Will C. Wood Middle School, Sacramento City USD
- Marianne Bland, Senior Educational Consultant, Paxton/Patterson

# **IRIS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

InnovateED: Tech Tools for CTE Educators

In this dynamic tech session we will dive into exciting digital tools and resources tailored to enhance your teaching experience and empower your students. We will share tech tools with each other, learn from the presenters but also join in and share your favorite tools. Let's discover and have fun!

- Neda Anasseri, Coordinator, The Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN)
- Yecsenia Delgado, Subject Matter Expert, OTAN

# **JASMINE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

CTE Advisory Committee and Student Showcase
Our presentation will explore the vital role of the
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory
Committee in shaping relevant and impactful
educational programs, alongside a dynamic
showcase of student projects that demonstrate
the real-world applications and success of these
initiatives. Attendees will gain insights into

collaborative efforts between educators and industry partners.

- Seema Puri, CTE Coordinator, LAUSD
- Judy De La Torre, CTE Specialist, LAUSD

# **LANTANA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Building Bridges to Increase Student Engagement
In today's evolving educational landscape, fostering
student engagement through connectedness is
challenging. Come explore practical strategies to
build bridges between students, teachers, and the
community, ultimately boosting academic and social
outcomes. Discover how increasing our awareness
and resilience can transform your classroom and
empower students to thrive.

- Amber Abraham, Coordinator Designated Subjects, Ventura County Office of Education
- Donna Vollmer, Director Designated Subjects, Ventura County Office of Education

# **LARKSPUR - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Sonoma-Marin Bus Operator Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) partnered with Golden Gate Transit, the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1575, and California Transit Works (CTW) to create an innovative Bus Operator Pre-Apprenticeship Program, the first in California to link directly to an apprenticeship program. This program provides a pathway to family-sustaining career opportunities to residents in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

- Marlyn Garcia, Director, Adult Education, Santa Rosa Junior College
- Gustavo Sanchez, Instructor, Adult Education, Santa Rosa Junior College
- Araceli Vazquez, Outreach Specialist, Adult Education, Santa Rosa Junior College

# **PLUMERIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Hit the Road with CRY-ROP's Counselor Roadshows! Join the CRY-ROP team as we showcase our annual Counselor Roadshows, designed to educate school counselors on the benefits of CTE as well as provide an overview of our programs and services for the next school year. Discover how this model helps empower counselors to guide students in making more informed educational and career choices.

- Melissa Dix, Director of Education Services, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP
- Scott Raine, Program Manager, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP



# **PRIMROSE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

# Developing and Implementing a Safety Instruction Program

Teaching students to work safely is a major concern for any teacher with tools and equipment. I was tasked with meeting with attorneys, district, and county risk managers to develop a program that teaches safety in a way that is defensible in court. This presentation will show you how to develop your own safety instruction program that will protect you and your students.

• Kathryn Worley, President, California Industrial Technology Education Association

### **SALON A**

### **Adult Education CDE Update**

Get the latest updates on adult education state and federal programs. Learn about the most current adult student data (including CTE), and funding prospects. Obtain more detailed information on Integrated Education and Training models, and CTE course approval changes and new course codes.

- Neil Kelly, Education Consultant, California Department of Education
- Renee Collins, Director of Adult Education, Sacramento County Office of Education

# **SALON B**

# Beyond the Classroom: Creating Impactful Student - Led Exhibition and Showcase

Learn how to create an authentic audience experience that showcases student creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking beyond the classroom. This session will explore practical strategies for designing semester or year-long units that culminate studentled exhibitions and presentations fostering deeper engagement and mastery of content that reaches all stakeholders.

- Danny Flores, Video Production Instructor, North Orange County ROP
- Joey Flores, Video Production Instructor, North Orange County ROP
- Kathi Kent, Program Manager, Tri-Cities ROP

### **SALON C**

# The Blueprint for Success: Aligning Educational Pathways to Workforce Demand

Explore the development of state and regional coordinating bodies, empowered by comprehensive statewide data systems and bolstered by robust technical assistance networks. This session will delve into effective strategies for synchronizing K-12, postsecondary, and workforce pathways across state and regional levels using a skills-based framework.

- Kathy Boyd, Director, Orange County Department of Education
- Kim Goodwin, Coordinator- OC Pathways, Orange County Department of Education
- Margaret Llamas, Coordinator- College and Career Readiness, Orange County Department of Education

### **SALONS 1-3**

# California CTE: State of the State (Workshop will repeat on Friday)

This session will provide up to date information on the status of programs administered by the Career and College Transition Division at the California Department of Education. The update will include Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, such as the State CTE Incentive Grant program and the Federal Perkins program, along with an update on current legislation.

### **SALON 7**

Teaching Artificial Intelligence by Building Video Games I will cover how Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning is Transforming the Education and Video Games Industry. How Artificial Intelligence is used to generate responsive, adaptive or intelligent behaviors in video games. You can now automatically generate vast 3D worlds, unique characters, narratives and use Generative AI to create content with predictive patterns

Kent Ganevsky, Teacher, Glendale USD



# **SALON 8**

# Empowering Futures: The Impact of CTSOs on Students and Schools

Join us for an enlightening session on the transformative impact of Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) within educational communities. Discover how CTSOs enhance student engagement, provide vital leadership and career readiness skills, and foster a collaborative environment for educators and administrators.

- Clay Mitchell, State Director, SkillsUSA California
- Loretta Cabuyadao, State Assistant Director, SkillsUSA California
- Emily Cornwell, State Officer Trainer, SkillsUSA California
- Nikki Ritchie, State Officer Trainer, SkillsUSA California
- Cameron Sladek, State High School President, SkillsUSA California

# DESERT SUITE 1 T

Evolve or Die: Supercharging Job Search Prep with AI Unleash Your Inner Maverick! Dominate the Job Search Process with Artificial Intelligence (in an ethical way). This workshop is Gen Z's secret weapon for crafting powerful résumés, building relevant project proposals, and clever LinkedIn approaches. Youths will distinguish themselves amongst their competition by adapting to new hiring trends for the future workforce.

• Eric Fan, Gen Z Whisperer, Squarage LLC

# DESERT SUITE 2 Th

# How Schools Can Provide Career Exploration and CTE Training for ALL Students

Discover how schools can offer career exploration and CTE training for ALL students. TransfrVR enhances immersive experiences in high-demand, high-paying careers fostering upward mobility through authentic & relevant VR learning.

 Tanner Ensign, State Workforce Manager, TransfrVR

# DESERT SUITE 3 🖷

Innovative Strategies That Inspire Discussion and Intrinsic Motivation Winner of the Innovation is Education award, Steve Ward & Linda Zeigler will share a variety of inspirational techniques and experiences that engage students while helping them develop intrinsic motivation and envision their personal and career futures. Participants will leave with tools and activities to revitalize their CTE pathway programs

 Steve Ward, CEO - Future N Focus, Creator of the Dream Catcher Program

# **HIBISCUS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**



Starting the College Journey in 9th Grade with a DE Career Class for All

In California, there is a new call for students to receive a 9th grade dual enrollment class and complete 12 units or more of college credit before they graduate. Learn about our A-G approved DE career planning class for all students that is a foundation to CTE pathways in high school/college, providing students with a transition plan for college success.

 Karen Miles, Executive Director, Get Focused, Stay Focused/Academic Innovations'

# SALON 6 否

# An Industry Aligned Arts Media Entertainment (AME) Curriculum

Preparing students for industry careers means having an industry-aligned curriculum. In this workshop you'll work with the 2024 AME Industry Skills Framework document, collaborate with other teachers, and identify gaps in your current curriculum.

Ashley Adams, Executive Director, AME Institute



# **BEGONIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Golden State Pathways Program (GSPP) Capitol Region Meet and Greet!

Meet and Greet of the Golden State Pathways Grantees from the Capitol Region (other regions welcome too!). Carol Keiser and Celeste Boggs from the Capitol Region Technical Assistance Center will be hosting a time to connect and discuss how the grant implementation is going so far and answer any questions grantees may have.

- Carol Keiser, Co-Executive Director of Golden State Pathways Program (GSPP) Capitol Regional Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)
- Celeste Boggs, Co-Executive Director of GSPP Capitol RTAC

# **GARDENIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

CTE 8th Grade Showcase Event - If Stockton Can Do It Our district holds a CTE Showcase Event targeted at 8th Grade students and counselors. All our CTE Programs put together a display and staffed with currents students displaying example work. Over 2 days we move over 2600 8th grade students through the event. Learn how it works for us.

- Krista Vannest, Work Based Learning Coordinator, CTE Department, Stockton USD
- Dax Del Prato, CTE Instructional Specialist, Stockton USD
- Abigail Ferrell, CTE Instructional Specialist, Stockton USD
- Tami Gray, Counseling Program Specialist, Stockton USD
- Nathan Haley, Director of CTE & STEM, Stockton USD

# **IRIS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Sharing Expertise on Developing a Medical Assistant Program

How to implement a Medical Assistant program in your school. Overview of the process. Curriculum and content. Multiple National Certifications students can earn in one year with a capstone such as Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, and EKG Technician.

 Roxine Zamora, Lead Medical Assistant Instructor, Imperial Pathways Charter and Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) Valley Academy, ICOE

# JASMINE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD

Funding New CTE Pathways with CDE's Specialized Secondary Programs Grant

CDE's Specialized Secondary Programs (SSP) grant funds teachers to create original curriculum and courses connected to a CTE pathway. The multi-year grant (about \$335,000 over four years) funds curriculum development, PD, technology, equipment, and resources. Fund and implement a new, innovative program at your California public high school with SSP!

- Michael Sinclair, SIS/Technology/CTE Coordinator, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School – I AUSD
- Raphael Rodriguez, Secondary Teacher-Film, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School -LAUSD

### **LANTANA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Frame by Frame: The Secrets to Building a Storytelling Dream Team

Ignite student creativity with a district-wide Film Academy that transforms students into dynamic storytellers. This session dives into building creative teams, forging powerful partnerships, and preparing students for careers in media and entertainment. Explore Al's role and discover how to elevate student storytelling to new heights!

- Adrian Olmedo, Educator, Anaheim Union High School District
- April Monera, Educator, Anaheim Union High School District
- Nicole Montoy, Educator, Anaheim Union High School District
- Jeff Numainville, Educator, Anaheim Union High School District

# **LARKSPUR - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

**Pre-Apprenticeship Your CTE Program!** 

This workshop provides educators with practical insights and strategies for navigating the registration process for pre-apprenticeship programs as pathways to employment. During this informative session, participants will explore the key components and benefits of registered pre-apprenticeships specifically aligned to in-demand, high-quality careers for students.

- Laura Gallardo, Director of Career Technical Education, Hemet USD
- Corina Moore, College and Career Teaching and Learning Specialist, Hemet USD





# **PLUMERIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Using Tech Tools for CTE Open Enrollment in Adult Education

Join us for a presentation on using technology to break down CTE programs into modules, facilitating open enrollment and increasing course participation. Learn about the benefits, including higher completion rates and student satisfaction, and gain practical tips and resources for successful implementation.

 Yecsenia Delgado, Subject Matter Expert, Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN)

# **PRIMROSE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Special Populations-Harness the Linguistic Power of your English Learners

Harness the linguistic power of your English Learners to develop their bilingual skills that are much needed in the industry. CTE programs provide ample opportunities for this development. Learn literacy and language strategies you can use in your CTE classroom such as vocabulary development, structured conversation, close reading, and evidencebased writing.

 Jessie Ruiz, Assistant Principal, Desert Sands Unified School District

# **SALON A**

Design Thinking + AI: Simple Steps to Innovation Get ready to participate in a fun Design Challenge! Work in teams where creativity is unleashed. Learn design thinking, solve real-world problems with AI and leave with easy-to-use lessons for your classroom or organization.

- Azine Davoudzadeh, Coordinator College and Career Readiness, Contra Costa County Office of Education
- Leslie Marley, Coordinator College and Career Readiness, Contra Costa County Office of Education

# **SALON B**

# Launching Legends: A Guide for Supporting CTE Teachers

Learn how we provide wrap-around support for CTE teachers to transition into the field of education through developing effective teaching practices and pedagogical skills. Our guide to support CTE Teachers includes professional development offerings such as trainings, monthly support groups, workshops, and PLCs. This is how we Launch Legends!

- Lourdes Amador, Instructional Coach, North Orange County ROP
- Kelly Kennedy, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, North Orange County ROP

 Casey Riggs, Director, Educational Services, North Orange County ROP

### **SALON C**

### Tips for Multi-Grant Management

Dig into strategies and best practices in grant management for CTE! The focus of the Multi-Grant Management workshop is to explore and identify best practices to organize and take action around the many different grants you oversee or manage. Gain access to a template you can use to manage your grants, spend time organizing your work, and learn to make data- based decisions.

 Jewyl Alderson, Coordinator, San Diego County Office of Education

### **SALONS 1-3**

# The Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence in Education

This session will focus on leveraging existing artificial intelligence platforms for transformative learning experiences. We will look at using chatbots, Large Language Models, and a few additional AI based. resources for teaching and learning impact.

• Ken Shelton, Founder and CEO, Elevate Education

### **SALON 7**

# Wellbeing for Teachers and Students

Life brings a lot of stressful incidents in our lives as teachers. Those stressors affect how we teach our students. It is our responsibility to find a way to help us be the best teacher and person in general we can be. Come learn how to gain a positive mindset with meditation to become a fresh new (or old) teacher.

Joshua Galbraith, Instructor, Moreno Valley USD

### **SALON 8**

Empower Students with Career Self-Management Tools
Learn about the California Career Resource
Network's FREE career exploration tools. These tools
help students become effective career self-managers
who can make informed career decisions, develop a
Career Action Plan, and prepare for the workforce.
Find new CalCRN content and other high-quality
instructional materials on the California Educators
Together website.

- Laura Walls, CalCRN Coordinator, Education Programs Consultant, California Department of Education
- Kyle Castleman, California Educators Together Platform Manager, California Department of Education



# DESERT SUITE 1 兩

FREE, Video-driven, Interactive, Career Exploration & Work-based Learning

Discover Tiggbee! A free, cutting-edge, career exploration and work-based learning tool for middle and high schoolers. Our meticulously crafted 5-minute videos, introduce new industries each week, fostering curiosity and inspiration. Throughout the academic year students connect with diverse industry guest speakers they can safely engage with, virtually.

Carlos Negrete, CMO, Tiggbee

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 Therese El Khoury, AVP of Community Services, First Financial Credit Union

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The Perfect Fit: Elementary CTE and ELOP

ELOP is for grades K-6 and designated for programming outside of the school day, and CTE is usually at the high school level. Where do these worlds collide? Learn how LEAs are expanding career awareness with ELOP by implementing Career Discovery Labs to give their students a jumpstart on CTE.

• Marianne Bland, Sr. Educational Consultant, Paxton/Patterson LLC

# HIBISCUS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD 兩

**Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce Through Career Connected Learning** 

America's workforce is changing rapidly through the convergence of AI, robotics, automation, and autonomy. In this session, Hans Meeder, author and former Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education, explains these factors, and how to prepare tomorrow's workforce through Career Connected Learning and focusing on Career Navigation Skills.

Hans Meeder, Sr. Fellow, YS Center for Innovation

# SALON 6 冊

**Employer Engagement Strategies: What Works and** What Doesn't

How do we successfully engage businesses beyond the annual Advisory Board meeting? As we expand apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities across America, industry partners' true commitment is essential. This session will provide tangible tactics and create a venue for attendees to share best practices and lessons learned.

Kevin Fleming, Founder and CEO, Catapult





# November 21, 2024, 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

# **BREAKOUT SESSION III**

# **BEGONIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Increase Pathway Completers with Exploratory Middle School CTE

Lack of space in schedules make it hard for students to try different pathways in high school. Learn how to implement middle school CTE with exploratory units from different industry sectors in one course to increase completers and improve engagement. Get hands-on with activities during the session!

- Tim Dignan, Director of CTE & Alt Ed (Retired),
   Temecula Valley Unified School District
- Melissa Dix, Director of Education Services, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP

# **GARDENIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Middle School to High School, Career Readiness Pathway Program

Orange USD's program offers middle school students' opportunities to explore various careers, develop personal skills, and prepare for a successful transition into high school, where they can further explore the various pathways through internships, project-based learning aligned with industry standards, and handson experience, preparing them for college or the workforce.

- Kristi Dorf, TOSA, Career Readiness and Inclusive Practices, Orange USD
- Christina Baroldi, TOSA Innovation and Technology, Orange USD
- Crystal Meyer, Assistant Principal, Portola Middle School, Orange USD

# **HIBISCUS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

CTE Beyond the Classroom - Using Work-based Learning (WBL) for Social Capital and Deeper Learning

Over 8 years, Port of Los Angeles High School (POLAHS) has created a variety of WBL opportunities for students, and we have found these opportunities have led to life changing relationships for our students. This presentation highlights some of our most successful, sustainable WBL ideas, while leaving time to serve as a thought partner for attendees who want to create these opportunities for students.

- Michael Aspinwall, CTE Advisor/Special Projects Manager, Port of Los Angeles High School
- Erick Miseroy, CTE Teacher, Port of Los Angeles High School

# IRIS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD

Don't You Forget About Me: Connecting with Your Breakfast Club

Inspired by the iconic film The Breakfast Club, this session delves into the diverse personalities that make up every classroom—the athlete, the princess, the brain, the rebel, the isolator...and many more. Attendees will leave with a toolkit of actionable strategies to create an inclusive and dynamic learning environment. Come join us in "detention". It's going to rock!

- Elena Hernandez, Program Manager, Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP
- Steven Dominguez, Graphic Design Teacher, Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP

# **JASMINE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Unlocking CTE Success with Partnerships and Project-Based Learning

Discover how to enhance Career Technical Education through community partnerships and project-based learning. Learn innovative strategies and best practices for engaging students, building real-world skills, and creating meaningful connections with local businesses. Walk away with actionable insights to implement immediately.

 Tonya Whiteside, CTE Instructor, Aliso Niguel HS/ College and Career Advantage

# **LARKSPUR - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Take Back Your Time with Artificial Intelligence and Task Automation

This hands-on session will demonstrate easy-to-use AI tools and automation strategies. Learn to streamline instruction, provide instant formative and summative feedback, reduce grading time, and enhance student outcomes. Ready to swap teacher woes for Netflix shows? Join us and transform your classroom!

• Todd Benrud, Teacher, Grossmont UHSD



# PLUMERIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD

# Beyond Boundaries: Charting New Paths with Early College

Explore our roadmap for launching Early College at your high school. This program fosters collaboration between your high school and community college to expand courses and career pathways with an equity focus. Learn more from a rural school and a large college district, enhancing college readiness and expanding CTE opportunities.

- Eryn Barker, Early College/CTE Coordinator, Bonsall High School
- Jennifer Finn, Supervisor, Dual Enrollment, Palomar College

### **PRIMROSE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

# Pathways to Prosperity: Empowering English Language Learners (ELLs) with Healthcare Careers

This presentation will explore the ELLs Healthcare Pathway Program, detailing its innovative approach to integrating vocational training with language education. Highlighting the partnership with Irvine Valley College and Coastline ROP, it will showcase how the program prepares ELLs for healthcare careers, enhancing their professional skills and English proficiency.

- Brian Dozer, Superintendent, Coastline ROP
- Krista Schweers-Ganga, Director, Coastline ROP
- Gina Escobar, Administrator, Coastline ROP

# **SALON A**

Credentials 101 - Adult Education and CTE Credentials Explore the requirements for Adult Education and CTE Credential. Learn about work experience equivalencies that can be used to qualify. Discover how Single-Subject and Multiple-Subject teachers can apply alternative requirements to qualify and clear.

- Linda Skipper, Coordinator III, Designated Subjects Credentials and Apprenticeship, Los Angeles County of Education
- Nancy Wagner, Consultant, Designated Subjects Credentials, Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Nicole Stephenson, Coordinator, Orange County Department of Education

# **SALON B**

# Supporting California Educators: Free Resources You Can Start Using Today

Navigating educational resources can be timeconsuming and overwhelming, especially when juggling the demands of lesson planning and classroom management. In this interactive presentation, we'll introduce a curated collection of free resources designed to streamline your search for high-quality, standards-aligned materials.

- Joyce Foss, Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction,
   Orange County Department of Education
- Lauren Hartshorne, Program Specialist, Orange County Department of Education

### **SALON C**

Leading for Career Readiness with an Equity Mindset
Career readiness programs offer incredible promise
for all students! Join this session to look at strategies
you can take to apply an equity mindset to pathway
work, engage in data-based decision making, and
provide opportunities for economic mobility for your
most marginalized populations!

 Jewyl Alderson, Coordinator, College and Career Readiness, San Diego County Office of Education

# **SALONS 1-3**

# Sacramento Update – Policy Issues in K-12 Education and CTE (Workshop will repeat on Friday)

This session will provide an update of current K-12 issues being discussed in Sacramento. Included will be a review of many of the budget and legislative actions taken over the last year. Presenters will also provide a preview of hot policy topics that will arise in the future.

- Lee Angela Reid, Partner, Capitol Advisors Group
- Christina Marcellus, Legislative Advocate, Capitol Advisors Group



# **SALON 7**

## **Getting Started With AI**

Wondering what all the buzz is about AI? Join this session to consider AI's capabilities, applications, and potential to support instructional and administrative tasks. We will discuss prompt engineering and practice generating content. And...walk away with a growing list of resources to refer to after the session.

 Anthony Burik, Coordinator, Distance Learning Projects, Outreach and Technical Assistance Network OTAN)

### **SALON 8**

Work-Based Learning for Students with IEP or 4.0+ Work-based learning for all CTE pathway students, from those with IEPs to 4.0+ GPA will be prepared for the future. They will apply their classroom learnings and skills to the real-world workplace. An opportunity for a paid apprenticeship working alongside industry professionals to experience a variety of CTE pathways.

- Frida Vadgama, CTE Teacher, Downey USD
- Danielle Storey, CTE Teacher, Downey USD

# DESERT SUITE 1 否

# Scene to Screen Film Workshop

Join "Creating Creators" Filmmaking Workshop! Collaborate with industry professionals to write, direct, film, act, and edit a dynamic scene. Gain handson experience with production equipment and refine your skills. Unleash your creativity and embark on an empowering artistic journey!

Jessica Just, CEO, Creating Creators

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# Enhancing Financial Literacy with VE: Real-World **Finance Education**

Explore the seamless integration of personal finance education in the VE program and virtual economy. Students receive a living wage for their in-class internship and pay for living expenses in the marketplace within the VE banking system. Learn how to inject fun with real-world scenarios and watch students gain a deep understanding of business and personal finance.

• Teri Jones, Western Regional Director, Virtual **Enterprises International** 

# DESERT SUITE 3 🖷

# **Next Level Work Based Learning**

What's the difference between good Work Based Learning (WBL) and not-so-good? And what makes a great WBL experience? As WBL becomes an evermore included part of the high school experience, it is time to explore ways to measure quality. This interactive session will explore some of the emerging metrics for WBL quality and strategies/tools for collecting this vital data.

 David Berg, Director of Digital Innovation, Big Picture Learning

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# High-Wage, High-Skill and High-Growth Pathway **Course Offerings**

Are you looking to implement pathways in high-wage, high-skill, or high-growth areas like Health Science, Education, Early Education, and STEM? iCEV has high quality course offerings to prepare students for success in college and career with our standards aligned courses and preparation materials for industry certifications.

Maggie McGill, Territory Manager, iCEV

# SALON 6 雷

# Elevate your Health Science Program with Industry Credentials

Educators play a key role in preparing students for successful healthcare careers. Industry-recognized credentials offer advantages in training and employment, providing hands-on experience and access to high-paying professions. Educators can choose certifications, help students prepare, and create workforce-aligned curriculum.

 Nila Gorman, Account Executive, National Healthcareer Association (NHA)



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# Friday

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

- 7:00 AM 10:00 AM REGISTRATION (Foyer)
- 7:00 AM 8:00 AM VISIT EXHIBITORS/BUFFET BREAKFAST (Salons 4-5)
- → 8:00 AM 9:30 AM

# **GENERAL SESSION (Salons A-H)**

Remarks: Don Bertucci, Conference Co-Chair

Program Cover Contest Awards: Rebel Harrison, Program Cover Coordinator,

Teresa Thompson and John Rudy, G-W Publisher

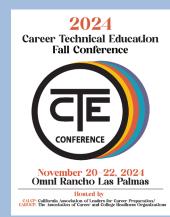
(See student entries below)

Keynote Speaker: Luke Meyer, Director, Los Angeles Region Center of

Excellence for Labor Market Research (LA COE)



# Adam Cuevas Alta Loma High School Chaffey Joint UHSD/Baldy View ROP Instructor: Karreen Siskowski



2ND PLACE - \$400
Timothy Ching
Summit High School
Fontana Unified School
District
Instructor: Valerie McClellan



3RD PLACE - \$200 Sofia Marchi Rancho Cucamonga High School Chaffey Joint UHSD/Baldy View ROP Instructor: Lisset Arredondo



# HONORABLE MENTION - \$75 Benjamin Keisler Millikan High School

Long Beach Unified School District

Instructor: Karen Dies



# HONORABLE MENTION - \$75 Kathryn McChesney

Temecula Valley High School Temecula Valley Unified School District Instructor: Kim Randall



# HONORABLE MENTION - \$75 Kelly Zhang

Arcadia High School Arcadia Unified School District Instructor: Ing Mu

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# Friday

# > 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSION IV

- 2 for 1 Bonus Articulated Adult Education CTE Courses (Gardenia)
- Bridging High School to Community College Work-Based Learning Opportunities (Larkspur)
- CTE Unlocked: Innovative Marketing Strategies for Engaging Stakeholders (Lantana)
- Empowering Adult Learners: Enhancing Math and Health Career Pathways (Jasmine)
- Foundational Support for High School Students Freshman Academy (Plumeria)
- From an Academy to a Pathway... Success Story (Hibiscus)
- Get 'em, Grab 'em, Keep 'em: Championing CTE in Today's Schools (Iris)
- Level Up: Integrating Game Audio into Digital Music Education (Salon 8)
- Leverage Relationships to Boost Community Partnerships and Student Success (Primrose)
- Linking Your School's Portrait of a Graduate to CTE and Career Readiness (Salon B)
- Multilingual Mastery: ELD Strategies Elevating Artistry in a CTE Classroom! (Salon C)
- Project-based Learning (PBL) + Laser/Vinyl Cutters = \$, Program/School Marketing/Fun (Salon 7)
- Sacramento Update Policy Issues in K-12 Education and CTE (Salons 1-3)
- Subregional Labor Market Profiles of Los Angeles County (Salon A)
- USA Learns: FREE Resource for English Language Learners in a Career Pathway (Begonia)

### **HOSTED BY EXHIBITORS:**

- COMPASS Resources for Media Arts and Medicine Free from the State Library (Salon 6)
- Safe and Effective Ways to Introduce Electric Vehicle Technologies (Desert Suite 3)
- Transform Education for Justice Impacted Youth and Alternative Ed. with VR (Desert Suite 1)
- Transforming Lives Through Purpose Driven Education (Desert Suite 2)

# → 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION V

- Advancing Biotech Education: Trends, Skills, Curriculum and Resources (Plumeria)
- Advisory Meetings on Steroids! (Gardenia)
- California CTE: State of the State (Salons 1-3)
- Canva and MagicSchool and Perplexity, OH MY! Today's AI Tools (Jasmine)
- Charting New Territories: Our Approach to Fingerprinting and Work-Based Learning (Salon 8)
- Cooking Up Champions: Integrating CTSO Competitions into the Culinary Class (Hibiscus)
- CTE Credentialing: Districts and Credential Programs in Supportive Roles (Iris)
- Dual Enrollment and Linked Learning (Salon 7)
- Fast Track Your Auto Students to Over \$60,000 A Year! (Salon A)
- From Classrooms to Careers: A Schoolwide CTE Journey (Salon C)
- Maximize CTE Student Internships (Primrose)
- Mental and Behavioral Health in your CTE Classroom (Larkspur)
- The Academy of Technology, Landscape and Management (TLM): It's in the Roots (Begonia)
- UCOP: Submitting your CTE Courses for A-G (Lantana)
- YOUR Class Is the Perfect Environment for Literacy Instruction! (Salon B)

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Remarks: Jimmy Benavides, Conference Co-Chair



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# **BREAKOUT SESSION IV**

### **BEGONIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

USA Learns: FREE Resource for English Language Learners in a Career Pathway

Learn to effectively use this free resource for Adult English language learners. Gain actionable strategies, best practices, and proven results. Participate in an innovative, interactive session to implement these tools immediately in your programs! Information about a CNA specific course included.

 Alisa Takeuchi, Content Developer/CTE Instructor, Sacramento County Office of Education, IMS

### **GARDENIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

2 for 1 Bonus Articulated Adult Education CTE Courses
This presentation profiles how k12 adult schools in
CAEP Region 66 leverage the benefits of articulated
CTE courses to accelerate the completion of high
school diploma students. This presentation will also
highlight employer and union support to lead students
to apprenticeships and union jobs.

- Adele McClain, Coordinator of Apple Valley Adult School, Apple Valley Adult School and Victor Valley College
- Rebecca Monjaras, Transitions Counselor, Victor Valley College

# **HIBISCUS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

From an Academy to a Pathway... Success Story
After Iosing critical funding from the State CTE
California Partnership Academy (CPA) grant, we
adopted Career Pathways. Learn how we survived
and thrived! The Patient Care Pathway at Mount
Diablo High School and Ygnacio Valley High School
experience ...Good and Bad!

- David Pintado, CTE Health Science Teacher, Mount Diablo USD
- Omar Edwards, CTE Health Science Teacher, Mount Diablo USD

# **IRIS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Get 'em, Grab 'em, Keep 'em: Championing CTE in Today's Schools

Join us for a journey into the world of promoting CTE. From enlightening high school students about diverse career pathways to engaging with the community through CTE Fairs, middle school presentations, our annual Future Fest, student ambassadors, and local competitions, we're dedicated to ensuring increased enrollment and pathway completion.

 Eileen Bagg-Rizzo, Director II, College and Career Readiness, Grossmont UHSD

- Ardy Riego, Work-Based Learning Specialist, Grossmont UHSD
- Nicole Thren, CTE Curriculum Specialist/SWP PC, Grossmont UHSD
- Matt Udvarhelyi, COSA/Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Grossmont UHSD

# **JASMINE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Empowering Adult Learners: Enhancing Math and Health Career Pathways

Explore how OTAN and NROC's long collaboration supports adult education through EdReady. Witness how California adult schools leverage this partnership to tailor learning, foster exploration, and deliver toptier online resources, empowering learners to achieve their educational milestones.

- Penny Pearson, Subject Matter Expert, Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN)
- Laura Smith, Regional Partnership Manager, The NROC Project

# **LANTANA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

CTE Unlocked: Innovative Marketing Strategies for Engaging Stakeholders

Discover cutting-edge tactics to amplify your CTE programs through digital marketing, community involvement, and success stories, ensuring remarkable outcomes. Ideal for educators, counselors, and administrators aiming to enhance program visibility.

Brandon Thrasher, CTE Advisor, LAUSD

# **LARKSPUR - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Bridging High School to Community College Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Making the most of Spring Break! Springternship! (A virtual Micro Internship Program) How to create meaningful work-based learning experiences that have low barriers to entry and high learning outcomes while also providing a dual enrollment opportunity to high school students. Learnings from Year 1.

- Lynette Gillson, Coordinator, Partnerships and Work-Based Learning, Mountain View Los Altos UHSD
- Amber Woodward, CTE and Dual Enrollment Program Specialist, Mountain View Los Altos UHSD
- Miloni Gandhi, Faculty, Foothill College



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# **BREAKOUT SESSION IV**

## **PLUMERIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

# Foundational Support for High School Students - Freshman Academy

This presentation focuses on systems and support for ninth-grade students' success in high school. We'll showcase how cohort learning communities foster strong relationships, a sense of belonging, and a supportive family atmosphere among students and teachers, promoting academic and personal growth.

- Clair Chapman, Program Specialist, Elk Grove USD
- Susan DeHerrera, Academy Coach for the Foundational Support for High School Students, Elk Grove USD

## **PRIMROSE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

# Leverage Relationships to Boost Community Partnerships and Student Success

Explore strategies for leveraging existing relationships to build impactful community partnerships that enhance career education. Understand the state's call to action and develop a site or district action plan to support work-based learning experiences. Engage with key stakeholders to create a collaborative network that fosters student success and workforce readiness.

- Jill Katevas, Administrator, Educational Services, Orange County Department of Education
- Ashley Higuera-Oaks, Coordinator, Career Technical Education, Orange USD

### **SALON A**

Subregional Labor Market Profiles of Los Angeles County
As one of the largest and most diverse counties in the
nation, Los Angeles County has an enormous impact
on key population and economic indicators in the
state. Similarly, its subregions, which encompass 88
cities, are varied and contribute in myriad ways to the
region's overall economic vitality and labor market.
To put these numbers into context, make them more
digestible, and to better understand the factors
defining each of the six subregions in the Los Angeles
Basin, workshop utilizes a number of data sources
that shed light on important labor market needs and
the role of community colleges in training a local
workforce equipped to meet those needs.

Luke Meyer, Director, California Community
 Colleges Los Angeles Center of Excellence for Labor
 Market ResearchOccupational Program

### **SALON B**

# Linking Your School's Portrait of a Graduate to CTE and Career Readiness

At Murrieta Valley USD, we have linked our new Profile of a Graduate to Career Readiness expectations and Career & Technical Education. During this interactive and practical session, we'll discuss making these linkages and how to measure workplace and life skills in your CTE programs and across your school system.

- Valerie Backus, CTE Coordinator, Murrieta Valley USD
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- Diana Ruiz, Counselor Coordinator, Murrieta Valley USD
- Jennifer Schriver, Executive Director, Secondary Education, Murrieta Valley USD
- Mick Wager, Coordinator, Ed Services, Murrieta Valley USD

### **SALON C**

# Multilingual Mastery: ELD Strategies Elevating Artistry in a CTE Classroom!

Based on real experiences from an ELD/CTE teacher collaboration in a digital arts classroom, this session offers proven strategies for unlocking content, boosting participation, and engaging all students, with a special focus on English Learners. Elevate your teaching toolkit with high-impact approaches, empowering your students to reach their full potential.

- Crystal Caban, Teacher Specialist, Glendale USD
- Yvie Raij, Digital Arts and Animation Teacher, Glendale High School

# **SALONS 1-3**

# Sacramento Update – Policy Issues in K-12 Education and CTE

This session will provide an update of current K-12 issues being discussed in Sacramento. Included will be a review of many of the budget and legislative actions taken over the last year. Presenters will also provide a preview of hot policy topics that will arise in the future.

- Lee Angela Reid, Partner, Capitol Advisors Group
- Christina Marcellus, Legislative Advocate, Capitol Advisors Group





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# **BREAKOUT SESSION IV**

# **SALON 7**

# Project-based Learning (PBL) + Laser/Vinyl Cutters = \$, Program/School Marketing/Fun

Learn how to use your laser or vinyl cutters to create a PBL learning environment. From working with the public to create posters, t-shirts, banners, and more; to having projects that not only teach job skills but also promote writing to convey ideas; these technologies can help charge your classroom. Lesson plans and lots of projects on display will be provided.

 Elaine Post, Marketing/Business Teacher, Merced County Office of Education ROP/Merced Scholars Charter School

### **SALON 8**

# Level Up: Integrating Game Audio into Digital Music Education

Explore innovative strategies for incorporating game audio concepts into the high school digital music classroom, enhancing student engagement and skill development through practical software applications and creative projects.

- Erasmo Rodriguez, Director of Instrumental Music, San Marcos High School
- Matthew Armstrong, Visual Arts and Performing Arts Coordinator, San Marcos USD

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# Transform Education for Justice Impacted Youth & Alternative Ed. with VR

Transfr's VR simulations transport justice-impacted individuals to new environments. Offering a safe, secure, turn-key, immersive solution grounded in research, Transfr partners with 45 organizations in 25 states to support justice-impacted youth and adults in education & workforce development.

 Tanner Ensign, State Workforce Manager, TransfrVR

# DESERT SUITE 2 Th

Transforming Lives Through Purpose Driven Education Join the inspiring Steve Ward as he guides educators in rediscovering their purpose, and rethinking how they guide students in College & Career decision making. This transformative session will reenergize participants, teaching them how to use Aspirational Data to improve student guidance, and provide evidence needed for grants & funding.

 Steve Ward, CEO - Future N Focus, Creator of the Dream Catcher Program

# DESERT SUITE 3 🖷

# Safe and Effective Ways to Introduce Electric Vehicle Technologies

EV technology is increasingly being adopted across the world, requiring a need for a new set of skills whether you are maintaining, installing, or manufacturing these new technologies. Industry will need to ensure that their workforce is proficient. Come learn how to integrate these technologies into your CTE pathway!

 Mark Weiss, VP of Business Development, LJ Create Hosted by Klein Educational Systems

# SALON 6 否

# COMPASS Resources for Media Arts and Medicine – Free From the State Library

The State Library COMPASS program includes tools for medical careers and a huge collection of performing-arts videos. We'll look at the Gale Interactive: Science resource (anatomy, chemistry), the ProQuest academic database (medicine, science) and the Alexander Street videos and audio collections (performing and media arts). All are FREE for CA K-12 schools.

 Mary Beth Barber, COMPASS Program Manager, California State Library



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# **BREAKOUT SESSION V**

## **BEGONIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

The Academy of Technology, Landscape and Management (TLM): It's in the Roots

We will present the history of the TLM California Partnership Academy (CPA) at Shadow Hills High School and its combination as an environmental and business opportunity for the students. We will present how to "grow and sustain" community partnerships.

- Ariel Gonzalez, Teacher and TLM Academy Lead/ Coordinator, Shadow Hills High School
- Toni Frazer, Assistant Principal, Shadow Hills High School

# **GARDENIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

# Advisory Meetings on Steroids!

Regionally, Coachella Valley has three school districts, one community college, and two 4-year universities all pulling at local business partners for advisory committee meetings. Come learn how we collaborate to host joint advisory meetings that support all institutions and foster stronger industry participation in partnership with OneFuture Coachella Valley!

- Marie Perotti, Director, College and Career, Coachella Valley USD
- Kevin Bibo, Director, College and Career, Desert Sands USD
- Karen Dimick, Director, College and Career, Palm Springs USD
- Kim McNulty, VP Regional Strategies, OneFuture Coachella Valley

# **HIBISCUS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Cooking Up Champions: Integrating CTSO Competitions into the Culinary Class

Learn how to incorporate CTSO competitions into your culinary curriculum to boost student skills and confidence. This session will provide practical tips for preparation, execution, and fostering a competitive spirit that motivates students and enhances their culinary education. Perfect for educators looking to elevate their programs through competition.

- Raean Gaddoni, Culinary Instructor, Lincoln High School
- Nicki Pedeliski, FCS Educator, Fairfax County Public Schools

### **IRIS - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

CTE Credentialing: Districts and Credential Programs in Supportive Roles

This presentation delves into the essential roles that both districts and credential programs play in supporting CTE industry experts as they transition into teaching roles. Drawing on real-world examples and best practices, attendees will gain valuable insights into the collaborative efforts needed to ensure the success of industry experts seeking CTE credentials.

- Calipso Barrera Gomez, Project Specialist, San Diego County Office of Education
- Dean Darley, Program Manager, San Diego USD

### **JASMINE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Canva and MagicSchool and Perplexity, OH MY! Today's AI Tools

In this presentation, you will learn about 3 different Al tools. Let Canva™ help you market your CTE programs. Use MagicSchool.Al to create lesson plans and assessments. With Perplexity.Al, learn how this Al tool will help summarize your internet searches.

Audrey Dierdorff, Trainer/Subject Matter Expert,
 Outreach and Technical Assistance Network

### **LANTANA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

UCOP: Submitting your CTE Courses for A-G
Overview of the UCOP A-G Portal and easy ways to
adopt, model after, or create from scratch CTE A-G
courses. Tips to easily navigate the UCOP platform
and better understand how A-G approved curriculum
increases college and career readiness. Integrated
curriculum-course outline can be written by a CTE
and an Academic teacher to get credits other than 'G'.

- Elizabeth Avalos, CTE Advisor, LAUSD
- Jose Castillo, CTE Advisor, LAUSD
- Karen Navarette, CTE Advisor, LAUSD

### **LARKSPUR - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Mental and Behavioral Health in your CTE Classroom Participants will learn research-based components of mental and behavioral health and best practice recommendations of how to implement them in your CTE class. Self-Care practices for both staff and students will be reviewed and practiced during this session.

- Laura Mueller, School Psychologist, Poway Unified School District
- Tiffany King, Director, Special Education, Poway Unified School District





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# **BREAKOUT SESSION V**

### **PLUMERIA - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

Advancing Biotech Education: Trends, Skills, Curriculum and Resources

Explore biotech career pathways through a presentation on workforce trends, essential industry skills, and economic insights. Discover free curriculum resources developed with industry partners, integrating project-based and work-based learning. Enhance your teaching with professional development opportunities to stay updated on the latest innovations and techniques.

- Darci Kimball, Biotech Honors and Human A&P Honors Teacher; SIA Program Coordinator, Health and Medical Tech Pathway; ScienceBridge Tech Site Coordinator; HASPI Education Resource and Professional Development, Castle Park High School
- Howard Chan, Education Consultant, Biocom California-Generation STEAM
- Mary Haus, Induction Mentor, Biotech, Chem, and Bio teacher, Chaffey CJUHSD
- Mikayla Ortega, Program Manager, Biocom California-Generation STEAM

# **PRIMROSE - FAIRWAY COURTYARD**

### **Maximize CTE Student Internships**

Please join an insightful breakout session on CTE student internships at LA Unified School District! Discover effective strategies and success stories from a work-based learning coordinator, plus gain valuable insights from direct employer feedback. Learn how our training tools prepare student interns for productive internships and successful employment beyond high school.

- Kandace Henderson, CTE Linked Learning Coordinator, LAUSD
- Sarahi Franco, CTE-Linked Learning Coordinator, Work Based Learning Team, LAUSD
- Jesse Oliveros, CTE Work Based Learning Coordinator, LAUSD

### **SALON A**

Fast Track Your Auto Students to Over \$60,000 A Year! Join me as I present eye-opening emerging data about what employers' value most in technician candidates in this highly interactive session. You will be taking home actionable tools to measurably improve not only your program and student outcomes but also fast-track your students to high-paying positions. See how minimal adjustments can make your curriculum truly effective!

 Larry Engelbrecht, CTE Department Chair, Larry Engelbrecht Consulting

### **SALON B**

# YOUR Class Is the Perfect Environment for Literacy Instruction!

Research supports that students retain literacy instruction better when it is taught in context. That is why your class is the perfect setting to embed reading, writing, speaking/listening, and vocabulary strategies. Join this active-participation session to practice simple, use-now strategies and routines to intentionally provide literacy support.

• Hillary Wolfe, Senior Director, Fontana USD

### SALON C

From Classrooms to Careers: A Schoolwide CTE Journey
Discover the transformative power of integrating
Career Technical Education (CTE) across your campus
and throughout your curriculum. Join us as we explore
innovative strategies, share success stories, and
discuss the holistic benefits of weaving CTE into the

- Jennifer Harrison, Principal, Legacy Magnet Academy, Tustin USD
- Matt Ireland, Teacher, Legacy Magnet Academy, Tustin USD
- Jordan Moe, Teacher, Legacy Magnet Academy, Tustin USD
- Tiana Isaacs, Teacher, Legacy Magnet Academy, Tustin USD

# **SALONS 1-3**

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# California CTE: State of the State

This session will provide up to date information on the status of programs administered by the Career and College Transition Division at the California Department of Education. The update will include Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, such as the State CTE Incentive Grant program and the Federal Perkins program, along with an update on current legislation.

### **SALON 7**

### **Dual Enrollment and Linked Learning**

Linked Learning schools build rigorous, interdisciplinary, career-themed, project-based units and incorporate dual enrollment courses during the regular school day. What happens when these two are at odds because students must give up one to experience the other? Learn meaningful systems solutions for offering dual enrollment & explore various dual enrollment models.

- Esther Dabagyan, CTE-Linked Learning Administrator, LAUSD
- Stefany Espana, CTE-Linked Learning Program Supervisor, LAUSD



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# **BREAKOUT SESSION V**

# **SALON 8**

Charting New Territories: Our Approach to Fingerprinting and Work-Based Learning

Fingerprinting requirements for WBL are here to stay. We developed and are implementing an approach we think is worth sharing. Hear about our stumbling blocks, administrative hurdles to be aware of, and an overview of our process that aims at both compliance and function. Sample resources will be shared.

- Matt Wells, Director, Mountain Desert Career Pathways
- Belen Colon, Community and Industry Outreach Specialist, Mountain Desert Career Pathways

# DESERT SUITE 1 面

Boss Your Brain: Hardcore Mental Wellness for CTE (Gen Z Edition)

Gen Zs need to become the CEO of their own happiness. In a world grappling with economic uncertainty and post-pandemic challenges, preparing our youth for success requires a paradigm shift in mental wellness strategies. Positive thinking alone falls short; it's time to adopt fresh, engaging methods that bolster their mental fortitude.

• Eric Fan, Gen Z Whisperer, Squarage LLC

# DESERT SUITE 2 Th

YouScience Brightpath: "Where Was This When I Was in High School?"

Come join us for how YouScience is being used throughout California and beyond. We'll discuss the California awareness gap, walk through our platform, and cover outcomes achieved. We'll touch on how we continue to use Al and aptitudes to help learners discover natural talents and align individuals with education and careers.

• Chase McCubbins, Territory Manager, YouScience

# DESERT SUITE 3 🖷

Innovative Strategies for Employer and Community Partnerships in CTEIn the ever-evolving landscape of Career Technical Education (CTE), fostering robust employer and community partnerships is vital. This session will explore innovative strategies to create and sustain these partnerships, enhancing CTE programs and ensuring student success. Participants will learn practical approaches and hear success stories.

Kevin Fleming, Founder and CEO, Catapult

# SALON 6 雷

Harnessing the Power of AI for Enhanced Education
Join us to explore the exciting possibilities of using
AI to revolutionize education. Discover how AI
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AI to transform the way we teach and learn!

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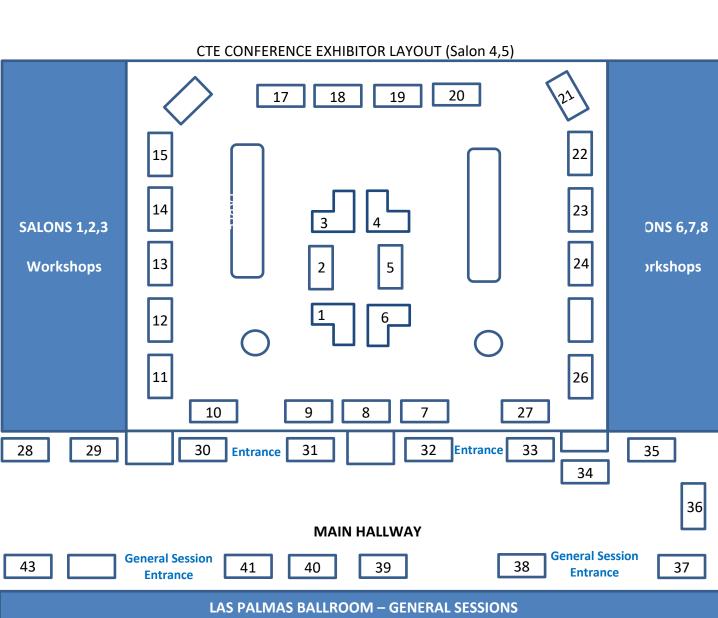
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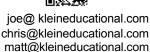


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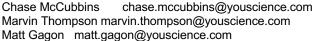
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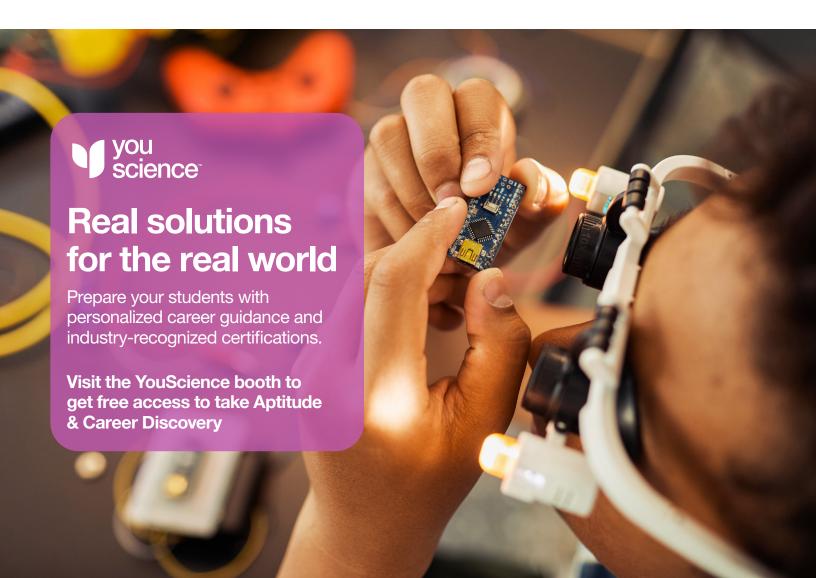


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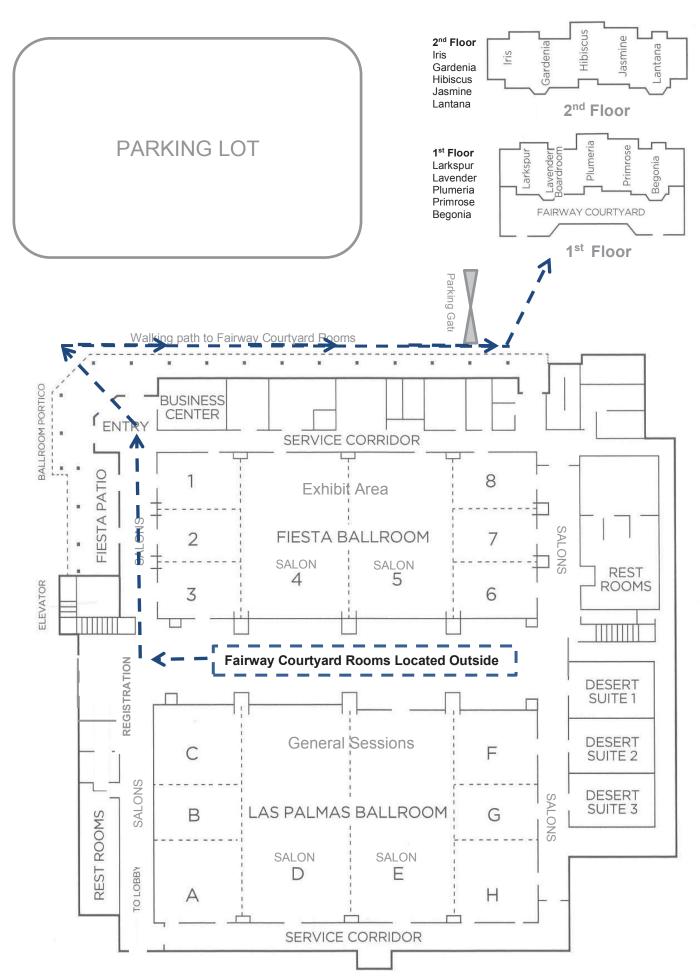


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