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Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Career-Tech Center and Saginaw Career Complex Received the Excellence in Action Award for their Innovative CTE Programs

April 5, 2018 – [Traverse City, Michigan] – Today, the Teacher Academy at Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Career-Tech Center and the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Program of study at the Saginaw Career Complex received the prestigious Excellence in Action award from Advance CTE.

This award honors innovative and effective Career Technical Education (CTE) programs across the nation. Both programs of study exemplify excellence in providing relevant work-based learning opportunities through sustained partnerships with education, community and industry leaders; integrates rigorous academics; meets college and career readiness standards; and has demonstrated substantial evidence of student success and achievement.

The Teacher Academy received the award in the *Education and Training Career Cluster*[®] and the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Program received the award in the *Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster*[®]. They are dedicated and passionate about creating seamless transitions to postsecondary and career.

Over the course of three years, 92 percent of Teacher Academy learners qualified to earn articulated college credits. Work-based learning experiences are extensive. Graduates will have worked in eight different classroom settings and earned over 400 hours of field experience. The program continues to demonstrate a positive impact on student success. Since 2014, 100 percent of Academy students earned an industry-recognized credential, participated in work-based learning and graduated from high school.

The Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Program offers learners the opportunity to gain valuable skills through the operation of an on-site restaurant, participation in industry tours, work-based learning experiences and culinary competitions. This program of study has also seen positive student outcomes. In the 2015-16 class, all learners earned an industry-recognized certification, college-level credit, graduated high school and participated in work-based learning.

"The programs of study that we are honoring today all share a steadfast commitment to the highest expectations for CTE," said Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE. "This dedication to quality and excellence leads to strong learner outcomes, creating opportunities for a lifetime of career and education success. Today's honorees serve as national models of what high-quality CTE looks like and can achieve."

Representatives accepted the honor at an award ceremony as part of the Advance CTE Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Learn more about the award-winning program of study and the Excellence in Action award [here](#).

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About Advance CTE

Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents State Directors and state leaders responsible for secondary, postsecondary and adult Career Technical Education (CTE) across all 50 states and U.S. territories. Established in 1920, Advance CTE supports visionary state leadership, cultivates best practices and speaks with a collective voice on national policy to promote academic and technical excellence that ensures a career-ready workforce.