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Sunrise Mountain High School Receives the Excellence in Action Award for its Innovative Fire Science CTE Program

April 5, 2018 – Glendale, Arizona – Today, the Fire Science Program at Sunrise Mountain High School received the prestigious Excellence in Action award from Advance CTE. This award honors innovative and effective Career Technical Education (CTE) programs across the nation. The Fire Science program of study exemplifies 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 Fire Science program received the award in the *Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster*[®]. They are dedicated and passionate about creating seamless transitions to postsecondary education and careers. In fact, learners can earn up to nine dual enrollment credits and eight industry certifications allowing them to transition to education or career upon graduation.

A high-quality CTE program requires partnerships that offer support and create authentic real-world experiences. For the Fire Science program, the local fire departments are key partners. Their employees serve as mentors, offer internships and even teach in the classroom.

First-line supervisors of firefighting and prevention workers are in high demand in Arizona, with 6,000 openings statewide. The program was established in 2004 to help meet that demand.

"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 Fire Science Program and 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.