

Advance CTE / Center to Advance CTE Board of Directors' Update September 2021

## QUICK UPDATES

**Note:** We are working with Delivery Associates to update Board reporting templates and communications, with the goal of streamline and bring it into alignment with our new strategic plan's three "E's". That work will be completed in the next month or so. In the meantime, we are using a modified version of the prior monthly Board update template.

### <u>Upcoming Advance CTE and The Center to Advance CTE Board Meetings (all times listed are in</u> <u>Eastern)</u>

Please mark your calendars! All meetings will take place via Zoom unless otherwise specified.

November 9, 2021 – Joint Board Meeting	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Employment contract vote; Telework/remote work policy
January 26, 2022 – Advance CTE Board Meeting	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	990's, audit, & FY23 state dues determination
January 26, 2022 – The Center to Advance CTE Board Meeting	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	990's, audit, & FY23 state dues determination
April Board Meetings TBD	TBD	Stocktake, strategy updates
June 29, 2022 – Advance CTE Board Meeting	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	FY23 Budget
June 29, 2022 – Center to Advance CTE Board Meeting	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	FY23 Budget

\* All times listed above are the eastern time zone

#### Administrative Update.

- In late September, two Senior Advisors joined Advance CTE's team <u>Kevin Johnson</u> and <u>Nithya</u> <u>Govindasamy</u>
- On October 20, Dr. Tunisha Hobson will join our team as our new State Policy Manager.
- Interviews are underway for a new senior policy associate.

*Finance Update*: These numbers represent the July through September 2021 income and expenses, which is 25% of the fiscal year. The audit will be completed next month and be presented at the January Board Meeting.

Advance CTE Budget Snapshot	Center to Advance CTE Budget Snapshot
Received 60% of budgeted income	Received 64% of budgeted income
Expended 13% of budgeted expenses	Expended 13% of budgeted expenses

*Fundraising*: Advance CTE is currently pursuing a variety of corporate and foundation contacts to discuss potential grants and contracts. Below is a chart explaining the organization's ongoing grants and any major development activities from this month.

Grant/Proposal/	Organization	Status	Progress Since Last Board Update
Contract Strategies for Recruiting Students into CTE	<i>Partner</i> Siemens Foundation	Ongoing	We have requested and received a no-cost extension through September 2022 to allow us to offer train-the-trainers sessions for counselor workshops in summer 2022. State Cohort: States launched monthly check-in calls with Advance CTE staff and are in the beginning stages of project work. A public announcement of grantees is planned for early October. A second cross-state call will be held October 13. Career Advising Workshop: The workshop was officially re-launched through communication with State Directors on September 16. States will be able to request a workshop free of charge through November 5, and 11 requests have been submitted thus far. Facilitator training is complete, and additional adjustments have been made to the curriculum to elevate the equity lens following feedback from facilitators. Research and Surveys: Presentations and submissions to state conferences to present the communications research continue. Findings from a national survey of over 300 employers about their perceptions and support of CTE are scheduled to be released October 7.
New Skills ready network	JPMorgan Chase	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.
CTE Without Limits, Career Clusters, CLNA/Perkins	Gates Foundation	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.
Partnership for Advancing Youth Apprenticeship	New America (Siemens, Ballmer Group, JPMorgan Chase)	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.

NSFY Innovation Sites (Data Quality)	JPMorgan Chase	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.
Equity	Joyce Foundation	Ongoing	On September 3, we submitted a two-year renewal grant to the Joyce Foundation for \$325,000 to support principle 2-aligned work around equity. The grant would start on January 1, 2022, which our current grant ends December 31, 2021.
Postsecondary Data Quality	ECMC Foundation	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.
Postsecondary CTE Fellows Program	ECMC Foundation	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing as described below.
NIDILRR	UMass Medical School	Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing.
College High School Alliance	Joyce Foundation Gates Foundation ECMC Foundation	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	No major updates beyond the work is progressing. CHSA is preparing its next grant proposal to Gates, which includes \$15,000 for Advance CTE to participate in strategic planning and federal advocacy work. No major updates beyond the work is progressing.
Stimulus Coalition	Bloomberg, Annie E. Casey, Walton, Beacon Fund, Gates, Carnegie	Proposal approved	Advance CTE is partnering with JFF, Education Strategy Group, NGA, ExcelinEd and New America on a multi-funder, multi-year investment to help states and communities leverage stimulus funding to support high-quality and equitable career pathways. The group of funders approved a phase 1 planning grant, of which Advance CTE will be receiving \$60,000 for work through February 2022.
CTE Funding & CTE without borders	Walton Family Foundation	Proposal approved	We received notice in late August that our two-year grant CTE funding models and CTE without borders has been approved. The grant is for \$300,000 and runs from September 2021 through August 2023. We received our first payment this month.
CTE Research	Bloomberg Philanthropies	Proposal development	We had a call with Bloomberg Philanthropies to discuss a research agenda and were asked to submit a short prospectus in early October for potential funding to support a framework for an ROI study.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

*Membership Update:* In September, Advance CTE added two associate state members and one new non-state member.

- State CTE Directors: 55
- State Team Members: 210
- Individual Associate State: 16
- Individual Associate Non-State: 70
- Organizational: 46 organizations, 171 individual organizational members

#### State CTE Directors:

- Marcette Kilgore is the new State CTE Director in Texas.
- Roger Barnes is the new State CTE Director in Missouri.
- Jeralyn Jargo is retiring from her position as State CTE Director in Minnesota at the end of September. Karl Ohrn is the interim contact.

<u>Member Engagement & Professional Learning</u>: Advance CTE did not hold any professional learning events in September, as staff are focused on preparing for the Advance CTE Virtual Fall Meeting. The CTE Without Limits Vision Kitchen Cabinet met to discuss vision principle five this month, sharing current work in their states through the lens of this principle's actions.

**Fall Meeting**: More than 200 people from more than 40 states have registered so far and ten sponsors have committed to supporting the meeting, surpassing the sponsorship goal. An agenda with speakers representing secondary and postsecondary CTE, national partners as well as federal agencies is posted <u>online here</u>.

**Postsecondary State CTE Leaders Fellowship Program at Advance**: Advance CTE closed the application period for the Postsecondary State CTE Leaders Fellowship Program at Advance CTE (Sponsored by ECMC Foundation) this month. The Advisory Committee is reviewing and scoring applications and will meet to select the inaugural cohort in October.

**New State Director Institute**: Seven new State CTE Directors have enrolled in the 2021 – 2022 New State Director Institute, and programming began in September with an orientation and workshop, "Leveraging Your Strengths as a Leader" led by Tim Hodges, Executive Director of the Clifton Strengths Institute, University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Seven current State CTE Directors have volunteered to serve as mentors to the new state directors and are participating in mentor orientations this month.

### STATE AND FEDERAL CTE POLICY

*<u>Federal Advocacy Update</u>*: This month, Advance CTE focused on advocating for the inclusion of Career Technical Education (CTE) funding and workforce development funding in the upcoming budget reconciliation bill, known as the Build Back Better Act. On September 1, Representatives Raja

Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Jim Langevin (D-RI) introduced a resolution to double the federal funding for CTE and include CTE funding in the reconciliation package. Advance CTE was pleased to support this bill, and Advance CTE's Executive Director Kim Green was quoted in the press release. Later in September, the House Committee on Education and Labor introduced and marked up its portion of the reconciliation bill. This text includes \$4 billion for CTE programs through the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). This is broken down into \$3 billion in funding through the Perkins Basic State Grant and \$1 billion through the Innovation and Modernization Fund. Advance CTE was pleased that CTE was included in the bill, especially given that CTE and workforce development had been two areas that were not guaranteed to be kept by the Committee. Representative Krishnamoorthi released a statement in support of this CTE designated funding, and Advance CTE was quoted in this press release.

However, Area Technical Centers (ATCs) have been left out of the bill- including the free community college proposal. Last month, Advance CTE, in partnership with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) sent a letter to House and Senate committee leadership reinforcing the need for ATCs to be included in any free community college language. After the text was released, Advance CTE and ACTE sent a letter to Committee Chair Bobby Scott (D-VA) outlining the need to resolve this issue and include ATCs in the Build Back Better Act. Advance CTE continues to work with the House and Senate to resolve this issue and ensure inclusion of ATCs. The timeline moving forward for the Build Back Better Act is unclear, as political divides in the Senate have paused the process.

Also this month, Advance CTE, in partnership with ACTE, submitted a comment to the Federal Register in response to the U.S. Department of Education's request for comments on the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V).

### State Policy Update:

- <u>Delaware:</u> Through the PDI, Advance CTE met with the Delaware Department of Education to discuss options and approaches for its postsecondary comprehensive local needs assessment.
- <u>Florida</u>: Through the PDI, Advance CTE met with the Florida Department of Education to discuss criteria for evaluating the quality of postsecondary work-based learning.
- <u>Alabama</u>: Through the PDI, Advance CTE is working with the Alabama Community College System to design professional development activities that can help CTE deans understand how to access and use their data effectively to identify opportunity gaps.
- <u>New Hampshire</u>: Advance CTE provided feedback on New Hampshire's new rubric for industryrecognized credentials and joined a legislative advisory committee meeting to discuss the updated document.

**Credit for Prior Learning:** The beginning phase of the Credit for Prior Learning SSWG has begun with the development of invitation language and a pre-survey as well as the review of potential invitees and getting calls scheduled with ESG to begin the invitation process. The kick off meeting for the CPL SSWG is scheduled for December 2021.

**Data Initiative:** As states near the halfway point for their two-year strategic action plans, Advance CTE is preparing for a mid-point check in with funded states. States will complete an interim survey and update their budgets for the final year of the initiative. We are also working on scheduling out the remaining community of practice calls through the end of 2022.

Separately, Advance CTE launched the CTE Equity Index pilot process in early September. Along with Education Strategy Group, we are working with the Kentucky Center for Statistics, the Michigan Department of Education, and Metro Nashville Public Schools to design an index that can be used to monitor inclusivity and equitable outcomes in CTE programs.

Publications: In September, Advance CTE released the Career Readiness Metrics Framework.

Learning that Works Resource Center: The Resource Center sustained a total of 16,427 hits for the month of September. The top two resources for this month include Advance CTE's *Career Clusters Student Interest Survey*, followed by Advance CTE's *Career Readiness Metrics Framework: A Continuum of Actionable Measures of Career Development and Readiness.* 

Advance CTE has launched two microsites to support the data policy benchmark tool and the area technical centers resources. This month, the microsite for area technical centers sustained 290 views and the microsite for the data policy benchmark tool sustained 146 views\*.



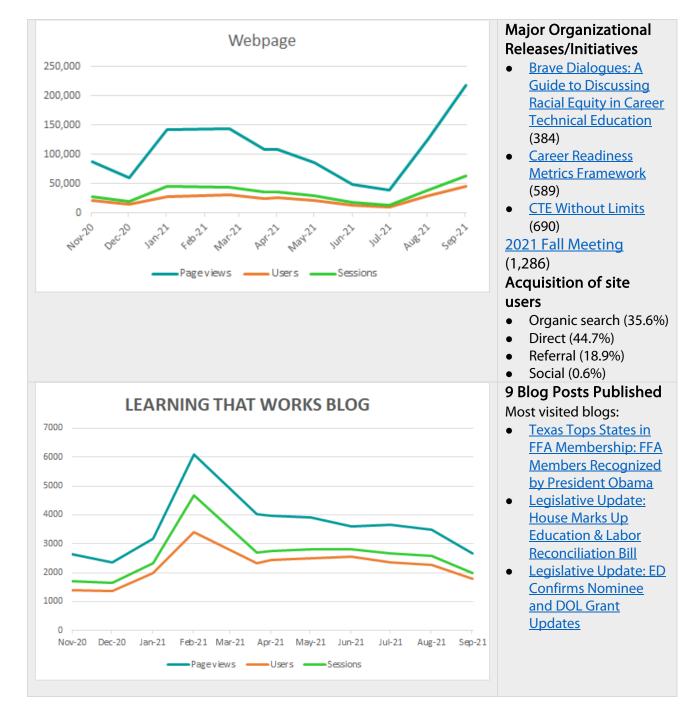
\*Reported data for June include website traffic through September 30, 2021 \*\* Reported data represents an average of website for the years 2017-2019.

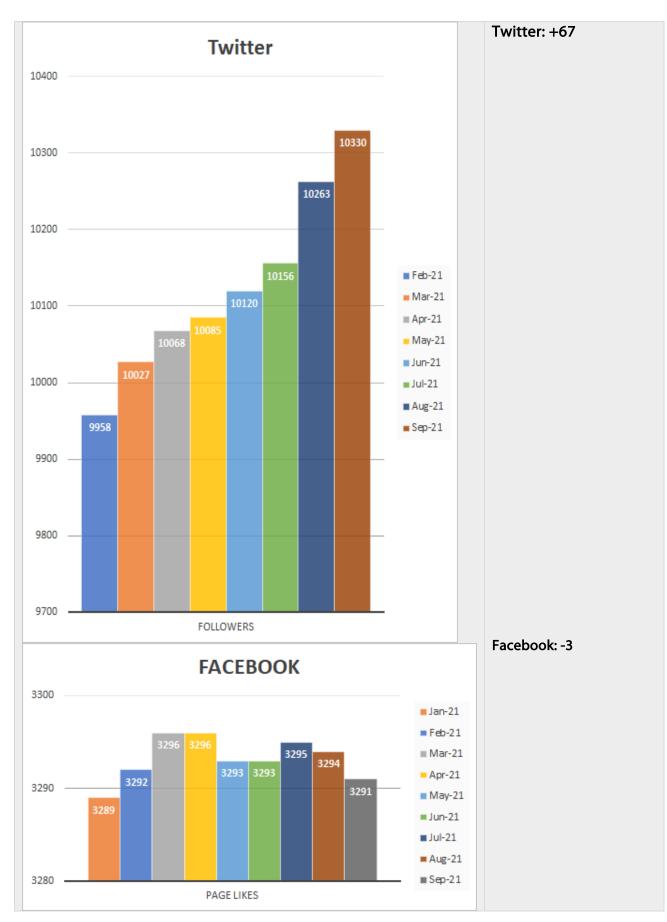
**Opportunity Gap Analysis Support:** On September 22, Advance CTE hosted the first CTE opportunity gap analysis train-the-trainer session. Nearly 30 participants from 10 states attended the training. Each state will receive a \$4,000 stipend and ongoing support over the next three months to conduct the opportunity gap analysis process in their own states. The session was very impactful, with participants providing an average rating of 4.8 out of 5 on their likelihood to use the content from the training and a 4.1 out of 5 on their preparedness to lead the work in their own states.

<u>CTE Without Limits Update</u>: Advance CTE held its fifth Kitchen Cabinet meeting in September focused on principle 5. The final meeting of this group will be held in early November. Most of the work over the past month has been focused on finalizing *Pushing the Limits*: A Roadmap for Advancing CTE Without Limits and the request for proposals that will be released on October 14.

## PROMOTION

### Communications Update:





**Media Engagement:** This month the findings of a national survey of employers on perceptions of CTE and engagement partnerships will be released; media messaging is targeted at promoting this research. A long-form article on Advance CTE's initiatives was published by Workforce Monitor. A statement was provided to Representative Krishnamoorthi for a press release in support of the Build Back Better Act committee proposal passed by the House Committee on Education and Labor that included robust investments for CTE and workforce development.

**Webpage:** The Advance CTE website continues to increase in page views as we end the month of September. The communications team will ignite another month of promotion in October (with members) and execute Fall Meeting sponsorships to keep steady flow to both <u>www.careertech.org</u> and the Learning that Works blog.

### PARTNERSHIPS

# Below is a list of Advance CTE's staff most impactful or otherwise notable engagement activities from last month

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS	<ul> <li>Communicating Career Technical Education: Learner-centered Messages for Effective Program Recruitment, Indiana Association for Career Technical Education (ACTE) 2021 State Conference</li> <li>CTE Without Limits, Iowa ACTE 2021 State Conference</li> <li>Elevating and Leveraging the Learner Voice in CTE, ACTE Region II Conference</li> <li>Pathways Metrics Framework, JPMC <i>New Skills</i> ready network Fall Convening, Advance CTE &amp; Education Strategy Group (ESG)</li> <li>Social Capital in CTE Shared Solutions Workgroup Meeting, Advance CTE</li> <li>The Future of CTE, Stride Career Prep</li> </ul>
VIRTUAL EVENTS	<ul> <li>A Bold Vision for CTE, Presentation to the California Workforce Pathways Joint</li> </ul>
ATTENDED	Advisory Committee
	<ul> <li>Accelerating Recovery through Credentials: Adult-Ready Strategies in Action, Education Strategy Group</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Apprenticeship Hearing, Senate HELP Committee</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Broadening the Benefits of Dual Enrollment: Strategies to Increase Program Access and Participation</li> </ul>
	Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce Meeting
	<ul> <li>Coalition for Workforce Development through Career Technical Education</li> </ul>
	Monthly Meeting, Association for Career & Technical Education
	<ul> <li>Committee for Education Funding Board Meeting</li> </ul>
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OTHER PARTNERS ENGAGED	<ul> <li>Association of Career and Technical Education</li> <li>American Institutes for Research (AIR)</li> <li>American School Counselors Association</li> <li>Aspen Institute</li> <li>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</li> <li>Bloomberg Philanthropies</li> <li>Campaign for the Investment in the Workforce</li> <li>College in High School Alliance</li> <li>Committee for Education Funding</li> <li>Charles A. Dana Center</li> <li>Chiefs for Change</li> <li>Christensen Institute</li> <li>Council of Chief State School Officers</li> <li>Credential Engine</li> <li>Data Quality Campaign</li> <li>Delivery Associates</li> <li>Edge Research</li> <li>Education Strategy Group (ESG)</li> <li>IBM</li> <li>Institute for Higher Education Policy</li> <li>Institute for Education Sciences</li> <li>International Society for Technology in Education</li> <li>JFF</li> <li>Johns Hopkins University Everyone Graduates Center</li> <li>National Academies Foundation (NAF)</li> <li>National Sociation (NSC)</li> <li>Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education</li> <li>Pennsylvania Associations for Career Technical Education Administrators</li> <li>Search Institute</li> <li>Siemens Foundation</li> <li>Stride Career Prep</li> <li>University of Massachusetts Medical School</li> <li>Urban League</li> <li>Vivayic</li> </ul>



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# ADVANCE CTE MEMBER NEWSLETTER

YOUR VOICE FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

### Dear Advance CTE Members,

One of my favorite things about fall is the season's beauty and its theme of transformation. Like the tapestry of falling leaves that become a nutrient-rich blanket for a spring renewal, the challenges facing our nation and our education system are fertile fields for transformative change. The goal is not to go back to how we were but to embrace the change and cultivate something stronger to emerge.

Advance CTE's new strategic plan makes our path clear - to equip, engage and empower our community toward the bold vision of *Without Limits: A Shared Vision for the Future of Career Technical Education* (CTE Without Limits). This is our roadmap to transformative systems change, and we look forward to working with and supporting the states toward this new season for CTE.

Helping to empower you with new knowledge and innovations, the latest research from our national partners, and opportunities to expand your peer network is our premier professional development event - Advance CTE's 2021 Fall Meeting on October 27 and 28. More than 40 states have committed to being in attendance for Advance CTE's Fall Meeting - make sure your entire team registers before the October 8 deadline! I hope to see you at the meeting!

This month, we released the Career Metrics Readiness Framework - a great tool to equip states to raise the standard for the metrics that should be used to evaluate progress and competency in career pathways. We have lots more in store for the rest of the fall, including a new vision implementation support resource, a related Request For Proposals (RFP) for state sub-grants and technical assistance to lead transformational change aligned to *CTE Without Limits.* 

I'm wishing each of you an inspiring start to a transformative fall season!

Kimberly a Green



# Membership Update

- Blaine Henningsen retired from his position as State CTE Director in Missouri. Roger Barnes is the new State Director. Congratulations Roger!
- Jeralyn Jargo is retiring from her position as State CTE Director in **Minnesota** on September 30. Happy retirement, Jeralyn, and thank you for your service to Advance CTE!
- Marcette Kilgore is the new State CTE Director in**Texas**. Welcome Marcette!
- Ross White is the new State CTE Director in Arkansas. Welcome Ross!

### New Resource from Advance CTE

*Career Readiness Metrics Framework: A Continuum of Actionable Measures of Career Development and Readiness* — This framework presents a comprehensive list of metrics that span middle school through adulthood and provides a standard for practitioners, policymakers and researchers to evaluate whether learners are on track for and progressing through their career pathways. It should serve as a resource to help leaders at the state and local levels go beyond traditional accountability systems and select, refine and prioritize career readiness indicators from middle school through adulthood.

### From Our Partners

- Guide/Tool, Case Study JFF Realizing the Potential for Rapid Reskilling: Practitioner-Informed Policy Considerations and Commitments for Short-Term Credentialing Programs
- Research/Report National Skills Coalition The Roadmap for Racial Equity
- Research/Report, Case Study Credential Engine Creating Equitable Futures for All Learners Through Credential Transparency
- Research/Report Opportunity@Work Hire for the Skills it Takes to Do the Job
- Research/ Report The Western Interstate Commission for

Higher Education — The PLA Boost: Results from a 72-Institution Targeted Study of Prior Learning Assessment and Adult Student Outcomes

#### Forthcoming in October

- Guide/Tool *Pushing the Limits: A Roadmap for Advancing CTE Without Limits* — The vision roadmap provides a step-by-step guide for states to conduct an initial assessment and develop implementation strategies for one or multiple vision principles.
- RFP States Advancing CTE Without Limits Advance CTE is launching an effort to provide a cohort of four-five states with 10 months of intensive technical assistance to advance the principle(s) and actions within CTE Without Limits most critical to strengthening their career preparation ecosystems and providing each learner with the greatest opportunities to reach their full potential. Advance CTE will work with selected states to conduct a self-assessment using Pushing the Limits: A Roadmap for Advancing CTE Without Limits, focusing on no more than two principles.
- Professional Development 2021 Virtual Fall Meeting Designed to support each leader in Meeting CTE's Moment, to meet the enormous and historic opportunity to transform systems to be responsive, flexible and cohesive for each learner to achieve success at every stage of their career journey.

#### New Survey Results for Community and Technical Colleges



A new survey by Opportunity America explores how community colleges are innovating to keep up with a changing workplace.

All of the nation's community and technical colleges were invited to participate, and 477 schools took part, for a 38 percent response rate.

Visit **opportunityamericaonline.org/ccsurvey** to view the results, including customized state reports and state-by-state comparisons.

View the results

# View from the Hill

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This last week of September is a big week, with the federal fiscal year ending on September 30. Advance CTE is monitoring the progress of the bi-partisan infrastructure bill scheduled to be voted on in the House on Thursday, September 30, as well as the Continuing Resolution that must be enacted before the fiscal year end in order to avoid the closure of the federal government.

To follow along with Congressional and administration actions related to CTE, check out our Legislative Updates.

# **CTE Without Limits**

### Evaluating and Implementing CTE Without Limits

Next month Advance CTE will release a new tool to guide states in evaluating and implementing *CTE Without Limits*. A vision roadmap will provide step-by-step questions, scoring and action plans for each vision principle.

Advance CTE will also offer an RFP for states interested in focusing on a specific vision principle and conducting deeper implementation activities.

This work will require shared commitment from not just your immediate team, but from all actors involved in the design, delivery and support of CTE programs. Visit the 'Implementation Resources' tab on the vision page for short fact sheets with specific action areas for philanthropy, industry, local leaders and more to start the conversation with stakeholders on their role in realizing *CTE Without Limits*.

# Recap: Watch Advance CTE's Vision Summer Lunch and Learn Series!

On August 31, Advance CTE concluded its initial exploration of each of the vision's five principles through a summer lunch and learn series featuring national leaders across learning and work. Almost 400 state and local CTE leaders participated in the series! Full recordings can be found both below and on the vision page, and serve as a helpful first step to gain key insights and innovative practices in preparation for future implementation work.

- Principle 1: Featuring Council of Chief State School Officers, National Association of State Workforce Agencies and National Governors Association
- Principle 2: Featuring American Youth Policy Forum, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) and National Skills Coalition (NSC)
- Principle 3: Featuring Achieving the Dream, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
- Principle 4: Featuring KnowledgeWorks, The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Center for Education and Workforce
- Principle 5: Featuring Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)



# **Engagement Activities**

Presentations:

- Communicating Career Technical Education: Learner-centered Messages for Effective Program Recruitment, Indiana ACTE 2021 State Conference
- The Future of CTE, Stride Career Prep
- CTE Without Limits, Iowa ACTE 2021 State Conference
- Elevating and Leveraging the Learner Voice in CTE, ACTE Region II Conference
- Pathways Metrics Framework, JPMC *New Skills* ready network Fall Convening, Advance CTE & Education Strategy Group (ESG)
- Social Capital in CTE Shared Solutions Workgroup Meeting, Advance CTE

Virtual Events Attended:

- New Skills ready network Fall 2021 Convening
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### Partners Engaged:

- ACTE
- American Institutes for Research (AIR)
- American School Counselors Association
- Aspen Institute
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- Campaign for the Investment in the Workforce
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- Christensen Institute
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- Delivery Associates
- Edge Research
- ESG
- IBM
- Institute for Higher Education Policy
- Institute for Education Sciences
- International Society for Technology in Education
- JFF
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- Search Institute
- Siemens Foundation
- Stride Career Prep
- University of Massachusetts Medical School

