CTE News and Spotlights

CTE Month: Equity as a Guiding Principle

Building Trust to Promote Equity in CTE - Advance CTE released a brief focused on equity in Career Technical Education. *Making Good on the Promise: Building Trust to Promote Equity in CTE,* describes steps state leaders can take to rebuild trust in marginalized communities that CTE has historically failed to equitably serve. It examines strategies that states are using to communicate the promise of CTE and gain buy-in from within state agencies, from communities and from stakeholders to promote equity in CTE. Learn more here: https://careertech.org/resource/building-trust-promote-equity-cte.

CTE Gateway to Equity - The Office for Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) conducted an exploratory case study of CTE programs that made noticeable gains in supporting underrepresented and underserved students and what structures and practices were implemented in order to strive for equity. There are apparent inequities in terms of who

gets access to certain fields and the requisite CTE training that leads to economic and lifelong advancement. In the state of Illinois approximately 32% of those participating in postsecondary CTE programs are members of a racial minority group, and between 2010 and 2014, there was a slight increase in CTE participation and completion across all racial minority groups, with the exception of Pacific Islander according to the Underrepresented Students Report. However, nationally Black and Latinx workers are still more likely to be situated in low-paying fields such as community services and arts, and food and personal services, whereas, White and Asian workers are more likely to work in higher-paying, growth sectors like STEM and healthcare and other technical occupations.

For Full Article

Mark Your Calendars!

**FY 2019
Spring Professional Development Opportunities**

Illinois
Professional
Development
Network

IET Practitioners' Guide Webinar
Thursday, February 28, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

Perkins V and Special Populations Webinar
What is on the horizon?
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

Team Teaching Models Webinar
Thursday, March 28, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

ICAPS Model One in the Field Webinar
Thursday, April 11, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

FY19 Perkins Administrator Cohort Spring Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wyndham Springfield City Centre
reserved for Postsecondary Perkins Administrators and CTE Deans

Illinois Transitions Academy - Spring Session
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wyndham Springfield City Centre

What is a Program of Study? - Webinar
Thursday, April 18, 2019
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Nontraditional Occupations: What is new for Perkins V - Webinar
Thursday, April 25, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

ICAPS Model Two in the Field Webinar
Thursday, May 2, 2019
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

Special Populations Symposium
Thursday, May 30, 2019
Normal, IL

For more information on the above professional development and registration, be sure to visit the ICSPS webpage.

ICSPS webpage

Spotlights

Waubonsee Community College

- In partnership with VALEES, the local EFE, students from Waubonsee's district high schools with Graphic Design programs will participate in a Graphics Design Boot Camp at Oswego East High School. Students will be selected to compete in the Graphics Student of the Year competition, held at Waubonsee's Sugar Grove Campus in April.
- The Aurora Fox Valley Campus, which is home to most of our health care programs, will host students from Waubonsee's Adult Education program and West Aurora High School's Health Sciences Academy for tours of the labs and additional information about careers in health care.
- Waubonsee's Early Childhood Education Program will host students from district high schools with

Early Childhood Education programs at the Aurora Downtown Campus for the Early Childhood Education Visit Day, for breakout workshops and additional information about careers in the field.
- The Automotive Technology Faculty will host students from district high schools with Automotive Programs for an Automotive Skills Competition at the Sugar Grove Campus.

Sauk Valley Community College – Invited (around 550) from the area vocational center to tour the college and learn about how programs align in terms of pathways and a follow up open house students and their parents who are interested in attending SVCC. Financial aid, scholarships, and registration will be discussed and a tour.

Resources

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
- [Root Causes and Strategies](#)
- [Toolkits and Products](#)

The Office of Community College Research and Leadership
- [Equity Driven Change Projects](#)
- [Culturally Responsiveness in Community College CTE Programs](#)
- [Data-Driven Decision-Making in CTE](#)

The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support
- [Special Populations Resources](#)
- [Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project](#)

Visit ICCB's CTE webpage to learn more about CTE or Perkins Reauthorization.

We celebrate CTE every month! Don't forget to send us news, initiatives, or achievements so that we can highlight CTE at your college. Submit an article and photo to Melissa.Andrews@illinois.gov.