

Career and Technical Education



*"Educating the
mind without
educating the
heart is no
education at all."*

Aristotle



- **CTE works for high school students**
 - 81 percent of dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school.
 - More than 70 percent of secondary CTE concentrators pursued postsecondary education shortly after high school.
- **CTE works for the economy**
 - In Connecticut, every public dollar invested in Connecticut community colleges returns \$16.40 over the course of students' careers. That state's economy receives \$5 billion annually in income from this investment.
 - In Tennessee, CTE returns \$2 for every \$1 invested. At the secondary level, CTE program completers account for more than \$13 million in annual tax revenues.
- **CTE Works for Business**
 - The skilled trades are the hardest jobs to fill in the United States, with recent data citing 806,000 jobs open in the trade, transportation and utilities sector and 293,000 jobs open in manufacturing.
 - Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree, are a significant part of the economy. Of the 55 million job openings created by 2020, 30 percent will require some college or a two-year associate degree.

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