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# THE CONNECTION CONFERENCE **EMPOWER LIVES**

We invite you to the 50th Annual AZ CTE Summer Conference, a milestone event celebrating half a century of empowering the American dream!

1,500+ participants

108 school districts (secondary and postsecondary)

300+

Unique program sessions

Stay certified with professional development courses

Connect with like-minded educators and industry professionals.





# Plenary Sessions – Big Conversations Under the Big CTE Umbrella

At Arizona's premier CTE event, we don't just celebrate—we connect, collaborate, and create change. In addition to our exciting Opening and Closing Sessions, this year's special anniversary conference introduces daily plenary sessions that bring our statewide CTE community together. These shared learning experiences are designed to unite educators, counselors, administrators, college faculty, ADE leaders, workforce boards, and industry partners under a single mission: To ensure every Arizona learner—regardless of location—can dream big, envision their future, and gain the skills needed to turn their aspirations into reality.

### Why Attend?



Stay informed on statewide CTE priorities and how they intersect with workforce and economic development.



Engage in solution-focused conversations with policymakers, educators, and industry leaders on Arizona's most pressing workforce challenges.



Strengthen collaboration across sectors by building meaningful partnerships that enhance career pathways for all learners.



Celebrate 50 years of CTE excellence while shaping a bold, unified vision for the future of Arizona's workforce.

Mark your calendar—let's build the future of Arizona's workforce together! Don't miss this chance to deepen your impact and gain fresh insights into the value of hands-on learning in career preparation. Join us as we celebrate 50 years of empowering students through CTE!

#### Scan for a full list of sessions:



## Monday Breakfast at The Westin La Paloma Women in Non-Traditional Industries

This empowering panel highlights trailblazing women thriving in the professional skilled trades. Learn how they've forged their careers, and discover strategies to mentor, support, and inspire the next generation of young women exploring non-traditional pathways.

# Tuesday Breakfast at Loews Ventana Canyon The New Economy and the Need for Talent

Arizona is growing fast—and so is the need for a ready workforce. Join this forward-thinking panel of Arizona leaders who are developing new talent pipelines to support our evolving economy. Discover how demographic shifts and innovation are reshaping the future—and what it means for CTE.