
Event Agenda

Oregon ACTE Annual Conference 2026 - Be Future Ready: Innovate. Inspire. Impact.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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|---------------------------|--|
| 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Conference Check In |
| 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Industry Tours - Registration Required
Safety Talk
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM |
| 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Lunch on your own |
| 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Business and Industry Panel
Location: Pacific Room |
| 1:30 PM - 3:50 PM | Innovate Table Talks
Location: Pacific Room |
| 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Future Ready Welcome Mixer
Location: Necanicum East |

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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| 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Conference Check In |
| 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM | Breakfast |
| 8:10 AM - 8:30 AM | Welcome, Recognitions and Awards |
| 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Opening Keynote-Rachael Mann |
| 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Vendor Experience |

Safety that works: Practical Risk Management for CTE Success

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Necanicum East
Speakers: Paula Phelps, Michiel Majors

When Does Exploration Become Expectation: A Collegiate Perspective

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speakers: Lisa Parks, Stephen Phelps

Student-Run Pop-Ups that Bring Business Curriculum to Life

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speaker: Tessa Endencia

Beyond Dual Credit: Rethinking High School - College Collaboration to Create Authentic Learning Experiences

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Seaside B
Speakers: Erin Gardenhire, Ginger Redlinger

Supercharging CTE Classroom Instruction: How Collaborative Learning Transforms Engagement, Culture, and Outcomes

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Seaside A
Speakers: Joel Sebastian, Mark Van Ryzin, Jessica Andrews

Boosting Enrollment and Retention Through CTE Signing Day, Paid Work Experience and Industry Partnerships

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Riverside A
Speaker: Amy Burbee

Lessons learned and tips and tricks from 20 years in Woodworking and Construction

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Riverside C
Speaker: Joe Mauck

Association of General Contractors - Listening for "Needs"- Engaging Local Industry to Maximize Student Learning

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Seaside C
Speakers: Amber Klingner, Beau Stackhouse, Amanda Carey, Troy Morgan

Sponsor Session - Edmentum

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Sunrise

FireBright: Southern Oregon's First Wildland Firefighting CTE Program - Building Career Pathways Through Cross-Sector Collaboration

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM
Location: Riverside B
Speakers: Ben Ho, Jennifer Payne

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM

Session 2

CTE Licensure Q&A Session

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Necanicum East
Speaker: Megan Helzerman

Building Custom Gemini Gems for the CTE Ecosystem

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Seaside A
Speakers: Jerry McMichael, Eric Volger

CTE n Community Connection

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Riverside A
Speakers: Mandy Hoggard, Athena Lawson

When AI Confirms Our Beliefs: Teaching Confirmation Bias and Critical Thinking in CTE

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Riverside B
Speaker: Velda Arnaud

Association of General Contractors - Listening for "Needs"- Engaging Local Industry to Maximize Student Learning

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Seaside C
Speakers: Colden Garro, Beau Stackhouse, Amanda Carey, Troy Morgan

Southern Educational Consulting and Training

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Sunrise

Careers in the Maritime Industry

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Seaside B
Speaker: Michael Lee

Dust Off Your CNC Machine

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Riverside C
Speaker: Geoff Anderson

Meet and Greet: Oregon's New CTE Director, Jenni Newby, PhD

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speaker: Jenni Newby, PhD

Creating an Emergency Services Program from Scratch

10:45 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speaker: Jeff Crapper

11:30 AM - 11:50 PM

Oregon ACTE Annual Business Meeting

Location: Pacific Room

11:50 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch

12:40 PM - 1:30 PM

Legislative Panel

Location: Pacific Room

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM

Session 3

Future Ready Leadership in Oregon: Your Input, Your Masterclass

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Necanicum East
Speakers: Kevin Flemming, Caitlin Russell

Motivating the Modern Public Service Student: What Today's Students Respond To and What No Longer Works

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speaker: Paula Simone

CTE for All: Partnering to Support Students with Disabilities

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speakers: Ariana Schwartz, Josh Barbour, Sarah Statham

CTE in Action: Creating a Future-Ready Educator Workforce Through Applied Bachelor's Pathways

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Seaside B
Speakers: Karla Hale, Kanoe Bunney

Design Educators Summit: Skill Alignment, Work-Based Learning, and Collective Impact

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Riverside A
Speakers: Kate Doyle, Thomas Madison

From "Rubber Stamp" to Real Impact: Activating Your Industry Partners

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Riverside B
Speakers: Brook Rich, Kim Bezdek

Sponsor Session - Klein

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Sunrise
Speaker: Ben Janousek

Sponsor Session - Home Builders Association

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Seaside C

Preview of Middle School CTE modules

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Riverside C
Speakers: Jeff Rhoades, Johnie Ferro, Susan Samek

Finding Their Why: Energizing Student Purpose and Agency Through Cross-Disciplinary CTE Pathways

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Seaside C
Speakers: Cynthia Lofts, Summer Highfill

2:30 PM - 3:10 PM

Ice Cream Social Networking and Vendor Experience

Location: Pacific Room

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM

Session 4

Community College CTE Leader Meeting

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Seaside B

Understanding and Navigating Apprenticeship Pathways for Students

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speakers: Bill Blevins, Ana Rigsby

Bridging the Gap: High-Engagement Career and College Readiness Activities for Neurodivergent Learners

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speakers: Heather Hickcox, Denise Velasco

Be Future Ready: Connecting CTE Classrooms to Oregon's Workforce Boards and Youth Pathways

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Riverside A
Speaker: Georgia Conrad

Creating Safer Classrooms and Shops: Practical Strategies for Supervision, Safety Instruction, and Liability Reduction

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Riverside C
Speakers: Brad Eastman, Greg Jackson

Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Seaside C

College Board: AP Career Kickstart - New Career Focused Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Sunrise
Speaker: Brandi Augenstein

Oregon's State Vision for College Credit in High School in Action: The Advising Toolkit

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Necanicum East
Speakers: Eric Juenemann, Kristidel McGregor

Partnerships, Programs, and Purpose

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Riverside B
Speaker: Tony Frazier

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM

Session 5: Statewide CTE Pathway Meetings

Industrial and Engineering Systems

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Necanicum East

CTE Administrators, Leaders and Counselors Collaborative

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B

Agriculture and Natural Resources

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D

Health Sciences and Medical Pathways

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Seaside A

Human Services

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Riverside A

Business and Management

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Riverside B

Art, Information and Communications

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Riverside C

Community College CTE Leader Meeting

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Seaside B

Friday, May 01, 2026

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

Community Impact Projects that Grow your Students: Create a local Go Baby Go hub in your community and bring meaningful electrical projects into the classroom. Session includes a hands-on activity.

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Necanicum East
Speaker: Kristi Lebkowsky

Marketing Strategies to Make Lessons Stick

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speaker: Leah Ferguson

Take Flight: Career-Connected Drone Education for Pre-CTE

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speakers: Chris Hesselbein, Naomi Brown

Forging Innovation, Inspiring Impact: Student Voices from Willamette Career Academy, FRERES Manufacturing

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Seaside A
Speaker: Alex Lozano

Lead to Inspire: Cultivating a Team Culture That Invites Everyone In

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Seaside B
Speaker: Ellery Jones

Bridging The Gap Between Elementary and Secondary Career Connected Learning

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Riverside A
Speaker: Anna Monteil

Boundary Spanning in CTE: A New Framework for Designing Partnerships That Work

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Riverside B
Speaker: Chris Brida

From Interest to Enrollment: How a CTE Summer Camp Boosts Pathway Participation

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Riverside C
Speakers: Bill Blevins, NiCole Sims

Sponsor Session - Drone Technology

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Sunrise
Speaker: Nick Langolf

From Insight to Impact: Turning Local Manufacturing Data into Regional CTE Action

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Location: Seaside C
Speakers: Julia Betts, Chris Hesselbein, Chris Holden, Shareen Vogel

Opportunity Awaits! Fun, Future-Focused Activities for Every Learner

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Sand Dollar A/B
Speaker: Kim Bezdek

Step Into The Simulators. Step Into Your Future.

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Sand Dollar C/D
Speakers: Marlene Sandoval, Peter Lohonyay

What AI Use Looks Like in Real CTE Classrooms: Practical Assignments, Boundaries, and Student Learning

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Seaside A
Speaker: Velda Arnaud

Blowing the Doors of Small School CTE: What is going on at Bonanza Jr/Sr High!

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Seaside B
Speakers: Adam Randall, Jordan Osborn

Utilizing YouScience to Maximize the Impact of Career Connected Learning Activities in Your Region

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Riverside A
Speakers: Deron Fort, Chanel Maestas

Keeping it current: CTE programs must evolve with industry

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Riverside B
Speaker: Don Easton

CTE Cruise: A Rotational Survey Model That Builds Awareness, Engagement, and Enrollment Introducing Freshmen to Career Pathways Through Short-Term, High-Impact Rotations

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Riverside C
Speakers: Erik Bishoff, Damon Vold, Tom Lindskog, Michael McDonald, Karen Kirchoff, Jessica Arnold, Bill Hewes

NURA

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Sunrise

Inspire the Next Generation of AI Creators Through Accessible Low Code, Project-Based Learning

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Sunrise
Speakers: Kameron Beeks, Marcus Campbell, Jeff Crapper

CTE without limits: flexible, innovative CTE Program model centering rural geography and student choice

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Necanicum East
Speakers: Shareen Vogel, Ariana Schwartz, Sue Wilson

The Power of Play and Storytelling in Early Education

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Location: Seaside C
Speaker: Michelle Munro

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Session 8

The Magical CTE Classroom: Gamified Strategies That Spark Joy, Engagement, and Real-World Skills

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Sand Dollar A/B

Speaker: Tisha Richmond

The CTE Innovation Playbook: 12 Fast Plays for Instant Program Growth

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Sand Dollar C/D

Speakers: Carly Lynch, Adam Randall

The Deliverables: Product Based Learning in education

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Seaside A

Speaker: Doug Hanson

Creative Clinical Placements for Nursing Students

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Seaside C

Speakers: Dorothy Neufeld, Richard Webb

Career & Technical Education Opportunities at Oregon Prisons

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Riverside A

Speaker: Megan Cogswell

Teen Tutors, Powerful Results: Leveraging CTE Education Pathways to Deliver High-Dosage Reading Tutoring

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Riverside C

Speaker: Tammy Fisher

Stukent Presentation

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Sunrise

Building True Partnerships: Ask What Business Partners Want Taught (and Stopped)

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Riverside B

Speakers: Ginger Redlinger, Tony Mann, David Atherton, Erin Gardenhire

Modernizing Oregon CTE: National Career Clusters Framework

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Seaside B

Speakers: Johnie Ferro, Eric Juenemann

REVIT: Preparing Students for the Clean-Energy Workforce

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Location: Necanicum East

Speakers: Hanna Jaramillo, Robert McKay

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Closing Session

Closing Keynote - Lauren Kaufman

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Location: Pacific Room

The Last Wave: Closing Lunch and Future Preview

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

1:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Adjourn and drive safely