

Newsletter

ND DECA Attends the Ultimate Power Trip in Charlotte, NC

- Dustin Norby, Marketing Education Supervisor



From November 15-17, 2024, over 2,500 DECA members and advisors attended the Ultimate DECA Power Trip in Charlotte, NC. North Dakota DECA was represented by 34 members and advisors from five chapters:

Minot High, Minot North, Red River, Sheyenne, and Valley City. The conference featured Leadership and Learning Labs, the Competitive Excellence Experience – sponsored by Adobe, and a memorable DECA After Dark event at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Members had the chance to grow as leaders and network with others from around the world.

Nearly 1,400 members participated in the Competitive Excellence Experience, testing their skills in a role-play scenario. Congratulations to the top performers in each section of the competition from North Dakota:

- Taye David – Red River High School
- Brynn Field – Sheyenne High School
- Jack Samuelson – Valley City High School

Dates of Interest

December 2-4, 2024
Legislative Organizational Session

January 7, 2025
1st Day of Legislative Session

January 21-23, 2024
Bismarck State College Vision Visit

February 3-5, 2025
CTE in Memorial Hall, Bismarck

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How to Use Compass for the Four-Year Rolling Plan

-Laura Glasser, Career Resource Manager

Managing students' four-year plans is a key part of the Choice Ready framework. Compass can help.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (ND DPI) recently recommended schools across the state use Compass to capture the Four-Year Rolling Plan.

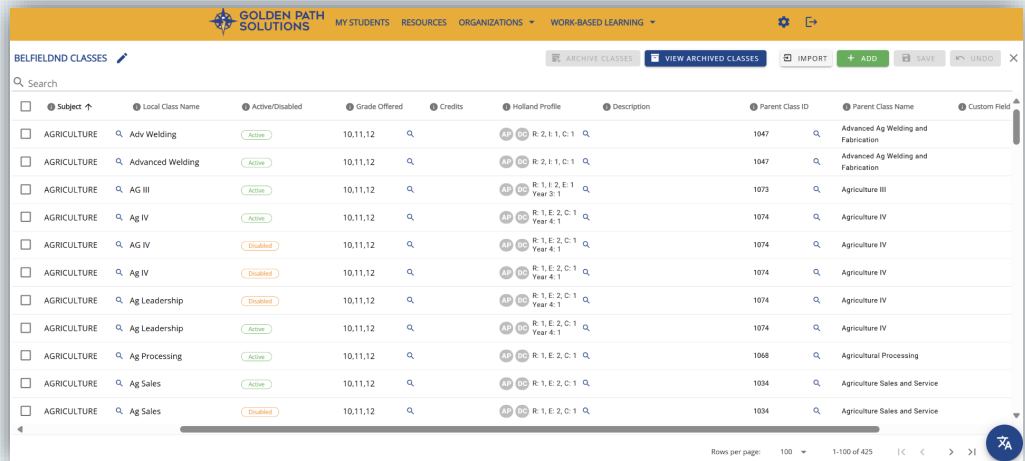
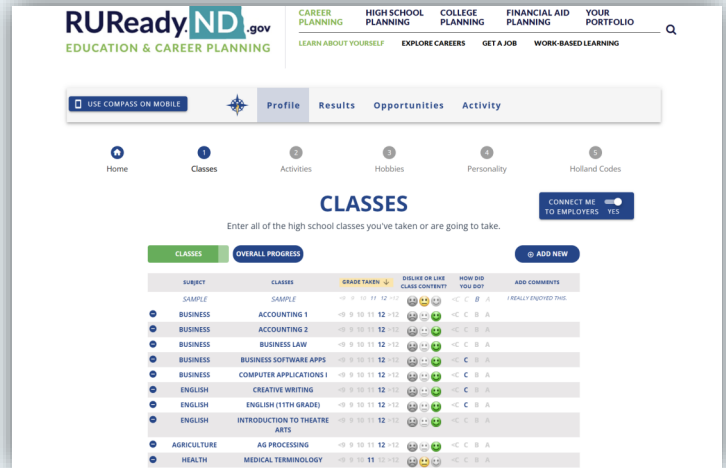
Students already have access to Compass through RUPreedy.ND.gov to create profiles, better understand their skills, explore careers, learn about employers and colleges, and apply for work-based learning opportunities. It will be a smooth transition for both school professionals and students to also use Compass to manage the Four-Year Rolling Plan. All of these tools and services work together to meet the ND DPI requirements and provide personalized career exploration.

Thanks to recent Compass updates, you can customize and manage course lists, making this process even easier. [Watch this video to get started.](#)

You can access the [Compass Console in the RUPreedy.ND.gov Professional Center.](#)

Golden Path Solutions and North Dakota Career and Technical Education have partnered to create the following guides to help you:

- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Guidance for getting started](#)



CTSO Student Perspective

- Bailey Binstock, SkillsUSA President, Southwest Area CTE Academy, Dickinson



Hello, my name is Bailey Binstock and I am the North Dakota state SkillsUSA president. I've been part of SkillUSA during all years of my high school career and am now a senior faced with questions about what the future holds for me. I, many times, am not able to answer these questions but with my continuous involvement in CTSO's I've become better prepared for what lies ahead. The real workforce environment that comes with partaking in CTSO's allows for students like myself to know whether or not the program they are involved in, to be a career for their future. SkillsUSA has not only helped me with my future but also opened many opportunities that I hope for many others to receive and know that without my involvement within these organizations, I would not be the person I am today.



DECA PUMPKIN PAINTING



Red River DECA members recently gathered for a fun-filled event where they painted pumpkins and competed for prizes. The meeting was a great way for members to showcase their creativity and bond with each other. Everyone had a fantastic time, and the friendly competition added an extra layer of excitement. The event not only highlighted their artistic talents but also strengthened the sense of community within the group.



NDACTE Update

- Carla Hixon, NDACTE Director

NDACTE Receives Quality Association Standards Award



ND Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) will be recognized with the Quality Association Standards (QAS) Award at the **State Association Leadership Breakfast on Saturday, December 7 during the ACTE VISION Conference**. The purpose of the QAS is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members. QAS recognized states for implementing policies, procedures and structure that demonstrate a high level of service and attention to member value. Gabes Kieffer, NDACTE President, said "The NDACTE board strives for continuous improvement in our organization. The NDACTE board's goal is to maintain and exceed best practices outlined by ACTE. It is an honor to be recognized for the seventh year in a row!"



Time to Update Your NDACTE Membership Information

NDACTE members, please take a moment to review your member profile information, including your email, address and Techniques preferences. Use your camera to link to the page or from the [ACTE homepage](#), choose login (top right corner), and enter your username and password (contact ACTE membership services at e-mail below if you need help). Once logged in, you will see the option to update your profile including email, address and your Techniques subscription preferences. Members who opt out of receiving Techniques in the mail will continue to have access to the full PDF edition of each Techniques issue. If you have any questions, please contact memberservices@acteonline.org.



NDACTE CTE Learn Thanksgiving Special – CTE Learn Offers Self-Paced Credit Courses for CTE Professionals.

While you're preparing for the holiday, be sure to take a moment between today and November 30th to enjoy 20% off on continuing education by using the VIP code **THANKFUL**

NDACTE CTE Learn offers over 200 self-paced credit courses for CTE professionals. Each course provides 4 hours of continuing education credits. Participants can enroll in any course at any time to meet their individual learning needs.

Completion of NDACTE CTE Learn credit courses provides participants with a professional development recognition badge, a certificate of completion, and eligibility to apply for both undergraduate and graduate college credit.

Purchase at [North Dakota ACTE - Online Learning Center \(ctelearn.org\)](http://ctelearn.org)

State Director's Column

-Wayde Sick, Director, North Dakota Career and Technical Education

A Year in Review



Happy Holidays from the staff at North Dakota Career and Technical Education. As we close out 2024, I would like to thank everyone involved in Career and Technical Education for a great year. Because of all your hard work and dedication, our students are receiving a first-class educational experience. By partnering with local communities and business partners, students receive access to opportunities that will help them select career paths that best meet their interests and aptitudes.

I want to thank our staff for their hard work in assisting our local CTE programs throughout the year. We have had some great accomplishments and highlights this year including:

- Of the thirteen new and expanding Career and Technology Center Capital Projects, seven have completed construction, with the other six well underway.
- Fifty-seven new and expanding CTE programs approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education.
- Ninety-one new CTE instructors started in the fall of 2024.
- Twenty-seven new career development counselors and career advisors started in 2024.
- Eight new CTE Directors started in 2024.
- Seventy-four individuals have completed Work-Based Learning Coordinator training and forty-eight endorsed since the summer of 2022. Sixteen coordinators are being supported by the Work-Based Learning Coordinator Grant.
- Usage of the RUPrepareND work-based learning module, Compass, continues to grow. Currently 513 employers, 16,000 students and 550 unique work-based learning opportunities are in the module.
- Eight Team Vision Visits, one more scheduled in January and several individual visits.
- 54th Annual North Dakota CTE Conference was held in August, with over 650 participants.
- Two new members to the State Board for Career and Technical Education, appointed by Governor Burgum: Levi Bachmeier (West Fargo) and Jason Rohr (Jamestown).

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all you. I look forward to what 2025 has to offer.

For any questions, please feel free to contact me at wasick@nd.gov.

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Assistant Director's Corner

Happy Holidays to All Career and Technical Education Professionals!

- Mark Wagner, Assistant Director

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who dedicate your time, energy, and expertise to the field of Career and Technical Education (CTE). Your hard work throughout the year has made an incredible impact, helping to equip North Dakota's citizens with the technical skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in an ever-evolving global workforce. Your commitment to their success does not go unnoticed and I am deeply grateful for the impact you've made in shaping the future of our students no matter what age or level of education they are currently.

The mission of CTE, driven by the State Board for Career and Technical Education, would not be possible without your unwavering commitment and passion. Your efforts are shaping the future, providing students with the tools they need to thrive in a competitive world, and preparing them for opportunities that will last a lifetime.

I also want to extend an appreciation to all the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) advisors for your incredible dedication and hard work. Your leadership, guidance, and support have been instrumental in helping students grow, excel, and become leaders in their chosen fields. Thank you for your unwavering support, tireless energy, and the difference you make every day. Your role in fostering the next generation of leaders is truly appreciated.

This holiday season, we celebrate your dedication and hard work. Thank you for everything you do to support our students, our communities, and our state's future.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and restful holiday season, filled with peace and happiness. I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year!



*Mark Wagner
Assistant Director*

Mission of CTE

The mission of the State Board for Career and Technical Education is to work with others to provide all North Dakota citizens with the technical skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a globally competitive workplace.