Greetings CTEI Members:
I hope that each of you is off to a great start in this new school year! Here are a few brief update items for the month of October. Our CTEI Board met for our annual Summit on Oct 6-7, 2022 to review each of the regional CONNECT conferences. We are working in conjunction with Idaho CTE to make next year’s CONNECT conferences even better.

Membership Reminder
As a part of attending CONNECT, you received a complimentary membership to CTEI. If you were not able to attend one of the regional CONNECT meetings, and if you have not already done so, please consider renewing your CTEI membership. Your membership in our organization gives us strength in working with the state division of Career Technical education and in our legislative efforts. It also allows us to recognize outstanding educators, provide professional development grants, and provide the Wild Apricot online platform for associations to manage their business.

Election Results
Thank you to everyone who took time to participate in the CTEI election. Congratulations to Ben Hamlett, from College of Southern Idaho, the new CTEI President-Elect!

 getMessage from the new president

"Your membership gives us strength... in our legislative efforts." -Pam

Thank you for being a part of CTEI. Together we can make a difference for CTE teachers and students for our future. Career and Technical Education is the future for many of our students and a great pathway for them to be successful in life. Thank you for your support and the work you do every day for every student.

Pam Kantack
CTEI President
WELCOME TO THE NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT!

BEN HAMLETT

Hello Everyone! I am excited to be your new CTEI President Elect. There are tons to learn, but I am up to the challenge. At my first CTEI board meeting it was awesome to work with all the talented and devoted people working to make CTE education in Idaho a success. I am looking forward to working to move our organization forward in the coming year.

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Lex Godfrey
Greetings as across the great state of Idaho.
With fall we are back in school with a new crop of students entering our classrooms and labs as farmers work to bring in the harvest.
As we approach the Election Day in November, I encourage each of you to educate yourself about the issues that matter to you. An educated and informed voter base is important as we elect those who establish our laws and set budgets for implementation of our laws.
Legislative relationships are important as we work to improve the Career and Technical Education landscape across Idaho. I encourage all to make an effort to communicate personally with one of your elected officials. Short, targeted conversations with a few points are valuable – a long laundry list is easily dismissed. Talking points could include:
· Why you choose to teach in a Career and Technical program.
· A student success story.
· As educators we appreciate the legislative support of Career and Technical Education in Idaho.
· A concern you may have about Career and Technical Education.
From these important conversations we can build bridges of understanding which are valuable when we face concerning legislative issues.

A NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Pelayo
Greetings All!
It was good getting to CONNECT at the various post-secondary institutions throughout the state. Although I didn't attend Regions 4 or 6, I soaked up every minute of Region 2 in Lewiston (literally, it was pouring rain the morning of the opening session) and felt CONNECTED through the numerous emails received confirming your membership or inquiring about member benefits and opportunities to support colleagues back at home who weren't able to attend.
During the conference you were all informed that your CTEI membership dues were covered by your IDCTE CONNECT registration. I will be working closely with our CTEI Treasurer, Cindy Arnzen, to verify registration payments and begin updating membership statuses as soon as possible.

Grant opportunities

Do you have an idea for professional development for your teacher association?
Follow this link to view eligibility requirements and the application for CTEI grant options.
https://cteidaho.org/Grants

In the meantime, I wish you a beautiful fall season and successful instruction. Feel free to email me with any membership questions at spelayo@minidokaschools.org.
CONGRATULATIONS TO 2022 AWARD WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone who took time to nominate deserving professionals for CTEI awards this year. Thanks also go to the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education for their support in these exemplary awards. Congratulations to all!

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** JOHN MONTANA/ COSSA  
**NOMINATOR:** PATRICIA FRAHM

**NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** SCOTT WEBB/ COSSA  
**NOMINATOR:** PATRICIA FRAHM

**CAREER GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR:** ANNE MARIE PETERSON/ MAGIC VALLEY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL  
**NOMINATOR:** JOANN PETERSON

**TEACHER/EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:** SPENCER CHRISTENSEN/ IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
**NOMINATOR:** DONNA ORR

**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR:** CINDY ARNZEN/ ICAT, NAMPA  
**NOMINATOR:** BRET MILLER

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** MERRY OLSON  
**NOMINATOR:** DONNA ORR