

Career Connected

Career Technical Education Program Spotlights

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CTE Ambassador Training

CTE Ambassador Training with SMALLIFY happened at Patiño School of Entrepreneurship on September 9th and 10th, 2025. It was the 4th consecutive year CTE provided training to Ambassadors from all nine comprehensive high schools. There were 119 ambassadors who attended the training to gain skills in presentation, active listening in communication, and understanding the power of follow up (in connecting the skills we've learned to career pathways).

Ambassadors serve as passionate representatives of CTE and are voices shaping innovative CTE programs. Ambassadors attending the training said that they gained confidence in their speaking skills and working with a crowd, using the "Yes, And" tactic to brainstorm ideas with other ambassadors, improved their socializing skills, and strive to have a growth mindset in all settings. They had fun and appreciated the training experience.

Teacher in the Spotlight

Computech Middle School

Ben Piffero was the Teacher in the Spotlight the week of September 2nd for engaging his students every day in engineering design and robotics projects as part of the Career Exploration Wheel. Ben was a construction inspector whose favorite part of the job was teaching and training. Nine years ago, he switched careers to education.

What Ben loves the most about teaching: "I enjoy seeing students use their creativity to create unique solutions to the challenges and problems I present to them."

Top goals for students this year: "I want my students to have fun and grow through the engineering design process. Understanding that not only do we continually improve our projects and make them better, but we also continuously improve ourselves."

What's something most people don't know about you? "I was an actor throughout high school and performed in musicals like 'Oklahoma!' and 'Fiddler on the Roof.' I also enjoy building scale models and scenery."

School Photos

Hoover High School

School Photo Day 1 was a success! Students took 80 student and staff portraits in under 30 minutes!

Former Student Earns Pilot License

Tenaya Middle School

In August of 2025, Sarah McClelland - a former student of Tenaya CTE teacher Clifton Mickelson - passed her check-ride and became one of Chapter 376's newest pilots. Sarah was awarded the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship in 2023 through EAA Chapter 376 and is now the proud recipient of her private pilot's certificate.

Sarah is 19 years old and an aerospace engineering major. Sarah believes it is incredibly fun to have another perspective on aviation than just the design side. Her goal is to become a NASA engineer and astronaut. When asked what advice she would give other young people in our community who dream of flying but aren't sure where to start, Sarah replied, "My advice would be to do some ground studying and see where it takes you! I went to the ground school at EAA 376 a couple of years ago, and my only intention was to learn a little bit more about aviation out of pure curiosity. When I heard about the opportunity of a scholarship at one of the classes, I figured I may as well give it a shot, and here I am! I'm grateful for this entire experience and I feel incredibly lucky. Everyone I've met through the EAA has been so encouraging and it's been a really wonderful experience."

Junior Problem Interviews

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Patino's junior business teams were hard at work identifying a problem they are passionate about solving to design a business around. Students conducted customer surveys to gather insights on current solutions, customer needs, and potential demand. Then, students analyzed the data to determine if their original idea has strong potential or if it is time to pivot to a different business opportunity.

Next, students will prepare a business pitch where they must use their research and survey data to demonstrate the potential success of their original idea. If the data suggests limited opportunity, they'll instead pitch a new concept that emerged from their findings. This process challenges students to think critically and back their ideas with real evidence, practicing the key steps successful entrepreneurs must follow.

Summer Bridge

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

This August, Patino welcomed its newest students with Summer Bridge, a weeklong event full of connection, learning, and fun! Incoming students explored the campus, met staff, and got a head start on high school life through workshops, team Olympic games, and hands-on projects like creating stickers or buttons.

Upperclassmen joined as Peer Mentors, offering guidance and insight, while alumni and business partners shared real-world advice on branding, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Students left the week feeling prepared, inspired, and excited for what's ahead within our entrepreneurship program. The future is bright!

Solar Mentorship

DeWolf High School

GRID Solar continues to support DeWolf students installing solar on their next big project. They have taken the time to mentor students on a regular basis, teaching them industry standards as well as leadership qualities. Students created impressive projects to enter into this year's fair with the support of their mentorship.

Health Fair

Roosevelt High School

Roosevelt Pathways of Medicine students attended the Community Health and Resources Fair where they were able to meet Fresno's Representative Dr. Joaquin Arambula, talk to Fresno State nursing students, observe health screening and flu shots, and even got to serve the community by bagging and distributing food. Students researched and learned about health clinicians in town, policy for healthcare, immigration resources, literacy in healthcare, and employment opportunities for future careers.

Student Retreat

Phoenix Secondary

As part of the Women's Alliance retreat at Camp Oakhurst, Phoenix student Karla Roque participated in team-building and communication activities that emphasized the importance of working with and effectively communicating in a group of unfamiliar peers.

Horticulture Arts Presents at The Fresno Fair

Hoover High School

Students in Hoover's Horticulture Arts Pathway took their classroom learning to the next level by entering 54 plants into the Fresno Fair. As part of their Horticulture and Floral Design class, students grow, care for, and design with plants that were proudly displayed for the public to enjoy. This opportunity not only highlights the skills students are building in plant science, floral artistry, and agricultural practices, but also gives them valuable real-world experience in preparing their work for exhibition. Entering the fair allows students to demonstrate their creativity, responsibility, and industry-standard techniques while celebrating the agricultural traditions of our region.

With the guidance and support of their Agriculture Instructor, Ms. Anna Demaree, students were encouraged to push their skills further and take pride in showcasing their work on a larger stage. Her leadership and dedication have been essential in preparing students for this exciting opportunity. Students also attended the fair to see their entries on display. This experience allows them to celebrate their hard work, gain inspiration from other exhibitors, and receive authentic recognition for their talents in horticulture and floral design. Their work reflects both the rigor of the program and the innovation that thrives in CTE pathways.

CTE Summit

Duncan Polytechnical High School

Duncan seniors Angel Escoto and Jennifer Aguilera presented as part of a student panel at the CTE Summit hosted by FCOE at the Visalia Convention Center in September.

Angel represented Welding and SkillsUSA and Jennifer represented Rehabilitation Therapy and HOSA. They each shared ways that these pathways and Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) have impacted their learning and goals after high school.

They spoke to how these CTSO's have helped them develop relationships with other students, teachers, and business partners, sparked new career interests, and helped them develop vital technical and employability skills like communication and collaboration.

Teacher Academy Team and Skill Building

Hoover High School

Students in the Teacher Academy recently participated in a team-building Escape Room Challenge designed to strengthen collaboration, leadership, and communication skills. Working together to solve puzzles and unlock clues, students practiced the same problem-solving and teamwork strategies they will one day bring into their own classrooms as future educators.

In October, students also launched into their Elementary Internship Sites, putting their skills into action while supporting teachers and young learners. To prepare for these important roles, students earn certifications in Stop the Bleed, CPR, and Mandated Reporter Training. These essential skills ensure they are not only ready to assist in classrooms but are also equipped to promote safety and responsibility.

These impactful learning opportunities were made possible with the support of Ms. Cervantes and Mr. Danisi, whose dedication ensures that Teacher Academy students gain hands-on experiences that build both confidence and community.

Spine Board Training

Edison High School

Seniors in the Biomedical Pathway course, Biomedical Innovations, were trained on the proper way to use a spine board. Students were given background information and initial training from their instructor, Dina McPhail, before bringing in Steve Guerrero, Edison's Athletic Trainer.

Mr. Guerrero provided multiple scenarios for students to practice their skills. Seniors will apply these skills and others they learn throughout the year in the Mass Casualty Triage event in the Spring.

Latina Women's Conference

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Patino business students, accompanied by their LSU Advisor, had the honor of attending the Latina Women's Conference hosted by the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The event brought together influential Latina leaders from across Central California, representing fields such as entrepreneurship, mental wellness, public service, and more. Students had the unique opportunity to hear from inspiring speakers, engage in powerful conversations, and network with professionals who are making a difference in their communities. One student said "Being able to ... create connections that can grow our business was an invaluable experience."

Hispanic Heritage Month

Phoenix Secondary

Dr. Victoria Benavides, professor at Fresno City College, gave a presentation on Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating the rich history and traditions of Hispanic Americans.

Farber's Market

Farber Educational Campus

Farber's Market Food Pantry and Backpack Program are officially underway. New and returning Logistics CTE students are experiencing customer service and inventory management strategies with the help of the Central CA Food Bank. Food Backpacks are delivered to select elementary partnering schools, where students and families receive their food from our Farber trailer, purchased specifically for students to practice loading and unloading practices and procedures.

Teacher Academy

McLane High School

Students in McLane Teacher Academy began the year with valuable exposure to educational professions through a series of guest speakers from across the district's system (teachers, administrators, managers, campus assistants, and social workers). These opportunities have allowed students to hear firsthand about the different careers and perspectives within education, giving them insight as they begin analyzing teaching standards, practicing lesson planning, and preparing to deliver curriculum.

In addition to their classroom learning, several Teacher Academy students have already taken on paid roles in after-school programs throughout the district. These positions not only give them real-world teaching experience but also allow them to contribute meaningfully to the lives of younger students. The combination of professional guidance, academic study, and early career opportunities helps Teacher Academy students build strong foundations for their future careers in education.

Educators Visit MASH

Duncan Polytechnical High School

The Duncan Medical Academy of Science and Health (MASH) program hosted 22 educators from San Joaquin County schools who wanted to learn more about the amazing experiences that happen for CTE students at Duncan. MASH students and staff put together an informative and inspiring day that allowed the visiting educators from Merced, Patterson, Denair, Ripon, and other schools in the Northern Central Valley to learn from MASH student, staff, and administration panels. Participants were also able to tour the MASH building and visit MASH classrooms to see students and staff in action. Attendees said they were inspired by their time with Duncan students and staff, and it gave them many great ideas to take back to their own communities to build better experiences for their own students. Thanks to Duncan staff and students for all the extra hard work it takes to host an event like this and being willing to share their expertise with others, which will then influence other school districts for the good!

Floral Projects in Bloom

Hoover High School

The Floral and Horticulture class at Hoover is an exceptional group of young people who worked hard to complete the first phase of their campus projects. Hybrid tea roses were planted along the south end of the 60's wing. Along with making campus beautiful, these roses will also be used in floral designs that students make in class.

CART Biomed Stops the Bleed

Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART)

A team of medical professionals from CRMC's emergency department came to the CART Biomedicine lab to teach them how to identify and stop life-threatening bleeding. Students performed hands-on emergency skills including compression, wound packing, and applying a tourniquet. Participating students received certifications in Stop the Bleed and were also able to engage in a Q&A with the medical professionals.

Aviation Career Day

McLane High School

McLane Art Venture students participated in an Aviation Career Day hosted by the California Army National Guard, where they explored photography-related career pathways in military aviation. Students learned how visual media specialists capture missions, training, and aircraft operations, and how technical photo skills support communication and storytelling within the Guard. The experience offered a unique look into aviation and military career opportunities for student photographers.

Animal Enrichment Mobile App

Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART)

Students from the Web Applications Development and Mobile App/UX Design (MAD) labs at CART are partnering with the Fresno Chaffee Zoo to design a new, user-friendly mobile app that allows Zoo Care Specialists to track, record, and analyze animal enrichment data. In October, students spent four hours at the Zoo interviewing specialists and observing enrichment activities designed to encourage animals' natural behaviors.

After returning to CART, students synthesized their research findings using an Affinity Diagram, a UX design method that organizes data to uncover themes and challenges. This process helped teams identify the primary pain points Zoo Care Specialists face, guiding them toward effective app solutions.

Through this authentic partnership, students are gaining valuable hands-on experience in user-centered design, data analysis, and problem-solving—while creating technology that supports animal welfare and daily zoo operations.

Career Speech Symposium

McLane High School

Fresno State hosted a Career Speech Symposium on October 20 for students from McLane, giving them a unique experience to connect with college peers down the street who are actively preparing for their future careers.

Fresno State presenters delivered five-minute talks in a roundtable format, sharing their road to getting into college as well as how they are building competitive résumés, securing internships, and developing professional networks.

The event fostered meaningful mentorship, helped McLane students envision their own career pathways, and highlighted the power of near-peer guidance, allowing students to build strong plans for their future.

Dancers Go to Disneyland

Bullard Talent K-8

Performing groups at Bullard Talent K8 JADE dancers and Showcase went to Disneyland in October. Groups participated in a vocal workshop and a dance workshop. These workshops highlight how to use their talent to the best of their abilities. They also highlight performance, real life industry stories, and best success practices.

Whole Vine Festival

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Our senior students had an exciting opportunity to showcase their businesses at the Whole Vine Festival at Fresno State, where they connected with community members and shared how their ventures can make a positive impact in the region. Students spoke with visitors about the innovative solutions they are developing through our Entrepreneurial Pathway. By presenting at a community event focused on local strengths, students gained valuable feedback, strengthened their communication skills, and learned first-hand what pop-up events are like.

In addition to presenting their own work, students explored other business booths to gather inspiration and make professional connections that may continue long after the event. A highlight of the day was seeing Lunar Elixors, a team of alumni who returned as vendors, proudly running the business they originally launched through Patino's Entrepreneurial Pathway. Their presence showed our current students what is possible and reinforced the value of the skills they are building.

Aviation Engineering Visits Fresno Police Department

Tenaya Middle School

Instructor Cliff Mickelson's Tenaya Aviation engineering class took a field trip with Officer Gene Nelson out to the Fresno Police Department training grounds. This activity was a very positive experience for the students as it familiarized them with the art of police work and the skills and mindset needed to be successful in law enforcement. The FPD brought in their helicopter and landed it in front of the students. It was a thrilling and educational experience for all.

Pay It Forward

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Students from Patino attended the Pay It Forward guest speaker luncheon series hosted by the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Fresno State. There they heard firsthand from successful entrepreneurs about what it takes to build and sustain a thriving venture. Guest Speakers Bettye Smith, Kodey Wells, Bill Betts, and Justin Levine shared their career journeys, practical strategies and tips, and the mindset needed to overcome challenges. The experience not only inspired students but also equipped them with actionable ideas to strengthen their current business plans and elevate their future entrepreneurial goals.

MERA Decks the Halls

McLane High School

Over Thanksgiving Break, McLane Medical Education and Research Academy (MERA) students helped decorate the VA Hospital's many Christmas Trees to prepare for the Holiday Season. MERA students volunteer with many events each year to help the VA's Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) department.

Stop the Bleed at Bullard

Bullard High School

The Law and Social Justice Pathway and the Biomedicine Pathway established a campus wide “Stop the Bleed” certification program to equip all staff and students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to control life-threatening bleeding until professional help arrives, improving survival outcomes and strengthening overall community resilience during emergencies. [In partnership with Valley Children's Hospital](#) and other industry partners, 1,570 students were certified over 3 days.

Valley Made Manufacturing

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Seniors from Patiño School of Entrepreneurship networked with manufacturing professionals at the Valley Made Manufacturing Summit. These students are working in business teams who are building a product that requires manufacturing partners in order to go to market. In order to sell a product to a wide variety of customers, business owners need to have manufacturing partnerships in place, and students were learning about what that looks like within the central valley.

Students also had the chance to see and experience product demos that are actively manufactured from the central valley to domestic and international markets. These product categories included robotics, fitness technology, VR services, food distribution, and more.

Volunteering with MADD

McLane High School

McLane MERA students volunteer with Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) each year at their Move With MADD awareness fundraiser. This year's event was held in September 2025 and McLane provided 65 student volunteers to set up, assist with the walk, and clean everything up at Dry Creek Park. Students gain a unique perspective of the impact drunk and drugged crashes have on families and our community. The ultimate goal is for students to choose safe driving practices for themselves and influence others to do the same.

Public Service Winter Internship

The CTE Public Service Winter Internship provided 26 students from Bullard and Hoover with an immersive, five-day exploration of public service careers available in our community. Throughout the week, students engaged with professionals from a wide range of public service fields, including guest speakers from the California National Guard, the United States Navy, and a retired Fresno County Coroner. Students also explored emerging topics such as how artificial intelligence is impacting public service careers, allowing them to examine both traditional and evolving pathways within the field.

The internship emphasized hands-on, experiential learning through meaningful partnerships and real-world application. Students worked directly with Fresno County Sheriff Search and Rescue volunteer and CTE Project Manager Krishnna Reyes, participated in a two-day leadership and team-building experience

at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort -- including high and low ropes courses, orienteering, first aid training, and collaborative problem-solving -- and concluded the week with an immersive day at the Fresno Police Department Headquarters. There, students engaged in tours, demonstrations, and conversations with professionals from K-9, Felony Assault, Homicide, CSI, Dispatch, Collision Reconstruction, and additional specialized units.

These experiences strengthened students' leadership skills, teamwork, and understanding of public service careers, while inspiring them to pursue pathways rooted in service, responsibility, and community impact.

Winter Internships

Approximately 200 Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway students from Sunnyside, Bullard, Hoover, and Fresno High participated in Winter Internships from December 23 to January 9 in fields such as construction, law, photography, video production, agriculture, public safety, and sports medicine. Students worked alongside industry partners, peers, and teachers to participate in a variety of things such as filming students who were participating in Fresno Unified winter camps, taking senior pictures for students at their site, creating Athletic Hall of Fame videos for Fresno State, creating websites for Wonder Valley, installing a cement base for a Mare Motel, designing floral and other crop planting spaces for their high school, and working alongside Athletic Trainers.

One student said of the experience, "The whole internship was amazing. I made tons of great friends, even with people that I don't go to school with. This internship allowed me to grow in many ways, while also making it fun to learn the things that [the industry partners] were teaching."

Live Streaming Basketball Games

Sunnyside High School

Sunnyside Video Production Academy students completed a winter internship utilizing in-house equipment to live stream JV and Varsity Boys Basketball games. Students worked with Jesse Hernandez, a Sunnyside alum who now works for CMAC, to learn how to run cables, set up cameras, and display graphics on the screen during the games.

Know Your Rights

Bullard High School

Student Omarosa Acosta collaborated with Miguel Lopez, Chief Defense Attorney for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, to develop a Know Your Rights presentation. She presented the program to the senior Law Pathway students at Bullard and will also be presenting in Bullard government classes, as well as Public Services classes at Hoover and Roosevelt High Schools.

Highlights from Pathways of Medicine

Roosevelt High School

In November and December 2025, the Roosevelt Pathways of Medicine program offered a number of valuable work-based learning experiences to students, including:

- Allied Health internships - Students met with advisors from Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) to receive personal protective equipment and a TB test. Students then received training on safety and protocols in the hospital.
- Athletic Training internships - The 12th grade Athletic Training team supported student athletes in volleyball, cross-country, and football under the guidance of Miguel Hernandez.
- Health Youth Corps - A select group of students will work together to engage in a year-long progression of meetings and trainings to equip them for a capstone project that is showcased to school members, industry professionals, and the community.
- A small group of seniors were selected to participate in the first opportunity of its kind hosted by CRMC, observing operating room procedures, the layout of the hospital, and a surgeon's role within it.

Lemoore Naval Base

Roosevelt High School

Roosevelt public service students had an incredible opportunity to visit Lemoore Naval Base, where they gained firsthand insight into military operations and daily life on a naval installation. They learned about the various roles and responsibilities of service members, including aviation, logistics, and security operations. The visit also emphasized teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills essential in both military and public service careers. This experience gave students a deeper appreciation for the dedication required to serve their country and inspired many to consider careers in public service.

Sanitation Persuasion Project

Duncan Polytechnical High School

In December, the MASH freshmen collaborated on the Sanitation Persuasion Project as part of the fall linked learning project. Students chose their topics based on the needs they observed in their own communities, particularly in relation to sanitary practices. They then collaborated, researched, and created a large-scale project with a demo.

The purpose of this project was to persuade the upperclassmen and community to make a more sanitary choice. Students implemented their science content knowledge, CTE skills, and persuasion skills from ELA. In a wonderful combination of skills, almost every single group earned a B or higher! They also showcased their work to the community during the Showcase Night at Duncan.

Preparing for the Workplace

DeWolf High School

Students at DeWolf worked together to build their professional skills. Among those skills is professional dress; student leaders took their time to support other students in learning how to tie a tie to prepare for interviews.

New Floral Program

Sunnyside High School

This year is the first year having floral design at Sunnyside High School! Floral students participated in Fresno fair floral projects, and consistently learn and create a new floral design each month.

Bullard Blood Drive

Bullard High School

At a blood drive hosted by Bullard, 91 donors participated, which means 273 lives were potentially saved through donations. Freshman Biomedical Pathway students also screened each donor's vital signs prior to donating. This incredible drive was planned and organized by the amazing Bullard High School Blood Ambassadors, who have been working closely with the Central Valley Blood Center since the summer.

What's My Job?

Duncan Polytechnical High School

The "What's My Job?" event was a career exploration experience for all Duncan 11th grade IDATA students as a means of engaging students in a semester project in which they research careers in their pathway sector.

Industry partners from various pathway-themed careers presented to students and participated in a "game show" style activity in which students had to guess the career of each industry partner.

Students had an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation with industry partners regarding their chosen pathway and receive guidance on how to achieve their career goals.

Game Competition

Edison High School

On November 11, 2025, students from all FUSD high schools competed in the brand-new technology arena at Tehipite Middle School. In teams of 6, students competed in the game of Marvel Rivals, showcasing teamwork, communication skills, and quick thinking, adapting their gameplay in every moment of each round. In the end, Edison came up victorious, not only winning a trophy for the school, but each player walked away with a \$500 scholarship.

Media Days

Fresno High School

Fresno High's Warrior Entertainment student had the opportunity to work with student athletes and create memorable content for the winter sports season.

Caltrans Equipment Simulators

Scandinavian Middle and Duncan Polytechnical High Schools

Students from Scandinavian and the Duncan Construction pathway participated in hands-on immersive learning as they explored the simulated operation of a variety of heavy equipment in a safe, engaging environment. Experiences like these empower young learners to see their potential, spark curiosity about their future careers, and encourage them to envision themselves as capable, skilled contributors to their communities.

Blood Drive

Roosevelt High School

Roosevelt partnered with Central California Blood bank and had a very successful blood drive on December 16th. Health pathway students volunteered and together they registered 66 donors, saving up to 108 lives with the units collected.

Guest Speaker

Design Science Middle College High School

Andrea Chapman is a lawyer and owns Chapman Zaragoza, LLP Law Firm. Andrea spoke to students about why she chose her profession, her educational journey, any challenges faced along the way, where she is now, and what she enjoys most about her work.

CART Showcase

Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART)

CART recently marked a major milestone—its 25th Showcase—and the energy, creativity, and professionalism on display made it one to remember. Students from every CART lab proudly showcased their learning through hands-on demonstrations, engaging presentations, interactive lessons, and polished professional posters that highlighted both technical skill and real-world application.

The event brought together a strong and supportive audience, including families, school administrators, district leaders, alumni, and community members, all eager to learn from and celebrate students. The campus was alive with thoughtful questions, meaningful conversations, and visible pride as students confidently explained their work and learning journeys.

Special congratulations goes out to the Engineering Lab, which earned First Place in the Best Presentation category. Their award-winning project showcased an exciting partnership with the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, where students designed and created animal enrichment projects for the zoo's Macaw and Reptile Habitats. Students shared their iterative design process and demonstrated how they used 3D printers, a laser cutter, and a CNC machine to collaborate, refine, and produce enrichment tools that support animal engagement and well-being.

New CTE Buildings

Edison and Sunnyside High Schools

On November 13, 2025, Edison hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its two-story building for the school's CTE pathway programs. Class and lab spaces include a robotics workshop, sports medicine lab, technology lab, and Collaboration Career Center that will serve all students at Edison.

Sunnyside also opened a new building on December 1, 2025, to provide a new space for their Health Sciences pathway. The building includes a weight room and treatment tables for hands-on learning.

"The opening of our new CTE building marks an exciting step forward in preparing students for their futures," said Superintendent Misty Her. "Not only does it expand classroom space for our career pathways, it provides more room for industry-standard equipment so students can practice real-world skills in an environment that mirrors the workplace. This hands-on experience gives them a competitive edge, whether they choose to enter the workforce right after graduation or continue their education".

Friend of Safe Kids Award

Bullard High School

The Biomed and Law Pathways at Bullard received the 2025 Friend of Safe Kids Award: Education. This award is given only once a year to individuals and agencies who live or work in Fresno or Madera Counties who exemplify achievement, outstanding leadership, and have made contributions that have advanced the community's injury prevention awareness.

Part of the nomination read: "It's very refreshing to have students and staff eager to assist with our injury prevention efforts. Every challenge our Safe Kids Coalition has given them, they have embraced and come back for more. Hundreds of students have been educated on the Stop the Bleed curriculum and as Impact Teen Drivers, elementary Stop the Bleed, helmet safety, and poison prevention education is rolled out this fall, I can only imagine hundreds if not thousands of students will be educated on these topics. To address poison prevention, Bullard High School is hosting a Fentanyl Education Night in October 2025 where students, parents, and staff can learn about the dangers of fentanyl and how to use Narcan. The efforts of the CTE students and teachers have been embraced by their Principal, Mr. Torigian, and I have no doubt that all of these efforts will continue well beyond the 2025-2026 school year."

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