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Career and Technical Education Month

February 11, 2008. The national career and technical student organizations – called CTSOs – celebrate Career and Technical Education Month during February. There are eight CTSOs nationally and all are recognized in federal legislation as an integral part of career and technical education programs. Their collective membership is over 1.6 million students annually and over 58,000 instructors. Just to put that in perspective, if the CTSO membership were a city, it would be the fifth largest city in America. Only New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston would be bigger.

The CTSOs are an integral part of career and technical education programs. They are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through career and technical education. The national leaders of these youth organizations are outstanding young men and women.

This year's CTE Month theme, as announced by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is "Discovering Skills for a Competitive Workforce," which highlights the critical role that career and technical education plays in developing youth and adults for the workforce. Schools across the nation will showcase programs through activities that illustrate the significance of CTE programs and their impact on the economic growth of the country.

In honor of CTE Month, the CTSOs are organizing a variety of activities. For example, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) set aside February 13 as Adviser Appreciation Day; Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students visited 72 Congressional representatives; FCCLA national staff collected items to make overnight bags for 25 residents of a community shelter for homeless families; and SkillsUSA will be hosting two nationwide Webinars on February 13 with student leaders and state association directors.

For more information about CTE Month, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/ctemonth/index.cfm>.

For more information about the CTSOs, their Websites follow:

Business Professionals of America, www.bpa.org

DECA/Delta Epsilon Chi, www.deca.org

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), www.fbla-pbl.org

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), www.fcclainc.org

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), www.hosa.org

National FFA Organization (FFA), www.ffa.org

SkillsUSA, www.skillsusa.org

Technology Student Association (TSA), www.tsaweb.org

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