



**DIANNA  
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**REGION 4  
VICE PRESIDENT**

### **CTE Belief Statement**

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I believe career and technical education serves as the foundation to the knowledge and skills students develop to be career-ready in their career pathway choice. The opportunities granted through hands-on experiences and curriculum allow students to improve and showcase their learned abilities, which helps them find their strengths to become future leaders in the American workforce.

### **My Framework Story**

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Your team is dispatched to search for a suspect. You have to go into a building to find the suspect. They are counting on you and then: *BAM!* You drop your weapon because your holster wasn't tightened properly. In moments like these, professionalism is tested, and it was in a moment such as this that I learned the importance of it. As a criminal justice student, I have to continuously demonstrate professionalism with my uniform, my actions toward others in public and the decisions I make in difficult situations. My advisor gave me the chance to practice my professionalism as corporal of our Junior Police Academy. I was seen as an example to follow since I passed dress code inspections every class period. During conflicts among our students, I was expected to diffuse the situation and find a solution. Overall, being given opportunities through which I am tested allows me to continue to improve on professional behaviors. Not only has this brought me success in my criminal justice program, it has taught me how to be an asset in other career fields and situations.

### **Framework Story Essential Element**

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**Professionalism**



**State Association**  
SkillsUSA Texas

**School**  
The Townview Law Magnet

**Advisor**  
Keith Jennings

**Training Program**  
Criminal Justice