

# FAST TRACK TO YOUR CAREER



**HANDS ON EDUCATION + LESS STUDENT DEBT  
= FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE**

## **WHAT IS CTE?**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares youth and adults for a wide range of careers with varying levels of education — from high school and postsecondary certificates to college degrees. The primary areas of focus are the attainment of academic, leadership and occupational skills and the completion of diplomas, credentials and certificates.

## **CTE: LEARNING THAT WORKS FOR MONTANA**

Today's cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant career and technical education (CTE) prepares youth and adults for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers.

## **CTE'S IMPACT**

- In Montana, Agriculture CTE adds \$5.7 million annually to the Montana economy.<sup>1</sup>
- In Washington, for every dollar invested in secondary CTE programs, the state earns \$9 in revenues and benefits.<sup>2</sup>
- 27 percent of people with less than an associate degree, including licenses and certificate, earn more than the average bachelor's degree recipient.<sup>3</sup>
- 81 percent of dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school.<sup>4</sup>



# MONTANA CTE PERFORMANCE DATA (OCTAE 2015–2016)

**98%** of CTE high school students graduated

**84%** met performance goals for reading and language arts

**93%** of CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

**78%** remained enrolled or transferred to another postsecondary institution



*CTE in our public schools creates a bridge for students between business and industry and college and career readiness.*

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## WHAT IS MONTANA ACTE?

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education is dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. It's our mission to provide educational leadership in developing an adaptable, innovative and competitive workforce.

## MONTANA ACTE LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Leadership is a volunteer Board of Directors elected by members of the Montana ACTE in an annual election representing:

- Administration
- Agriculture
- Business
- Counseling
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Industrial Technology

1 AET (Agriculture Experience Tracker, 2015)

2 Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, CTE 2015 Dashboard

3 Harvard Graduate School of Education, Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2011

4 Bridgeland et al, the *Silent Epidemic: Perspectives of High School Dropouts*, Civic Enterprises in association with Peter D. Hart Research for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2006.