

Career & Technical Student Organizations

Value Added to CTE Programs

What are Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)?

CTSOs integrate the career and technical education (CTE) curriculum while promoting leadership skills, career readiness, community involvement, and competition. They continue to be integral to the curriculum and an important part of 21st century CTE programs.

Why start or support a CTSO?

CTSOs benefit a variety of stakeholders. Below are just a few of the many benefits.

Students

- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Gain personal recognition
- Engage in volunteer opportunities
- Increase community awareness
- Enhance decision-making/problem-solving skills
- Network with other students, colleges, and employers
- Experience the democratic process
- Interact socially on a local, state and national level

Advisors

- Academic programs gain value from a CTSO
- Student interest in CTSOs positively impacts course enrollments
- Support from and networking with other advisors is enhanced
- Personal satisfaction results from watching students grow and succeed
- Common Core State Standards are reinforced through student involvement in CTSOs

CTSOs are Chartered by the New York State Board of Regents

School Districts

- Students are better prepared academically and socially for college and careers
- Students have a positive impact on the school and community
- CTSOs foster relationships between school district and local businesses
- Students develop career readiness skills
- Pride and recognition accrue to the school district – each CTSO is Chartered by the Board of Regents

Business and Community Leaders

- CTSOs are a source for future employees
- CTSOs provide a forum to communicate their needs regarding the preparation of future employees
- Creative ideas and new perspectives are brought to business and community by CTSOs
- Business participation with CTSOs fosters positive community minded image

Content-specific CTSOs

DECA-formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America. Prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. www.newyorkdeca.com or www.deca.org

FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America. Prepares students in all areas of business and related fields by bringing business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. www.nysfbla.org or www.fbla.org

FCCLA-Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Promotes personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Science Education. www.nysfccla.org or www.fcclainc.org

FFA-formerly Future Farmers of America, now National FFA Organization. Involves students in all aspects of the diverse field of agriculture. www.nysffa.org or www.ffa.org

HOSA-Future Health Professionals of America. Promotes career opportunities in health care to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. www.newyorkhosa.org or www.hosa.org

SkillsUSA-formerly Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Serves teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. <http://nyskillsusa.org> or www.skillsusa.org

TSA-Technology Student Association. Provides leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Students learn to apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) concepts through co-curricular programs. <http://nystsa.com> or www.tsaweb.org

The state and national websites give information on starting a club or chapter and developing membership. You may also contact the people listed for information specific to CTSOs in New York State.

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Team**

Eric F. Suhr, Bureau Chief
89 Washington Avenue, Room 315 EB
Albany, New York 12234
(518) 486-1547 • (518) 402-5114 (fax)
eric.suhr@nysed.gov

**New York State
Career & Technical Student Organization Contacts**

Organization Contact(s)	SED Contact
<p>DECA Mitchell Beresa Chair, Board of Trustees mberesa@aol.com</p> <p>Mary L. Peres State Advisor (518) 678-8578 clpmlp@aol.com</p>	<p>Eric Suhr (518) 486-1547 Eric.suhr@nysed.gov</p>
<p>FBLA Jennifer Judge Chair, Board of Trustee jjudge@nysfbla.org</p> <p>Elizabeth Garofalo Past Chair, Board of Trustee egarofalo@nysfbla.org</p>	<p>Eric Suhr (518) 486-1547 Eric.suhr@nysed.gov</p>
<p>FCCLA Karen Thomas, State Coordinator (315) 628-3056 Kthomas189@twcny.rr.com</p>	<p>Dawn Mastroianni (518) 486-1547 Dawn.Mastroianni@nysed.gov</p>
<p>FFA Juleah Faye Tolosky Executive Secretary Jft25@cornell.edu</p>	<p>Chike Nnabugwu (518) 486-1547 chike.nnabugwu@nysed.gov</p>
<p>HOSA Sandra Keller, Board President (315) 331-6120 Sandra.keller@ymail.com</p>	<p>Joanne O'Brien (518) 486-1547 Joanne.OBrien@nysed.gov</p>
<p>SkillsUSA Bruce Potter, NY Coordinator (585) 366-4675 Bpotter56@rochester.rr.com</p> <p>Scott Brauer, Board Chair (800) 836-7510 ext. 4556 SBrauer@onboces.org</p>	<p>Cheryl Winstel (518) 486-1547 cheryl.winstel@nysed.gov</p>
<p>TSA Evelyn Weinstein State Advisor (607) 539-7907 nystsa1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Philip Dettelis (518) 486-1547 philip.dettelis@nysed.gov</p>

**CTSOs make good CTE
programs great ones!!**

