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### CTE Month 2015

CTE Month is celebrated each February, which is right around the corner! (Didn't we just celebrate Christmas!?)

This provides you, the CTE professional, with a great chance to stand together and bring attention to the great work that CTE does in schools and communities by joining a team of others doing exactly the same thing! As ACTE puts it "CTE Month 2015 will give the CTE community a chance to tell the stories of leadership and excellence from classrooms across the country, and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE has in readying our nation for economic success and workforce competitiveness."

The theme for this year's CTE Month is "Recognizing Classroom Innovators." So how do you actually recognize that? Here's a list of some ways:

- Talk to someone about CTE and what it means to you.
- Apply for recognition at the local, state or national level for yourself or a great teacher you know
- Contact your State Senator
- Visit another outstanding program in your area

Here at the Department, I have put together two basic lesson plans that you can use and customize to meet your needs as you talk to students about Career and Technical Education. One is the "Say YES to FACS" promotional lesson plan and the second is a "CTE Month" lesson plan that focuses on introducing students to the wide range of careers in the Career Education Model. Both of these plans along with any resources needed for each can be found



#### Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

on the [FCS Resources for Teachers](#) page of the Nebraska FACS website.

We look forward to seeing all of the great things your departments are doing throughout the month to celebrate CTE Month in Nebraska!

#### Call to Action

Share your successes with promoting CTE Month with your colleagues on the listserv!

If you are not a member of the listserv, please contact Allison Kreifels at [allison.kreifels@nebraska.gov](mailto:allison.kreifels@nebraska.gov)

### CSO Spotlight

#### FCCLA

Don't forget to submit your registration for the Peer Education Conference and Pre-Conference in Kearney on February 22-23.

Questions? Check out the "Meetings" page of the Nebraska FCCLA website.

Also, don't forget to share the newest edition of *Red Leader* which was sent to advisers on Friday. This can also be accessed on the "Members" page of the Nebraska FCCLA website.