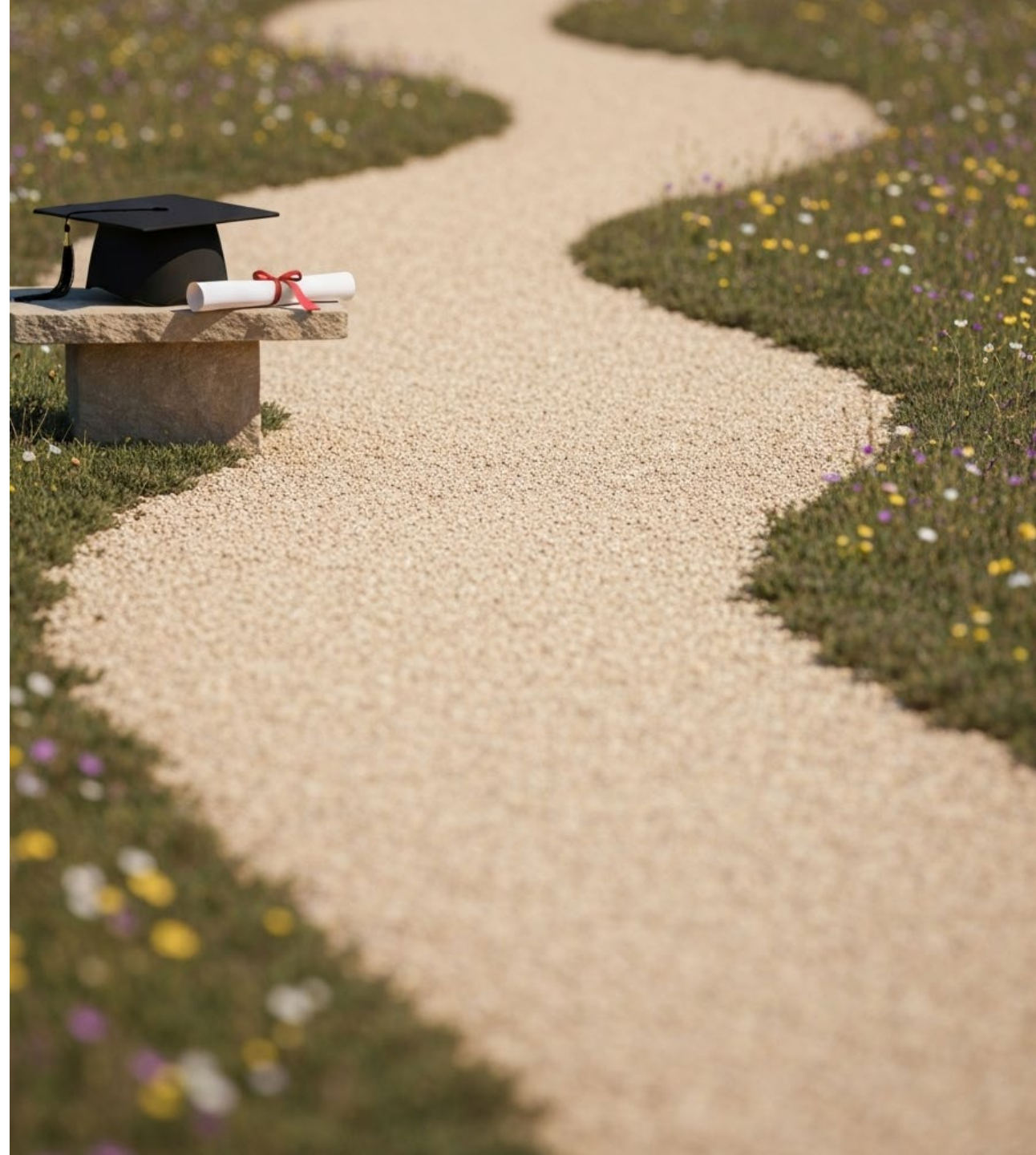


Welcome!

# From Exploration to Opportunity: The Impact of CTE Summer Camps

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# The Challenge

- Many students lack opportunities to explore hands-on CTE careers, experience college-level learning, and understand pathways before graduation.

## Barriers include:

- Cost
- Transportation
- Limited local opportunities
- Lack of awareness

## Our Question:

How do we create early exposure entry points to college and career pathways for students?



# Our Objectives

## Long-Term Goal: Increasing CTE Enrollment

- Increase awareness of career pathways
- Reduce barriers to college access
- Encourage students to take future CTE courses
- Build connections between high schools and CCC programs



By introducing students to pathways early, we strengthen the pipeline from interest → exploration → enrollment.

# Our Solution

## CTE Summer Camp Partnership

When: Since August 2018 through the present

Who: **Students entering grades 9–12**

What: 7 hands-on CTE camps

Key Features:

- Earn college credit or audit courses
- Engage in hands-on labs
- Explore careers with local employers

**Cost to Families: \$0**



# 2026 CTE Summer Camp Course Options



## Health Sciences (2 sections)

Hands-on experience in Medical  
Medical  
Assisting, exploring college  
programs and related careers.



## Advanced Manufacturing

Explored CNC Machining and  
Makerspace/Digital  
Manufacturing, understanding  
modern industrial techniques.



## Energy & Sustainability Sustainability

Learned about Renewable  
Energy and Green Building  
Construction, focusing on  
environmentally conscious  
practices.



## Creative Arts & Media

Gained insight into Music  
Production and Film & Audio  
Recording, experiencing creative  
industry tools.



## Agriculture & Natural Resources

Explored Horticulture and Organic Farming,  
connecting with sustainable food production  
and land management.



## Intro to Emergency Management

Interactive, scenario-based training in a  
simulated Incident Command Post, with  
students rotating ICS roles and responding to  
realistic Oregon emergencies.



## Cybersecurity

Learn to identify online threats and protect  
accounts/devices through hands-on activities,  
exploring cybersecurity careers.



## Course Options

# Earn College Credit in Just One Week

- 1-credit lecture/lab courses
- 2-credit lecture courses

## Designed to Fit:

- All courses align within our 27.5-hour, one-week camp schedule

Option to earn FREE meaningful college credit. Learn in a hands-on, real-world environment. Explore career pathways while getting ahead academically.

# CTE Summer Camp Financial Summary

## Perkins Grant Allocation & Expenditure

Total Perkins Grant Allocation

\$60,000

Transportation

\$14,000

Translation

\$900

Instructional Costs

\$34,365

Supplies, Materials, Printing

\$10,735

Total Cost of CTE Summer Camp

\$72,000

# Braided Funding Model

Ensuring Comprehensive Program Delivery for CTE Summer Camp



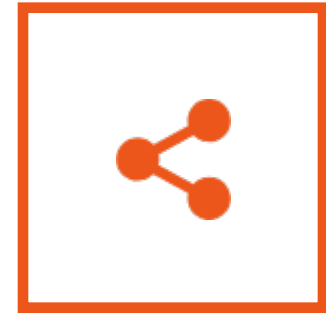
## Primary Funding Source:

Carl D. Perkins Grant (Regional) provides foundational support for career and technical education initiatives.



## Additional Support:

Contributions from the CCC Foundation, Clackamas ESD, the Career Pathways Grant, the South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership, and the IGNITE Healthcare Grant enhance the program offerings and specialized programming.



## Funding Allocation:

Covers instructional staff & aides, materials & supplies, transportation, and student lunches (funded via non-Perkins sources).

**Our CTE Summer Camp is supported by a strategic combination of funding sources, ensuring comprehensive program delivery.**



## Process Overview

# Equity Criterion-Weighted Lottery

To ensure equitable access, CCC implemented a weighted lottery process.

## Scoring System

- Each criterion was scored as 1 (Yes) or 0 (No).
- Students were grouped by their total score.
- Selection occurred randomly within these score bands.

## Priority Factors

- Special Education services (IEP / 504)
- First-generation college student
- Gender non-dominant in chosen field
- Free/Reduced Lunch or SNAP eligibility
- First-time camp participant
- Rural school attendance **(New Criterion for 2026)**

# 2025 Demand and Lottery Process



## Eligible Applicants

314 eligible applicants.



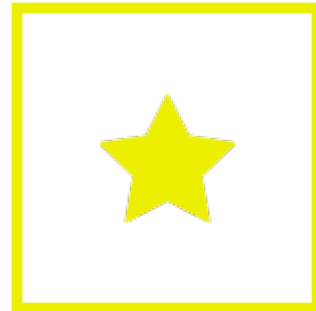
## Offers Extended

150 students were offered attendance.



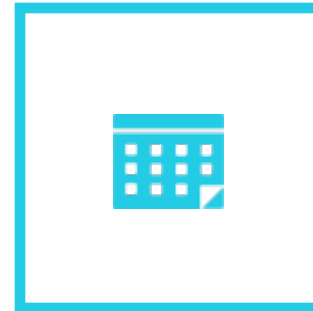
## Attendance Rate

135 students attended camp, with 15 not attending.



## Lottery System

An equity-weighted lottery system was used for fair access.



## Notification Date

Students and families were notified of their status in Mid-June.

# Student Demographics: 2025 Camp Participants

135 Students Served. Across 26 high schools, charter schools, and homeschool students.



## Students of Color

41% of participants identify as students of color.



## Free/Reduced Lunch

53% of participants are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.



## Special Education Services

36% of participants receive special education services.



## First-Generation College Students

30% of participants are the first in their family to attend college.



## Never Taken College Credit

58% of participants have not yet earned college credits.

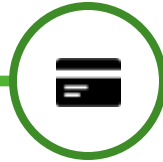
# Career Fair Integration since 2023

**2025 Results and Impact** Exploration across multiple pathways connected career exploration with future planning.



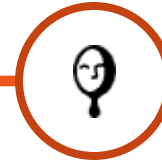
## Employer Participation

27 Employers Participated, an increase from 16 in 2024.



## Career Fair Bingo Activity

Students engaged with employers, asked career questions, reflected on interests, and identified potential next steps.



## Post Career Fair Reflection

Students identified standout careers, reflected on shifted thinking, outlined next steps, and considered CCC support.

## Key Connections

# From Camp to Career Pathways

- **Early Exposure Entry Point: The CTE Summer Camp serves as a crucial first step, introducing students to potential college and career pathways.**
- **Hands-On Technical Learning: Students gain practical experience in various CTE fields.**
- **College Classroom Environments: Exposure to a college setting helps demystify higher education.**
- **Faculty Mentorship: Direct interaction with instructors provides guidance and support.**
- **Industry Engagement: Connecting with employers bridges the gap between education and the workforce.**



**This comprehensive experience helps students visualize how their interests align with future education and career opportunities.**



During Camp Week, Students Learn About:

## Connecting Students to CCC Programs

- CCC certificate and degree programs
- Dual credit opportunities
- Career pathways tied to each discipline
- Next steps after high school

Students also receive information about:

- Academic advising
- Financial aid
- Enrollment pathways

**This helps students begin seeing community college as an accessible next step.**

