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## **Governor's Workforce Cabinet Hosts Annual CTE Awards for Excellence Recognition Program**

**(INDIANAPOLIS)** – The Indiana [Governor's Workforce Cabinet \(GWC\)](#) hosted the annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awards for Excellence recognition program on Tuesday, May 10. The event celebrates accomplished secondary and postsecondary students, programs of study, employer partnerships and guidance counselors in CTE throughout the state. This year's event was facilitated in partnership with the [Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education \(IACTE\)](#).

"Career and technical education is a vital part of Indiana's talent development system and provides students opportunities to gain the skills necessary for in-demand, high-wage careers," said Tony Harl, State Director of Career and Technical Education for the GWC. "The Awards for Excellence program provides an opportunity to shine a spotlight on students excelling in CTE and the instructors, employer partners, counselors and others who make these experiences possible."

Twenty-two award recipients were recognized across the eight eligible categories. All nominees were evaluated on a set of identified criteria following nominations from CTE directors, instructors, postsecondary representatives and other stakeholders across Indiana. Criteria for student award winners include earning credentials, dual credits and participating in work-based learning through their CTE programs.

A list of award recipients can be accessed at [this link](#). Additional information about individual award winners, including event photos, is available by contacting Stefany Deckard, Executive Director of IACTE, at: [director@indianaacte.org](mailto:director@indianaacte.org)

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### **About the Governor's Workforce Cabinet**

The [Governor's Workforce Cabinet](#) (GWC) was formed in 2018 with the mission of addressing current and future education and employment needs for individuals and employers, strengthening Indiana's economy by integrating and aligning state and federal resources, and ensuring a talent-driven education and workforce system. The membership of the GWC includes the business community, K-12 representatives, postsecondary institutions, Indiana lawmakers, and leaders from Indiana state agencies.

### **About the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education**

The Indiana Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE) aims to promote and build career and technical education for Hoosier students by providing high-quality professional development, access to invaluable career resources, and a knowledgeable network of CTE professionals to secondary and postsecondary educators.

