

Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) OSPI Report – July 2024

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General Updates

OSPI staff will be attending the [Washington Association of Career and Technical Education \(WA-CTE\) Summer Conference](#) in Spokane August 4-7 to provide updates on new and continuing legislation; professional development in support of CTE program implementation or expansion; and technical assistance to meet state and federal requirements.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing the classroom experience for students and teachers across Washington state. As educators find themselves at the forefront of this technological revolution, guidance and resources released by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) are designed to support the responsible and ethical adoption of AI in classrooms.

Fifth in the nation to release research-informed AI guidance and first to focus on a human-centered approach, OSPI's guidance embraces a human-centered philosophy that puts the needs and abilities of students, educators, and administrators at the center of AI implementation. This version of the Comprehensive Human-Centered AI Guidance for K–12 Public Schools provides a guide for ethical considerations for AI and responsible use in the classroom. [AI Guidance Accessible Format for Version 2](#) is a user-friendly document that is available for download.

[Five Washington Students Named 2024 U. S. Presidential Scholars](#)

For more than 60 years, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) selects high school seniors from across the country for recognition as U.S. Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. U.S. Presidential Scholars demonstrate exceptional talent in career and technical education (CTE) fields, in the visual, creative, and performing arts, or on academic assessments. Five Washington students have earned the distinction.

The Scholars are:

- **Ashwin Joshi**, Southridge High School, Kennewick School District
- **Lexi J. Molnar**, Goldendale High School, Goldendale School District (Presidential Scholar in CTE)
- **Siddhartha Dylan Pant**, Lakes High School, Clover Park School District (Presidential Scholar in CTE)
- **Jacob J. Scrupps**, Odessa High School, Odessa School District (Presidential Scholar in CTE)
- **Kosha Upadhyay**, Bellevue Senior High School, Bellevue School District



Scholars are invited to name a teacher they consider to be the most influential in their knowledge, skills, and impact on the school community. These teachers are recognized as Distinguished Teachers as part of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The teachers that Washington's awarded students selected are:

- **Valentina Craciunoiu**, Bellevue Senior High School, Bellevue School District (Nominating Scholar: Kosha Upadhyay)
- **Heather Gallagher**, Goldendale High School, Goldendale School District (Nominating Scholar: Lexi J. Molnar)
- **Terri King**, Odessa High School, Odessa School District (Nominating Scholar: Jacob J. Scrupps)
- **Jannette Salisbury**, Southridge High School, Kennewick School District (Nominating Scholar: Ashwin Joshi)
- **Randall Wilson**, Lakes High School, Clover Park School District (Nominating Scholar: Siddhartha Dylan Pant)

Legislative Updates

[ESHB 2236](#) tasks OSPI to develop an allied health CTE program. Curriculum must be available for optional use in school districts and skills centers beginning in the 2027–28 school year. This bill also tasks OSPI with establishing the statewide career and technical education advancement task force which shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature, and the state board of education by November 15, 2025.

The operating budget ([SB 5950](#)) also established funding for new provisos – including \$1,400,000 for small districts (enrollment fewer than 2,750 students) to increase access to skills centers and \$375,000 to subsidize the cost of healthcare-based Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) required for employment for students in skills centers and high school programs. Many existing provisos were continued and remain opportunities for fiscal year 25.

CTE Updates & Engagement Opportunities

CTE News & More

The CTE office provides various external engagement opportunities in support of CTE education. The meetings are intended for CTE administrators, educators, school counselors, and other school-based staff. Depending on the topics, community members and other partners may also attend. Future dates will be posted at the beginning of the School Year on the [CTE webpage](#). If you are interested in presenting information or want additional information on attending, please contact cte@k12.wa.us.

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