



2021 New Mexico School Counselors' Community Conference

Learning Soft Skills Through Leadership

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10:00 a.m.**

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) enhance student learning through contextual instruction, leadership and personal development, applied learning and real-world application. This session will provide school counselors the opportunity to learn more about NM CTSOs and how they strengthen student success. NM CTSOs include: Business Professionals of America (BPA), Educators Rising, HOSA, DECA, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), SkillsUSA, Technology Student Association (TSA).

CTSOs work as an integral component of the classroom curriculum and instruction, building upon employability and career skills and concepts through the application and engagement of students in hands-on demonstrations and real life and/or work experiences through a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Complementing the work of school counselors, CTSOs help guide students in developing a career path, a program of study and provide opportunities in gaining the skills and abilities needed to be successful in those careers through CTSO activities, programs and competitive events. In addition, students have opportunities to hold leadership positions at the local, state, and national level and attend leadership development conferences to network with other students as well as business and industry partners. Please let us know if you have any questions.

About Session Presenters:

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