

All Division Breakout Workshops
Monday, July 20, 2026
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

Room	Maui	Fiji	Coco
3:00	How to Make AI Useful in CTE	Strengthening School, Community, and Business Partnerships to Enhance CTE Student Success	Instructional Design Made Simple with Canva
4:00	The 22 Year Age Gap - The "Old" and "Newbie" teaching Partnership	CTSO Advisor Best Practices	Work Smarter, Not Harder: Your AI Co-Teacher for Planning, Projects, and Productivity

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How to Make AI Useful in CTE

Shreyvon Finney, Nichols Career Center

This hands-on session is designed to help Career & Technical Education instructors build the foundations of effective AI use in a practical, low-stress way. The goal is not to turn participants into AI experts, but to help them become confident, capable users who understand how to apply AI intentionally in their daily work.

Strengthening School, Community, and Business Partnerships to Enhance CTE Student Success

Holly Schneider, Sarah Chaney and John Harden, Lex-La Ray Technical Center

Strong school, community, and business partnerships are essential to preparing Career and Technical Education (CTE) students for success beyond the classroom. This session will focus on building and sustaining meaningful partnerships that support student engagement, workforce readiness, and community impact.

Participants will explore how Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)—including FCCLA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, and FFA—can be leveraged to provide authentic community service and leadership development opportunities. The presentation will also highlight effective Work-Based Learning (WBL) strategies such as internships, job shadowing, mock interviews, student professional development experiences, and employability skills training. Additional emphasis will be placed on engaging local career speakers, industry partners, and college recruiters to expose students to postsecondary and career pathways.

Instructional Design Made Simple with Canva

Tonya Skinner, Retired CTE Teacher

You may already use Canva for graphics, flyers, or even AI-generated images—but there’s a whole new world waiting beyond the basics. In this session, we’ll explore powerful AI tools built right into Canva that are especially helpful for teachers. Discover how to design engaging learning activities using Canva Learning Sessions, Canva Docs with Magic Write, and AI-generated Magic Activities. With so many features added in recent months, now is the perfect time to see how Canva can help you create high-quality activities for your CTE classes. Explore how these updated tools can help you design smarter, teach more efficiently, and save valuable time.

4:00 pm

The 22 Year Age Gap - The "Old" and "Newbie" teaching Partnership

Josh Bondy and Emily Hoyt, Paris R-II Schools

One teacher has 20 + years of experience, well-worn systems, and a filing cabinet full of “this is how we’ve always done it.” The other brings fresh energy, big ideas, and the realization that one of them has been around long enough to have advised the other. This session shares the real joys, tensions, laughs, and lessons of leading a CTSO chapter together across a 20-year age gap—and how mentorship, communication, and mutual respect turned an unlikely partnership into a successful program and lasting friendship.

CTSO Advisor Best Practices

Sonora Jones, Kailey Dallas, Cindi Noblitt, Lora Frazier, Carthage Technical Center

CTSO Advisor Best Practices brings together advisors from DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA to share practical strategies for running strong, sustainable student organizations. Presenters will offer real-world insights on managing successful CTSOs, integrating meaningful co-curricular components into classroom instruction, and utilizing resources that streamline planning and organization. Attendees will leave with tools, ideas, and best practices to make advising more effective—and life a little easier—for CTSO advisors at every level.

Work Smarter, Not Harder: Your AI Co-Teachers for Planning, Projects, and Productivity

Sandy Branstetter, Ozarks Technical College

Career and Technical Education teachers juggle multiple courses, preps, certifications, and student organizations — often with limited planning time. This session introduces practical ways educators can use AI tools such as ChatGPT and other AI platforms to streamline teacher preparation and improve instructional quality. Participants will learn how to generate student handouts, lesson plans, rubrics, project ideas, assessments, differentiation strategies, and full unit or year-long plans in minutes. Attendees will leave with ready-to-use prompts, ethical guidelines, and strategies to save time while enhancing rigor, creativity, and student engagement.

