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Students and faculty in Halifax County Schools will join others across the nation during February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month®. This year's tagline is *Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!* CTE Month provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE makes students college- and career- ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields.

“The activities planned over the next month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Cunningham. “By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students and providing them with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees and future leaders.”

Dr. LaVonne McClain, Director of Secondary Education and CTE, states, “Halifax County Schools CTE programs provide opportunities for students to explore careers in agriculture, business, hospitality, public safety, and information technology while receiving industry-recognized credentials. The real-world experiences through CTE better prepare students for life after high school graduation whether they choose to enter the workforce or enroll in a two or four-year college”.

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CTE is a major part of the solution to myriad national economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness, and massive layoffs. At a time when an opportunity for employment is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring students are equipped with the skills to enter the workforce successfully.