

## **February is Career & Technical Education Month**

“Career and Technical Education has provided me with unbelievable opportunities that not only have broadened my education, but also equipped me with life skills necessary for my future. In high school, I completed numerous business education courses, which inspired me to get involved in the Career and Technical Student Organization, Future Business Leaders of America. I fell in love with this organization and became heavily involved in it. This past year, I served as the Arkansas FBLA State President and National Southern Region Vice President. Serving as a national officer gave me the opportunity to speak in front of over 13,000 people, travel all across the nation to help lead conferences, lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, receive an award in Las Vegas, and meet with senators and representatives on Capitol Hill, and network with a diverse group of students. Thanks to my experiences in FBLA and with CTE, I feel fully prepared to enter college, attend medical school, and obtain a Master's Degree in Business Administration in order to one day manage nursing homes and clinics all across Arkansas.” ---**Emily Richey, Paris High School**



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