Due to an educational partnership with Arkansas Tech and the Arkansas Department of Career Education, students in the Ozark SD will soon be able to earn college credit and receive professional banking experience while still in high school. This career pathway will provide up-to-date industry training and encourages students to consider a career in banking. Students completing the program can earn up to 12 hours of college credit through ATU's Ozark Campus and also will be able to attend at no charge an 8-week summer training program at the Bank of OZK's operation center in Ozark that gives them entry-level banking operations skills.

**Student Excel at SkillsUSA**
Partnership Benefits Both Students and Businesses

Over 1,600 Arkansas CTE students gathered at the Hot Springs Convention Center in May for this year’s SkillsUSA state competition. The primary focus of SkillsUSA is to assist students preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled services occupations. Also, SkillsUSA can provide a pool of talent for remote areas of the state that often experience a lack of skilled technical labor. SkillsUSA, and other annual CTE student organization conferences, provides opportunities for students to participate in a wide variety of friendly competition in areas such as law enforcement, welding, technology, medical procedures, and leadership.

**Students Compete in 2nd Annual Social Media Contest**
Dardanelle and Alma Announced as Winners

The 2nd annual social media contest, sponsored by ARCareerED, has students create a social media campaign program promoting CTE. The contest is designed to engage high school students and the general public on the benefits and success of CTE classes. Dardanelle HS won the small-medium school division and Alma HS won the large school division. Click [here](#) for a THV11 news clip on the contest.
Bentonville High School Students Working the Film Festival
Industry Experience in a Unique Environment

In addition to the opportunity to participate in a student film production competition known as "Samsung Create," high school students in the Bentonville area are getting the opportunity to work in such areas as marketing and photography in this year's Film Festival. Great on-the-job experience by connecting to a real-life industry that goes beyond their city and state!

Fayetteville High School Makes 3D Printed Arm
Project Benefits Local Youngster

Students in an engineering class at Fayetteville HS recently made a 3D printed arm for a local youngster. The students worked diligently on the project, from the design phase through several failed attempts to reach a functioning end product. Click (here) for more information on this great story!

Sheridan HS Students Develop Scholarship Finder
Arkansas College Calculator

Four Sheridan High School students recently worked in collaboration to develop a program, using their computer coding skills, for seniors to find specific colleges and scholarships that are eligible for in-state aid based on their GPA and ACT. Other eligibility factors, including being from a military family, were also researched and included in the program. The collected information comes from college websites, counselors, and current students. Once perfected, the students entered their program in the "Girls of Promise: Tech for Good" competition, and they won! Congratulations to these students!

Students Enhance Job Readiness with Industry Certifications

Forty-nine Melbourne HS students were certified as Microsoft Office Specialists in Microsoft Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Entry level employees with this certification can typically earn substantially more starting out than those without the training. Click (here) for more on this story.