

We're excited to share the CTEC Connect - Fall 2025 Newsletter! Take a moment to see what our students have been working on, explore program highlights, industry partnerships, and upcoming opportunities. Thank you for being part of our CTEC community and supporting career-connected learning.



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Fall 2025 Impact Snapshot

In Fall 2025, the **Career and Technical Education Center**, a program of FLDC, served 90 high school students across five career pathways, providing hands-on learning, career exploration, and workforce readiness experiences that connect education to real opportunities.

Our pathways support students as they explore career interests, strengthen essential skills, build practical experience, and gain early exposure to industry expectations. Student also have the opportunity to earn high school credit and, in some pathways, college credit through articulation.

[Explore Pathways](#)

Industry & Education Partnerships in Action



CTEC is proud to collaborate with:

- ETI – Electrical Training Institute
- Western States Carpenters Apprenticeship
- Chaffey College – Industrial Technical Training Center
- Citrus College – Automotive Technology & Medium Heavy Truck Program
- CPR Training – Child Development Pathway

Highlighting Industry Partnership: Athens Services

CTEC partnered with [Athens Services](#) this fall to provide students with exposure to industry careers and workplace expectations. This partnership reflects our commitment to connecting students with local employers and real-world career opportunities.

Financial Literacy & Career Readiness

Students also benefited from a Financial Literacy guest presentation by [Foothill Credit Union](#), gaining valuable insight into budgeting, banking, and financial decision-making—skills that support both personal and professional success.

Mock Interviews: Connecting Students to Professionals

CTEC hosted a mock interview event that gave students the opportunity to practice interviewing with industry and community professionals. These sessions helped students build confidence, receive real-time feedback, and better understand employer expectations.

We invite industry and community partners to support student learning and career exploration!

Partner with CTEC

District Guest: Glendora Unified School District



This fall FLDC welcomed 19 students from Whitcomb High School for a fun and engaging tour of CTEC. The day kicked off at the AXC Garage, where students explored and got hands-on glimpses of the welding and auto shops. From there, they hopped on the Fairplex tram to tour classrooms in Child Development, Green Energy, Urban Agriculture, and the CTEC College and Career Center. The group also made a quick stop at the Art Studio at Millard Sheets before enjoying a lunch break at the Farm at the Mint Garden. After lunch, students wrapped up their visit with an interactive exploration of the farm.

We love showing students what CTEC has to offer - reach out to schedule a day tour of our facilities!

[Tour FLDC Campus](#)

Student Spotlight



Urban Agriculture Student – Kate Hallman

Fourth-semester Urban Agriculture student Kate Hallman joined CTEC for a hands-on learning experience, and found exactly that. Through the program, she built practical skills caring for livestock and working in a farm environment, including experiences she never expected to have in high school. One highlight was bottle-feeding baby goats at the LA County Fair. Kate credits the program and her instructor, Barbara Tuyen for making learning engaging and encourages future students to step outside their comfort zone and try new opportunities.



Child Development Student – Sofia Coronado

“I chose the Child Development pathway because I wanted to build new skills and gain hands-on experience working with young children.

Completing the program helped me become more organized and better prepared for deadlines, job interviews, and college. One of the most meaningful parts was participating in the workshops, which showed me how much support and resources were available to help us grow personally and professionally.

CTEC also helped shape my career goals by exposing me to different fields through guest speakers, which gave me confidence in what I want to pursue next. My advice to future students is to try new things, meet new people, and keep going, even on the busiest days, because the hard work will pay off.”

– *Sofia Coronado*

CTEC continues to grow through meaningful collaboration with industry, education, and community partners.

Ways to get involved:

- Guest speaking
- Mock interviews
- Field trips or site visits
- Career exposure opportunities

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