

## **CTE Liaison Update - May 15, 2026**

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Greetings from Allan Hancock College! As the academic year draws to a close, we remain dedicated to building strong Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that ensure our students don't just graduate but truly thrive in the workforce. Looking ahead, we are excited to strengthen our employer engagement through a revised Advisory Committee format, featuring a collective meeting of all the advisory committees in the fall followed by discipline-specific sessions in the spring.

Our ongoing work focuses on the following areas:

**Regional Collaboration:** Across the region, several colleges are turning budget cuts into opportunities to partner, to share programs and to better serve our connecting communities. Additionally, we continue to emphasize micro-regional work by connecting employers and students through Advisory Committees, Work Experience placements, and digital platforms like Jobspeaker.

**Strategic Partnerships:** We are continuing to partner with key stakeholders across the K16 system, including the K16 Regional Collaborative, Uplift, and REACH.

**Expanded Pathways:** Our team is building systems for Credit for Prior Learning and seeking expanded pathways to create new Apprenticeship programs to support student success and reduce time to completion.

**AI & Innovation:** Faculty are actively exploring how to access and utilize AI tools to empower our students, local employers, and the broader community.

**Faculty Support:** We are committed to engaging our CTE faculty in innovative instructional practices and identifying the funding necessary to support high-quality instruction and programs.

We wish you a wonderful and productive end to the spring semester, as well as an academic year!

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