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COUNSELOR CONFERENCE

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Schedule

7:30-8:30 *Check-In (Ballroom Commons)*

8:30-8:45 *Welcome/Introductions (Grand Ballroom)*

8:45-10:00 *Keynote Speaker, Jodi Langellotti,
AdvanceCTE, Senior Communications Assoc.*

10:00-10:10 *Break*

10:10-10:55 *Breakout Session (1)*

10:55-11:00 *Break*

11:00-11:45 *Breakout Session (2)*

11:45-12:25 *Lunch sponsored by TRANSFR (Grand
Ballroom)*

12:25-12:30 *Break*

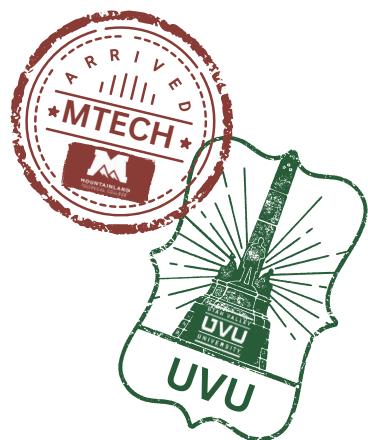
12:30-1:15 *Breakout Session (3)*

1:15-1:20 *Break*

1:20-2:05 *Breakout Session (4)*

2:05-2:15 *Break*

2:15-3:15 *Prize Drawings and Team Discussions (Grand
Ballroom)*



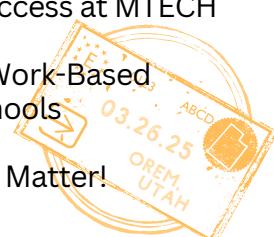
Sessions

Breakouts #1 10:10am

- **Ballroom**..... CTE as a Protective Factor for Mental Health
- **Room SC206a**..... AI in School Counseling: Innovative Strategies & Resources
- **Room SC206b**..... Bridging Pathways: Aligning Education for Career Success
- **Room SC206g**..... Navigating Apprenticeships & Work-Based Learning for Post-Secondary Success
- **Room SC208**..... YouScience Aptitude Maps & Their Impact on Student Pathways & Intentional CCR Planning
- **Room SC213a**..... A Junior High & Middle School Counselor's Guide to Future Career Success at MTECH
- **Room SC213b**..... Roadmaps to Successful Work-Based Learning in Secondary Schools

Breakouts #2 11:00am

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- **Room SC213c**..... CTE Pathways: Why Cords Matter!



Sessions

Breakouts #3 12:30pm

- **Room SC206a**.....From High School to Higher Ed: Mastering Transfer Credits & Pathways
- **Room SC206b**.....Helping Students Feel Confident Choosing a College: A UVU Update
- **Room SC206g**.....Strategies for Supporting Secondary Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Transitions
- **Room SC208**.....YouScience Aptitude Maps & Their Impact on Student Pathways & Intentional CCR Planning
- **Room SC213a**.....Voices from the Hallways: Enhancing High School Counseling through Student Perspectives
- **Room SC213b**.....Unlocking Opportunities: The Future of Concurrent Enrollment
- **Room SC213c**.....CTE Pathways: Why Cords Matter!

Breakouts #4 1:20pm

- **Room SC206a**.....From High School to Higher Ed: Mastering Transfer Credits and Pathways
- **Room SC206b**.....UVU AI Trends & Apprenticeship
- **Room SC206g**.....Strategies for Supporting Secondary Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Transitions
- **Room SC208**.....Helping Students Feel Confident Choosing a College: A UVU Update
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Session Descriptions

A Junior High & Middle School Counselor's Guide to Future Career Success at MTECH: Mountainland Technical College (MTECH) offers exciting career pathways, and junior high counselors play a key role in student preparation. This session provides essential tools to guide students and parents in preparing for MTECH programs in high school.

AI in School Counseling: Innovative Strategies and Resources: Explore the transformative power of AI in school counseling during this engaging breakout session. Designed for counselors eager to enhance their programs, this session will provide practical ideas on integrating AI into various aspects of counseling work.

Bridging Pathways: Aligning Education for Career Success: This session explores technical training and post-secondary education, emphasizing workforce outcomes and alignment with industry needs. Learn how Utah Valley University, Mountainland Technical College, and partners help students transition smoothly from high school to careers through strategic pathways.

CTE as a Protective Factor for Mental Health: In 2021, 42% of youth reported persistent sadness, and 29% experienced poor mental health, according to the YRBS. This session offers a Q&A to explore how CTE programs enhance mental health, resilience, and positive outcomes by fostering protective relationships.

CTE Pathways: Why Cords Matter!: Pathway cords symbolize dedication, skill mastery, and career readiness, but do they truly make an impact? This session explores their role in motivating students, celebrating achievement, and proving their value beyond just recognition.

From High School to Higher Ed: Mastering Transfer Credits and Pathways: Explore credit articulation, dual enrollment, and strategies to help students maximize their academic potential. Learn how to navigate the transition from high school to higher education efficiently, saving time and money.

Helping Students Feel Confident Choosing a College: A UVU Update
With rising doubts about higher education's value, students question if college is worth the investment. This session explores higher education's benefits and highlights UVU as a strong option for students.

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Navigating Apprenticeships & Work-Based Learning for Post-Secondary Success: Discover how apprenticeships and work-based learning support students' transition to post-secondary education. Learn about different apprenticeship types and career pathways.

Strategies for Supporting Secondary Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Transitions: Effective transition planning helps students with disabilities prepare for life after high school. This session covers key USBE success predictors, strategies, and essential skills to create strong, compliant transition plans in CTE and more.

Plotting the Course: YouScience Aptitude Maps and Their Impact on Student Success: Edson Barton (CEO) and a team of region counselors will discuss best practices using the BrightPath aptitude platform in middle and secondary schools. This session highlights how YouScience can enhance student engagement and boost career readiness.

Roadmap to Successful Work-Based Learning in Secondary Schools: Breckon Heywood (USBE) and Jake Hinckley (Sunroc Construction) will discuss building effective industry-education partnerships that benefit students. Learn strategies to boost student engagement in career experiences and hear updates on the USBE youth apprenticeship program.

Unlocking Opportunities: The Future of Concurrent Enrollment: This session will update counselors on new courses and career pathways in Concurrent Enrollment. Explore exciting options and how these changes can guide students toward academic and career success.

UVU AI Trends & Apprenticeship: UVU has been designated as the AI University for Utah. Whether it's a Master's Degree or an apprenticeship in AI, come learn about current initiatives and trends.

Voices from the Hallways: Enhancing High School Counseling through Student Perspectives: Join the Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council for an open discussion on high school counseling. Gain valuable student insights and strategies to improve counseling services and better support students' needs.



Recognitions

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We also wish to thank the planning team of counselors and region representatives, who worked tirelessly to make this conference a success!

Thank You!



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