



January 2020



### **President's Message**

Greetings CTEI Members:

February is CTE month, but just before February arrives CTEI will participate in one of the annual highlights of CTE in Idaho - the Student Day at the Legislature (SDAL), this year held on January 29, 2020. At this event, student leaders from the career-technical student organizations (CTSOs) in Idaho meet with legislative members of the House and Senate Education Committees, along with industry representatives, to advocate for continued high levels of funding for CTE in Idaho.

The SDAL is sponsored by the Idaho CTE Foundation, one of the three interconnected CTE organizations in the state:

Idaho CTE Foundation

Career-Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI) - which is you

Idaho Division of CTE

All three of these organizations work toward the success of SDAL in the weeks leading up to the event. But the real stars are the student leaders. Legislators love to talk to students who are articulate, knowledgeable, and passionate about their CTE field. All of you who have a hand in preparing these outstanding student leaders should feel justifiably proud of them as they represent you, their schools, and all of Idaho CTE to the legislators.

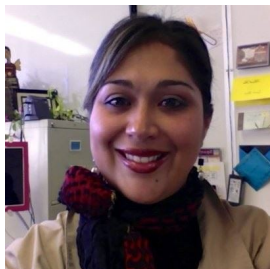
CTEI Board members, including some CTEI Association Presidents and Representatives, will be in attendance at SDAL, making our pitch for continued high levels of funding for CTE. In fact, this year I anticipate as many as 12 CTEI Board members in attendance at the SDAL, which will make us one of

the largest groups in the room. I hope that you are proud of your CTEI Board's involvement in this worthy cause - it is another example of why your CTEI Association and CTEI matter.

Thank you for all that you do for CTE students in Idaho.

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### **Member Spotlight: Sarah Pelayo**

**Where do you teach:** Mt. Harrison High School, Minidoka County

**How long have you been teaching:** I'm in my 9th year of teaching but I was para-educator for 10 years.

**Are you from industry:** Yes & No. I came into teaching by means of the traditional route, shout out to Idaho State University-Business Edu., but I owned my own payday loan store for 10 years and use my experience from it to enrich my classes.

**What do you enjoy about your job:** Making a difference. I love teaching my students about professionalism, goal setting, and celebrating accomplishments and being the masters of their own success.

**Why would you encourage a new teacher to engage in their teaching association:** Being a member of your teaching association is, in my opinion, one of the most important professional responsibilities that you have as an educator. Engagement equates to career/program-specific education and updates, in-valuable networking, professional development, mentorship, and leadership growth.

**If you could change one thing about your classroom environment, what would it be:** I would love to have work/collaboration/creation spaces. My lab layout is dull- 2 rows of computer desks.

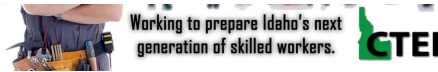
**What is something about you that would surprise people:** ??? I'm pretty much an open book 😊

**What is something you would like to learn:** How to make flour tortillas

**What is one of your goals:** I really, really, really want to start up a CTSO ran store at my school.

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*If you'd like to have something included in this monthly communication, please contact [Robin Bagent](#), Chair of the Public Relations Committee. (Members are encouraged to submit content for the newsletter.)*



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A great way to strengthen CTEIdaho is through committee participation. We know that there is strong support from membership for the various committees that make everything possible from the website and newsletter to professional development and the REACH summer conference. We want to update committee lists so we make sure to honor those currently participating, and add those interested in participating.

Please take a few moments of time to review information for each of the committees in CTEIdaho and let us know if you are currently a committee member (and want to stay on that committee) or if you are interested in joining a committee. You are welcome to select more than one committee.

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*OPINION from Idaho's Teacher of the Year. She explains why it is her mission to combat the stigma around mental health. **Shared from Idaho Education News***

### **Don't Rely on Luck to Address Teens' Challenges, Stacie Lawler**

Our lives are defined by moments, especially the ones we never see coming.

My compelling moment – the moment that gave me my mission as an educator — was on an October afternoon in 2014. I remember putting on my backpack as I watched my athletes load the bus after cross country practice. My phone kept ringing and ringing, and I struggled to find it in my backpack. I had missed three phone calls from my 18-year-old son Keegan, who was a freshman at Boise State University.

When we connected, Keegan told me he had wrecked his friend's car.  
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[Idaho Education News, January 24, 2020](#)

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### **Journey to Career - Wind Energy**

This student wanted to climb a windmill. Now, he's on track for a high-demand career. He also talks about working and going to school full time.

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## IPTV: Journey to Career, Wind Energy



From "CTE Stories" videos at <https://cte.idaho.gov/profiles>



### Have You Logged Into the CTEI Website Lately?

We are in the process of updating content at [www.cteidaho.org](http://www.cteidaho.org) so there's LOTS of new information to explore. If you haven't logged in recently you'll want to do so TODAY! A few highlights...

- "Member's only" content and public content are separated. Log in to see additional information.
- Professional development opportunities are available to members.
- Each industry organization has a public screen so others can learn more about your organization, along with specific content available only to members.
- **Please check your profile and update information as needed so you are connected with others as needed. Upload a picture too so we can get to know you.**

**Don't remember your password? Click on "forgot password" and have it emailed to you.**

