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**Escondido Union High School District Recognizes Career Technical Education Month**

**Escondido, CA** – The Escondido Union High School District (EUHSD) governing board passed a resolution recognizing February as Career Technical Education (CTE) Month. The recognition celebrates the importance of the 35 unique pathways in nine industry sectors offered at Del Lago Academy and Escondido, Orange Glen, San Pasqual, and Valley high schools.

CTE programs benefit students academically and teach technical skills that translate to postsecondary education and careers. Often, students earn industry certifications through their high school curriculum, such as food handler cards and Snap-On NC3 certificates.

Approximately one third of EUHSD students participated in a CTE class the last school year.

“CTE programs teach high school students valuable technical skills, making them better prepared to go into technical trades and offer key real-life experience,” said the district’s Director of College and Career Readiness Mia Funk. “Our CTE programs provide connections to current workforce demands, access to industry advisors, and work-based learning opportunities for students.”

Between the 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 school years, students who completed concentrator and capstone courses in an EUHSD CTE pathway with a grade of C or better increased by 138 percent, emphasizing the popularity of district CTE programs. Additionally, 34 classes at EUHSD schools offer college credit through articulation agreements at Palomar, Mesa, Grossmont and Mt. Sac community colleges.

More than 125 EUHSD students earned college credit through articulated EUHSD classes during the 2020-2021 school year. Several new CTE classes will be introduced to EUHSD students in the

2022-2023 school year, including Agriculture Business, Advanced Podcasting, Advanced Multimedia Communications, Wood Innovation and Design, and Manufacturing Innovation in Design, among others.

More information on the CTE pathways offered through the district can be found at [www.cte-euhds.org](http://www.cte-euhds.org).

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### **About Escondido Union High School District**

The Escondido Union High School District has empowered students to graduate prepared for college, career, and life through excellence in learning for more than 125 years. The district serves more than 7,000 students across five high schools including: Escondido, Orange Glen, and San Pasqual, Del Lago Academy and Valley; as well as the Escondido Adult School. More than 900 staff members are employed by Escondido Union High School District, which offers more than 180 courses, including nationally recognized Advanced Placement courses, College & Career Technical Education, Independent Study, after school enrichment, career exploration, STEM opportunities, and more.