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**CTE™**

National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc)

## CTE Provides Opportunities for College and Career

### CTE Leads to College

- **79%** of CTE concentrators enrolled in postsecondary education within 2 years of high school **graduation**<sup>i</sup>
- **80%** of CTE concentrators persisted in postsecondary **education**<sup>ii</sup>  
27% of people with less than an associate's degree (including licenses and certificates) **earn more** than the average bachelor's degree **recipient**<sup>iii</sup>
- Number of CTE credentials awarded nationally in 2006: **2,022,885**<sup>iv</sup>

### CTE Graduates Earn More

Federal minimum wage in 2006:

**\$5.15**

Average hourly rate of CTE concentration high school graduate in 2006:

**\$10.04**

### CTE Leads to Careers

- 95% of CTE concentrators who did not enroll in postsecondary education **worked for pay** within two years of high school graduation (2004)<sup>v</sup>
- Many worked in occupations related to their high school areas of **concentration**<sup>vi</sup>:
  - Construction and Architecture: **43%**
  - Consumer/Culinary Services: **39%**
  - Repair and Transportation: **39%**

### CTE Leads to Careers

- Experts project **47 million job openings** in the decade ending 2018. About one-third will require an associate's degree or certificate, and nearly all will require real-world skills that can be mastered through **CTE**.<sup>vii</sup>

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iv National Center for Education Statistics, "Career/Technical Education (CTE) Statistics" Table P33, <http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/ctes/tables>

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