



TRAVIS BLACK

CTE Teacher of the Year



Award Biography

Travis has developed an incredible CTE Construction Technology program for the Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education CTED over the last six years. He was instrumental in initially planning and developing the program's curriculum, shop design, classroom safety protocols, equipment, teaching resources, and industry partners. Travis has used his 25+ years of construction experience to provide students with real-life construction projects, including building sheds, a house for a local pastor, commercial restrooms at the local fairgrounds, and various Camp Verde Equestrian Center buildings. Travis established on-the-job training opportunities with a local construction business for several projects throughout the school year. He takes the students to the business's job site once a week.

Travis believes in a well-rounded student with the knowledge and skills in content, professional skills, on-the-job training opportunities, and leadership skills from the CTSO involvement.

Travis was a co-presenter at the National ACTE conference in New Orleans.

His construction program has been one of the top eight programs in the nation for Model of Excellence, and he has won the Presidential Community Service Awards for National SkillsUSA in the last two years. Travis won the SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year award twice in his short time as a teacher. His VACTE Construction SkillsUSA program won the National Championship for Model of Excellence Chapter for Workplace Skills in 2021.