

# Press Release

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## **Workforce Solutions Honors Area Career and Technical Education Graduates at CTE Signing Day**

**Abilene, Texas** —Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas honored Career & Technical Education (CTE) graduates at a lunch reception followed by a cord and signing ceremony on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the 201 Mesquite Event Center in Abilene. CTE Signing Day celebrated graduating high school seniors from the Youth Success Program who are committed to entering high demand, high wage career pathways. Guest speakers from Buffalo Gap I&E and Region XIV Education Service Center were featured at the event. Family, friends, education, industry, and workforce partners were in attendance to celebrate students from Anson, Baird, Ballinger, Clyde, Coleman, Eula, Hawley, Merkel, Sweetwater, and Wylie. The ceremony included Youth Success students receiving honor cords and signing their commitment to industry pathways.

“We are thrilled to recognize area students gaining skills for careers in high demand industries across West Central Texas,” said Workforce Solutions Director of Career Education Dr. Amelia Reeves. “We celebrate with them their commitment to pursuing career pathways with upward mobility.” The Youth Success Program, in partnership with rootEd Alliance, places career advisors in participating schools to meet one-on-one with seniors to discuss goals, barriers, and ways to pay for postsecondary education or training. Since program inception in 2020, over 1,000 rural students have received career advising services to increase enrollment, retention, and completion in postsecondary programs. CTE Signing Day honored those students pursuing training in demand career pathways and receiving industry-recognized credentials.

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