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Workforce Solutions Honors Local 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 signing ceremony and networking lunch on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Historic Paramount Theatre in Abilene. CTE Signing Day celebrated graduating high school seniors who are committed to entering high demand, high wage career pathways. Family, friends, education, industry, and workforce partners were in attendance to celebrate students from Anson, Baird, Ballinger, Clyde, De Leon, Eula, Hawley, Jim Ned, May, Merkel, Paint Creek, Snyder, Sweetwater, Winters, and Wylie.

“I thought it was awesome,” said Wylie High School student Marcus Saenz. “I even got to talk to the fire chief who could someday be my future employer.” State Representative Stan Lambert along with special guests in workforce, industry, and education helped honor students on stage. The ceremony included students receiving honor cords and signing their commitment to industry pathways. It was followed by a mix-n-mingle event at The Grace Museum to connect students with future employers.

“Before I met my advisor, I didn't know what I would be doing after high school,” said Baird High School student Alyssa Freiman. “I have since applied to college and have a solid career path lined out that could carry me to retirement.” Workforce Solutions, 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 2,500 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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