



**BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**  
**Academic Affairs and Workforce Development**  
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- 1) *Continue to improve our responsiveness to the changing needs of regional industries and other community employers*  
*Expansion of National Signing Day*

This year, our CTE Signing Day was a fantastic success. In the time leading up to the event, we had 99 students apply for Signing Day. On February 15, national Career Technical Education Signing Day, 82 students from 27 high schools attended and signed letters of intent to guarantee a spot in one of LBCC's CTE programs starting next fall. We have had an additional five students sign letters of intent since the Signing Day event. We are still contacting the remaining 12 students to assist in their registration with LBCC.

Programs seeing the largest turnout were welding, with 23 students, and heavy equipment diesel training, with 18. Approximately 50% of the signees were from the Greater Albany and Corvallis High Schools. Students also signed to attend programs in culinary arts; horticulture; medical assistant; accounting; network administration; business management; machine tool; mechatronics; CADD; water, environment and technology; non-destructive testing; and automotive tech. The event was held in partnership with Albany Pipeline to Jobs and the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3); CTE Signing Day is a national event, with 55 community colleges and trade schools across the country participating, and an estimated 3,000 students signing this year.

CTE skill sets are in high-demand across the country, and most LBCC CTE students land jobs while still in their programs. LBCC's event featured approximately 20 local sponsors and several guest speakers including Lee Weber, president ATI Specialty Alloys and Components, Mike Sykes, Albany City Council and owner/president of Mike's Heating and Air, and representatives from Snap-On Tools, TRANE, Greenlee, NC3, Fiat Chrysler Automotive, the Oregon Department of Education, and Dave Turin of Discovery Channel "Gold Rush" series. We fed over 250 students, parents, faculty, and business representatives lunch, after which students separated into groups with faculty guiding them on tours and answering questions about their individual programs. The event ran from 8:30 -2:00, and we had representation from TV stations KMTR and KEZI.

We anticipate next year will even be better and we would like to in advance invite you, ou LBCC Board to the event. The date will be Thursday February 21, 2019.