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West-MEC Webinar Series Shows CTE is a Fantastic Option for Boys to Maximize Potential

GLENDALE, Ariz. (April 19, 2023) – Western Maricopa Education Center ([West-MEC](http://www.west-mec.edu)) is delivering a webinar titled “[Left Behind: Boys Need CTE](#),” on April 27 at noon for Synergizing CTE Administrators Nationwide ([NCLA](http://www.ncla.org)). The webinar will illustrate how, over the last three decades, academic and postsecondary outcomes of young women have exceeded those of young men, exploring how career and technical education (CTE) is an excellent option to close that divide.

Hosted by West-MEC’s very own Speranta Klees (Postsecondary Partnership Manager), Dr. Aaron Parsons (Southwest Campus Administrator), and Patrick Clawson (Professional Development Specialist), they will expound upon how and why CTE can help young men academically.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, for every 100 women enrolled in U.S. colleges, there are only 77 men enrolled. There are many reasons why colleges have been seeing this downward trend the last few decades, which will be discussed in detail in the webinar. CTE is a solution to help remedy the alarming decline in academic performance and propel young men into successful postsecondary attainment.

“West-MEC is a wonderful place to learn and grow as both a student and person,” said Klees. “Whether a student is interested in pursuing a career straight out of high school or interested in postsecondary education, CTE is an accelerant for success.”

CTE provides all students with a robust set of advantages to ignite college success, including relevance, early college pathways, and greater self-efficacy — a belief in one’s ability to solve problems.

West-MEC is excited to highlight and show how helpful its programs, and CTE as a whole, can be for male students to maximize their full potential.

If you are interested in attending the webinar follow this Zoom link to sign up:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdOGorjMoHdZsaWiX_gdetCN5XjZnAzSM#/registration

To learn more about West-MEC visit: <https://www.west-mec.edu/>

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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