

# Career Connections Conference: Breakout Schedule

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**BREAKOUT  
SESSION KEY:**

- Career Exploration and Development
- Curriculum Enhancement
- Data and Program Implementation
- CTE for All Students
- Work-Based Learning
- Instructional Engagement
- ISBE Technical Assistance
- Vendor

ROOM	SESSION 1   10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	SESSION 2   12:10 PM - 1:00 PM	SESSION 3   1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	SESSION 4   2:40 PM - 3:30 PM
Bremen	ISBE Technical Assistance	Building Skills That Add Up: Mathematics Integration in CTE	New Resources for Educators Planning Team-Based Challenges	ISBE Technical Assistance
North Pavilion 1	What is SkillsUSA?	Introducing SkillsUSA Illinois' Work-based Learning Platform	Claim Your Future: Linking Today's Educational Choices to Future Careers and Financial Stability	Alumni Career Connection
North Pavilion 2	The GPEAK System: Essential Skills Resources, Assessments, and Training for Educators	Exploring the Game of Life: Making it Fun, But Keeping it Real	Reimagining Internships: Portfolio-Based Approaches	PaCE Yourself with CIS360's Work-Based Learning Tracker
North Pavilion 3	CTE and SEL	Taking Back the Trades! Trades School Grant Program Recipient Panel	Maximizing EFE Systems: Roles, Benefits, and Collaboration Strategies	Explore Multiple Paths: D128's Multi-Prong Approach to College & Career Readiness
North Pavilion 4	Lessons Learned Building a Regional Work-based Learning HUB	Math Pathways and Corequisites for Technical Math	Illinois Business Education Association Updates for all Business and Computer Science Educators	Social Emotional Learning- Broken to be Made
North Pavilion 5	Give Me TEN: A Business-First Approach to Work-Based Learning	Stay Lit: Unlocking the Secret to Keeping High Schoolers Engaged	First Impressions Matter: Equipping Teachers to Guide Students for Job Interviews	Guiding Teen Girls to Leadership Success: Strategies for Developing Leader Identity
North Pavilion 6	CTE Instructional Design: Horace Mann Meets ChatGBT	Law and Public Safety Pathways - Everything You Need to Know (and Then Some)!	Urban Roots: "Cultivating Urban Agriculture for a Sustainable Future"	The Dual Credit Equity and Access Grant Experience
South Pavilion 3	How to Operate a Student-Run Apparel Decorating Business	The Current State of CS CTE in Illinois: Findings and Future Directions	Framework for Standing Up and Growing a Work-Based Learning/Internship Program	The Power of Partnerships: Enhancing Postsecondary Success Through Dual Credit and Career Academy Collaboration
South Pavilion 4	Building Rural CTE through Energy & Climate Resilience	PaCE Overview	Supporting the Transition of Future Teachers Through the Redbird Educator Scholars Program	Tailoring Career and Technical Education (CTE) for ALL Learners
South Pavilion 5	Integrating Career and Technical Education Pathways and Instructional Leadership Team: A Case Study at Curie High School	16 and 17 Year olds: The Truth About Employment and Internships	Policy to Practice: Guidelines, Strategies, and Challenges of Applying for and Implementing CCPEs	Finding Free and Easy Resources for Developing Work-Based Learning Plan
South Pavilion 6	Taking Career Readiness to New Heights with Drones	AI & the Future of Work: Preparing CTE Students for the New Economy	Leverage Free Statewide EdTech Services to Maximize Impact	Embracing the Power of Cooperative Purchasing with the Illinois Learning Technology Purchasing Program (ILTPP)
Samuel Tinley	Validate Your Student's Skills with Certification	Bridging Skills and Opportunities: Integrating the Seal of Biliteracy within CTE programs	Exploring STEM Careers with Learning Blade: A Free Resource Illinois Educators	Achieving a 100% Quality Program of Study: The Nine Components