Career and Technical Education Serves ALL Illinois Students!
In 2010 Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations served 35,453 high school students in 846 chapters by enhancing essential leadership and technical skills though rigorous programming and competition opportunities.

The more students participate in Career Technical Student Organization activities, the higher their academic motivation, academic engagement, grades, career self-efficacy and college aspirations—factors often linked to high school graduation. (Alfeld, C., et al., Looking Inside the Black Box: The Value Added by Career and Technical Student Organizations to Students’ High School Experience, National Research Center for CTE, 2007)

A person with an associate degree or two year credential will earn, on average, over $5,000 a year more than a person with just a high school diploma and a person with a CTE-related associate degree or credential will earn between $5,000 and $15,000 more a year than a person with a humanities or social science associate degree. (Jacobson, L., et al, Pathways to Boosting the Earnings of Low-Income Students by Increasing Their Educational Attainment, Gates Foundation/Hudson Institute, 2009)