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Dear Colleagues:

You are invited to join us for an exciting opportunity for Arizona's community colleges and Career and Technical Education Programs (CTE). The Maricopa Community Colleges and Arizona Department of Education are hosting an **Arizona College and Career Transition Initiative Network Summit on Thursday, October 26th, at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix**. The purpose of the Summit is to share ideas and resources and explore ways to develop career pathways and improve student transitions through effective partnerships between secondary schools and community colleges.

The College and Career Transitions Initiative (CCTI) was established by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) and the League for Innovation in the Community College. CCTI was developed to enhance the role of the community college in easing student transitions and in improving academic performance between secondary and postsecondary education as well as easing transitions for students entering employment. In May 2003, 15 community colleges from around the country, along with their secondary school and business partners, were selected to lead CCTI site partnerships.

One of the featured speakers for the day will be Mr. Scott Hess, Branch Chief, Division of Academics-Technical Education from OVAE. He will be presenting on the *Federal Agenda for Career Pathways*. Resources from the new CCTI National Network will be shared as will information about developing career pathways.

There is no cost to attend this event, but we ask that you or your designated attendee(s) please register by or before **October 13th** at [www.teachered.maricopa.edu/CCTI.html](http://www.teachered.maricopa.edu/CCTI.html) or by calling 480-731-8726. This invitation is being sent to all CTE Directors and community college leaders in Arizona. Please invite any potential site partners to join us for this summit. The enclosed items include directions and a working agenda. If you have any questions please contact Ray Ostos at 480-731-8726.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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