

CTE SUMMIT 2026

Guam's Industries and Career & Technical Education: A Community Discourse

February 20–21, 2026 | University of Guam & GCA Trades Academy

A Message from Guam ACTE

The 2026 CTE Summit stands as a milestone for Career & Technical Education on Guam. What began as a vision to support CTE Professionals to bridge classroom instruction with real-world career pathways has grown into a community-wide celebration of educators, industry leaders, and the students they serve together. This year's summit brought together voices from across Guam's private sectors in a shared commitment: to ensure every student on our island has access to a meaningful, career-connected education.

DAY 1 | Friday, February 20, 2026

Panel Discussion — UOG SBPA IT&E Lecture Hall, Room 131 | 5:00–7:30 PM

Day 1 opened at the University of Guam with an evening panel discussion that set the stage for courageous conversations about Guam's working economy. Educators, business professionals, and community stakeholders explored how Career & Technical Education can serve as a critical bridge between our classrooms and the workforce.



Educators and business representatives engage in the panel discussion at UOG — February 20, 2026

The panel featured prestigious speakers from both educational and industry backgrounds, offering perspectives that challenge traditional approaches and illuminate new career opportunities and pathways for students. Discussions touched on regional workforce trends, the military buildup's economic impact, emerging technology sectors, and the responsibility of educators to align their instruction with the opportunities that await students upon graduation.

KEY THEMES FROM THE PANEL DISCUSSION

- ▶ Guam's evolving local and regional working economy
- ▶ The role of CTE in preparing a future-ready workforce

- ▶ Industry expectations and classroom alignment
- ▶ Workforce development opportunities for island students
- ▶ Public-private partnerships that support career pathways

DAY 2 | Saturday, February 21, 2026

Professional Development Workshops — GCA Trades Academy, Tiyan | 8:00 AM–1:00 PM

Day 2 shifted to the GCA Trades Academy for a full morning of professional development workshops intentionally designed for Guam’s educators—from middle school through postsecondary levels. Each session was crafted to strengthen instructional practice, deepen industry and workforce awareness, and provide practical strategies that teachers can bring directly into their classrooms.



Professional Development Workshop sessions — GCA Trades Academy, February 21, 2026

WORKSHOP FOCUS AREAS

- Workforce Development Strategies
- Cybersecurity Awareness for Educators
- Digital Safety in the Classroom
- Emerging Technologies & Industry Trends
- Industry-Informed Teaching Practices

WHO ATTENDED

- Middle School Educators
- High School CTE Teachers
- Postsecondary Instructors
- Business & Industry Representatives
- Workforce Development Professionals

"Connecting Classrooms to Careers — Building Guam's Future Together"

The 2026 CTE Summit reaffirmed Guam ACTE's mission: to strengthen career and technical education so that every student has a clear and supported path to a meaningful career. We thank our educators, industry partners, and sponsors for making this summit a success, and we look forward to continuing this important work throughout the year.

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