



Shadow Hills High School

CTE Fall Advisory Minutes for CS Pathway

November 5, 2025 Following Career Fair

Career Fair 8:30 - 11:30

Lunch Advisory 11:30 - 12:30

CS relevant industry partners present:

- Shadow Hills High School - Computer Science Pathway
 - Teacher: Courtney Anziano
 - Students present: Sakura Lee, David Santibanez, Saun Avila
- College of the Desert - Computer Information Systems Department
 - Professors: Patrick Jacobs, Martin Flores
 - CIS Laboratory Specialists: Mark Rizzo, Jazmin Rosario?
- Desert Sands Unified School District - Technology Department
 - Network Manager: Ruben Garza
 - Computer Specialist: Ruben Franco
- MSA Consulting
 - Environmental Planner: Reed Witherspoon
 - CAD Designer: Sebastian Melendez

Key Questions Discussed:

- (1) What key skills and habits do you look for in new employees or interns in your field?
 - Communication is key!
 - Technical skills can be taught / adjusted, but students need to have the ability to communicate and form and maintain relationships in order to actually get hired.
 - Show up! Be present, presentable, and on time
- (2) What is being phased out in your industry that we should no longer be teaching?
 - AI is being integrated into coding and Students are being encouraged to use all tools available
- (3) What new trends, technologies, or certifications should our program consider integrating?
 - AI in the workplace - this tool is becoming more of an expectation across multiple industries and would be beneficial for students to start gaining proficiency in.
 - AI as a major / minor - would be great to get ahead of this / get started as soon as possible.
 - COD is working on incorporating this in order to stay competitive in the CS field.
 - Technology is being used in all industry sectors - health and military guests at career fair both echoed this as well and want students to be aware of the wide range of options available.
- (4) What would make our graduates stand out in your industry?
 - Back to key skills,
- (5) How can your organization connect more directly with our students (guest speaking, job shadowing, mentorships, internships, etcetera)?
 - Need to follow up for guest speaking options