

# Recognition and Scale

LEAP is achieving increasing recognition through participation in federal grant efforts and support from Nevada state boards



On September 11, 2017, **The National Science Foundation (NSF)** announced that a proposal for a pilot project submitted by a consortium comprising the University of Nevada Reno (UNR), Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), Washoe County School District CTE, Charles River Laboratories, and GOED to recruit CTE/high school students from underrepresented minority (URM) groups by utilizing the **LEAP Life Sciences** career pathway framework is among 27 new awards through its **NSF INCLUDES** program.



The **Nevada Board of Regent** and the **Nevada State Board of Education** met in a historic joint-session on **October 21, 2016** (the last joint meeting took place in 2007) and passed a **joint-resolution** to *express support for full integrated, effective, and clear career pathways through Nevada's public education system* [...]. The joint-resolution particularly singled out and endorsed LEAP.

## JPMorgan Chase and CCSO Announce \$20 Million to Improve Career Education for Young People in 10 U.S. States

*New Skills for Youth grants will help states improve access to skills-based education and training for high-skill, well-paying careers.*  
**Washington, D.C. (January 11, 2017)** – The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and JPMorgan Chase & Co. today announced \$20 million in grants to 10 U.S. states to dramatically increase the number of students who graduate from high school prepared for careers. Developed as part of JPMorgan Chase's \$75 million global New Skills for Youth initiative, each winning state will work with government, business and education leaders to strengthen career education and create pathways to economic success. Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Wisconsin will each receive \$2 million over three years to expand and improve career pathways for all high school students. An independent advisory committee recommended the states to receive grants from the New Skills for Youth initiative after a rigorous review process. These 10 states demonstrated the strongest plans to work across sectors to transform how they design and develop career preparedness education programs and provide young people with the skills they need to compete for high-skill, well-paying jobs. They have also committed to bring together education leaders, business partners and community partners to set ambitious benchmarks for achieving these goals.  
 "The number of young people who graduate from high school without the necessary skills to compete is one of the greatest moral and economic inequities of our time," said **Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO, JPMorgan Chase**. "These investments will help states build career education programs that align with the needs of growing industries and give young people a chance to succeed."  
 "These states are leading the way to improve career pathways for all kids through partnerships with communities, higher education and leaders in industry," said **CCSSO Executive Director Chris Minnich**. "I applaud their efforts and look forward to working with these grantees and other states across the country as they continue to strengthen career preparation for kids." ... [...]

## Workforce

### Washoe County School District: Optimas Silver Winner for Managing Change

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The old proverb urges us to look before we leap.

The Washoe County (Nevada) School District could rephrase the familiar saying just a bit: LEAP and then look — at how the district is helping manage the evolution of a high-tech workforce.

Learn & Earn Advanced Career Pathways, known as LEAP, is the result of a yearlong collaboration with a variety of local agencies to address employee shortfalls in advanced manufacturing — an area of employment tapped as the silver state's future highest-growth sector.



The district's program will create a pipeline of workers over the next five years to manage the changing dynamics of the burgeoning tech climate.

The initiative was launched in August 2014 when agencies and stakeholders recognized a problem and planned a strategy to connect human capital resources to a business need.  
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WCSD wins national **Optimas Silver** award for Managing Change

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The **Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)** and **JPMorgan Chase & Co.** announced Nevada as one of just 10 states to receive a \$2 million grant to strengthen and expand career-education pathways for our state's students. LEAP had been an integral part of Nevada's application and cited as an "early win"

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