Lakshmi Mahadevan: “Hi, my name is Dr. Lakshmi Mahadevan, and I am program coordinator for the Career and Technical Special Populations Training and Resource Education Center at Texas A&M’s AgriLife Extension Service. Welcome to this webcast on Career and Technical Student Organizations. Career and Technical Student Organizations, commonly referred to as CTSO’s, are youth organizations designed to support students in Career and Technical Education, or CTE, programs. According to the Association for Career and Technical Education, “CTSO’s play an important part in preparing young people to become productive citizens and assume roles of leadership in their communities.” These organizations provide a unique program of career and leadership development, motivation, and recognition for secondary and post-secondary students. In this webcast, a health sciences teacher will provide an overview of his experiences as a CTSO teacher.”