



The Communique

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Your Professional Voice

ACTEN Allows Opportunities for

Welcome back to another great year of Career and Technical Education! I hope the summer break allowed each of you the opportunity to return to your classrooms with renewed energy and enthusiasm that we all need to make a successful start to a new school year.

It was exciting to see so many of you attend the 2012 NCE Conference this past year in Kearney. There was much to learn from our keynote and session speakers. The conference gave all who



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ACTEN President

with each other during numerous trainings and workshops. I always look forward to the chance to reconnect with friends and colleagues that I do not see during the school year. I also enjoy the opportunity to meet new members who have joined the association during the past year. Talking to non-members and explaining the benefits ACTE/ACTEN membership provides is also a highlight of mine...as I later see their names appear on the membership list. I believe that taking advantage of professional development opportunities, such as NCE Conference and ACTEN membership, provide us a fresh outlook on our chosen careers and help us to continually update and develop our programs.

I know that we offer high quality CTE programs in our schools and give our students the kinds of opportunities that lead to success in their future endeavors. The challenge of keeping our programs up-to-date can be overwhelming at times; however, it is also very exciting to be a part of those changes especially when student success is achieved. Membership in ACTEN and attendance at state, regional, and national conferences are an essential part of developing the "cutting edge" programs that are offered across our state.

I encourage everyone to look for opportunities of leadership and support within our state association and the divisions that support your individual programs. As ACTEN makes an effort to move forward, it needs the support of you, the career and technical educator. Without its members ACTEN could not exist, but with more members, we can increase our ability to accomplish the goals and challenges placed before us. With reflection upon your years of experience combined with insight in where career and technical education is headed, I believe you will feel excited and inspired by your professional association and proud to share that with your colleagues.

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NEBRASKA FCCLA MEMBERS AND ADVISERS ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

One hundred ninety-nine delegates representing Nebraska Family Career and Community Leaders of America attended the National leadership Conference in Orlando, California, July 7-12, 2012.



Pictured from left-right Chandler Classen, Brenda Dan-Messier, Asst. Secretary of OVAE the US Department of Education, and Linsey Armstrong.

Linsey Armstrong and Chandler Classen were elected to the ten member National Executive Council. Chandler is Vice-President of Development and Linsey is Vice-President of Public Relations. This is the first time Nebraska has had two representatives on the Executive Council and the first time that two students from the same chapter (Logan View) have served on the Executive Council.

One hundred students participated in the STAR Events, with 79 members receiving GOLD awards and 21 members receiving SILVER awards. The members are scored against a 100 point rubric, and Nebraska students always do a great job. Twenty-four of these students received 97 points or higher, and were top in their event.

Candace Cain, Adviser at Burwell High School, received the Master Adviser Award

Adviser Awards

Cathy Kloch, Adviser at Alliance High School, received the Adviser Mentor Award and the Spirit of Advising Award

Jan Brandt received the State Adviser of the Year Award.

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Families First National Program Winners

Neligh Oakdale Chapter

Project Title:

“Making a Difference 4 Families”

2013 CEFN Scholarship & Grant Programs

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) provides scholarships to secondary career and technical education students from Nebraska who plan to continue their career and technical education at a Nebraska postsecondary institution. CEFN also provides grants to career and technical education teachers for professional development activities.

The scholarship and grant application forms will be available on the ACTEN website (www.actenebraska.org - click on the CEFN tab) soon. Application forms can also be requested by contacting the CEFN office (e-mail to acte.nebraska@juno.com or call 402-423-6786). The deadline to apply is March 15, 2013.

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As the year continues, challenge yourself and take advantage of opportunities available to you...

Volunteer for committee work based on the newly written ACTEN Strategic Plan. Goals and projects have been written; however, leadership is needed. The strategic plan is located under the *About Us* tab on our website.

Work with your ACTEN division in its specific program of work

Participate in revision

Review and evaluate your program based on newly written standards and programs of study

Attend the 2013 ACTE Region V Conference in Salt Lake City, April 11-13

Attend the 2013 NCE Conference in Kearney, June 4-6th

Take part in the Nebraska Career Education Leadership Academy

Participate in the New Career and Technical Education Teacher Program

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to the upcoming opportunities that this year will provide. ACTEN is your voice within career and technical education. If ACTEN can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Together we can make a difference!



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2013 Nebraska Career Education Conference
June 4-6, 2013
Kearney, NE



New ACTE-~~ACTEN~~ Members

Family and Consumer Sciences:

- Nancy Barr
- Michelle Galles
- Laura Gaulty
- Janice Hueschen
- Kelsey Kummer
- Cathy Leak
- Cheryl Meyer
- Vicki Morrell
- Marilyn Whitaker

2013 ACTEN Awards Program

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It's time to start thinking about nominating ACTEN's outstanding members for one of the 2013 ACTEN awards. Selected nominees will be recognized for their contributions and service to CTE students, programs and the CTE community at the 2013 Nebraska Career Education Conference. Please consider nominating someone (or applying yourself) for one of the following awards:

ACTEN Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher - Divisional
One teacher from each ACTEN division will be recognized. ACTEN Teacher of the Year will be selected from the divisional teacher award recipients. ACTEN's Teacher of the Year recipient will advance to the ACTE - Region V Teacher of the Year competition in 2014.

ACTEN Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher – This award recognizes a CTE teacher who has taught a minimum of three years, but no more than five years for their outstanding contributions to education. The recipient will advance to ACTE - Region V competition in 2014.

ACTEN Outstanding Teacher in Community Service – This award recognizes a teacher with significant accomplishments and outstanding leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. The recipient will advance to ACTE - Region V competition in 2014.

ACTEN Outstanding Career and Technical Educator – This award recognizes CTE educators, other than full-time classroom/laboratory teachers. Recipient will advance to ACTE - Region V competition in 2014.

ACTEN Outstanding Service - This award recognizes an ACTEN member who has made significant contributions to the field of career and technical education at the local, state, regional and national level including honors or recognitions, professional offices and committee appointments, and publications.

Award information and nomination forms will be posted soon on the website (www.actenebraska.org). Look for the "ACTEN Awards" call out box on the main page of the website. You may also request award information and forms by sending message to acte.nebraska@juno.com. All nomination materials must be received by the ACTEN Office on or before March 1, 2013.

ACTEN's Past President, Jason Speck is chairperson of the 2013 Awards Committee. If you have questions, please contact Jason via e-mail at jspeck@esu15.org or call him at 308-882-5526 (home) or 308-882-4304 (school). Questions can also be directed to Lila Kulwicki at the ACTEN office by calling 402-423-6786, or sending a message to acte.nebraska@juno.com.

The Fall BMIT Standards Workshop Hosted by MPCC

The third of six Fall Business Marketing and Information Technology (BMIT) Standards Workshops was held on October 11 at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bonnie Sibert and Bev Newton, of the Nebraska Department of Education, partnered with Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) and Mid-Plains Community College business educators. Together they offered this professional development opportunity for secondary and postsecondary teachers in the educational content areas of business marketing and information technology. All teachers received the new course state standards for the career clusters of Information Technology, Arts/AV Technology and Communications, Hospitality and Tourism, as well as, the middle-level business and technology courses.

The afternoon session provided additional, valuable information. Topics included the development and opportunities of Business Career Academies, the educational materials and opportunities available through EducationQuest and the future professional development opportunities at conferences throughout the state of Nebraska. In particular, educators are reminded to attend the NCE Conference June 4-6 in Kearney and the MPBEA Conference (*Mountain-Plain Business Education Association*) June 9-12 in Omaha.

Business and information technology teachers from Maywood, South Platte, Valentine, McPherson County, North Platte, Cambridge, Dundy County Stratton, Hershey, Gothenburg, Cody-Kilgore, Chase County, Cozad, Sandhills Public, Ogallala, Perkins County, Sutherland, Wilcox-Hildreth, Alma, and Thedford were in attendance.



“....new course state standards for the career clusters of Information Technology, Arts/AV Technology and Communications, Hospitality and Tourism...”

Business educators attending the Fall Business Marketing and Information Technology (BMIT) Standards Workshop at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Nebraska

ACTEN Board Seeking Nominations for 2013 Election

ACTEN is seeking nominations for several board positions for the 2013-2014 school year. Positions that will appear on the 2013 election ballot include:

President Elect (cannot be an AGR member)
Treasurer
Administration Discipline Representative
Family and Consumer Sciences Education Discipline Representative
Health Science Technology Education Discipline Representative
Engineering and Technology Education Discipline Representative
Trade and Industrial Education Discipline Representative
Adult Workforce Development Representative

All positions will start on October 1, 2013. No prior board experience is required. All you need is a desire to be a leader among state Career and Technical Association colleagues.

If you are interested in any of the mentioned positions, or if you would like more information, please contact Jason Speck, Nomination & Awards Committee Chairperson. Jason can be reached via e-mail at jspeck@esu15.org, or by phone at 308-882-5526 (h) or 308-882-4304 (s).

cc Southeast community college

Machine Tool Technology program to expand!

- ♦ Construction is underway on an addition to the existing program at SCC-Milford.
- ♦ The new space will accommodate the latest technological advances in the industry.
- ♦ The current Machine Tool program in Lincoln will move to the Milford Campus.
- ♦ Students will begin hands-on learning in the new space in July 2013.



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ARLINGTON, FILLMORE CENTRAL, WAUSA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

Three Nebraska high schools recognized as national 2012 Blue Star Schools

Nebraska students at three high schools have shown they have what it takes to manage their money.

Arlington, Fillmore Central and Wausa high school students' performance on the national Working in Support of Education's (W!SE) financial literacy test earned their schools national recognition as 2012 Blue Star Schools.

Business teachers at Arlington High School, Fillmore Central High School and Wausa High School were recently notified that their schools would be recognized as Blue Star Schools on Nov. 6 in New York City at W!SE's annual MoneyPower Conference for Financial Literacy.

A school must achieve a 75 percent passing rate on the test and have a majority of its students at a given grade take the test or the students who take it must earn an average score of 80 percent or higher. The award is significant considering that nationally only 157 schools were recognized as 2012 Blue Star Schools.

In recognition of their success, schools will receive a banner for their business departments and students will receive a certificate of completion for demonstrating knowledge of the personal finance tools needed to become financially capable young adults. Personal finance courses cover topics such as wise money management, personal financial planning, banking, saving and investment practices as well as credit and insurance.

In 2010, Nebraska personal finance teachers Teresa Feick of Arlington, Cindy Talley of Fillmore Central and Dawn Friedrich of Wausa participated in a Personal Finance Institute at Wayne State College and their students received free certification testing.

For more information contact Bonnie Sibert at 402.471.4818 or bonnie.sibert@nebraska.gov. For information on how schools can participate in the W!SE Financial Literacy Certification Program, contact Working In Support of Education, David J. Anderson, executive vice president, 212.421.2700 or danderson@wise-ny.org.

New ACTE–ACTEN Members

Agriculture Education

Cory Beran	Patrick Morgan
Dusten Bruss	Dennis L. Mottl
Tracy Cooper	Alissa Neitenbach
Debbi Doerr	James Nemec
Tom Hofmann	Jaci Palmer
Calla Jarboe	Katie Quiring
Lisa Kemp	Michelle Ryun
Sarah Knutson	Todd Thompson
Matt Korkow	Dennis Toalson
Stephanie Miller	Siera Zuellner

NEBRASKA FCCLA MEMBERS AND ADVISERS ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, from pg 2**Receiving GOLD**

- Emme Brown, Baylee Egenberger, and Sage Martin; Junior Division, in Advocacy - Elm Creek Chapter
- Allison Becker, Allison Ludwig, and Emily Morrow; Junior Division, in Applied Technology - O'Neill Chapter
- Anthony Papousek and Davis Podany; Senior Division, in Applied Technology - Clarkson Chapter
- Molly Lambert; Junior Division, in Career Investigation - Ewing Chapter
- Katie Miller; Junior Division, in Career Investigation - Bloomfield Chapter
- Leanne DeKay; Senior Division, in Career Investigation - Chambers Chapter
- Tiffany Patrick; Senior Division, in Career Investigation - Creighton Chapter
- Cody Madsen; Junior Division Chapter Service Project Display - Neligh Oakdale Chapter
- Elizabeth Revelo and Emily Ratkovec; Junior Division, in Chapter Service Project Display - Cozad Chapter
- Shawn Welch, Josh Leas, and Colton Aspenleiter; Senior Division, in Chapter Service Project Display - Medicine Valley Chapter
- Elliot Janssen, Kali Einspahr; Senior Division, in Chapter Service Project Display - Logan View Chapter
- Viktor Jonseth and Will Paul; Junior Division, in Chapter Service Project Manual - Neligh-Oakdale Chapter
- Mariah Cote; Senior Division, in Chapter Service Project Manual - Cozad Chapter
- Sierra Penas and Tara Lewis; Senior Division, in Chapter Showcase Display - Seward Chapter
- Shala Gottula and Madison Elliott; Senior Division, in Chapter Showcase Display - Maxwell Chapter
- Alicia Hamling and Christina Hamling; Junior Division, in Chapter Showcase Manual - St. Edward Chapter
- Hallie Knutson, Kelsey Green and Taylor White; Junior Division, in Chapter Showcase Manual - Neligh Oakdale Chapter
- Haley Montgomery, Kendra Finnell and Alexis Marquardt; Senior Division, in Chapter Showcase Manual - Cozad Chapter
- Tanner Mickelsen, Mattie Mickelsen, and Thomas Foster; Senior Division, in Chapter Showcase Manual - Medicine Valley Chapter
- Makayla Rutt and Cheyenne Wilson; Senior Division, Entrepreneurship - Minden Chapter
- Kaitlyn Becher and Shelby Fuhr; Junior Division, Focus On Children - Leigh Chapter
- Chyenne Burrell and Kacie Gribble; Junior Division, Focus On Children - Chambers Chapter
- Shayla Keim and Keisha Trampe; Senior Division, Focus On Children - Elm Creek Chapter
- Regan Garey, Shaylee Schroeder, and Kylee Heinzle; Senior Division, Focus On Children - Medicine Valley Chapter
- Becca Laughlin and Nicole Weimers; Junior Division, Food Innovations - Elm Creek Chapter
- Alex Cumming and Payton Rasmussen; Junior Division, Food Innovations - St. Edward Chapter
- Anna Ourada and Casi Sutherland; Senior Division, Food Innovations - Elm Creek Chapter
- Grace Carhart; Senior Division, Food Innovations - Bloomfield Chapter
- Dawn Klabenes and Tami Jo Marcellus; Junior Division, Illustrated Talk - Chambers Chapter
- Megan Bydalek; Senior Division, Illustrated Talk - Franklin Chapter
- Tawny Mohr; Senior Division, Interior Design - West Boyd Chapter
- Laura Ohri and Kristen Mohr; Junior Division, Interpersonal Communications - West Boyd Chapter
- Aubrey Dinslage; Senior Division, Job Interview - Elgin Chapter
- Brenna Carlstrom; Senior Division, Job Interview, St. Edward Chapter
- Patrick Colgan; Senior Division, Leadership - Wahoo Chapter
- Breanne Brester and Amanda Evert; Senior Division, Life Event Planning - Howells Dodge Chapter.
- Justine Bauer; Junior Division, National Programs in Action - Elm Creek Chapter
- Jessa Lemon and Andie Chapman; Junior Division, National Programs in Action - Medicine Valley Chapter
- Shelby Ferguson Olivia Hubbard, and Alynn Stauffer; Senior Division, National Programs in Action - Elm Creek Chapter
- Ariel Lichty; Junior Division, Nutrition and Wellness - O'Neill Chapter
- Derek Monie; Junior Division, Recycle and Re-design - Arapahoe Chapter
- Jessica Stephens; Senior Division, Recycle and Redesign - Elm Creek Chapter
- Molly Bond; Senior Division, Recycle and Redesign - Elkhorn Chapter
- Taylor Haight; Senior Division, Teach and Train - Minden Chapter

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Nebraska Career Educators Sharpen Skills at First-Ever Teacher Leadership Academies

Nearly 50 Nebraska teachers and guidance counselors attended the state's first-ever Career and Technical Education Leadership Academy and Beginning Teacher Institute conferences for new and veteran educators.

Teachers attending the two conferences had a common focus: Teaching students the skills and knowledge vital for college and career success.



The Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute provided strategies to help new teachers improve the quality and rigor of their classroom instruction. Teachers were encouraged to build a collaborative statewide network of educators for future support.

"The Beginning Teacher Institute reenergized me for the school year," said Sarah Heideman, Lawrence-Nelson High School agricultural education teacher. "It made it even more clear how important Career and Technical Education is in Nebraska. The great things that are happening in classrooms across our state need to be lionized."

Anne Schmall, Scottsbluff Middle School family and consumer sciences teacher, said the teaching skills she developed and practiced at the workshop would make her an even more effective teacher. Schmall said connecting with other Career and Technical Education teachers was helpful. "I know that I am going into the upcoming school year better prepared"

The second professional development workshop, the Career Education Leadership Academy, focused on developing the leadership potential of experienced educators by providing the resources and instructional strategies needed to ensure students are career and college ready when they graduate.

A key objective of the Career Education Leadership Academy was to develop a shared vision and to help participants gain new perspectives on how to communicate with government leaders and state legislators about career education, college and career readiness, workforce development and economic development.

Veteran educators developed a 2012-2013 individual plan-of-action with strategies for addressing the challenges their career education program faces in their school district and community to better ensure that students graduate college and career ready.

Lee Kallstrom, an Omaha North Magnet High School teacher in engineering technologies, said the academy provided "useful information packed into a usable, doable workshop" that would benefit his students, staff and the school's administration.

Kristyn Harms, Norris High School agriculture, food and natural resources teacher, said the academy gave her an opportunity to expand her leadership skills.

Workshop presenters included Jill Casten, who has a doctorate of philosophy in Leadership Education and represented the American Farm Bureau Federation; Ryan Foor, who holds a doctorate of philosophy in Agriculture and Extension Education and is a University of Arizona assistant agricultural professor; and, Nebraska Department of Education career and technical education staff Cory Epler, Matt Kreifels and Carol Ringenberg. See page 10 for participant lists.

For more information about Nebraska Career Education and the Nebraska Career Education Model, visit <http://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/>.

Receiving Silver Medals

- Nicole Sullivan; Senior Division, Advocacy - Pierce Chapter
 - Tyra Reardon; Junior Division, Chapter Showcase Display
 - Olivia Marshal and Ashton Malcom; Junior Division, Entrepreneurship
 - Miranda Haun and Naomi Johnson, Senior Division, Interpersonal Communications
 - Shelby Stultz; Senior Division, National Programs In Action - St Edward Chapter
 - Megan Royal, Senior Division, Nutrition and Wellness - Palmyra Chapter
 - Ann Holen, Brian Whetstone, Sarah Polter, Wyatt Behn, Rachel Buss, Araceli Hernandez, Farah Imtiaz and Emelie Berke; Senior Division, Parliamentary Procedure - Kearney Chapter
 - Kyila Mosley; Junior Division, Promote and Publicize FCCLA! - Creighton Chapter
 - Tyler Brown and Silas Oltjenbruns; Senior Division, Promote and Publicize FCCLA!, - Bloomfield Chapter
 - Melinda Ussery; Junior Division Recycle and Redesign - Pierce Chapter
 - Annie Schrader; Senior Division, Teach and Train - Neligh Oakdale Chapter
 - Makylee Kaping; Junior Division, Virtual Poster - Alliance Chapter
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The following educators attended the Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute:

Susan Biba, Fillmore Central High School
Bill Chase, Allen High School
Lesley Dugan, North Loup-Scotia High School
Thomas Dux, Mead High School
AnnaLisa Estrela, Ashland-Greenwood High School
Kurt Heideman, Sutton High School
Sarah Heideman, Lawrence-Nelson High School
Julie Hendricks, High Plains Community High School
Brent Jarosz, Norfolk High School
Sarah Knutson, McCook High School
Jeff Maas, Lincoln Northeast High School
Leah McClure, Centennial Jr./Sr. High School
John Robison, Lewiston Consolidated High School
Anne Schmall, Scottsbluff Middle School
Brandon Thoene, Schuyler Central High School
Aaron Wilson of Neligh-Oakdale Jr./Sr. High School

The following educators attended the Career Education Leadership Academy:

Jack Bangert, Omaha South Magnet High School
Ben Brachle, Millard Horizon High School
Roger Campbell, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Amy Copper, Loup County High School
Roni Dorsey, Fullerton High School
Amber Endres, Hartington High School
Kristen Evans, Norfolk High School
Tennille Gifford, Kearney High School
Robyn Graham, Humphrey High School
Mallory Gregory, Waverly High School
Melissa Hansen, Westside High School
Lori Harding, Wakefield High School
Katie Harmon, Westside High School
Kristyn Harms, Norris High School
Lee Kallstrom, Omaha North Magnet High School
Allison Kreifels, Wahoo High School
Monty Larsen, Stuart High School
Brenda Leggiadro, Lincoln Public Schools
Stephanie Mann, Crofton High School
Tonya Mortensen, Medicine Valley High School
Jan Osborn, Sargent Public School
Gregg Ratliff, Omaha Westside High School
Mike Rogers, Millard Horizon High School
Charmain Satree, Lincoln North Star High School
Sarah Schau, Westside High School
Lori Staab, Sutherland Public Schools
Jonie Ternes, Boys Town Career Center
Kurt VanDeWalle, Fillmore Central High School
Kristin Vest, Kearney High School
Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest High School