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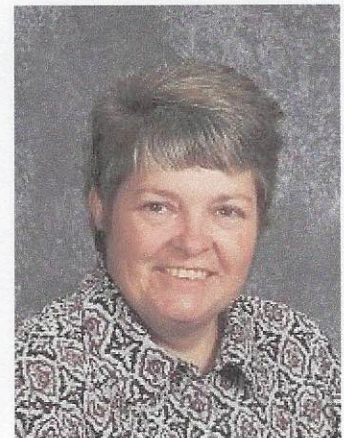
CTSO's Expand Career Readiness for Students

ACTE has recently released "Expanding Career Readiness Through Career and Technical Student Organizations." The paper illustrates how students participating in CTSOs strengthen their career readiness through co-curricular programming in such areas as leadership development, academic and career development, professional development and community service.

National dialogue has escalated around the concepts of college and career readiness but most of the focus has been on academic skills alone. The paper is part of ACTE's Career Readiness series, which concentrates on how elements of the CTE system support students' academic, technical and employability skill development. CTSOs provide students with different opportunities to learn all three skill sets, which American business and industry say are necessary in today's workforce.

Nebraska, with the continued support of the Department of Education and the Unicameral in the Student Center for Leadership, David and Associates of Hastings, Ne. developing the state and national media campaigns and dedicated career and technical educators already understands the importance of CTE and CTSOs for our students. The success of Nebraska students in district, state, and national competitions illustrates the contextualized academic instruction and opportunities to work in settings where the career skills are learned to be career-ready. To obtain a copy of the paper, please visit ACTE's website, www.acteonline.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your ACTEN President this past year. John F. Kennedy, stated "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." The personal and professional growth gained this year has been tremendous. The opportunities to work with other CTE professionals through workshops, conferences and meetings have shifted thinking, created partnerships, and examined the status quo for the improvement of my classroom, Nebraska CTE students and ACTEN. Thank you for the validation of my abilities and the opportunity to serve the organization.



Kathleen Kennedy
ACTEN Past President

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Johnson-Brock teams top Personal Finance Challenge

Teams from Johnson-Brock High School were the first-place and second-place winners in the state finals of the Personal Finance Challenge, sponsored by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

The state finals were April 30 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Five teams from across Nebraska competed in the event that tested students' knowledge about personal finance, according to a news release from State Treasurer Don Stenberg. During the competition, each team was given a limited time to formulate a family financial plan and oral presentation.

Members of the winning Johnson-Brock team are Kayla Alberts, Amanda Dunekacke, Kayla Fischer and David Shaffer. First-place team members received \$250 each, and the team will move on to represent Nebraska at the national competition in St. Louis. Sylvia Smith, business teacher at Johnson-Brock, is the teacher for both the first-place and the second-place teams.

In addition to the two teams from Johnson-Brock High School, other teams competing in the state finals were West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, Cedar Rapids Public School in Cedar Rapids and Wahoo High School in Wahoo. The top five teams were selected out of an online qualifying round of testing that attracted 212 teams from 38 schools.

FCSTN Awards Banquet 2011

By Ronita Jacobsen
 FCSTN Past-President
 ACTEN President-Elect

At the 2011 NCE Conference, FCSTN held its annual Banquet and Dessert Reception during which the following teachers received honors. Congratulations to all FCS teachers on your accomplishments this past year! Your dedication as an FCS professional does not go unnoticed!!

Receiving the Teacher of the Year were Angie Mann, Battle Creek, in the 1-5 Year Category; Roni Dorsey, Palmer, in the 6-12 Year Category; and Kathleen Mitchell, Wakefield, in the 13+ Year Category. The Special Service Award recipient was Marilyn Martin of Arapahoe.

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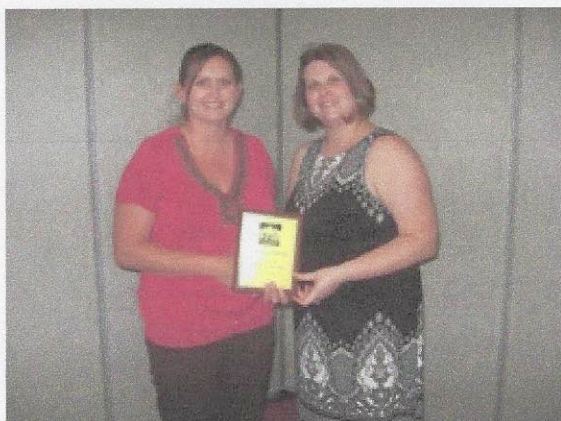
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Teacher of the Year 0-5 Years: Angie Mann with Past President Lisa Groth



Teacher of the Year 13+ Years: Kathleen Mitchell with Past President Lisa Groth



Teacher of the Year 6-12 Years: Roni Dorsey with Past President Lisa Groth



Marilyn Martin with Past President Lisa Groth

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The FCSTN Partnership Award is presented to an individual, business, or organization that has made a positive impact on youth, families and communities. This year the award was presented to Dan Whitney (aka Larry the Cable Guy).

Since 1998, the Developer Award has been presented to FCS teachers as a way of recognizing them for being involved professionals...in organizations, in their schools,

in their communities and who are actively involved in professional development activities. Individuals who received the award this year were:

- ❖ Roni Dorsey
- ❖ Deanna Vavak
- ❖ Kristin Vest
- ❖ Kay Ebeler
- ❖ Linda Gilson
- ❖ Kristi Holmes
- ❖ Ronita Jacobsen
- ❖ Camelle Kinney
- ❖ Cathy Kloch
- ❖ Kate Owens
- ❖ Judeen Price
- ❖ Kristin Skorupa
- ❖ Cheryl Timm
- ❖ Kathy Gifford
- ❖ Denise Haag
- ❖ Marge Keep
- ❖ Lisa Micek-Johnson
- ❖ Jan Smaus
- ❖ Tracy Way
- ❖ Virginia Whidden
- ❖ Sharon Holliday
- ❖ Kathleen Kennedy:
- ❖ Cheryl Gustafson
- ❖ Marla Prusa
- ❖ Sheree Moser

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Career Education Foundation of Nebraska Scholarship Awards

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) awarded scholarships to three secondary career education students this year. The scholarship awards were announced at the Nebraska Career Education Conference in June. Scholarship recipients include:

Jackie Engstrom, a graduate of Twin River Public Schools, received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student Award. CEFN provided a \$1,000 scholarship for Jackie to continue her career and technical education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she plans to pursue a business degree.

Carissa Pollock, a graduate of Plainview High School, received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student Award. CEFN provided a \$1,000 scholarship for Carissa to attend Northeast Community College to pursue her goal of becoming an Early Childhood Special Education teacher.

Taylor Troutman, a graduate of Millard West High School, received the Teacher of the Year scholarship. This scholarship was given in recognition of Janet Butler, business teacher and DECA adviser at Millard West High School, and ACTE of Nebraska's Teacher of the Year for 2010. Taylor will use her \$500 scholarship at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she plans to major in Accounting.

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. CEFN provides scholarships to secondary career education students from Nebraska who plan to continue their career and technical education at a Nebraska postsecondary institution.

Many thanks to the Nebraska Career Education Conference planners for organizing the sumo wrestling fundraiser and to everyone who participated in the event, by putting on a sumo suit and wrestling or by sponsoring someone else to do it. Proceeds were donated to CEFN for the Scholarship Program.

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

**Region V- Association for Career and Technical Education
2012 Region V Conference
April 11-14, 2012 Snow King Resort Jackson, Wyoming**

To present a session at the Region V Conference, please complete this form and mail or e-mail to:

Dr. Lyn Velle by **February 1, 2012.**
1000 West 8th Street, Gillette, WY 82716
lvelle@ccsd.k12.wy.us

Word and PDF version available at: www.acteonline.org

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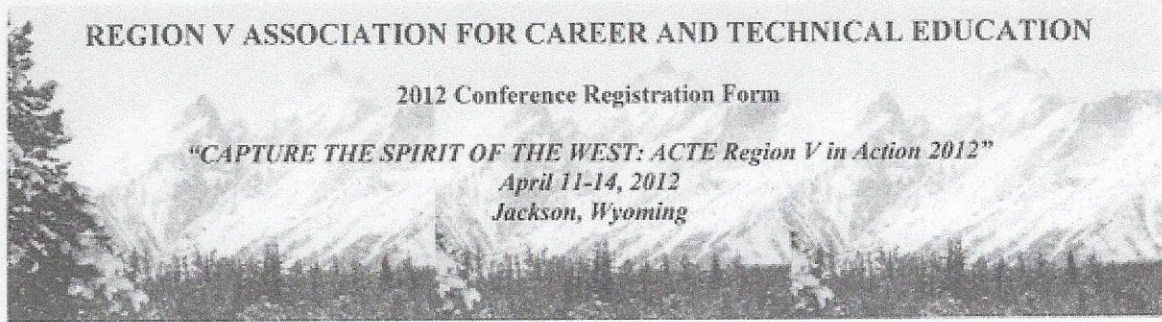
Title of workshop/breakout/round table:

Please give a brief description of workshop/breakout or round table session (maximum of a 50 word summary of the presentation that will appear in the program).

Do you have any AV requirements (We are **not** able to provide computers)? Please explain.

THANK YOU for your willingness to present at the 2012 Region V Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming!

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\$350 Early Bird Registration Deadline – March 1, 2012
\$400 after March 1, 2012

Hotel Information: Snow King Resort: \$99 for hotel rooms; \$145 for Love Ridge Lodges
 1.800.522.KING(5464) Rooms blocked until March 11, 2012 (Code: ACTE Region V Conference)

For more information contact **Lyn Velle, WACTE Past President**
Campbell County School District, 307.687.4553 or lvelle@ccsd.k12.wy.us

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If this is your **FIRST** ACTE Region V Conference, please check here: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Full Registration (Includes all educational programs; materials; 4 breaks, 2 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner)

\$350 Registration fee if paid by March 1, 2012 \$ _____

\$400 Registration fee if paid after March 1, 2012 \$ _____

T-Shirt Size (Please circle your choice) Small Medium Large XLarge XXL

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ACTEN Board Seeking Nominations for 2012 Election

The ACTEN Nominations Committee will be seeking nominations for several board positions for the 2012-2013 school year. Positions will include:

- President Elect (cannot be an FCS member)
- Secretary
- Adult Workforce Development Representative
- Agriculture Education Discipline Representative (will be elected by NAEA members at June Conference)
- Guidance and Career Development Discipline Representative
- Marketing Education Discipline Representative

All positions will begin October 1, 2012. 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 Kathleen Kennedy, ACTEN Past President and Nominations Committee Chairperson. Kathleen can be contacted via e-mail at kkennedy@esutd.org or by phone at 308-428-3145.

Welcome New Members

The following individuals have recently joined or reactivated their membership in ACTE and ACTEN.

Professional Members:

Administration
Kenneth Spellman

Business Education
Mary Ann Gute

Marketing Education
Brittany Davidson

Agricultural Education
Jessica Brondel
Thomas Dux
Seth Going
Laura Joy
Sarah Novotny
Marcus Urban
Jeremy Vlasin
Bill Gifford
Calvin Williams
Wade Hilker

Health Sciences Education
Debra Ziegler

Trade and Industrial Education

Garrett Lintz
Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Michelle Konwinski
Carol Ringenberg
Cathy Grondek
Mildred Beran
Connie Vanness
Jeri Revelle
Anne O'Connor
Carolyn Bresse
Gaylene Hallman

New Student Members:

Business Education
Gregory Berndt

ACTE Achieve 100 Award

ACTE's exclusive Achieve 100 Award recognizes schools and institutions that have 100 percent ACTE membership participation from each and every member of their career and technical staff.

The Award: A beautiful, engraved plaque that will distinguish the achievements of your school or institution. The plaque will be configured so that each year, as your school or institution qualifies, year plates can be ordered through ACTE, which can then be affixed to your permanent plaque. Award winners will also be recognized in *Techniques*.

How to Participate: Click here <http://www.acteonline.org/achieve100.aspx>. Fill out the application form by listing all the names and member numbers of the faculty members who are CTE faculty. The faculty members must be members of ACTE as of November 30, 2011, and applications are due January 15, 2012. Applications can be submitted online, or by mail or fax.

For more information about the ACTE Achieve 100 Award, please contact Lauren Schultz at lschultz@acteonline.org or call her at 800-826-9972, ext 305.

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2012 CEFN Scholarship & Grant Forms

The 2012 Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) scholarship and grant application forms will be available on the ACTEN website (click on the CEFN tab) later this fall. Application forms can also be requested by contacting the CEFN office (e-mail to acte.nebraska@juno.com or call 402-423-6786).

2012 ACTEN Award Forms

Information and nomination forms for the 2012 ACTEN Awards will be posted on the ACTEN website later this fall. You will find this information by clicking the "2012 Awards" call out box on the front page. Information and nomination forms can also be requested by contacting the ACTEN office (email to acte.nebraska@juno.com or call 402-423-6786).

2012 ACTEN Awards Program

It's time to start thinking about nominating ACTEN's outstanding members for one of the 2012 ACTEN awards. Selected nominees will be recognized at the 2012 NCE Conference for their contributions and service to CTE students, programs and the CTE community. Please consider nominating someone (or applying yourself) for one of the following ACTEN 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 2013.

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 2013.

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 2013.

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 2013.

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.

Outstanding Career Guidance - This is a new award that recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who are making significant contributions in career and technical education programs in their communities and/or state. Recipient will advance to ACTE - Region V competition in 2013.

Information and nomination forms will be posted on the ACTEN website later this fall. Look for the "2012 Awards" call out box on the front page of the website. All nomination materials must be received by the ACTEN Office on or before March 1, 2012:

ACTEN's Past President, Kathleen Kennedy will chair the 2012 Awards Committee. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen via e-mail at kkennedy@esu10.org or call her at 308-428-3145. 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.