

The Communiqué

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Your Professional Voice



What are resolutions?

By Kelly Means, ACTEN President

As a new year starts it is common to ask others
“What is your new year’s resolution?”

Although the resolutions are set with grand intentions, reports show that only about 8% of people actually achieve these resolutions. But what are resolutions really? Some synonyms for resolution include resolve, determination, intent, tenacity, and even strength. Various definitions exist, but ultimately a resolution is a firm decision to do or not to do something. Let me suggest a resolution for 2015; attend CareerTech VISION 2015!

Having returned from CareerTech VISION 2014 held in Nashville, Tennessee, this past November, I continue to be energized by the experience. VISION is the largest professional development event for career and technical education professionals and is held annually. Opportunities exist at VISION to learn about best practices in all career and technical areas and at all educational levels. With hundreds of sessions as well as exhibitors, attendees are practically guaranteed to come away with new ideas, skills, and passion for the CTE classroom.

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ACTE President Sarah Heath,
ACTEN President Kelly Means,
ACTEN President Elect Stephanie Miller
accepting the 2014 QAS award at Vision 2014

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Sessions I chose to attend this year included ways to market and recruit for CTE programs, a town hall meeting (with sharing from ACTE leaders in states across the nation), and the how-tos for implementing career academics. As a pre-conference, I was able to tour two schools in Nashville Public Schools and experience their career academy programs. All were amazing experiences and knowledge gained that can be shared with other CTE teachers in my school and district.

When we committed to being in education, we made a resolution – a firm decision to make a difference in the lives of our students. Be part of the 8% that keep resolutions and plan to attend CareerTech VISION 2015. Make the decision today to further your professional commitment and plan to be in New Orleans, November 2015.

HOSA State Officer Team



From Left to Right:

Qismat Niazi, *State Vice President from Lincoln Southwest High School*
 Marco Cuellar, *State Vice President from Grand Island Senior High School*
 Beth Alexander, *State Vice President from Bellevue East High School*
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ACTE's CareerTech

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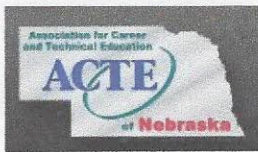
Hilton New Orleans Riverside

New Orleans, LA

November 19-22, 2015

New and Reactivating Members

Administration
Eldon Hubbard
Daniel Phillips



Adult Workforce Development
Dave Horst

Business Education
Tim Avants
Julie Hippen
Lynn Lupomech

Engineering and Technology Education
Gregg Ratliff
Ryan Stejskal
Jeremy Wiemer

Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Candi Kadar

Marketing Education
Broc Brown

New and Related Services
Jodi Brown (Information Technology)

Trade and Industrial Education
John Berger
Rick Kinnaman
Justin Reinmuth

New Student Members:

Business Education
Matthew Beckwith
Gideon Fuchs
Tyler Gray
Luke Shroyer
Bryce Trout

Family and Consumer Sciences
Addie Abner

ACTEN Board Seeking Nominations

ACTEN is seeking nominations for several board positions for the 2015-16 school year. Positions that will appear on the 2015 election ballot include:

Officers:

President Elect (nominee cannot be from Agriculture Education)
Treasurer (2 year term)

Discipline Representatives: (3 year term)
Agriculture Education (will be elected by NAEA members in June)
Guidance and Career Development
Marketing Education

We currently do not have representatives for the following disciplines:

Adult Workforce Development
New and Related Services
Special Populations

All positions will start on October 1, 2015. No prior board experience is required. If you are interested in running for an office or discipline representative position, or if you are willing to serve in one of the vacant positions, please contact Nominating and Awards Committee Chairperson Bradley Andreasen at bandreasen@twinriver.esu7.org.

You may also contact the ACTEN Office at 402-423-6786 or acte.nebraska@juno.com for more information.

2015 ACTEN Election Process

The 2015 election ballots will be processed electronically again this year. In April, all voting members will receive a message from the ACTEN office that contains a link to the ballot for their discipline on Survey Monkey, along with their member id number. Members will need to use the link to access their ballot and vote.

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Nebraska FCCLA News

The theme for Nebraska Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is "Toward New Horizons" which is reflected in the new programming offered and a new venue for our State Leadership Conference in April. More notably, this is also our organization's motto. Check out these chapters that are working hard and making a difference in their communities.

Exeter-Milligan

Exeter-Milligan FCCLA was awarded \$500.00 from State Farm- Teens in the Driver's Seat. Through the generous funding from State Farm Insurance, educational items were purchased with the awarded grant funds. These items included impaired vision goggles, distracted driving game and 2 informational DVD's. These items, along with items donated by the Nebraska Highway Safety and t-driver.com, will be used in a FCCLA Chapter educational night during National FCCLA week in February.


Exeter Milligan was also awarded \$500.00 from the University of Nebraska-Extension Offices. These funds will help fund a recycling program that was started at the school by two FCCLA members. Funds have been used to purchase elementary level library books to help the youth of the school understand the importance of all types of recycling. Other funds will be used to purchase recyclable containers and postage for the plastic caps which are being collected and sent to Caps for Love. Caps of Love is the only USA division of Bouchons d'Amour, an international charity dedicated to helping the disabled. Founded and sponsored by Jean-Marie Bigard in February 2001, Bouchons D'Amour is responsible for collecting the discarded plastic caps and lids, sorting to remove debris and delivering to the recycling plant where the plastic is sold. The money earned is used to purchase wheelchairs for children who are disabled.

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2015 CEFN Scholarships

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) provides scholarships to secondary CTE students from Nebraska who plan to continue their career and technical education at a Nebraska postsecondary institution. ACTEN members are welcome to nominate a deserving student for a CEFN scholarship.

The 2015 scholarship application forms are posted on the ACTEN website (www.actenebraska.org - click on the CEFN tab) and on the EducationQuest website (<http://www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest/>). You may also contact the CEFN office (acte.nebraska@juno.com or call 402-423-6786) to request application forms. All applications must be submitted electronically this year and must be received at acte.nebraska@juno.com by midnight on March 15, 2015.

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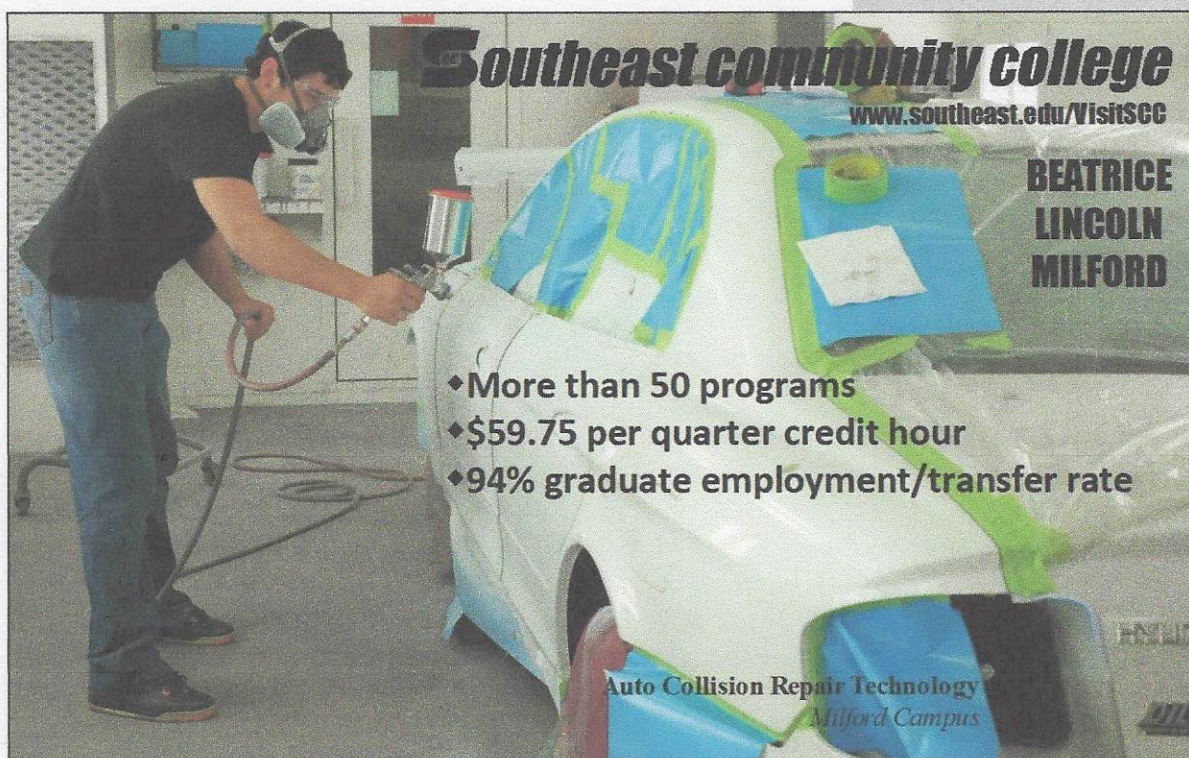
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ACTE Election Results

The new ACTE officers were elected in December 2014. They will be in office July 2015 until July 2016.

Here are our new National Officers:

- President Elect-Lorri Carlile from Stillwater, Oklahoma. She is a FACS instructor at Morrison Public Schools.
- Administration Division Vice President-Janet Goble from Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the Director of Career and Technical Education at Canyons School District
- Region III Vice President-Elect-Cindy Stover from Lincoln, Illinois. She is a Consultant with CKO Consulting, LLC serving Illinois ACTE.



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2015 ACTEN Awards Program

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ACTEN members are encouraged to consider applying for one of the following awards:

- Teacher of the Year - ACTEN recognizes divisional teachers and the divisional teacher award recipients compete for Teacher of the Year
- Career Guidance Award
- Administrator of the Year
- Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award

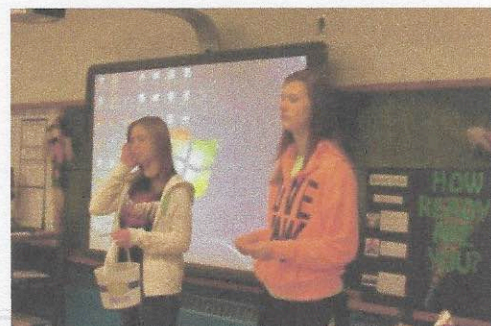
Eligibility information and evaluation criteria for each award is available on ACTE's website and can also be accessed from within the ACTE Awards Portal. ACTEN members must apply for state awards electronically via the ACTE Awards Portal (<https://acte.nonprofitcms.org/a>). You will apply for the 2017 ACTE Member awards because the national ACTE Awards naming convention is a year ahead.

Candidates for the 2017 Member Awards will undergo their review in Nebraska in 2015, Region V and National review in 2016, and National winners will be announced at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2016. State award recipients will have an opportunity to update their applications prior to their application being advanced to the regional level of competition.

You will need to create an account and password before you start your application. You will also want to remember your password so that you can save your application and go back to work on it again later. The deadline to apply for ACTEN awards is March 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Awards Committee Chairperson, Brad Andreasen, at bandreasen@twinriver.esu7.org, or the ACTEN office (402-423-6786 or acte.nebraska@juno.com) for assistance.



West Boyd
FCCLA members
talking about
Autism and
emergency
preparedness



NSBEA Fall Conference

The 2014 NSBEA Fall Conference took place on Saturday, November 8, with over 65 business, information technology, and pre-service teachers in attendance. After attendees registered they enjoyed a continental breakfast sponsored by Kristin McDonald of Cengage Learning. Hudl, a company that provides video analysis software for coaches and athletes around the world, began the morning with a fantastic presentation and tour. Hudl has been voted as one of Lincoln's best places to work. After learning about what makes Hudl such a unique place to work, the group walked over to the Hyatt for a panel discussion.

The panel discussion comprised of Will Scott and Brett West both of WRK, LLC. WRK, LLC is a creative real estate company whose purpose is to cultivate a positive change. Will Scott, along with his twin brother, helped to develop the vision behind the Railyard/Canopy Street area. Brett West, who has an architecture background, was an integral part in bringing the vision of WRK, into reality. The panel also included two entrepreneurs, the owner of Buffalo Wings and Rings, and the owner of Breezy Island Ice. Both entrepreneurs discussed the many aspects of being business owners, especially what it is like having a business in the Railyard area. All four panelists agreed authentic learning takes place when failures/challenges arise.

After the panel discussion, Brett West took the business teachers on a tour of the Railyard area and discussed the CUBE. The CUBE is the set of digital screens that face the Railyard courtyard and Canopy Street. A highlight of the tour was viewing a NSBEA video on the CUBE.

Many conference attendees commented that they had a great time learning about the exciting and innovative businesses in Lincoln.



Touring Hudl



Touring the Railyard

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2015 NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

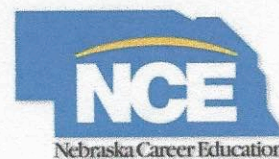
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 Habitudes for Career Ready Students Train-the-Trainer Experience (Tuesday only)
 Engage - A Middle School Career Development Curriculum (Tuesday only)
 Literacy in the CTE Content Area Training (Monday & Tuesday)
 Creating a Culture of Entrepreneurship (Tuesday only)
 Career Field Specific Professional Development Experiences
 Entrepreneurship Education
 Much more!



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

Preconference Monday: \$80.00 (includes workshop and lunch, additional materials fees may apply)
 Preconference Tuesday: \$80.00 (includes workshop and lunch, additional materials fees may apply)
 NCE Conference Wednesday-Thursday: \$200.00 (includes two lunches and materials)
 (Late fee after May 8: \$35.00)

Pre-service NCE teachers may be provided complimentary registrations (excluding professional organization meals and activities).

Registration opens April 15. More detailed information will be available February 1 on our website, www.nceconference.com.

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The NCE Conference is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Career Education and in cooperation with the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska

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St. Edward

A Mock Railroad Crossing Accident was held on Wednesday, November 19, in St. Edward at the crossing on Clark Street. The mock accident was conducted to inform students and the public about the importance of driving without distractions, as well as serving as a practice drill for local fire and rescue teams. The mock accident was organized in cooperation with several local and state agencies, including Nebraska Central Railroad, St. Edward Fire and Rescue, Genoa Fire and Rescue, St. Edward Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, and LifeNet Air Medical Services of Norfolk. The scenario that was portrayed was that the driver had been texting and was hit by a train at a crossing. Students who acted as victims were Ethan Sutton, Tyra Reardon, Jonah Micek, Emily Cumming, Alicia Hamling and Christina Hamling. Students in grades 7-12 walked to the scene and observed as the rescue response took place. Following the accident response, everyone involved returned to the school to a debriefing assembly to discuss what had happened. It was emphasized that everyone needs to pay close attention to the road when driving. Following the assembly, many students signed a pledge to drive without distractions and to encourage their friends and family to do so, as well.

The St. Edward FCCLA Chapter and St. Edward High School have been designated as a "Teens In The Drivers Seat" school in Nebraska. Because of this designation they have received a grant to purchase over \$500 of educational materials to use in educational programs to inform teens and adults of the dangers of distracted driving. More educational activities and events are planned throughout the school year.



West Boyd

The West Boyd FCCLA Chapter is off to a busy year. Members have decided to focus on Autism this year. An Autism Awareness Week took place the last week of October. Activities included a puzzle piece scavenger hunt, wearing blue, trivia questions, passing out blue ribbons and wristbands and selling blue frosted cupcakes with proceeds going to Autism Speaks.

Another chapter project has been focused on educating students about emergency preparedness. Chapter members have discussed tornado safety and what to do in case of a tornado. Other activities have included preparing an emergency kit, emergency bingo and how to be prepared for any type of emergency.

Additional projects being planned and implemented by chapter members include developing projects on breast cancer awareness, self-harm, and FCCLA @ the Table.

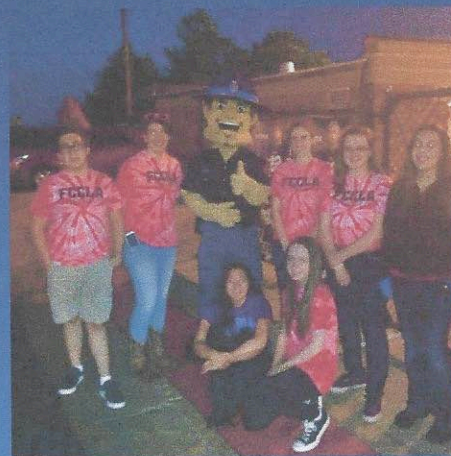
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Elkhorn South

The week of the October 19 was Traffic Safety Week. The Elkhorn South FCCLA chapter wanted to bring attention to safe drivers and safe driving habits to the high school students at Elkhorn South High School in Elkhorn, Nebraska. On October 24, 2014 they handed out mint candies to people entering the stadium at the Elkhorn South versus Gretna varsity football game. They used the saying "Making a Commit" MINT" to traffic safety," using the play on words to incorporate the mints that they handed out. Along with handing out mints the State Troopers were also in attendance helping promote traffic safety.



Waverly

October 15-24 was National Teen Driver Safety Awareness. A group of high school juniors at Waverly High School had been planning for over a year to outreach and make the community aware of the dangers of Distracted Driving. Their goal: end-driving fatalities. Partnering with Teens in the Driver's Seat and Waverly's FCCLA Chapter, this group of high school juniors challenged ALL District 145 families and the surrounding communities to take part in the events they planned for National Teen Driver Safety Awareness week to help raise awareness and change driver's behaviors that may leave them distracted while on the road.

The Arrive Alive Community Night open house went from 5:30-7p.m. followed by two dynamic keynote speakers from 7 to 8:30p.m. The open house was held in the high school commons and north parking lot with many valuable, interactive simulators and resources that people of all ages viewed and participated in including the Nebraska State Patrol's seatbelt simulator and car roll over simulator, fatal vision goggles, a crashed car, Waverly Fire Department equipment, free car seat safety checks, MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving), The Alexis Project, and State Farms Celebrate My Drive Pledging Booth. Following the open house the students flew in a DYNAMIC speaker they personally heard last year. Reggie Shaw from Utah spoke to deepen the message Waverly students are wanting to get across to the communities. Reggie's powerful, life-changing message discusses his personal encounter as a distracted driver at the age of 19, taking the lives of 2 people. His humbling, heart-wrenching presentation tied in his past with many valuable statistics and research that changed many students, parents, and teachers perspectives about driving. Alongside Shaw, Todd Calfe presented about his family story and the topic of drunk driving. Some may be familiar about his outreach called The Alexis Project.

They also went to the State Capitol and participated in the proclamation signing by our Governor. The school-focused events included "Be a SMARTIE, wear your seatbelt", a distracted driving pledge booth during lunch for Celebrate My Drive, individual notes with statistics placed on every car, daily announcements educating peers about the dangers and statistics of distracted driving, social media awareness, school-wide awareness assembly with Reggie Shaw, a volleyball Safety Themed night, a pledge booth at evening activities, pre-game awareness announcements, school-wide distracted driving survey, AND the creation of road signs that will be on every campus in the district stating "One Text or Call Can Wreck it All...Arrive Alive."