

## 2021-22 Newsletter e-Blasts

October 19, 2021

### **President's Message**

WELCOME TO THE ACTEN WEBSITE!

#### **Samantha Lavene, ACTEN President**

Welcome to the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN). The ACTEN board thanks you for visiting and being a part of this association. Since 1946, ACTEN continues to be the professional organization for career and technical education in Nebraska. This association continues to support and advocate for teachers, administrators, teacher educators, career counselors, teacher candidates, business partners, and other professionals.

As a member of this organization, you are an integral part of keeping career and technical education up to date and hands-on for our students. Commitment to being a professional in ACTEN is how this process continues. Nebraska Career and Technical Education have been a large part of many high schools and we need to continue to help prepare students in these programs to meet the job demands for the future.

The mission of ACTEN is to educate, advocate, and lead with a unified voice for Nebraska Career and Technical Education. By working together we will grow professionally as CTE leaders and educators. ACTEN celebrates program successes and new innovations in instructional methodology while providing a platform to assist those new to career and technical education to grow professionally in support of career and technical education.

October 21, 2021

### **COVID Guidelines for VISION in New Orleans**

As many of you know, the Region V conference in Lake Tahoe this past April was cancelled. Nevada has agreed to host a Virtual Region V Conference on October 29, in place of the traditional April Conference.

You may register for the conference using the link below. The cost of the one-day conference is \$100.

<https://www.acteonline.org/region-page/region-v-events/>

October 25, 2021

### **Fwd: New Case Study Added on Your Online Learning Center**

Nebraska's Online Learning Center has updated the [CareerPrepped page](#) with a new section that spotlights a case study and links to [the one-pager summary](#) of the case study (also attached).

- The case study spotlights a school district's implementation of CareerPrepped to create an **employability skills credentialing program**. As you know, CareerPrepped is a **free** student-centric resource offered to schools through the Online Learning Center.
- The employability skills credentialing program this district created in conjunction with employers is replicable for any district or school in any state wanting to do the same at zero cost.

This might be something of value to you if you are interested in learning how you too can create a scalable employability skills program at zero cost through the CareerPrepped resource your Online Learning Center offers.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

November 6, 2021

### **Upcoming Innovation & IAED Webinars**

#### [Upcoming Innovation & IAED Webinars](#)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices and inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) in CTE.

- Using the Power of Reflection in CTE on **Nov. 18 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- IGNITE Worldwide: Closing the Gender Gap in STEM on **Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- Transforming the Middle School Experience: A Community Approach to College and Career Readiness for Students in Grades Six Through Eight on **Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET**
- Cultivating Engagement in CTE Students on **Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- Reclaiming Humanity: Services to Individuals who are Justice-involved or Incarcerated on **Jan. 13, 2022 at noon ET**

November 17, 2021

### **Hospitality and Tourism Sector Sheet**

Recently, ACTE updated its Sector Sheet on career and technical education's (CTE) role in the hospitality and tourism workforce with current labor market projections, descriptions of how CTE prepares the workforce for this sector, and examples of exemplary programs in hospitality and tourism. [ACTE's Sector Sheet series](#) is generously supported by Pearson. [READ MORE](#)

November 20, 2021

### **Lexington High School Freshmen Tour Plant to Learn About Careers**

#### **[Neb. freshmen tour manufacturing firm](#)**

Dozens of high-school freshmen in Nebraska recently learned about careers in manufacturing during a tour of Orthman Manufacturing. Students learned about careers in production, distribution, marketing and other facets of manufacturing and also received a tour of the facility from Orthman employees.

**Full Story:** [Lexington Clipper-Herald \(Neb.\)](#) (10/30)

### **Students Repair Bikes—A Service Project for your students!**

Manufacturing and automotive students at an Oklahoma high school are refurbishing bicycles that will be donated to elementary-school students. The work includes assessing -- repairing if needed -- tire treads and tubes, rims and frames and other quality checks.

**Full Story:** [Tulsa World \(Okla.\)](#) (11/14)

November 29, 2021

### **Congrats to Thomas Dux**

Congratulations to Thomas Dux for receiving the Golden Apple Award for November. Thomas is an Ag instructor at Fairbury High School. The 10/11 Golden Apple Award is given each month of the school year to an educator having an outstanding impact in our local schools.

Thomas was nominated by one of his students. In the Lincoln Journal Star she writes, "I just remember coming in here as a 7th grader, not knowing much about agriculture and he really just helped me understand that more. It was an awesome experience. As the years went on, I decided to take more Ag classes and he's really expanded my knowledge on those topics."

Congratulations, Thomas! ACTEN is proud of you!

December 8, 2021

### **Fwd: new FREE Lessons Launched in your Online Learning Center!**

Check out these free professional development resources that are now on the Nebraska [CTE Learn](#) site.

**PT101 - Understanding CTE Data and Why It Matters**

**PT102 - Using Data and Research to Improve CTE Programs**

**PT103 - CTE Program Evaluation: Why It Matters to Practitioners**

**PT104 - Using State Data to Partner With Researchers**

**PT105 - Using Research to Design Your CTE Program for Equity**

**PT106 - How to Communicate About Your CTE Program Using Research**

The CTE Research Training Modules are designed for CTE practitioners and state agency staff. These modules will strengthen your capacity to access, understand, and use CTE data and research as well as conduct your own research, particularly causal research. The ultimate goal of this series is to expand the CTE evidence base on the impact of CTE programs on student outcomes and to bring CTE practitioners and researchers together to better share research and understand research needs.

These lessons can be found in "CTE Lessons" under "CTE Research Training Modules" in the "Free Resources" tab.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

*December 14, 2021*

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### **A couple of lesson plan ideas and one is from Nebraska!**

[Gingerbread houses offer bite-size STEM lessons](#) An after-school 4-H club in Nebraska is using gingerbread house engineering to teach students STEM concepts. "They don't necessarily understand they're coming to a STEM workshop, but that is totally what they're learning when they're engineering a gingerbread house," Kara Wells of the 4-H club says.

**Full Story:** [The Grand Island Independent \(Neb.\)](#) (12/6)

#### [Escape room teaches about careers as electricians](#)

A Colorado-based commercial electrical contractor, Encore Electric, recently helped introduce high-school students to careers as electricians via a mobile escape room. The mobile unit allows students to gain hands-on experience simulating wiring for household items, including an outlet, fan and lamp. **Full Story:** [Summit Daily News \(Frisco, Colo.\)](#) (12/2)

### **Nice Job Dana Hall and Your Students**



Dana and a couple of her students were on 10/11 (KGIN-KOLN) television this morning. Kudos to Dana and her FFA students. My snap shot off the TV is poor, but the sentiment is the same.

December 17, 2021

**This could be your school—Achieve 100 Award!**

Renew by Dec. 31

ACTE's exclusive **Achieve 100 Award** recognizes schools and institutions that have 100% ACTE membership participation among their CTE staff. To be eligible for this year's award, faculty members must be ACTE members as of **Dec. 31**. [Renew](#) in time to qualify for this award!

December 20, 2021

**Fwd: Region V Conference Information**

The 2022 Region V Conference would be a great one to attend as it is in Rapid City, South Dakota. Your traveling expenses should be minimal. Registration is open until April 1.

The South Dakota ACTE planning committee has organized an outstanding 2022 ACTE Region V Leadership Conference scheduled for **April 6–9** in Rapid City, South Dakota. The all-inclusive registration fee includes extraordinary keynote speakers, educational break-out sessions, amazing tours, and the Crazy Horse Memorial Awards Experience. Click [here](#) to access current information, including Call for Presentations, Registration, Tours, Lodging, Silent Auction and the Conference Agenda.

December 21, 2021

**Fwd: Richard Katt Outstanding Career Field Educator**

Please consider applying or nominating someone for the CTE awards that will be presented at the NCE Conference in June.

The ACTE Member Awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among ACTE members. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of CTE through the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community.

There are 7 Member Awards presented:

- ACTEN Outstanding Teacher by Division**
- ACTEN Postsecondary Teacher of the Year**
- ACTEN Teacher Educator of the Year**
- ACTEN New Teacher of the Year**
- ACTEN Administrator of the Year**
- ACTEN Counselor of the Year**
- ACTEN Carl Perkins Community Service Award**

Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination. Applicants may be full- or part-time educators. **Award winners will receive a one-year membership in ACTE/ACTEN dues.** Candidates should submit their applications on the ACTE Awards Portal at [acteonline](#) by March 1, 2022.

Applicants will be applying for the **2024** ACTE Member awards on the ACTE Portal. Candidates for the 2024 Member Awards will undergo their review in Nebraska in 2022, Region V and National review in 2023, and National winners will be announced at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2024. State award recipients will have an opportunity to update their applications prior to their application being advanced to the regional level of competition.

December 30, 2021

Hello everyone!

We are happy to share that the updated CTE standards have been released for public viewing. Please see the message from our director, Dr. Katie Graham, below and the links to the updated programs of study and standards.

As a reminder, the programs of study and standards will be implemented in the **2023-2024 school year**.

Jacqui and I will share in the upcoming month plans for implementation and support with these new programs of study and standards.

Thanks!  
Mary Janssen

December 31, 2021

### **Year in Review 2021**

With a new Administration entering Washington, DC in 2021, this year proved to be busy, yet still unconventional for CTE policy due to the impact of the pandemic. Congress primarily spent 2021 passing an additional COVID-19 recovery package, beginning the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations process and attempting to craft a spending package using a process known as "budget reconciliation" to enact several parts of President Biden's domestic agenda. Read more about the policy-related developments impacting CTE this year below!

COVID-19 Pandemic  
FY 2022 Appropriations Process  
American Families Plan and American Jobs Plan  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation  
Build Back Better Act  
Congressional CTE Caucus

### **Fwd: Now Available! Updated CTE Programs of Study**

Greetings!  
In response to the strategic priorities outlined in Nebraska's Career & Technical Education (CTE) [Perkins V State Plan](#), Nebraska business and industry leaders and postsecondary educators were engaged to inform and recommend any needed updates or revisions to the existing State Model Programs of Study. These updates ensure alignment of CTE programs and coursework with

the needs of Nebraska's evolving workforce. These recommendations were taken under consideration as Nebraska educators met to update and revise State Model Programs of Study. This work occurred between December 2020 - December 2021.

The updated State Model Programs of Study, including course-based standards, can be found on the [program of study webpage](#) or by clicking on one of the career field areas below:

- [Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources](#)
- [Business, Marketing, and Management](#)
- [Communication and Information Systems](#)
- [Health Sciences](#)
- [Human Sciences and Education](#)
- [Skilled and Technical Sciences](#)

Additional resources are forthcoming, including instructional supports and guidance for implementation. To allow adequate time for schools to update courses, these updated Programs of Study will be **implemented in the 2023-2024 school year**.

If you have questions about the standards or implementation support, please contact Dr. Katie Graham, Administrator for the NDE's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education ([katie.graham@nebraska.gov](mailto:katie.graham@nebraska.gov)), Sydney Kobza, Assistant State CTE Director ([sydney.kobza@nebraska.gov](mailto:sydney.kobza@nebraska.gov)), or the related Career Field Specialist listed on the CTE program of study [webpage](#).

Sincerely, Katie

*January 6, 2022*

### **ACTE Sector Sheets**

Updated in 2021, ACTE Sector Sheets describe CTE's role in growing the qualified workforce for vital industry sectors. Share these advocacy tools with industry, education leaders, policymakers and the public to illustrate how CTE supports specific industries and prepares students for career success.

- [CTE: The Key to Workforce Development for the U.S. Military & Veterans](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Advanced Manufacturing](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Aerospace and Defense](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Arts, Media & Entertainment](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Biosciences](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Construction and Architecture](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Energy](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Financial Services](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Health Care](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Hospitality and Tourism](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Information Technology](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security](#)
- [CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Transportation, Distribution and Logistics](#)

*January 7, 2022*

### **Fwd: ACTE 2022 Election Results!**

The results of the 2022 ACTE elections.

Hello ACTE State Leaders,

We received the election results this week and all of the candidates have been contacted. [Here](#) is the link to the press release; feel free to share the news! We are working on sending it out to our networks.

In summary, here are the results:

**Chaney Mosley, President-Elect**

**Michael Culwell, Region IV Vice President-elect**

We had 8.18% participation this year, a total of 1,787 voters! Below is the detail on the voting % by state.

January 12, 2022

### **Meet the 2021-22 Officers for ACTEN**

Samantha Lavene is serving as your ACTEN president. Samantha is the Agricultural Education teacher for Bertrand-Loomis Schools. (Email-- [samantha.lavene@loomiswolves.org](mailto:samantha.lavene@loomiswolves.org))

Jon Cerny is president-elect of ACTEN. Jon is the superintendent at Bancroft-Rosalie Public Schools. (Email--[jcerny@esu2.org](mailto:jcerny@esu2.org))

Steven Woodside is the past president. Steven is a retired administrator from Columbus Public Schools. (Email-- [Stevenwoodside33@gmail.com](mailto:Stevenwoodside33@gmail.com))

Mallory Mohr is your ACTEN secretary. Mallory is an FCS teacher at Bennington High School. (Email— [mallory.mohr@ops.org](mailto:mallory.mohr@ops.org))

DeLayne Havlovic is the treasurer of our organization. DeLayne is a Supervisor for Business, Marketing and Management/Communication and Information Technology, Health Sciences for Omaha Public Schools. (Email—[delayne.havlovic@ops.org](mailto:delayne.havlovic@ops.org))

The officers are serving for your organization. If you have any questions for them, please don't hesitate to contact them.

### **NPS Registration is Open**

If you plan to attend the National Policy Seminar, let me know. The House is not in session. Our three House representatives will not be in Washington, DC. Senator Sasse's office is still holding most meetings virtually, but may agree to meet with a small number. I have not heard back from Senator Fischer's office. I'm assuming her situation may be the same.

It might be more beneficial to meet with our representatives virtually. I'll keep you posted with any updates.

January 13, 2022

### **Upcoming CTE Webinars**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices in CTE.



- Reclaiming Humanity: Services to Individuals who are Justice-involved or Incarcerated on **Jan. 13 at noon ET**
- Teach CTE: Montana’s Approach to Recruitment for a New Generation of CTE Teachers on **Jan. 18 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- Why is Academic Integration a Necessity in CTE Programs: A Discussion with Educators (Part 2) on **Feb. 16 at 4:00 p.m. ET**  
January 14, 2022

**Gear Up for CTE Month®**

As you plan your CTE Month activities for February, celebrate with products that show off your support for CTE. Choose from new color-changing, mood products, including pens, pencils and bracelets, sticky notes, balloons, and more.

February 1, 2022

**Celebrate CTE Month!**

Good morning CTE teachers and supporters,

Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) and the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) - Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education invite you to celebrate CTE Month!

We will share an activity every week to help promote and recognize CTE in Nebraska. During the first week of CTE Month, we encourage you to play this [CTE Trivia Kahoot](#) with your students, CTSO members, or staff!

To help celebrate all that you do, we will have weekly \$10 gift card drawings for using #NebraskaCTE and #CTEMonth on social media! On Twitter, please also tag @ACTENebraska and @NECareerEd. These gift cards are sponsored by ACTEN.

This month is a great time to nominate yourself or a peer for an ACTE member award. These awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among ACTE members. Candidates should submit their applications on the [ACTE Awards Portal](#) by March 1, 2022.

For more information about CTE Month, please visit the [ACTE website](#).

There are endless ways to promote the remarkable work your CTE programs are doing to empower learners to turn their passion, talents, and strengths into successful careers and fulfilling lives. We look forward to celebrating CTE Month with you!

Sincerely,  
Miranda Bright, ACTEN Public Relations Chair  
Chelsey Greene, NDE Human Sciences & Education Career Field Specialist

## ACTEN Social Media

February is CTE Month®! During the month, ACTEN, NDE, and the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education have partnered to help you celebrate and promote CTE Month®. Items will be posted on Facebook and Twitter as well as email blasts!

As a reminder, the ACTEN Facebook page is ActeNebraska and our Twitter account is @ACTENebraska.

February 2, 2022

### CTE Month® Kahoot Trivia

Happy CTE Month! This week we invite you to play this CTE Trivia Kahoot with your students, CTSO members, or staff: <https://bit.ly/CTEKahoot>

Thank you to the following groups for celebrating CTE Month® without teachers and students.



February 3, 2022

### Celebrating CTE Month® and our CTE Educators

Consider applying or nominating a peer for ACTEN Teacher of the Year! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022.



February 7, 2022

### Week 1 Gift Card Winner

Happy #CTEMonth! Congrats to our #NebraskaCTE Month week 1 gift card winner: Michelle Galles (FCS Teacher at Wakefield)! This week we invite you to engage your students, CTSO members, or staff with exploring the Nebraska Career Education Model: <http://bit.ly/NEctemodel>

February 8, 2022

### In Case You Missed It—Raising steers for school meals

#### [Neb. high-schoolers raise steer for school meals](#)

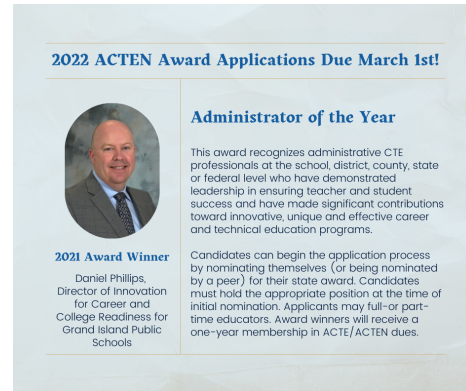
Career and technical education students at Sandy Creek High School in Nebraska are raising steers to learn about the cattle industry and where food comes from. The program will help provide meat for the school's nutrition program to make burgers and roasts.

**Full Story:** [KHGI-TV/KWNB-TV \(Kearney, Neb.\)](#) (1/21)

February 9, 2022

## CTE Month®--Administrator of the Year

Consider applying or nominating a peer for ACTEN Administrator of the Year! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth



**2022 ACTEN Award Applications Due March 1st!**

**Administrator of the Year**

This award recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, state or federal level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective career and technical education programs.

**2021 Award Winner**  
Daniel Phillips,  
Director of Innovation  
for Career and  
College Readiness for  
Grand Island Public  
Schools

Candidates can begin the application process by nominating themselves (or being nominated by a peer) for their state award. Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination. Applicants may full- or part-time educators. Award winners will receive a one-year membership in ACTE/ACTEN dues.

## ACTE Executive Director, LeAnn Wilson, Provides Updates from National ACTE Office

Dear State Leaders and ACTE Stakeholders,

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and provide virtual opportunities for our members and the CTE community, we wanted to put together another eight-minute video featuring ACTE's Executive Director LeAnn Wilson, offering the latest information and updates from national ACTE for possible use in your upcoming professional development events.

You are welcome to either link directly to the video [here](#) or download the video file via this [Dropbox link](#).

I also wanted to send a big thank you for all your active engagement on social media as we kick off CTE Month®! Please continue to share your state's success stories by using **#CTEMonth** and tagging us **@actecareertech** on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

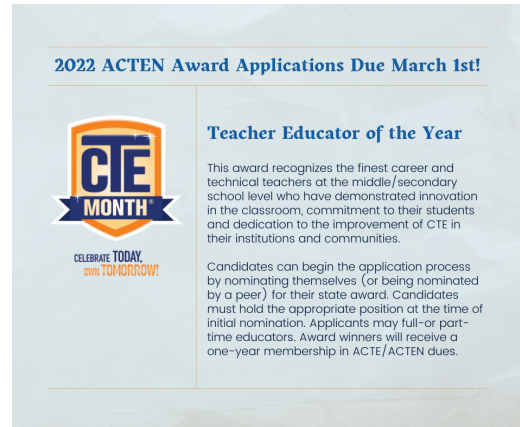
Please don't hesitate to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or need additional information. Wishing you all a wonderful CTE Month and we hope to see you at [National Policy Seminar](#) this March 21-23!

Warm regards,  
Julia (O'Brien) Kendrick, Senior Director, Communications  
[Association for Career and Technical Education](#)  
606-356-5022 | [jobrien@acteonline.org](mailto:jobrien@acteonline.org)

February 11, 2022

## CTE Month®--Nominate or apply for the ACTEN Teacher Educator of the Year

Consider applying or nominating a peer for ACTEN Teacher Educator of the Year! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth



**2022 ACTEN Award Applications Due March 1st!**

**Teacher Educator of the Year**

This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Candidates can begin the application process by nominating themselves (or being nominated by a peer) for their state award. Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination. Applicants may full- or part-time educators. Award winners will receive a one-year membership in ACTE/ACTEN dues.

**CELEBRATE TODAY  
and TOMORROW!**

## Leadership 101: Putting the Pieces Together

If you are attending the Region V Conference in Rapid City April 6-9, you might consider registering for the Leadership 101 session. See attached document for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Leadership 101: Putting the Pieces Together**

An opportunity to learn more about CTE and the professional organization that supports CTE.

**April 6, 2022**

**1:00—4:00 pm**

**Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

**Presenters:**

- Coleen Keffeler - Past ACTE President
- Dodie Bemis - Past Region V Vice President
- Jenn Fisk - Nevada ACTE president
- Mark Branger - Past Region V Vice President
- Rachael Mann- Stay at home Dog Mom
- Tim Knue - Washington ACTE Executive Director

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**Reasons Why Leaders Should Attend:**

- Leadership**—understand and learn the role of being a CTE leader
- Marketing**—understand the role of marketing and selling your CTE programs
- Advocacy**—understand the importance of effective advocacy to secure the future of CTE
- Policies and Procedures**—understand the importance of having good Policies and Procedures
- Region V**—understand the acronyms and roles of Region V and ACTE

**No EXTRA COST—PLEASE RSVP TO Jenn Fisk AT [Jefisk99@gmail.com](mailto:Jefisk99@gmail.com)**

First 20 to register will receive a leadership book  
Please RSVP by April 1

February 14, 2022

### CTE Month® Week 2 Gift Card Winner

Happy CTE Month! Congrats to our CTE Month week 2 gift card winner: Melissa Dux (Business Teacher at Fairbury High School). This week we invite you to advocate for CTE within your community. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth



February 15, 2022

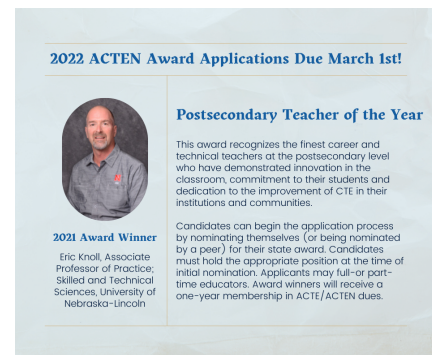
### ACTEN Awards Portal

During CTE Month, our ACTEN Public Relations Committee has provided you information about each award and encouraged you to apply or nominate someone for one of our awards. I hope you have done so. If you are thinking about it, here is the login page for the [ACTE portal](#). Be sure to select the 2024 awards. The deadline is March 1.

Nebraska CTE educators are the best. Each of you are worthy of the award!

### CTE Month ®--Nominate at Postsecondary Teacher of the Year

Consider applying or nominating a peer for Postsecondary Teacher of the Year! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth



February 18, 2022

### Carl Perkins Community Service Award Nomination!

Consider applying or nominating a peer for Carl Perkins Community Service Award! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth



February 20, 2022

### Upcoming Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering postsecondary, adult and career education (PACE), innovative best practices, and inclusion, access, equity and diversity in CTE.

- Taking Business to School Webinar Series: Grand Forks Public Schools and Northrop Grumman on **Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. ET**
- ECMC Mini Grant Webinar Series: Using the Power of Influence — PACE Innovation Award on **Feb. 24 at 1:00 p.m. ET**
- PACE Webinar Series: CTE Conflict Resolution on **Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- Part 3: Confronting Isms in the Classroom, A Student Perspective on **Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m. ET**  
**Survey for Advance CTE**

**Message from LeAnn Wilson, Executive Director of ACTE:**

Since 2017, Advance CTE has been working to modernize the National Career Clusters® Framework. They recently released a draft version of the new Framework. Based on a few communications we are receiving in reaction to the draft document, we thought it would be important to point out that this work is not being developed by ACTE – we saw the new proposed Framework for the first time last week when it was unveiled by Advance CTE.

Advance CTE, which represents the state directors of CTE, owns the trademark on the Clusters and is conducting the update. If you haven't already, we encourage you to share the following Advance CTE survey associated with this work: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1N-kRjpCw2ohx0JAggRGB5\\_JLzMSr1941JSLY4RxdFHL9g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1N-kRjpCw2ohx0JAggRGB5_JLzMSr1941JSLY4RxdFHL9g/viewform). ACTE will of course be sharing the feedback we hear from members with Advance CTE, but the form has a few more specific questions.

**Fwd: New Course Launch in Your Online Learning Center!**

New course launched in the [Nebraska Online Learning Center](#) – EL121 – Teaching Skills and Trades Online.

Although online learning is becoming more normalized in our educational institutions, there are still many questions about its effectiveness for certain areas of study and training. There remains an idea that online learning is mostly passive and therefore unsuitable for anything active and specifically the development of skills and trades. This course will explore the changing realities of online learning and how effective it can be in the training of skills and trades. Strategies will be shared to facilitate the online teaching of applied skills in simulated and real-world settings. EL121 – Teaching Skills and Trades Online is in the “Online Teachers” category under the ‘Delivering Online Instructions’ tab.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

February 21, 2022

**Third Gift Card Winner for CTE Month®**

Happy CTE Month! Congrats to our third CTE Month gift card winner: Otis Pierce (PD Coordinator at ESU 7)! This week we invite you to create posters or social media posts that advocate for CTE! #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth

February 21, 2021

## Happy CTE Month®

Good morning CTE teachers and supporters,  
Happy CTE Month!

During the last week of CTE Month, we invite you to engage your students, CTSO members, or staff to create posters or social media posts that advocate for CTE!

Share posters or posts with #NebraskaCTE and #CTEMonth on social media for a chance to win a \$10 gift card! Suggestions include:

- Share national CTE facts
- See the flyer for current stats
- Share local CTE facts
- Which programs are offered?
- Which CTSOs are available?
- How has CTE helped you?

Congratulations to our CTE Month third gift card winner: Otis Pierce (Professional Development Coordinator at ESU 7)!

To help celebrate all that you do, we will have our last weekly \$10 gift card drawings for using #NebraskaCTE and #CTEMonth on social media! On Twitter, please also tag @ACTENebraska and @NECareerEd. These gift cards are sponsored by ACTEN.

This month is a great time to nominate yourself or a peer for an ACTE member award. These awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among ACTE members. Candidates should submit their applications on the [ACTE Awards Portal](#) by March 1, 2022.

Thank you so much for celebrating CTE Month!

Sincerely,

Miranda Bright, ACTEN Public Relations Chair

Chelsey Greene, NDE Human Sciences & Education Career Field Specialist

### Link to New Teacher of the Year Portal for 2024

In case any of you are applying or know someone who is applying for the new teacher of the year award, here is the link to the 2024 year.

<https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NE/solicitations/2570/home>

### Counseling & Career Development Professional of the Year Award Nomination!

Consider applying or nominating a peer for Counseling & Career Development Professional of the Year! ACTEN Member Award applications should be submitted on the ACTE Awards Portal by March 1, 2022. #NebraskaCTE #CTEMonth

**2022 ACTEN Award Applications Due March 1st!**

**Counseling & Career Development Professional of the Year**

This award recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

Candidates can begin the application process by nominating themselves (or being nominated by a peer) for their state award. Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination. Applicants may full- or part-time educators. Award winners will receive a one-year membership in ACTE/ACTEN dues.

**2021 Award Winner**  
Ronda Ras,  
School Counselor at  
Bancroft-Rosalie  
Community Schools

### **Link for ACTEN Teacher Educator of the Year Award**

If you know an ACTE/ACTEN member who is a teacher educator and have not previously received the Teacher Educator of the Year Award, please encourage him/her to apply. Here is the direct link to the portal for the 2024 year. Remember that the 2024 is for 2022 for the state, 2023 for the Region V award, and then 2024 for the national award.

<https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NE/solicitations/2572/home>

If you are in doubt if they are a member, please contact me.

### **Link for ACTEN Carl Perkins Community Service Award**

Those of you who are CTSO advisers would have no problem applying for this award. With all the community service you do through your student organization, you should apply. Here is the link in the portal for the application.

<https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NE/solicitations/2574/home>

March 7, 2022

### **Spotlight on Postsecondary Leadership**

Meet Ashlee Spannagel, dean of CTE and workforce development at Southeastern Community College. Her interview appears in [Techniques](#) online as part of a spotlight series on current fellows in the Postsecondary Leadership Success Program at ACTE — Sponsored by ECMC Foundation. "I am grateful for the opportunity to expand my professional network. The postsecondary CTE fellowship at ACTE has helped me connect with other like-minded individuals," Spannagel wrote. "We share a passion and desire to improve CTE and serve in a capacity of leadership where we can truly impact change."

March 10, 2022

### **JeopardyLabs offers free template**

For those of you who like to use games in the classroom for disseminating information, you might want to take a look at this. It's free!

[JeopardyLabs offers free, online templates for schools](#)

A free quiz template in the style of the TV game show "Jeopardy!" is available for educators to use in schools. This article explores tips for using JeopardyLabs, which allows teachers to create their own quizzes or to choose from some that are already made, and describes how it compares to other similar platforms. **Full Story:** [Tech & Learning](#) (2/18)

### **Sector Sheets: Tools for CTE Advocacy**

Over the past few months, ACTE has updated its Sector Sheet lineup with new program profiles and labor market projections that reflect economic and workforce changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, we just released our brand new Sector Sheet on how CTE develops the education and training workforce. You can use these tools to advocate for CTE with learners and families, the media, policymakers, and other education and workforce leaders. [Read more.](#)



March 16, 2022

## **Good News—President Biden Signs Appropriations Bill**

### **President Biden Signs Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Bill**

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On Tuesday, March 15, President Biden signed the omnibus bill to fund the government for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2022, providing over \$1.5 trillion across the entire federal government. Today was the last day to do so to avert either another continuing resolution or a government shutdown. While overall investments in education were lower than what the President had originally proposed, the Perkins Basic State Grant was given a much needed \$45 million increase! While this represents a steady increase in CTE funding since 2017, ACTE will advocate for larger investments that are needed in the FY 2023 budget.

March 17, 2022

## **Fwd: New Course Launch in Your Online Learning Center!**

New course launched in the [Nebraska Online Learning Center](#) – LC151 - Alternative Teacher Assessment.

Teachers are no longer passive participants in their evaluation processes but are rather active participants/observers. Teachers, in fact, should have a major leadership role in their own ongoing professional development. This process can be enhanced by moving from a general “one-size-fits-all” teacher evaluation system, meant for academia, to a career and technical education (CTE) and school-specific assessment process. Secondary education has gotten to the point where the content being taught is very specific and the teaching approaches are differentiated and therefore, so must be the educator evaluation process.

This course will investigate the **definition and purpose** of instructional frameworks, **how instructional frameworks originated**, the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (**InTASC**), a review of the Charlotte Danielson **Framework for Teaching (FFT)**, the **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**, and a newly developed **CTE-specific teacher assessment framework**.

LC151 - Alternative Teacher Assessment is in the “Leadership Staff” category under the ‘Essentials for CTE Administrators’ tab.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

March 18, 2022

## **Upcoming Webinars**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering postsecondary, adult and career education (PACE), innovative best practices, and IAED in CTE.

- **Get Involved: CTSOs Promote Leadership & Communication Skills on March 28 at 1:00 p.m. ET**
- **RECESS: Relax, Exchange, Connect, Explore, Share, Sit (and Listen) on March 29 at 5:00 p.m. ET**
- **ECMC Mini Grant Webinar Series: Building Trust Through Inclusion — PACE Diversity and Inclusion Award on March 31 at 1:00 p.m. ET**

- **PACE Webinar Series: Building Effective Teams in CTE on March 31 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- **Taking Business to School: Gateway Technical College and SC Johnson on April 6 at 12:30 p.m. ET**
- **Part 3: Why is Academic Integration a Necessity in CTE programs: A Discussion with Students on April 12 at 4:00 p.m. ET**

March 22, 2022

### **In Case You Missed It**

#### **[Neb. high-schoolers train for diesel tech jobs](#)**

Six businesses are partnering to help provide diesel tech training to career and technical education students at a Nebraska high school. The program, which launched first as a pilot program, is intended to help fill a shortage of skilled workers in the field.

**Full Story:** [Star-Herald \(Scottsbluff, Neb.\)](#) (3/19)

### **ACTEN Advocating for CTE on The Hill**

Congratulations to Jon Cerny, Dan Phillips, Dawn Lindsley, and Julie Loudon for meeting via Zoom with our members of Congress! These fine ACTEN members were your voice on "The Hill" advocating for the members of Congress support of career and technical education in Nebraska during the National Policy Seminar. We specifically asked Congress to increase federal investments in CTE, enhance education programs to promote US global competitiveness, strengthen connections between education and workforce development systems, and support the recruitment, preparation and retention of CTE educators.

If you have never attended the National Policy Seminar, this is a chance to have a voice on "The Hill." Advocacy is one of the major benefits of ACTE/ACTEN. Thank you for your membership. Consider joining us next year as we once again meet with our members of Congress to stress the importance of voting on any legislation dealing with CTE.

April 11, 2022

### **Regions V Conference in Rapid City**

The Region V Conference was held this past week in Rapid City, South Dakota, April 6-9. A leadership session was held Wednesday afternoon offering many wonderful ideas and information for becoming a leader.

Shani Watkins, Region V Vice President, presided over the conference. During the general session, Brian Law, ACTE President, brought greetings on behalf of ACTE. Our keynote speakers throughout the conference were Senator V.J. Smith, Ray Hespden, Tom Johnson, and Beth Buckwalter. Each had a great message they brought to the group. Steve DeWitt from the national ACTE office provided us an update of happenings at the ACTE office and on The Hill.

Six tours were offered for Thursday, April 7. The tours were to historic Deadwood, Black Hills Pioneer, WDT Law and Public Safety and Simulation Center, C-Lock Inc., RPM & Associates, and Mount Rushmore. I heard only good things about the tours. The tour to Deadwood was excellent.

Breakout sessions included information on industry partnerships, assessment techniques, high quality instructors, building leaders, integrating ethics, using CareerSafe, applying for certifications, classroom management, use of new technologies, 5-star approach to CTSOs, engaging activities, work-based learning, and adding tools to your teaching toolbox.

The awards banquet was held at the Crazy Horse Monument. During the banquet, Eric Knoll from the University of Nebraska was named the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year.

Saturday closed the conference with round tables covering best practices from 13 different states. Nebraska's round table theme was the sandhill cranes that migrate through the state and focused on the aviation program at Grand Island Public Schools.

Next year's conference is April 12-15 in Fargo, North Dakota.

*April 13, 2022*

### **In Case You Missed It**

#### [Student Trophy Design Contest Now Open!](#)

ACTE is excited to announce our annual student contest to redesign the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning designer will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the winner's school will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of the award sponsor, Stratasys. The deadline for design submissions is **May 1**.

#### [Upcoming April Webinars](#)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices and inclusion, access, equity, and diversity (IAED) in CTE.

- IMAGO April Webinar: Emotional Intelligence & IAED: Tending the Soil for Fruitful Work on **April 14 at 5:30 p.m. ET**
- RECESS: Relax, Exchange, Connect, Explore, Share, Sit (and Listen) on **April 19 at 6:00 p.m. ET**

*April 16, 2022*

### **2022 Bylaw Changes for ACTEN**

Below you will see changes to our ACTEN bylaws that will be voted on at the Assembly of Delegates held during the NCE Conference. You will be notified at a later date if you are a delegate for the Assembly of Delegates. Please make sure you have looked over the changes to the bylaws allowing you to make an informed decision should you be a delegate.

The ACTEN board proposes the following changes in the ACTEN bylaws to reflect the changes made by the national office. The following changes would be made based on the vote at the AOD in June.

- Name change of the Adult Workforce Development to Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education.
- Remove Technology from Health Science Education division.
- Remove Marketing Education as it is now included in the Business Education division.
- Remove Special Populations as it is now a part of the New and Related Services Division.

## ARTICLE IV

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Sec. 1: The officers of this association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Past-President. These officers and the Division Representatives representing the career and technical divisions shall constitute the voting members of the Board of Directors. The Career and Technical Divisions include:

- Administration
- Agriculture Education
- Business Education
- Adult Workforce Development—**
  - change to Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education
- Counseling and Career Development
  - Health Sciences **Technology** Education – **delete technology**
  - Family and Consumer Sciences Education
  - Engineering and Technology Education
  - Marketing Education --remove**
  - New and Related Services
  - Special Populations--remove**
  - Trade and Industrial Education

May 3, 2022

#### **Fwd: CTE policy Watch for 04/25/2022: Spring 2022 Legislative Preview**

In Case You Missed It--Please contact your members of Congress today encouraging them to support a substantial investment in Perkins funding and other CTE funding.

It's easy to do. Just click on the [ACTE Action Center](#) link. The letter or tweet is already prepared for you. You just click on Send.

#### **Happy Teacher Appreciation Day!**

Happy Teacher Appreciation Day/Week to all of you whether you are in a classroom or not. You are all associated with an educational program in some capacity, which means you touch the lives of our students to some degree.

To that I commend you and thank you for all you do for our career and technical students or CTE programs.

May 5, 2022

Please remember to vote for the 2022-23 ACTEN Officers and Division Representatives. If you have lost your link to the voting site or need your ACTE ID, please let me know. You need to vote by May 10.

May 6, 2022

### **Ask Members of Congress to Join CTE Caucus**

#### **[Ask your members of Congress to join the CTE Caucus](#)**

You can help ensure the continued strength of the congressional career and technical education (CTE) caucuses by encouraging Members of Congress to join their caucus if they have not already done so. [Read more.](#)

May 16, 2022

### **In Case You Missed It—Dual-enrollment welding classes**

#### **[Neb. high-schoolers becoming certified welders](#)**

A Nebraska high school offers dual-enrollment welding classes on campus through a program with Metropolitan Community College at Westside High School. Officials say the program helps put students on a career path and helps ease barriers.

 **Full Story:** [KETV-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (5/15)

May 17, 2022

### **In Case you Missed It—Seeking Ag Teachers and New CTE Facility at Papillion LaVista Schools**

#### **[Neb. seeks more agriculture education teachers](#)**

Schools in Nebraska face a shortage of agriculture education teachers, according to Stacie Turnbull, the state director of ag education for the Nebraska Department of Education. Officials say they now are stepping up efforts to recruit and retain agriculture education teachers across the state.

 **Full Story:** [Lincoln Journal Star \(Neb.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (4/6)

#### **[Neb. district opens new CTE facility](#)**

A school district in Nebraska recently unveiled a new career and technical education learning facility. The new space will allow students to prepare for future careers and use real-world equipment.

 **Full Story:** [KPTM-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (4/18)

May 19, 2022

### **Columbus High School students earn NC3 certifications**

College and career readiness is and continues to be the focus at Columbus High School. During the 2021-2022 school year skilled and technical science students earned 520 certifications from either Snap On, Festo or Starrett.

See more information about the certifications, at <https://www.columbuspublicschools.org/article/747566?org=district-administration>.

May 30, 2022

**Fwd: Invest in Yourself & Your Professional Development**

**The Career and Technical Education Event of the Year!**

ACTE's premier annual conference attracts thousands of secondary and postsecondary career and technical educators, business leaders and industry professionals from around the world. Attendees enjoy featured keynote speakers and leaders on our mainstage, hundreds of educational sessions and networking events in a variety of formats and a massive CareerTech Expo. We are excited to offer a full in-person event with a robust virtual component for remote attendance!

May 31, 2022

**Congratulations to Rachel Hruza—Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award**

A Lincoln North Star teacher was named the recipient of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award, which recognizes an exemplary Nebraska secondary teacher. Rachel Hruza, teacher and chair of North Star's family and consumer sciences department, was honored with the annual award presented by UNL's College of Education and Human Sciences. The Battey Award is named after Freda Drath Battey, a 1923 graduate of Nebraska's Teacher College and longtime Ashland educator. Her family established the award in 1986. The honor recognizes "excellence in teaching coupled with recognition in other complementary education activities, such as counseling of students or initiation of student-oriented programs." Candidates are nominated by students in the College of Education and Human Sciences. Hruza, who started teaching at North Star in 2017, was noted for her involvement at Lincoln Public Schools beyond the classroom. She is a committee member on North Star's Restorative and Trauma-Informed Cohort and has served as an interventionist for teen parents. Published in the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper.

June 2, 2022

**Fwd: New Course Launch in Your Online Learning Center!**

New course launched in the [Nebraska Online Learning Center](#) – CS131 - Creating Work Based Learning Programs – Next Steps.

This course covers the components needed to establish a work-based learning program. Included is information about expected outcomes for students, employers, and the school. A section of the course focuses on liability and risk management strategies that can be used to ensure that all those involved in the WBL program are aware of how best to establish a comprehensive program with minimum risks. The role of the coordinator is identified in relation to school and community settings and how the coordinator can be a resource to both students and employers. Program improvement and evaluation methods are shared to promote ongoing program development. CS131 - Creating Work Based Learning Programs – Next Steps is in the "Career Support Staff" category under the 'Student Support Systems & Programming' tab. Yours in Learning, Tarlon

June 4, 2022

### **Split the Pot at NCE Conference**

ACTEN is sponsoring a Split-the-Pot drawing at the NCE Conference. The drawing will be Wednesday morning during the general session.



June 8, 2022

### **Congratulations to all our ACTEN award winners!**

The following individuals were recognized during the NCE Conference in Kearney this week.

Angie Ehlers - Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year and the overall CTE Teacher of the Year

Siera Meyer - Agricultural Education Teacher of the Year

Rick Painter - Counselor of the Year

Darla Windholz - Carl Perkins Community Service Award

Steven Woodside - Member of the Year

Eric Knoll was recognized as the recipient of the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year during the Region V Conference in Rapid City, SD

Congrats to all our awesome educators!!

March 1, 2023 is the deadline for our next awards. Apply or nominate someone! I like to have our incredible CTE educators recognized for all their hard work!

June 14, 2022

### **Changes in our ACTEN Divisions**

During the Assembly of Delegates, the delegates voted to make some changes in our current divisions. Those changes include:

Adult Workforce Development is now Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education

Marketing Education is no longer a separate division as it has become an "*Interest*" in the Business Education Division

Special Populations is no longer a separate division. It has been moved to New and Related Services

As you renew your membership, you will be aware of these changes. If you are a postsecondary educator, you might consider adding that division as a second division.

Thank you for your membership in ACTE/ACTEN. I hope you encourage your CTE colleagues to become members.

If you or your colleagues have questions, let me know.

June 28, 2022

**Fwd: Fourth of July Sale on your Online Learning Center!**

As you enjoy what little free time you might have this summer, be sure to check out Nebraska's CTE Online Learning Center. The [CTE Learn Center](#) has over 150 courses that may be of interest to you whether to increase your knowledge about a topic or help you move over on the salary schedule. As you see in the email below, in honor of America's birthday, they are offering a 25% discount on courses through July 5. Check it out today!!!

July 7, 2022

**In Case You Missed It: How to Start Using STEM in Early Grades**

Even the youngest students benefit from being introduced to STEM, writes Anita Gademann, director and head of innovation for Institut Auf Dem Rosenberg, a private boarding school in Switzerland. In this blog post, Gademann shares how to incorporate hands-on lessons and introduce STEM concepts across subjects.

**Full Story:** [SmartBrief/Education](#) (7/5) *May 19, 2021*

July 24, 2022

**Ask Senators to Support Robust Funding for CTE in FY 2023—Link Provided Below**

**ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Senators to Support Robust Funding for CTE in FY 2023:** The House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill proposes a **\$45 million increase** to the Perkins Basic State Grant program, a year-over-year increase equal to what was enacted in the FY22 spending bill. Now, the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee are set to begin crafting their version of the FY23 spending bill.

Link to Take Action on several issues--<https://www.acteonline.org/advocacy/take-action/#/>

This is so easy to do. ACTE has already written the letter for you. All you have to do is enter your name and click Send!

July 25, 2022

**Check out the High-Quality CTE Library**

ACTE recently revamped the online High-quality CTE Library, which now includes key resources to help practitioners achieve quality in each of the 12 elements of high-quality career and technical education (CTE) defined in the ACTE *Quality CTE Program of Study Framework*. Resources include reports, research studies, toolkits, guides, frameworks, webinars, online courses, and more from ACTE and many other respected sources. We encourage you to access the library and our other high-quality CTE tools.



## **Showcase Your ACTE Membership**

I'm happy to share with you the ACTE membership graphic #IamCTE. Include the graphic in your email signature, website and social media.

*August 1, 2022*

## **Early Bird Discount for CareerTech VISION ends soon!**

ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev., is the premier and most comprehensive conference for career and technical educators, business leaders, and industry professionals. Attendees enjoy featured keynote speakers and leaders on our main stage, hundreds of educational sessions, and networking events in a variety of formats and a massive CareerTech Expo. We are excited to offer a full in-person event with a robust virtual component for remote attendance! Register through Aug. 15 to save \$50 off the in-person member rate. [Learn more.](#)

*August 2, 2022*

## **Fwd: New Course Launch in your Online Learning Center!**

A new course has been launched in the [Nebraska Online Learning Center](#) – CS125 - Working Effectively in Remote Environments.

Remote work has been on the rise for decades and is now shaping the way companies everywhere do business. To work effectively in remote environments, you must learn new skills, tools, and mindsets that enable you to communicate, collaborate, and connect with colleagues you may never physically meet.

This course will teach anyone considering or currently working in a remote position how to boost their productivity, balance work-life demands, and build meaningful professional relationships regardless of place, proximity, or time zone. With the knowledge and skills developed in this course, you'll be better equipped to thrive, or help others to thrive, in remote work settings.

CS125 - Working Effectively in Remote Environments is in the "Career Support Staff" category under the 'Essentials for Career Support Professional' tab.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

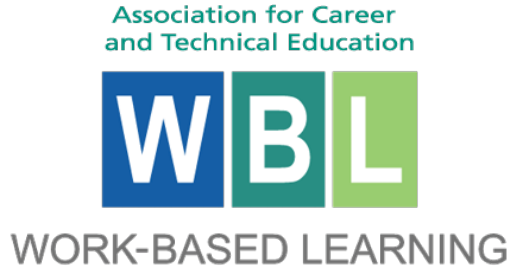
*August 17, 2022*

## **Work-Based Learning Division**

ACTE has recently introduced a new division called Work-Based Learning. Work-Based Learning was previously included in the New and Related Services Division for ACTE. During the October board meeting, the ACTEN board members will discuss the presence of Work-Based Learning on our membership form where it is still listed in the New and Related Services Division.

As you will read in the paragraph below, the division is for work-based learning and apprenticeship coordinators, post-secondary educators, business and community partners, program administrators, and state workforce representatives.

Click on the Learn more link provided to see if this is an area in which you want to join.



## Introducing ACTE's New Work-Based Learning Division

The new Work-based Learning Division provides ACTE members with valuable resources and opportunities for professional development, leadership and networking as we help students build awareness of potential careers, explore career opportunities and prepare for their future. This new Division includes a diverse group of professionals including work-based learning and apprenticeship coordinators, K-12 and postsecondary educators, business and community partners, program administrators, and state workforce representatives. ACTE members have the opportunity to choose from among 11 Divisions in ACTE and join a community of professionals with shared CTE interests.

August 18, 2022

### **(Horse science taught to Neb. summer campers**

Campers attending the "Science of Horses" program at Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora, Neb., are learning all about the animals. Instructors say they use paint to show learners the location of anatomical structures in horses as well as teach campers how to care for and ride the animals.

**Full Story:** [The Grand Island Independent \(Neb.\)](#) (7/27)

August 26, 2022

### **Admin. 101 at VISION**

Presenters: Michelle Conner, Timothy Burdette, Donna Rain O'Dell

Nov. 30, 8 a.m. to noon

Rate: \$150

This engaging workshop is designed specifically for new CTE directors with a content-rich presentation linked to both the ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework and Perkins V requirements. Participants will walk away with a variety of templates and examples that they can modify for use in their own districts. Join us for this workshop and other pre-conference offerings at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev. [Learn more.](#)

This might be a great activity for your students.

September 3, 2022

**Fwd: Earn College Credits by Completing CTE Learn Courses**

Did you know CTE Learn’s credit courses are endorsed by University of Central Missouri (UCM), a regionally accredited public university? Participants have the opportunity to earn college credits for completed CTE Learn courses.

Participants may use their official transcript from UCM to meet their continuing education requirements and/or apply for transfer credit toward a degree program at UCM or any other institution. Participants can earn 1 Semester Credit Hour (SCH) for any block of 4 CTE Learn courses. A separate application is required for each block of 4 courses.

More information is located on the Nebraska [CTE Learn](#) site under “College Credit” in the navigation.

**Fwd: New Course Launch in your Online Learning Center!**

I wanted to let you know that we have recently launched a new course in your [Online Learning Center](#) – EC150 – Assessment Strategies for CTE Educators.

During this course, participants will learn strategies for planning and implementing assessments in hands-on classes and career and technical education (CTE) learning environments. Effective design and implementation of assessments helps ensure that all students can grow and develop as learners—empowering them to build on their strengths. Perhaps even more important, good assessments help educators design their courses. In this course, educators will learn how to view assessments as formative representations of what students know at that moment, tools to help students understand how they learn and become expert learners, and essential instruments educators can use to actively assess their own approaches and instructional practices.

EC150 – Assessment Strategies for CTE Educators is in the ‘CTE Teachers’ category under the ‘Essentials for CTE Teachers’ tab.

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

September 8, 2022

**In Case You Missed It—Perkins Technical Assistance Meeting**

**Friday, October 21, 2022 - 9:00-10:00am and 1:00-2:00pm CST**

These informational sessions are provided to assist those responsible for managing and administering the Perkins grant at both the secondary and post-secondary level. Both virtual sessions will include the same information. A recording will also be available for those not able to attend.

- **Oct 21, 2022 9:00 AM Central Time** - [Click here to Register!](#)
- **Oct 21, 2022 1:00 PM Central Time** - [Click here to Register!](#)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

September 9, 2022

**Fwd: Advancing CTE Symposium Flyer**

The Symposium is open to any pre-service and beginning alternatively certified CTE educator. ACTE will provide selected participants (n=20) complimentary registration to the ACTE CareerTech VISION 2022 Conference and lunch and dinner on Wednesday, November 30. All other costs are the participant's responsibility. A \$1,500 stipend will be provided to each participant to help with those additional travel and hotel costs. Current membership in ACTE is not required, but if selected, membership would be required. (Student membership in ACTE is free.)

September 21, 2022

**Register for VISION by October 15 for a discounted rate**

A new course from CTE Learn, HQ101— CTE High-quality Framework: Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum, discusses the criteria that address the development, implementation and revision of program of study curriculum, success stories and curated resources to help CTE practitioners develop and implement a high-quality curriculum.

July 30, 2021

**Register Now for CareerTech VISION**

If you plan to attend in person, register by August 15 to get the lower rate. Below is a screen shot of the registration costs found on the ACTE website.



September 24, 2022

## **Craig Frederick receives NAYC Award of Merit**

This article was in today's (Saturday, September 24) Lincoln Journal Star. Congratulations to Craig!

# **Longtime ag educator Frederick receives NAYC's highest honor**

Craig Frederick of Lincoln, a retired agricultural educator and FFA adviser, was recently selected by Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) members to receive the Council's highest honor, the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute's (NAYI) Award of Merit. Frederick's award was presented during NAYI's annual State Dinner last summer. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) oversees NAYC and NAYI.

"As a longtime ag educator and FFA adviser, Craig mentored, encouraged and inspired students to learn about agriculture and participate in local, state and national ag-related events and competitions," said NAYC Adviser Christin Kamm. "We are grateful that Craig shared his dedication and passion for agriculture with his students so that they could become valued members of the ag community

as well."

Frederick has extensive knowledge in plant and animal science, horticultural and natural resources. He earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in agriculture education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He started his 34-year teaching career at Lewiston Consolidated Schools. Throughout his career, Frederick taught in Seward, Grand Island and Cairo, Nebraska. The Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association named Frederick Teacher/Mentor of the Year in 2020. He retired in 2021 after eight years as an ag educator at Seward Public Schools.

In addition to teaching, Frederick excelled in ag education on the state level as director of agriculture education and state FFA adviser for the Nebraska Department of Education for 6

years. Frederick also served five years as a program success specialist for the National FFA in Indianapolis, Indiana, and he has served on Nebraska's FFA Foundation Board.

NAYI is a weeklong event for high school juniors and seniors interested in agriculture. NAYI includes motivational speakers, ag education, networking with peers and industry leaders, leadership experience and information on ag careers. In its 51st year this year, NAYI is the longest-running program of its kind in the nation.

"Craig has always encouraged students to participate in NAYI, making him a huge supporter of the program and of youth pursuing their passions in the agricultural field," said Kamm. "His extensive knowledge and his passion for teaching others will impact Nebraska agriculture for years to come."