

2022-23 Newsletter e-Blasts

October 6, 2022



Fall into Webinars

We are excited to host several upcoming free webinars on a wide range of topics:

- Academic Esports — An Evolving Technology in CTE Pathways: Research in Academic Esports, **Oct. 12, 4:00 p.m. ET**
- Be the Change Through Plant-based Diets, **Oct. 19, 3:00 p.m. ET**
- Students with Disabilities, **Oct. 20, 4:00 p.m. ET**
- Curriculum Development & Design in Career & Technical Education, **Oct. 27, 1:00 p.m. ET**
- NextLevel Fellowship Program Info Session with Fellows, **Nov. 10, 1:00 p.m. ET**

[LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP TO ATTEND](#)

Congratulations to Ashton Bohling, Agricultural and Industrial Trades Teacher at Johnson-Brock



Johnson-Brock industrial technology teacher Ashton Bohling is one of 20 nationwide winners of the 2022 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence.

KENNETH FERRIERA, Journal Star

October 11, 2022

President's Message

Hello ACTEN members,

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve as President of the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) this year. This will be my 30th year as Superintendent at Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools. I have served as a representative of the Administrative Division for several years and as a Board Member for 3 years. I received the ACTEN Outstanding Career and Technical Administrator of the Year in 2019.

As we begin the 2022-23 school year, I want to thank each of you for your commitment to excellence in Career and Technical Education (CTE), and for choosing ACTEN as your professional association. Career and Technical Education is essential for our state to maintain a competitive workforce. Our CTE professionals across Nebraska are educating our students with the skills and knowledge for success in a career path. Take pride in the incredible work you do.

One of my priorities is to work with the Nebraska Legislature and the Nebraska Department of Education to implement LR335. LR335 establishes a goal of 70% of Nebraskans ages 25-34 will have a degree, certificate, diploma, or other industry-recognized credential with economic value by the year 2030. That percentage is currently 58%. We have a lot of work to do, but I believe Nebraska secondary schools are prepared to do our part to meet this challenge.

Nebraska is currently the ONLY STATE that does not allocate state funds to CTE. NDE has asked the Legislature for state funds to match federal Perkins Funds. NDE needs the support of ACTEN and other CTE organizations to convince our state senators the importance of increasing CTE funding to reach the goal of 70%.

I am excited to lead this great organization in the year ahead! If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at a conference or meeting soon.

Thank you and have a great year.

Jon Cerny, President

October 16, 2022

New Course Launch in Your Online Learning Center!

A new course has been launched in the [Nebraska Online Learning Center](#) – CS118 – Teaching Learners How To Develop Their Personal Brand

Personal branding is about communicating and presenting one's unique promise of value. It's an essential skill that must be learned, not only to facilitate seeking employment opportunities, but to help one navigate professional transitions throughout their working life. But for most job seekers, developing and communicating their brand is extremely challenging. Educators and workforce professionals must be empowered to guide their learners through a process that makes personal branding easier to understand and implement. This course describes a structured, practical approach to helping learners communicate who they are, what they can do, and how they can add value in the workplace, through offline and online methods.

CS118 – Teaching Learners How To Develop Their Personal Brand is in the ‘Career Support Staff’ category under the ‘Essentials for Career Support Professionals’ tab.

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

October 17, 2022

Meet the 2022-23 officers for ACTEN

Jon Cerny is serving as your ACTEN president. Jon is the superintendent at Bancroft-Rosalie Public Schools (Email— jcerny@esu2.org)

Jean Condon is your president-elect. Jean is a business and office technology professor at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte (Email— condonj@mpcc.edu)

Samantha Lavene is the past president for ACTEN. Samantha is the Agricultural Education teacher for Bertrand-Loomis Schools. (Email— samantha.lavene@loomiswolves.org)

Ronda Ras is your newly elected ACTEN secretary. Ronda is a school counselor at Bancroft-Rosalie Public Schools (Email— rras@esu2.org)

DeLayne Havlovic is the treasurer of our organization. DeLayne is the coordinator for Career Education and Programming at Omaha Public Schools. (Email—delayne.havlovic@ops.org)

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

October 19, 2022

Congratulations to Katie Graham!

Congratulations to Katie Graham, Board Vice President for Advance CTE. Dr. Graham was selected as the 2022 recipient of the State CTE Leadership Rising Star Award!



October 24, 2022

Fwd: 23-24 reVISION Grant Announcement

Greetings!

In response to feedback from schools across the state, the reVISION Action Grant timeframe has been adjusted to allow for grant awards to be determined earlier and to make awarded funds available starting July 1, 2023. The grant guidelines and application templates are available, as of October 21, 2022, to give potential applicants 5 months to plan, prepare, and submit applications.

2023-2024 reVISION Action Grant Timeframe:

October 21, 2022: Action Grant Guidelines and Template are available NOW!

- Visit the [reVISION Action Grant](#) web page for full details.
- Updated Pre-Application Technical Assistance (3 brief videos) will be available on the website on or before Friday, 10/28/22.
- November 18, 2022: Application submission site opens
- March 24, 2023: Applications due by 5:00 pm CST
- June 2, 2023: Grant awards announced
(following State Board of Education approval)
- July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024: Grant Award Period
- August 21, 2024: Final Reimbursement Requests Due for Closeout

General Grant Information:

The purpose of this highly competitive grant is to improve, modernize, and expand career and technical education (CTE) programs to align with Nebraska's economic priorities and workforce demands. The reVISION Action grant program provides Perkins funds for eligible secondary and postsecondary recipients to help implement the reVISION action steps developed and identified throughout the reVISION local and regional CTE assessments and updated through the reVISION reFRESH process.

For full details, please visit the [reVISION Action Grant](#) web page.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How much can we apply for?

Grant proposals up to \$100,000 will be accepted.

We've had a reVISION Action Grant before. Can we still apply this year?

Past awardees who meet all eligibility requirements may also apply.

What is the focus/priority for the 23-24 grant year?

Priority and preference will be given to projects focused on the recruitment of [Special Populations](#) to enroll in CTE programs.

Please download and carefully read the [2023-2024 reVISION Action Grant Guidelines](#) prior to reaching out with questions.

If you need assistance with further questions, the application, or uploading a finished proposal, please contact: Therese.Marzouk@Nebraska.Gov.

October 31, 2022

In Case You Missed It--Nebraska students explore Ag careers, study water quality, and promote careers in manufacturing

[Neb. high-schoolers explore ag careers at Field Day](#)



(Unsplash)

Nebraska teens participating in a Youth Science Field Day explored agriculture science topics including entomology, water systems and horticulture. Put on by the West Central Research, Extension and Education Center, the event offers activities for students, including two focused on student nutrition and health related to sugar and salt in beverages and boxed foods.

Full Story: [North Platte Telegraph \(Neb.\)](#) (10/18)

[Neb. high-schoolers study water quality in civics class](#)



(Pixabay)

Students are researching the composition of the water in local streams and lakes as part of a project on water quality in the civics classroom of Lacey Glasford of Nebraska City High School in Nebraska. Glasford says such projects teach the skills students will need to act as engaged voters in the future and how to find solutions to problems, lessons that have yielded honors and praise for the veteran educator from the Nebraska State Council

for the Social Studies.

Full Story: [News Channel Nebraska](#) (10/18)

[Neb. college promotes careers in manufacturing, trades](#)



(Pixabay)

Educators at Metro Community College in Nebraska say they are working to engage students as early as high school in considering careers in the skilled trades. The push comes as the manufacturing industry faces increased demand for workers, which is outpacing supply.

 **Full Story:** [WOWT-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (10/21)

Representatives on the 2022-23 ACTEN Board

Please welcome the CTE educators who represent your specific discipline. These representatives are your voice for CTE in Nebraska. Please don't hesitate to contact them should you have questions, concerns, or comments on how the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska can better serve you and your program.

Dan Phillips serves as the Administration Division representative. Dan is the director of Innovation for College and Career Readiness for Grand Island Public Schools. (Email--dphillips@gips.org)

Alex Meyer and Chrisinda Ritz serve as the Agriculture Education Division representatives. Alex is the Ag instructor at St. Edward High School. (Email-- ameyer@sted.esu7.org) Chrisinda is the Ag instructor at Ord High School. (Email-- dritz@ordps.org)

Angie Chittick is the division representative for Business Education. Angie is a Business and Technology Instructor at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte. (Email— chitticka@mpcc.edu)

Alicia Beck and Miranda Bright serve as the Family and Consumer Sciences Division representatives. Alicia is a FCS teacher at Lincoln High School. (Email-- abeck@lps.org) Miranda is the FCS teacher at Crete High School. (Email—miranda.bright@creteschools.org)

Rick Painter is the division representative for School Counseling and Career Development Division. Rick is the District Coordinator of Secondary Counseling for Westside Community Schools in Omaha. (Email—painter.richard@westside66.net)

Michelle Galles serves as the Health Science Technology Education division representative. Michelle is the FCS instructor at Wakefield Public Schools. (Email --mgalles@wakefieldschools.org)

Adam Whitmore serves as the Engineering and Technology Education Division Representative. Adam is a teacher at Columbus High School. (Email-- whitmorea@discoverers.org)

Jodi Dierks is the representative for New and Related Services division. Jodi is the department chair for the Business/Marketing/Technology Department at Omaha Central High School. (Email- jodi.dierks@ops.org)

Stan Haas is the division representative for Trade and Industrial Education. Stan serves as the Curriculum Specialist for Skilled and Technical Sciences at Lincoln Public Schools. (Email— shaas@lps.org)

Deb Wolken serves as our web master. Deb is a retired educator for Lincoln Public Schools. (Email— debwolken@gmail.com)

Katie Graham and Sydney Kobza are the Nebraska Department of Education representatives to the ACTEN board. (Email—katie.graham@nebraska.gov and Sydney.kobza@nebraska.gov)

We currently have an opening for the Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education Division. If you are interested in serving as a representative to the board, please contact me.

November 1, 2022

Fwd: Promotional information including call for presentations link and hotel reservations link

ACTE Region V State Leaders,

Call for presentations for the Region V Conference in Fargo, ND is now open! Please share the following information or use the updated promo to your members:

ACTE Region V Leadership Conference Call for Presentations now open!

The Region V Conference Committee is seeking presenters for the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference to be held at the Delta Hotels in Fargo, ND on April 12-15, 2023. Share your knowledge and program highlights with attendees! Strands to include Leadership and Advocacy, Equity in the Classroom, Assessment, Career Ready Practice Integration Strategies, Instructional Strategies, and Business / Community partnerships.

Follow the link to fill in your submission: <https://forms.gle/YahvQdZq35SicSw6>.

Registration Opens November 28, 2022. Budget now to attend! • Rates before March 1, 2022, \$475 • Rates March 1 and later \$550.

Hotel Rates and Reservations Delta Hotels Fargo is offering our special group rate: • \$119 USD - \$139 USD per night • Rates available Saturday, April 8, 2023 - Monday, April 17, 2023 • Last Day to Book at this rate is Saturday, March 11, 2023 • First class accommodations include: Free parking, on-site restaurant, Starbucks counter, fitness centers, high-speed Wi-Fi, Indoor water park with hot tub and pool side services. **Click here to [Book your group rate for ACTE Region V Conference](#)**

For draft agenda and updated information - www.NDACTE.com

Mrs. Tracy Kern
ACTE Region V Policy Committee Member

November 17, 2022

New Course Launch in your Online Learning Center

A new course has been launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center – ED145 – Stress Reduction and Management for Educators.

This course will provide an overview of a few stress reduction/management techniques for educators. Stress plays a significant role in educators' lives and careers; therefore, ideas for self-help are essential. Details will be provided about ways to reduce stress-related physical/mental issues, build emotional resilience, and practice mindfulness, along with other methods for stress reduction/management. The course provides not only information for educators, but activities for students that can be incorporated to help them reduce/manage their stress as well. With this information, educators may find more work-life balance, health benefits, and other opportunities for stress reduction and management. Application of these techniques can be helpful in enabling educators to better cope with the stress in their lives and careers.

Here is a direct link to the course <https://ne.ctelearn.org/ED145>.

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

November 18, 2022

In Case You Missed It—Infographic Attached

[New Resource: High Quality Framework Infographic](#)
By Cece Hohman on Nov 16, 2022 03:06 pm



Today, ACTE published a new [infographic](#) that highlights ways to use the [ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework™](#) and its companion [self-evaluation instrument](#). The Framework helps CTE educators to assess quality in their CTE programs of study through more than 90 criteria organized under 12 elements, capturing the full range of activities across a CTE program.

As described by the infographic, the Framework and self-evaluation tool can be used by educators, administrators and leaders to support educator preparation programs, help new CTE instructors, identify professional development needs, conduct the Perkins V comprehensive local needs assessment and recognize CTE program quality. Since its launch in 2018, the online Framework self-evaluation has been used over 4,000 times to support CTE program of study quality across secondary and postsecondary programs and spanning all 16 Career Clusters®.

We encourage ACTE members and CTE supporters to read and share this infographic with colleagues and other CTE stakeholders to learn about how the [ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework™](#) can support CTE program improvement.

November 21, 2022

ACTEN Receives QAS Award



We are proud to announce that ACTEN has been selected to receive the ACTE Quality Association Standards (QAS) award at CareerTech VISION!

The purpose of the Quality Association Standards (QAS) is to recognize state associations that have in place policies, procedures and structure that demonstrate a high level of service and attention to member value. QAS should be useful to states in evaluating their basic organization and whether their leadership is providing minimum, average or superior programs for the membership. It is NOT intended to be a competition between states and/or establish a “class system” of state associations, nor is it a system for rating

the performance of a state’s volunteer leaders or executive director. It is hoped that the QAS will prompt states to challenge themselves to improve and to maintain the very best possible organization and leadership for their members. ACTE is committed to assisting state leadership in reaching association goals.

Thank you to the current and past ACTEN board and members of our association that help put our high-level policies, procedures, and structure in place.

December 5, 2022

Save the Date! 2023 Nebraska Career Education Conference

The Nebraska CTE team is excited to share that the 49th Annual Nebraska Career Education (NCE) Conference will be held on June 5-8 in Kearney Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center! This year’s theme is **CTE Without Limits**, where the sessions and speakers will be focused on sharing strategies and resources to support all learners in CTE programs.

We are excited to **include Monday (June 5th) sessions at no additional cost** to the NCE Conference this year! We plan to have featured sessions during this day diving deep into the most pressing CTE topics. There will still be opportunities for additional trainings/session during the post conference on Thursday, June 8th.



December 13, 2022

Region V Conference in Fargo, North Dakota

On this blustery winter day, you may not feel like traveling anywhere but south. However, the ACTE folks in North Dakota are planning a great Region V Conference for you all. I am attaching a couple of documents giving you more information about the conference. Even though Rapid City was much closer last year (for most Nebraskans), Fargo is not a bad drive. By April, the weather will be much better and I hope you are ready to attend a Region V Conference.



**CTE: A World of Opportunities
Region V Conference**

**SAVE the DATE!
April 12-15, 2023
Fargo, ND**

ACTE Leadership Conference

Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned veteran, you will always find something new at Region V ACTE and the city host of Fargo will not disappoint! The *Star Tribune* in September 2021 named Fargo as one of the top three Midwestern cities to consider for a getaway. “Lively, jammed-with-attractions Fargo is a role model for small cities everywhere and makes for an ideal getaway,” stated Rick Nelson, the *Star Tribune* columnist

Networking Opportunities

1. Best Practices –you can learn and take back innovative lessons and programs to your school
2. Break-out sessions – small workshops covering the strands of creating a world of opportunities
3. Networking – several opportunities available to get to know one another and learn from your peers
4. Trade Show – Companies from upper Midwest will be available to help you.

Tours: RDO Equipment, Marvin Windows, Gate City Bank, Butler, Healing with Hyberbarics of ND, Aldevron, EPIC Companies ND, Grand Farm, Microsoft, Deere Electronics and more to be confirmed soon!

Go to website for draft agenda and updated information

www.NDACTE.com

December 13, 2022

Apply or Nominate Someone today for the ACTEN Awards

Now is a great time to apply or nominate someone for one of our ACTEN awards given out during the NCE Conference. YOU are all very qualified to receive an ACTEN award. Check it out and over your break, include this as one of your to do activities!!!

ACTE/ACTEN Educator Awards

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 eight Member Awards presented:


ACTEN Teacher of the Year
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 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 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](https://acteonline.org) by March 1, 2023.

Applicants will be applying for the **2025** ACTE Member awards on the ACTE Portal. Candidates for the 2025 Member Awards will undergo their review in Nebraska in 2023, Region V and National review in 2024, and National winners will be announced at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2025. State award recipients will have an opportunity to update their applications prior to their application being advanced to the regional level of competition.

Applicants will need to create an account and password before he/she starts the application. He/she will also want to remember his/her password so that he/she can save the application and go back to work on it again later. The deadline to apply for ACTEN awards is March 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the ACTEN office (402-525-8742 or actenebraska@gmail.com) for assistance.



December 15, 2022

In Case You Missed It—UNO's Pilot Training Program

[Neb. university joins United's pilot training program](#)

The University of Nebraska -- Omaha has joined United Airlines' Aviate pilot training program. "We give you a conditional job offer upon acceptance into the aviate program and they just keep flying and building their hours then they transfer to United without another interview," said United pilot Monica Frain.

Full Story: [KETV-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (11/10), [KMTV-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (11/11)

In Case You Missed It—Students re-create store bought cake mix

[Neb. students compete to re-create store-bought cake mix](#)



(Unsplash)

High-school bakers recently took up the challenge to identify the ingredients in a boxed cake mix and re-create it using commercial ingredients. All students participating in the event received a \$5,000 scholarship that can only be used for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's food science program, an effort to fill a need for trained workers in the industry, said Professor Curtis Weller.

 **Full Story:** [KLKN-TV \(Lincoln, Neb.\)](#) (12/2)

January 11, 2023

CTE Shirts to Celebrate CTE Month®

The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) invites you to celebrate CTE Month in February with a CTE shirt! Order your long or short sleeve shirt by January 23 through the Middle Creek Printing store link: <https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/acten/>

The shirts are scheduled to be done February 7.

Celebrate CTE Month®

CTE Month® is quickly approaching. February is designated as the time to celebrate career and technical education. Here is a [link](#) to purchase any CTE products you would like to use to promote your CTE programs in your schools.

I am also attaching our 30 Ways to Share CTE document to give you additional ideas.

Please let me know the ways in which you celebrate CTE Month®.

January 12, 2023

CTE Month® Resources Available on NCE Website

What is CTE Month®?

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. Share with the world how much you love CTE! Raise awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy and have fun doing it!

How Can YOU Raise Awareness for CTE Month?

CTE Month® has been set aside to promote and raise awareness for CTE. Plan activities, hand out promotional material, hold public meetings, etc., to any and all stakeholders in your schools, community, or state.

Resources have been developed by Nebraska Career Education, the Association for Career and Technical Education, and AdvanceCTE to help local Career and Technical educators develop and conduct activities that promote the benefits of CTE. Check out the [Nebraska Career and Technical Education](#) home page for a list of those resources.

January 13, 2023

New Course! Teaching Modern Job Search Strategies

A new course has been launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center:
CS119 – Teaching Modern Job Search Strategies

With new recruiting technologies, increasingly selective hiring practices, and the prevalence of remote work, it's clear that job searching has fundamentally changed over the years. Yet outdated and ineffective job search methods persist. Career educators and workforce development professionals must be equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques to help learners navigate a modern, competitive job search landscape.

This course provides a structured, practical approach to helping learners develop the skills needed to execute an effective job search strategy while building resilience in the process.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS119>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

January 14, 2023

Session Proposals for VISION 2023 Now Open—apply to present at VISION

ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2023 CFPs now open

Share your expertise at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, the premier annual gathering of CTE professionals, happening **Nov. 29 to Dec. 2** in Phoenix. We are seeking session proposals that address the full range of issues facing CTE educators, administrators and key stakeholders as they strive to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to succeed! VISION features an educational and inspirational agenda packed with hundreds of concurrent sessions, an Expo and Career Pavilion, awards and recognition programming and a rich array of networking opportunities. The deadline to submit session proposals is **March 3**. [Learn more.](#)

CTE Policy—Legislative Update

CTE Policy Watch: A blog for CTE advocates

- 2022 Year-in-Review Legislative Update:** As the new 118th Congress organizes, ACTE's Public Policy team looks back at 2022 and the final year of the 117th Congress with a summary of CTE-related federal policy activities in 2022, and a preview of what to expect in 2023. Read the update [here](#).

I took a snippet out of the CTE Policy Watch. Check it out if you are interested in the legislation involving CTE policy.

Congratulations to Dawn Lindsley and Carol Erwin

Dawn serves a coordinator for the 2023 Fellowship Program.

Carol has been selected for the 2023 NextLevel Postsecondary CTE Leadership Program.

Congratulations to both Dawn and Carol. ACTEN is blessed to have you two representing Nebraska.

National Leadership Fellowship Program
ACTE
2023 Cohort

Fifteen fellows have been selected for the 2023 ACTE National Leadership Fellowship Program! The Fellowship Program is a one-year commitment from January 2023 through December 2023. Each of ACTE's five regions and the majority of divisions are represented in the program. During the fellowship year, fellows will discuss the importance of CTE programming; serve on a CTE task force to address issues at the state, region and national levels; and work with other ACTE fellows to present a program session at the ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2023.

Experienced	Adam Carr Region I	Katie Robertson Region IV	Kristi Archer Region IV	Laura Miller Region IV	Donna Frazier Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education Division
	Jordan Whittington Region V	Jaime Florensa Administration Division	Tiffany Barney Administration Division	Stephen Williams Engineering & Technology Education Division	
	Danielle Booth Region II	Deidre Pendley Region II	Shelby Berte Region III	Dr. Doug Major Experienced Fellow	Dr. Dawn Lindsley New Professional Fellow
	Janee Thunderman Region V	Shylce Endicott Health Science Education Division	Felicia Brown Engineering & Technology Education Division		
	Fellowship Coordinators Dr. Doug Major Experienced Fellow Dr. Dawn Lindsley New Professional Fellow				

Applications for the next year's cohort will open in the summer of 2024. For more information, visit ACTE's website.

NEXTLEVEL
POSTSECONDARY CTE LEADERS
Sponsored by ECMC | Powered by ACTE

We are excited to announce a fifth cohort of fellows in the NextLevel Postsecondary CTE Leadership Program, sponsored by ECMC Foundation and powered by ACTE. Seventeen fellows were selected for the 2023 cohort. The NextLevel Fellowship provides professional and career growth opportunities to the next generation of leaders in postsecondary CTE programs through this nationally recognized program that is engaging, individualized and memorable. The fellowship program will run from January through December 2023.

Announcing the 2023 Cohort!

Eric Crawford California	Jim Egenrieder Virginia	Carol Erwin Nebraska	Ryan Francis Texas	Pamela Gibson North Carolina
Dustin Hicks Illinois	Tajia Jackson Utah	Daviil Jackson Georgia	Speranta Klees Arkansas	Karl Lamoreaux Utah
Emily Logan Ohio	Colleen Moynard Florida	Kathleen McNamee Virginia	Erica Perrine Texas	
Cara Shousterman New York	Cynthia Thomas New York	McKenzie Wirtz Ohio		

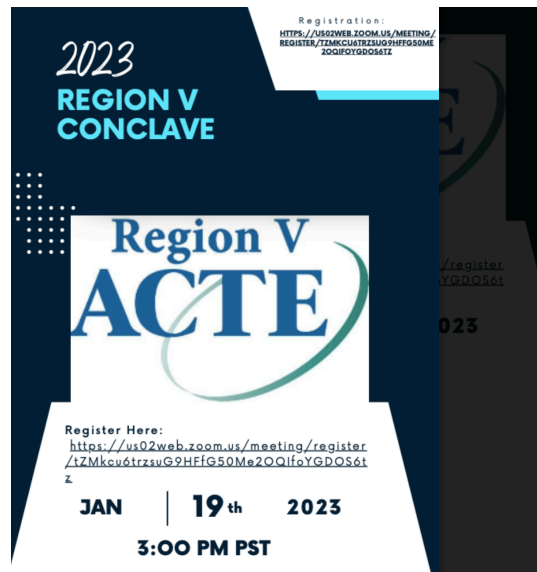
For more information, please visit NextLevelCTE.org

January 17, 2023

Region V Conclave

If you are looking for more leadership opportunities. Check this out!

This conclave is a great opportunity for your members to know more about the leadership and membership opportunities with Region V.



January 20, 2023

National Policy Seminar in DC, March 19-22

If you are planning to attend the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC March 19-22, please let me know. I will start setting up meetings with our members of Congress in the next couple of weeks. When I do that, they want the names of all the individuals who will be visiting his/her office.

If you have ever wanted to advocate for your CTE program and funds, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Here is the link providing more information about NPS--registration, hotel, and tentative schedule:

<https://www.acteonline.org/nps/>

January 21, 2023

In Case You Missed It—MCC Launches Firefighting Internship

[Neb. college launches firefighting internship](#)



(Pixabay)

About a dozen students studying fire science at Metropolitan Community College in Nebraska are part of a new internship program. Through the program, students spend a full shift at the local fire station several times each month, where they gain real-world lessons from staff and volunteers.

 **Full Story:** [WOWT-TV \(Omaha, Neb.\)](#) (1/8)

Advocate for your CTE Programs by attending the National Policy Seminar

Turn CTE advocacy into policy action at NPS!

Join CTE professionals at ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) to voice your vision on key education policy topics, learn about best practices for influencing CTE-related federal policy and messaging, and meet with legislators this March 19 to 22 in Arlington, Va. We are pleased to announce Daniel Lippman, White House and Washington reporter at Politico, as the NPS keynote speaker! [Learn more and register.](#)

Application for ACTE Region V Innovative Program Award

I am attaching a document to apply for the Region V Innovative CTE Program. I hope you take the time to look it over and submit it. As a former CTE educator and as your ACTEN Executive Director, I KNOW there are great CTE programs in Nebraska. And, I know you are all very busy, but I would like you to be recognized for the great job that you do.

If not this year, take time throughout this coming year to gather your information and submit it next year.

If you have questions, please let me know.

**ACTE REGION V
Innovative Career and Technical Education Program**

PURPOSE

To recognize innovative career and technical education programs from each Region V state that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education.

CRITERIA

- The program must demonstrate a capacity to prepare graduates to perform successfully in an occupational field.
- The program should exemplify the highest standards within its occupational field.
- Staff must be involved in an in-service program to keep abreast of technological changes in their occupational field.
- The program must have been in operation for at least three years.
- The instructor(s) in the program must have been a member of the state association for at least three consecutive years.

ELIGIBILITY

Any career and technical education program that meets the criteria listed above.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All nominations must come from ACTE Region V State Associations. State associations may submit only one nomination annually.

To nominate a program:

- Complete the **Innovative Career and Technical Education Program Nomination Form**
- Include the one-page narrative describing the features of the program as stated on page two of the nomination form
- Include a picture of the program for Region V Conference promotional materials
- Submit all required documentation to the Awards chair via email by March 1

DEADLINE

The deadline is **March 1**.

CONTACT/ MAIL NOMINATIONS:

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Leadership Opportunities in ACTEN

ACTEN Leadership Opportunities

ACTEN is seeking nominations for several board positions for the 2023-24 school year. Positions that will appear on the 2023 ballot include:

Officers:

- President Elect (Nominee cannot be from the Business Education Division)
- Treasurer (2-year term)

Discipline Representatives: (3-year term)

- Agriculture Education (will be elected by the NAEA members in June)
- Family and Consumer Science Education (will be elected by the FCSTN members in June)
- New and Related Services
- Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education

All positions will start on October 1, 2023. No prior board experience is required.

If you are interested in running for an officer or discipline representative position, please contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Samantha Lavene at samantha.lavene@loomiswolves.org. You may also contact the ACTEN Office at 402-525-8742 or actenebraska@gmail.com for more information.

January 24, 2023

Update on CTE Awards

You will see from the flyer below, that you no longer need to be a member to apply for our state CTE awards. Please consider applying today or nominate someone to apply! If you feel there is a non-ACTE/ACTEN member who is an outstanding CTE educator, please ask them to apply.

To find out more about the awards click on this [link](#).

To apply for the awards, click [here](#).

Breaking News on CTE Awards

The Nebraska Career and Technical Education Department and the Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska are combining their teacher education awards. Because of this partnership, you no longer need to be a member of ACTE/ACTEN to apply for these awards. The awards are given to 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 seven award [categories](#):

- Administrator of the Year
- Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- Counselor of the Year
- Teacher Educator of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award
- Teacher of the Year in each discipline area
 - Agricultural Education
 - Business Education
 - Engineering and Technology Education
 - Family and Consumer Sciences
 - Health Sciences
 - New and Related Services
 - Trade and Industrial Education

Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination. Applicants may be full- or part-time educators. Candidates should submit their applications on the ACTE Awards Portal at acteonline.org by March 1, 2023. You **do not** have to be a member to submit the award. Through this link, you will click on the award for which you would like to apply. When you do so, you will be asked to create a login unless you already have one.

Applicants will be applying for the **2025** awards on the ACTE Portal. Candidates for the 2025 awards will undergo their review in Nebraska in 2023. Should you move on to the regional and national awards level, you would be recognized at the regional level in 2024 and the national level in 2025. Thus, the reason for the 2025 awards. To move on, you would have to be a member of ACTE/ACTEN. **To make this happen, award winners will receive a one-year membership in ACTE/ACTEN.**

If you have any questions, please contact the ACTEN office (402-525-8742 or actenebraska@gmail.com) for assistance.



January 25, 2023

CTE OER Expansion – Seeking Participants!

[The application](#) is now open for the **CTE OER Expansion** project. CTE instructors from all career fields (with at least one year of teaching experience) have the opportunity to publish high-quality instructional materials aligned to the new standards on the Nebraska Open Educational Resources (OER) Hub. The application will close Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

If your application is approved, the Office of Career and Technical Education will contract with you to complete an OER Commons training on Thursday, June 8 during the 2023 NCE Conference in Kearney, followed by virtual office hours that you can attend as needed. Contracted teachers will have until August 1, 2023 to create and publish a minimum of five resources to the Nebraska OER Hub and will be compensated based on the approved number of resources created.

Please consider this opportunity as we work to increase the number of high-quality resources available to teachers in Nebraska through the OER Hub. I know there are many of you with great lessons and resources that you have developed – this is your chance to share those with other teachers!

Please reach out with any additional questions you have – happy to connect you with those that are leading this work!

Chelsey Greene

February 2, 2023

It's CTE Month@!

I hope you are all finding great ways to celebrate CTE Month with your students as well as promoting your program through social media or articles to your local paper.

As outstanding educators in Nebraska, we encourage you to apply for our CTE educator awards.

Two of those awards are Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year. As a Nebraska winner in June, Angie Ehlers' application has moved on to regional competition. We wish her good luck during the Region V Conference in Fargo in April.

Apply for the award through the ACTE Awards Portal -- <https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national>. If you have questions, let me know.

February 3, 2023

CTE Policy Watch for 2/3/23: Action Alert

[ACTION ALERT - Ask Your Representative: Cosponsor the 2023 House CTE Month Resolution!](#)

By Jori Houck on Feb 02, 2023 01:19 pm

The co-chairs of the House CTE Caucus, Reps. Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) are leading the House’s annual [CTE Month resolution](#) marking February as CTE Month. These House members are currently circulating a “Dear Colleague” letter asking their colleagues to cosponsor the resolution, which is set to be introduced on February 8.

[CLICK HERE to ask your representative to cosponsor this year’s CTE Month resolution.](#)

The resolution raises awareness about the many benefits associated with high-quality CTE programs. By requesting support for the resolution, you are continuing to elevate the benefits of CTE to policymakers at a critical time for CTE advocacy. Please contact your House representative today! If you have a direct contact in your Member of Congress’s office, we urge you to call or email them directly. The deadline for original House cosponsors to sign on is **February 8, 2023, but cosponsors may join at any time throughout February – the House attempts to pass the resolution at the end of February through unanimous consent.**

February 7, 2023

ACTE Region V Update

Happy CTE Month! I have been asked to share a couple of resources from ACTE Region V.

#1. If you’re attending the Region V conference this upcoming April and would like to order Region V clothing, you may purchase the apparel using this link - <https://www.companycasuals.com/2023ACTE/start.jsp>. You are able to pick these items up at Region V Conference in North Dakota so you don’t have to worry about shipping costs.

#2. Region V Advocacy Huddles will take place via Zoom for the next several months. These huddles/Zoom sessions are a great opportunity for our region members to become actively engaged with our Legislative Committee and learn not only any legislative changes that directly impact ACTE, but also better understand the overall legislative impact on CTE and how to be “at the table” for related discussions.

February 9, 2023

Check Out These Professional Opportunities

Something for everyone in 2023

ACTE is pleased to offer a comprehensive slate of professional development offerings for career and technical educators throughout the year, from our flagship CareerTech VISION to an event crafted especially for postsecondary CTE professionals. We hope to see you at one or more of the following events to network with your peers, share ideas and grow professionally!

- [National Policy Seminar and CTE Innovation Summit](#), March 19 to 22, Arlington, Va.
- [National Work-based Learning Conference](#), April 26 to 28, Atlanta, Ga.
- [Teach CTE Summit](#), June 27 to 29, St. Paul, Minn.

- [National Postsecondary CTE Summit](#), Sept. 20 to 22, Denver, Colo.
- [ACTE's and NCLA's Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference](#), Sept. 27 to 29, Salt Lake City, Utah
- [ACTE's CareerTech VISION](#), Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, Phoenix, Ariz.

For professional development all year long, don't forget to check out our growing collection of 180+ online CTE courses available at CTE Learn.

Winter Webinars offered through ACTE

We are excited to host several upcoming free webinars on a wide range of topics:

- State Policies Impacting CTE: Year in Review, Feb. 16, 3 p.m. ET
- Other Protected Populations, Feb. 16, 4 p.m. ET
- Postsecondary CTE Research Fellows Program, Feb. 23, 1 p.m. ET

February 10, 2023

CTE Month® Kahoot and Card Template

This month we invite you to play this CTE Trivia Kahoot with your students, CTSO members, or staff: <https://bit.ly/CTEKahoot23>

Also, customize this card to show your appreciation for teachers, administration, school board members, and community members for supporting participation in CTE: <https://bit.ly/CTEcard23>

Here are more ideas to celebrate CTE Month: <https://www.acteonline.org/why-cte/cte-awareness/cte-month/>

If you missed your chance to order a CTE shirt, we will sell them again closer to the Nebraska Career Education Conference with the option to pick them up at the conference.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miranda Bright



February 20, 2023

CTE Month® and more CTE Awards

The last date to apply for our CTE awards is quickly approaching--March 1. As quality educators, I know you will apply yourself and get the award completed. If anything else, log in to see what it entails. Write down the three questions, and take time to form your answers. Then, next year, complete the application.

As a former CTE educator attending conferences and networking with others, I know we have so many outstanding educators in our state. Please take the time to nominate someone or apply for the award yourself.

The two awards I am sharing with you today are Postsecondary Teacher of the Year (can be community college or four-year college educators) and New Teacher of the Year. If you know of an outstanding new teacher who has been teaching less than 5 years, please have them apply for the award.

Here's the link--<https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/page/awards/national>

ACTE Region V Conference Updates

We are looking forward to seeing you in [Fargo, ND](#) April 12-15th, 2023. There are still spots open to register if you or anyone in your state have not yet registered. We also have the [First Timers award](#) for anyone who has never been to a Region V conference. First Timer Stipend applications are due March 1st to Dodie Bemis (see link below). Additional information about the meeting in Fargo, ND can be found in the document that is attached to this email.

If you are interested in sitting on a committee please fill out the nominating [form](#) and submit to Dodie Bemis. Region V has the following committees that are looking for amazing people just like you!

- Awards
- Legislative and Resolutions
- Nominating Committee
- Marketing/Membership/New Ideas
- Policy Committee

Other dates to remind you of:

- [All state award winners must be in the ACTE awards portal and have their video completed:](#) March 1
- Once you have identified the awards candidates that you are moving forward from your state awards to the Region V Awards, please share with your state award winners the link above to the questions and tips regarding the video submission for the Region V Awards, [Region V Hall of Fame award](#): March 1
- [First Timers Award](#): March 1
- [Region V Innovative Program Nomination](#): March 1
 - The purpose of the Innovative Program Awards is to recognize innovative career and technical education programs from each Region V state that are unique,

novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education.

- [Region V Opportunity Fund Grant](#): March 1
- [Region V Communication Awards](#): March 1
 - The following categories can be submitted: Newsletter, Membership Recruitment, Conference Program, Advocacy Publication, Website
- [Region V Fellows Application](#): May 1
 - The fellowship program is a two-year commitment. Each participant will complete the required activities, attend the required events, and submit a final summary of their accomplishments to the Region V Vice President and Policy Committee. For more information [click here](#).
- State of the States: April 1
- Next Advocacy Huddle is scheduled for March 6th. Please see attached email for further information concerning the event.

In Career and Technical Education Spirit,
Mrs. Kern and the ACTE Region V Policy Committee

February 23, 2023

Submit a proposal to present at VISION

Share your expertise as an esteemed presenter

ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the premier annual gathering of CTE professionals, happening **Nov. 29 to Dec. 2** in Phoenix. We are seeking session proposals that address the full range of issues facing CTE educators, administrators and key stakeholders as they strive to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to succeed! The deadline to submit session proposals is **March 3**. [Learn more.](#)

State Policies Impacting CTE: 2022 Year in Review

State CTE policies in 2022 report released

On Feb. 9, ACTE and Advance CTE released their 10th annual report, [State Policies Impacting CTE: 2022 Year in Review](#). [Read more.](#)

CTE Policy Watch for 2/23/23: ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress to Co-sponsor the JOBS Act of 2023!

[ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress to Co-sponsor the JOBS Act of 2023!](#)

By Jori Houck on Feb 22, 2023 10:20 am

Earlier this month, the Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students Act of 2023 (H.R. 793/S. 161), or the JOBS Act, was reintroduced in the Senate by Sens. Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Mike Braun (R-IN), and in the House by Reps. Bill Johnson (R-OH), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) and Michael Turner (R-OH). This legislation would expand federal Pell Grant eligibility to

high-quality, short-term job training programs, which has been a top priority of the CTE community for the past few years. ACTE has endorsed this bipartisan bill.

Currently, Pell Grants are not available to postsecondary CTE students in short-term certificate programs less than 600 clock hours or 16 semester hours over 15 weeks. As a result, many students across the country do not have access to high-quality, short-term CTE programs that provide the education and skills necessary for in-demand careers and culminate in meaningful credentials that are proven to increase lifetime earning potential and employment opportunities.

We need your help so that Members of Congress understand the many positive impacts of extending Pell Grants to high-quality, short-term CTE programs.

ACTION NEEDED: Contact your Members of Congress to ask them to support the extension of Pell Grant eligibility to high-quality, short-term CTE programs by co-sponsoring the JOBS Act.

CLICK HERE to send a letter! If you have a direct contact in a representative's office, we encourage you to contact them directly!

Help us hold Members of Congress accountable for supporting CTE students, educators and institutions by advocating for short-term Pell expansion.

House bill text can be found [here](#).
Senate bill text can be found [here](#).

In Case You Missed It: State of Teacher Pay in America

CTE teacher pay highlighted in Senate Town Hall

On Feb. 13, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., new Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., hosted an event in coordination with the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association to discuss the state of teacher pay in America. The call for boosting teacher pay comes at a critical time as schools contend with teacher shortages. [Read more.](#)

Agriculture Education Article

Great things happening in Kearney area!

https://theindependent.com/news/state-and-regional/demand-for-ag-education-programs-growing-in-kearney-area-state/article_9c5215d5-e416-5bd5-ba5e-1ff74b25356b.html

February 28, 2023

CTE Month® and CTE Awards

The last day of CTE Month has arrived. I am excited to hear about all the fun things you did to celebrate CTE. Please share those ideas with me so that I can compile a list to share with others.

I want to thank all of you for what you do for your students. I know teachers/administrators/counselors/support staff and many others are not shown the appreciation they deserve for all they do. Please know that ACTEN is very thankful for the role you play in the lives of our students and support of CTE.

Tomorrow is the last day to submit an application for one of our CTE awards. The last award on our list is the Carl Perkins Community Service Award. Congratulations to our June winner, Darla Windholz, who will be representing Nebraska at the Region V Conference in Fargo in April. For those of you who do many service projects in your classes or CSO, you should be applying for this award.

If anyone has questions about any of the awards, please let me know.

March 6, 2023

Help Support and Promote LB610

Dear students and educators involved in Nebraska Career and Technical Student Organizations:

The NE Chamber invites you to join us in highlighting the critical role our CTSO organizations play across the state in introducing students to lifelong learning and top career paths in Nebraska.

This year the NE Chamber is advocating for LB610, a bill that would add state funding to the already federally-funded career and technical education program in Nebraska. Our state is currently the only state that does not supplement federal funding with state funding.

To help promote LB610, and several other key workforce bills, we are hosting a news conference on Tuesday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the second-floor rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. With the governor's help, we will be declaring March 12 – 18 as "Workforce Week" to support such initiatives as LB610.

Students and educational advisors, alike, are invited to join us and help feature the importance of these programs to state legislators.

In addition, if you are interested in meeting with state leaders or testifying before the Appropriations Committee, please reach out to us. We would be happy to help organize these interactions.

Below are some important dates, times and locations during Workforce Week and beyond for your consideration.

Workforce Week News Conference

Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Rotunda (second floor, outside legislative chamber) Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln

Appropriations Committee Hearing (LB610)

Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m., Room 1525 Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln

Legislative Outreach Days (Recommended)

March 13 – 15
Please contact Alex Reuss for assistance organizing your group's advocacy day.
Alex Reuss, NE Chamber, areuss@nechamber.com, (402) 203-0246

SkillsUSA Tour (State Leaders Invited)

April 14, 9 – 11 a.m.
Fonner Park, Five Points Arena, 2nd Floor 700 E. Stolley Park Road, Grand Island RSVP to Holley by March 3.

Don't hesitate to let us know if your organization is holding an event to which we should also invite elected leaders!

I am happy to answer any questions. Please reach out and let me know if you plan to participate in any of these opportunities.

Thank you!

Holley Salmi
NE Chamber, hsalmi@nechamber.com, (402) 763-0007

March 8, 2023

A Message to Support LB610 from your ACTEN President

Greetings,

The Nebraska Legislature Appropriations Committee is accepting submission of online comments on LB610. LB610 would appropriate \$10,400,000 for Career Technical Education. Each school district would receive state funding equal to their federal Perkins allocation, with a minimum of \$15,000 per district. Please spread the word so we can have as many people as possible submit

online support comments. Submissions can be made at https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/hearings_range.php.

Click on the hearings next week link (if commenting this week) or the hearings this week link (if commenting next week.)

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday March 15 at 1:30 pm. Find LB610 on the hearing schedule under the Appropriations Committee and click on "Submit Comment Online". Write as much or as little as you want, click on "include comment in hearing record" and make sure to click "proponent".

It would be nice if we could get a large number of teachers, students, businesses and community members as possible to provide online support. And a good lesson in civic engagement for our CTE students.

Thank you.

Dr. Jon Cerny
Superintendent
Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools
President of ACTEN

March 13, 2023

New Course! Goal Setting and Motivation Strategies for Career Professionals

Nebraska CTE Learn has launched a new course in the Online Learning Center: CS126 – Goal Setting and Motivation Strategies for Career Professionals.

Although empowering learners to set and achieve career goals is the essence of career guidance and education, many professionals have little training on the science of motivation and goal setting. As career professionals, it is crucial that you understand these principles in order to effectively support learners who are navigating the complexities of career planning, including setting and achieving goals, maintaining motivation, and adapting to changing circumstances.

Decades of research show that when goals are matched to your learners' interests, values and abilities, their motivation and achievement are more likely to increase. This course provides essential knowledge of motivation and goal setting that equips professionals to help learners strive for career success.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS126>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

March 16, 2023

In Case You Missed It—Increased enrollment at SCC

Enrollment increases at Neb. trade schools

Enrollment at the University of Nebraska's Lincoln Campus has dropped 2.6% since 2021, according to a report from the university. However, Southeast Community College in Lincoln has seen its enrollment rise 10% since the pandemic started, in part to lower tuition, scholarships and apprenticeships associated with its trade programs.

Full Story: [KLKN-TV \(Lincoln, Neb.\)](#) (3/10)

March 24, 2023

New Course! Teaching Professional Networking Skills for Career Success

A new course has been launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center: CS117 – Teaching Professional Networking Skills for Career Success.

Professional networking is an essential career development skill that can lead to new job opportunities, higher salaries, and valuable relationships. Despite the numerous advantages of networking, many learners are unaware of its importance and not equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively build and maintain professional relationships. Career professionals must be able to teach learners how to build the social capital they need to gain access to opportunities, information, and resources that drive career success.

This course provides a structured, practical approach to helping learners develop the knowledge and skills needed to foster professional relationships that will assist in career advancement for years to come.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS117>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

Maybe some activities to try with your Ag students

Hands-on activities teach agriculture lessons

Middle-school students in Goldendale, Wash., learn about plant and life cycles in Exploratory Agriculture class, in which they grow both flowers and vegetables in the school's greenhouse and raise Chinook salmon from eggs. The course is part of the school's career and technical education program and includes real-world experiences such as selling the plants at an annual sale and helping to teach agriculture lessons to younger students at a nearby elementary school.

Full Story: [The Goldendale Sentinel \(Wash.\)](#) (3/22)

March 29, 2023

CTE Leadership Resource – Dare to Be Different (Do the Opposite)

Maybe a resource to help you reach your goals.

Any worthwhile goal requires you to swim upstream and that's the opposite of what most people do. Most people don't want to put in the effort and simply choose to float downstream.

Attached is a simple, 2-page PDF with **3 Questions Every Educator Can Ask** if they want to see improvement in their life and work. I've also included a link below if you'd rather view this article online.

- [Do the Opposite - Dare to Be Different](#)

This resource is a 2-minute read (less than 400 words). Feel free to share it with colleagues and association members. My hope is that it serves you and your organization well!

Move from DREAM to DO,

Kent Julian, CSP

www.KentJulian.com

*Cultivate and Lead **SHOW UP AND SHINE** Teams*

April 5, 2023

Early Bird Registration for VISION

Super early bird registration for VISION now open

ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the must-attend event for career and technical education (CTE) professionals. Happening **Nov. 29 to Dec. 2** in Phoenix, VISION offers comprehensive programming covering high-quality CTE in secondary and postsecondary environments and emerging trends in the field to help career and technical educators thrive in their careers. VISION provides attendees with a rich array of networking opportunities, an Expo, hundreds of concurrent program sessions, and numerous networking opportunities. Register by **July 31** to secure last year's early-bird rates for VISION 2023. [Learn more.](#)

In Case You Missed It – Lincoln students prepare for careers as content creators

[Students prepare for careers as content creators](#)

A Nebraska school district is partnering with a local nonprofit organization to prepare students for careers in content creation and new media. Lessons include a focus on video, photography and other digital content.

 **Full Story:** [KOLN-TV/KGIN-TV \(Nebraska\)](#) (3/6)

Maybe Something to try next February for CTE Month®

[Pa. high-schoolers compete in CTE Olympics](#)



(Pixabay)

A Pennsylvania high school hosted its second annual CTE Olympics to help celebrate Career and Technology Appreciation Month. Dozens of students in seven career and technical education programs competed in events such as tire flipping in the automotive program and hammering nails in construction.

Full Story: [The Daily Item \(Sunbury, Pa.\)](#) (3/2)

ACTEN Election Ballot – Please VOTE

Dear ACTEN Member,

The election for ACTE of Nebraska (ACTEN) officers and discipline representatives is now open. The representative for your discipline is not up for election this year. You will be voting for president elect and treasurer on the ballot. Please click on the link below to access the general election ballot. You will need your ACTE membership ID number to access the e-ballot. Your ID is located on your membership card or on the label of your *Techniques* magazine. If you are not able to find your membership ID number, please let me know.

If you are a member of more than one ACTE division, you may receive multiple ballots. However, you may only vote once. You are welcome to choose what division in which you would like to cast your vote.

Deadline to submit your vote is May 1, 2023.

[2023 ACTEN General Election Ballot](#)

April 6, 2023

Holdrege students make support pillows for people fighting cancer

Check out this project--

8th Graders used their skills that were learned in 7th Grade FCS to create a project that helps the community. It was also an FCCLA STAR Project.

[CTE Skills Helping the Community](#)

New Course! How Storytelling Benefits Learning

A new course has been launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center: ED146 – How Storytelling Benefits Learning.

Many consider storytelling to be in the realm of fairytales and small children, but when storytelling is used well and with purpose, it can strengthen students' understanding no matter their age; it can also link contexts to aid in understanding, suggest applications to real life, and humanize the learning process. This course will identify the characteristics of storytelling that are useful in teaching and learning and will provide examples and contexts within which storytelling increases students' interest and connection. Characteristics of useful storytelling will be identified, as well as supportive resources. Examples will be given to help educators focus on the aspects of storytelling that will enhance their content and how these strategies will fit within various instructional settings.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/ED146>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

Webinar on Edweek

Check this out!

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/career-education-is-for-all-kids-how-work-based-learning-can-engage-students/2023/04>

April 7, 2023

Dan Phillips—Administration Representative to the ACTEN Board

Congratulations to Dan Phillips! Dan has accepted a new position with the Nashville Public Schools. Dan has served as the Administrative Rep to the ACTEN Board the last couple of years. He has also served as the president-elect, president, and past president of ACTEN. We will miss Dan's leadership on the board. Jennifer McConvile has agreed to fill Dan's remaining term.

A huge thank you to both individuals for their leadership in ACTE/ACTEN. And, good luck to Dan as he begins his new job.

April 10, 2023

Spread the News! CTE Learn Users Can Earn College Credit!

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 their completed CTE Learn courses. They can earn 1 Semester Credit Hour (SCH) for any block of 4 CTE Learn courses.

CTE Learn offers over 180 self-paced online courses for CTE professionals. Each course provides 4 hours of continuing education credits. Participants can enroll in any course at any time to meet their individual learning needs. In addition to eligibility to apply for both undergraduate and graduate college credit, completion of CTE Learn courses also provide participants with a professional development recognition badge and certificate of completion.

Visit <https://ne.ctelearn.org/college-credit/> to learn more!

Yours
Tarlon

April 13, 2023

NCE Conference Registration Open!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND REGISTER NOW!

2023 NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION CONFERENCE!

The Nebraska CTE team is excited to share that the 49th Annual Nebraska Career Education (NCE) Conference will be held on June 5-8 in Kearney Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center! This year's theme is *CTE Without Limits*, where the sessions and speakers will be focused on sharing strategies and resources to support all learners in CTE programs.

[Click Here to Register Today - NCEconference.com](https://nceconference.com)

April 14, 2023

CTE Success Sioux City Career Academy

Check out what the Sioux City Career Academy is doing--

The Iowa Lt. Governor reached out to us and paid us a visit. He spent an hour talking to the students and learning about the successes they have had and that our program has had. Students from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota are enrolled in our program. We are fortunate to teach all five fire science courses in a high school setting and partner with our local community college to receive dual credit for them (students in the program and graduating high school with a degree from the community college and up to for national certifications). We are definitely making a difference in the tristate area with students as active members on five different fire departments in three states, both career and volunteer.

Anthony Gaul | Fire Science Instructor/Multi-occupations Coordinator
Sioux City Community School District
Sioux City Career Academy
Ph. 712-251-7170

April 20, 2023

In Case You Missed It—York Students Release Trout Raised in Class

[Neb. high-schoolers release trout raised in class](#)



(Pixabay)

A group of Nebraska high-school students have been learning about trout, water conservation and related topics through hands-on activities in the Trout in the Classroom program, with support from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Students raise the trout from eggs, then release them at the fingerling stage into approved sites, such as a pond on the Platte River.

Full Story: [York News-Times \(York, Neb.\)](#) (4/18)

Featured ACTE Events

As you plan your professional development calendar, consider attending one of these ACTE events listed on the attached graphic.

Here is a little more information about the first three events.

The **Teach CTE Summit** is a national convening addressing policy, research and promising practices pertaining to teacher recruitment and retention issues, and with a focus on preparing CTE educators and other audiences to address CTE teacher shortages at the state and local levels.

National Postsecondary CTE Summit--Over time postsecondary CTE has been adapted to meet the needs of society as evidenced in new programs, certificates, and courses. During this time the student body has also become more diverse. Therefore, our ability to meet students' needs, build partnerships, and acquire resources is critical to supporting student success. This summit will focus on 3 major strands:

Exploring best practices and programs that ensure retention, persistence, delving into postsecondary CTE staffing issues, and revealing best practices around the data collection for special populations.

Best Practices & Innovations in CTE 2023 Conference--The world asked for change. Your career and technical education (CTE) programs must be optimized to reach and support a diversified student body. The Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference will offer content-rich programming and networking. Its intent: to strengthen the field for CTE administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. Best Practices is once again hosted by ACTE, the ACTE Administration Division and the National Council of Local Administrators.

Membership in ACTE/ACTEN and Register for the NCE Conference

Have you registered for the NCE Conference? If not, do so today. Here is the link for registering and finding out more about the conference. <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/nebraska-career-education-conference/>

It truly is worth your while. The Nebraska Career and Technical Education Center does an outstanding job planning the conference.

Many of you pay your dues at the conference. I will have a membership table at the conference. Stop by and see me. You can also pay your dues online through [ACTE](#). As a reminder, when joining more than one division, you will pay an additional \$10.

Our divisions in Nebraska include:

- Administration (please encourage your administrators to join ACTE)
- Agricultural Education
- Business Education with Marketing as an interest
- Counseling and Career Development
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Science Education
- Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education (for any postsecondary teacher)
- Engineering and Technology Education with interests in Arts, Media and Entertainment, esports, IT, and STEM
- Trade and Industrial Education
- Work-Based Learning

The New and Related Services Division includes several areas:

- Career Academy
- Professional Development
- Instructional Materials
- Integration of Academics and CTE
- Public Information
- ROTC
- Special Populations
- Support Staff
- Tech Prep
- Other

Thank you for being a member of ACTE/ACTEN. Your membership is important. It allows the national office to continue to advocate for and support our CTE programs. I ask you to encourage other CTE educators in your schools to join ACTE. Remember that there is strength in numbers.

April 24, 2023

CTE T-Shirts Available to Order!

Our ACTEN store is live. If you didn't order a CTE t-shirt, you can still do so. Order your long or short sleeve shirt by May 16 through the Middle Creek Printing store link:

<https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/acten/>

Shirts ordered can be picked up during the NCE Conference.

April 27, 2023

Don't Forget to Vote!

May 1 is the deadline to vote for our ACTEN board of directors.

Below are the links for your discipline. If your discipline is not listed, use the General Election Ballot.

**2023
Survey Monkey Links for eBallots**

[General Election Ballot](#)

[Agricultural Education Election Ballot](#)

[Family and Consumer Sciences Ballot](#)

[New and Related Services Division](#)

[Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education](#)

May 1 is the deadline to vote for our ACTEN board of directors.

Below are the links for your discipline. If your discipline is not listed, use the General Election Ballot.

May 3, 2023

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!!

A good teacher takes a hand, open a mind and touches. Heart.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Thanks for all you do in educating our students!

May 18, 2023

Register for the NCE Conference

The NCE Conference is a professional development learning opportunity featuring national and state CTE leaders. The conference's focus will be on addressing current and ongoing themes related to CTE instruction. 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.

Register for the conference before May 22 to avoid the \$35 price increase. <https://nceconference.com/>

Check out all the great sessions on the Sched

App: <https://nebraskacareereducationconf.sched.com/> You can access from a computer or download the Sched App to access the latest schedule with any changes.

May 19, 2023

New Course! Teaching LinkedIn Strategies for Career Success

A new course has recently been launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center: CS122 - Teaching LinkedIn Strategies for Career Success.

In today's digital labor market, a strong online presence is a necessity. As the world's largest online professional network, LinkedIn is a critical platform for anyone serious about building their professional online presence and advancing their career. However, many learners may not know how to make the most of this powerful tool, and as a career professional, it's your job to help them succeed. This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to teach your learners how to create a standout LinkedIn profile, expand their professional network, and tap into valuable resources that can help them stay ahead in their field.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS122>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

May 24, 2023

Membership in ACTE/ACTEN

Many of you renew your dues at this time of the year. Whether your membership is due now or some other time during the year, I wanted to make you aware of our membership divisions.

There are 11 divisions from which to choose--

Administration

Agricultural Education

Business Education (Marketing is an area of interest in Business Education)

Counseling and Career Development (School-to-Work/Careers is an area of interest in Counseling)
Engineering and Technology Education (areas of interest in Engineering are Arts, Media and Entertainment, eSports, IT, and STEM)
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Health Science Education
Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education
Trade and Industrial Education
Work-based Learning (WBL recently became its own division and not part of New and Related Services)

The last division is New and Related Services. If you select to be a member of New and Related Services, there are several interest areas in which you may choose. They include:

Career Academy
CTE Scholars
Instructional Materials
Integration of Academics and Career and Technical Education
Makers of Policy and Public Information
Professional Development
Law and Public Safety (new area)
Research
ROTC
Support Staff
Special Populations
Teacher Educators
Tech Prep

As you can see, almost anyone at your school can qualify for membership in ACTE/ACTEN. Please reach out to other educators in your school who would benefit through membership in ACTE/ACTEN. I am attaching a sheet that provides an explanation for all the divisions.

As a reminder, you pay \$10 extra for a membership in a second division. The easiest way to pay for your dues is online at [ACTE](#). However, I would be happy to collect your dues money during the NCE Conference. Just stop by my ACTEN Membership Table.

Split-the-Pot at the NCE Conference

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

June 8, 2023

Congratulations to Sarah Hubel and Jon Cerny

Sarah Hubel receiving the CTE New Teacher of the Year Award.



Jon Cerny receiving his president's plaque from Michael Connet.



Thank you to Michael Connet

Thank you to Michael Connet for attending the NCE Conference and representing ACTE. We appreciate the time he took to attend the conference. His presence at the conference was a real plus for our association.

We appreciate all he has done for ACTEN and on the national level.



Thank you to our outgoing board members

A huge thank you to our outgoing board members--

Samantha Lavene - Past President

Alex Meyer - Agricultural Education Rep to the board

Alicia Beck - FCS Rep to the board

Michelle Galles - Health Sciences Rep to the board

Jodi Dierks - New and Related Services Rep to the board

Dan Phillips - Administrative rep to the board and past president of ACTEN

Also congratulations to Dan for receiving the ACTEN Member of the Year award.

Thank you for your service on the ACTEN board.

June 9, 2023

NAEA Award Winners

Congratulations to all the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association award winners.

Early Career Teacher-Emily Whipple, Ainsworth

Secondary Teacher- Randy Vlasin, Hayes Center

Teacher Mentor-Craig Flaming, Randolph

Secondary Program, Valentine, Brent Nollette, Shawna Houdek

Teacher Turn The Key, Donivan Phoenix, Hershey

Lifetime Achievement, Rich Douglass, Cortland

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Otis Pierce who was named the Outstanding Administrative Leader during the NCE Conference.

June 11, 2023

Super VISION Savings

If you are thinking of going to CareerTech VISION, register before July 31. After that, the registration goes up \$150. Whether you are your school is paying, that is a significant jump.

The Career and Technical Education Event of the Year!

ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening **Nov. 29–Dec. 2** in Phoenix, Arizona, is the largest annual conference in the nation for career and technical education (CTE) professionals, business leaders and industry professionals — last year, the event attracted more than 6,000 attendees!

- **Connect** and reconnect with your **peers**, people you can relate to and learn from
- **Learn** via hundreds of high-quality secondary and postsecondary **CTE concurrent sessions**
- **Ignite** your inspiration while you learn from innovative **keynote speakers** and leaders on our main stage
- **Celebrate** the extraordinary contributions of career and technical educators, programs and organizations at the **ACTE Awards Gala**
- **Discover** high-demand careers, starting salaries for specific occupations and curriculum for use in a CTE program from industry representatives at the **Career Pavilion**
- **Explore** the **CareerTech Expo** with hundreds of exhibits, workshops and demonstrations, featuring innovative solution providers

We are pleased to offer a full in-person event with a robust on-demand component for remote attendance!

June 14, 2023

Ask Your Representative: Support Perkins in FY 2024 Appropriations!

**Ask Your Representative to Support Perkins in FY 2024 Appropriations!
June 14, 2023**

Earlier this week, House leaders announced that instead of allocating the amount of funding agreed to in the **Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023** for FY 2024 appropriations bills, which would have essentially provided level funding to domestic programs, they would write appropriations bills to the lower FY 2022 level requested by the most conservative House members.

While we are still awaiting the official topline funding level for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill, early reports estimate that the bill could be cut by almost 30%. The impact on Perkins funding and CTE programs could be significant. As the House starts to consider their appropriations bills, we need to generate as much support for CTE as possible to ensure the highest possible level of funding for Perkins within these tight caps.

ACTION NEEDED: CLICK HERE to ask your representative to support robust funding for Perkins CTE in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill!

You can send a message directly using the ACTE Action Center. Additionally, if you have a direct contact in your representative's office, such as from a meeting with a staff member during NPS earlier this month or at another time, we urge you to call or email directly. You

can also call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, and an operator will connect you to your requested House office. Please contact your representative today!

McConville selected as Region V Fellow

The ACTE Region V Policy Committee and Region V Fellows met and reviewed the submissions for the 2023-2025 Region V Fellow.

Congratulations to Jennifer McConville on being selected as the newest ACTE Region V Fellow! Jennifer is an Associate Dean with the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The purpose of the ACTE Fellowship Program is to:

- help establish a leadership development program for CTE educators in ACTE and assist individuals in further developing their leadership skills in CTE and their involvement in professional associations
- provide an opportunity for CTE educators to become familiar with and participate in the processes used by policymakers in the development and implementation of laws, regulations and other public policies at the local, state and federal levels
- identify, train and motivate a cadre of leaders who will continue to position ACTE as a leader in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce

In summary, the ACTE Fellowship Program is an instrument to provide **professional development, policy knowledge** and **leadership development**.

June 17, 2023

Calling All CTE Leaders – Join us in Salt Lake City!

This is an excellent conference for administrators. Please forward this information to your administrator. It might be of interest to them even if they are not a member of ACTE.

Please join us at the
**BEST PRACTICES & INNOVATIONS IN CTE
CONFERENCE**

Register to Attend the Signature Event for CTE Leaders!

Attend an event specifically focused on professional development for administrators of both secondary and postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) programs and institutions at the annual conference co-hosted by NCLA and the Administration Division of ACTE. Join us in person on **Sept. 27–29** for live presentations, breakout sessions and school tours. The following are registration rates for the three-day event:

- Member: \$445
- Non Member: \$535
- Speaker: \$325
- Workshops: \$150
- Tours: \$60

June 26, 2023

11 New FREE Lessons Added to Your Online Learning Center!

I'm happy to announce that 11 new FREE lessons have been added to the Nebraska CTE Learn Center.

Global Economy for College Students

CT210- Faculty Modules: Intro to Preparing Community College Students for a Global Economy

CT211- Faculty Module #1: Importance of Global Competence for CTE Programs

CT212- Faculty Module #2: Developing a High-Quality Internationalized CTE Program

CT213- Faculty Module #3: Engaging Diverse Students

CT214- Faculty Module #4: Course Planning for Internationalization

CT215- Faculty Module #5: Internationalizing Your Instruction

CT216- Faculty Module #6: Assessment for Global Understanding

CT217- Faculty Module #7: Engaging Industry Partners for International Success

CT218- Faculty Module #8: Internationalizing Work-Based Learning

CT219- Faculty Module #9: Do It Yourself Global Collaboration

CT220- Faculty Module #10: International Connections through Social Media

View Lessons à <https://ne.ctelearn.org/cte-lessons/global-economy-for-college-students>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

June 28, 2023

Contact Your Representative Today!

Action alert: Ask your representative to support Perkins in FY 2024 Appropriations

As the House starts to consider their appropriations bills, we need to generate support for career and technical education (CTE) to ensure the highest possible level of funding for Perkins within the tight budget caps approved by the House Committee on Appropriations. [Read more.](#)

July 7, 2023

CTE Learn Simplifies Access to Course Library

I'm pleased to inform you that CTE Learn now provides a unified subscription system for both individuals and institutions. Individual users get a subscription key that gives them unlimited access to all courses, and institutions get a single subscription key that they can share with all their users.

This unified system was created based on feedback received from CTE Learn purchasers and users. Purchasers were confused because they had to comprehend and consider two different purchase units (keys vs. users), and users were confused because of the different characteristics of enrollment and subscription keys.

This change was made in consultation with ACTE leadership team to eliminate confusion, ease purchasing process, and simplify implementation and usage. Additionally, a gateway pricing page has been created to enable ACTE staff to more easily direct national inquiries to partner portals. You can view this gateway page here: <https://www.ctelearn.org/pricing>.

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

July 13, 2023

Register for VISION before July 31

Register by July 31 for Super Early Bird CareerTech VISION Rates!

We invite you to join us at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 in sunny Phoenix, Ariz. VISION is the largest annual conference in the nation for CTE professionals, business leaders and industry professionals -- last year, the event attracted more than 6,000 attendees! Featuring numerous networking opportunities, hundreds of concurrent sessions covering high-quality secondary and postsecondary CTE, the CareerTech Expo and more, this is an event you don't want to miss! We are pleased to offer a full in-person conference with an on-demand option for remote attendance! Register by July 31 to take advantage of super early bird rates! Learn more [here](#).

July 23, 2023

CTE Policy Watch for 7/21/23: ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress to Oppose Cuts to Education and Workforce Programs in FY 2024!

By Jori Houck on Jul 20, 2023 02:20 pm

On July 14, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies approved its [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024 appropriations bill](#) on a party-line vote. In some good news for CTE, the Perkins Basic State Grant is level funded in this bill. However, the bill reduces overall education funding, including rescissions to some funding that would become available to programs this fall and [significant cuts to or complete eliminations](#) of dozens of education and workforce programs, such as WIOA Youth and Adult programs, federal work-study, ESSA Title I and II and more.

The proposed cuts to major education and workforce development programs are deeply concerning, and will harm the ability of CTE programs to support learners and provide access to broader career and postsecondary opportunities. Education and workforce programs work hand-in-hand to develop a skilled workforce – CTE programs cannot be successful without the support of the entire system.

As the bill moves forward in the House and the Senate begins work on its bill as well, it is critical that Members of Congress understand the impact of these proposed cuts, and that you lend your voice in support of funding for the entire education and workforce development system.

[ACTION NEEDED: CLICK HERE to tell your Members of Congress about the impact of proposed cuts to education and workforce programs in the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill!](#)

You can send a message directly using the [ACTE Action Center](#). You can also call or email directly any personal contacts that you have in your Members' offices, such as from a meeting at NPS, or call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, and an operator will connect you to your Member of Congress.

July 30, 2023

Super Early Bird Rates for VISION End Monday, July 31!

If you plan to attend the VISION conference in Phoenix, make sure you register by Monday, July 31. On August 1, the registration fee goes up \$150 through August 31. That's a significant jump. REGISTER NOW! After August 31, it goes up another \$50.

July 31, 2023

New Course Launch! Implementing an Interview Preparation Program for Student Success

We have recently launched a new course in the Nebraska Online Learning Center: CS121 – Implementing an Interview Preparation Program for Student Success.

This unique interview preparation course provides a comprehensive program that helps job seekers turn interviews into offers with a structured and repeatable process. Unlike broadly prescribed interview tips, this course emphasizes actionable, step-by-step training that empowers job seekers to improve their self-awareness, align their strengths with specific employer needs, and persuasively articulate their value.

Career professionals will gain frameworks, communication models, and practical resources to implement a full-fledged interview preparation program that enables job seekers to confidently tailor their responses, back them with evidence, and leave a lasting impression in nearly any interview setting. Don't settle for generic advice—equip job seekers with a competitive edge for interview success.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS121>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

August 1, 2023

Nebraska Aims to Boost Agriculture Workforce

[Neb. aims to boost agriculture workforce](#)

Nebraska's agricultural industry, which contributes significantly to the state's economy, is facing a shortage of skilled workers. The Community College Agriculture Advancement Act, gaining bipartisan support, seeks to allocate more funding to agriculture programs at community colleges to address the industry's evolving demands and help rural communities retain talent.

 **Full Story:** [KLKN-TV \(Lincoln, Neb.\)](#) (7/16)

Contact Your Members of Congress Today!

[Action alert: Ask your members of Congress to oppose cuts to education and workforce programs in FY 2024!](#)

We need you to tell your members of Congress about the impact of proposed cuts to education and workforce programs in the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill! [Read more.](#)

August 21, 2023

ACTE Update: Perkins V Resources

Perkins V Resources: Middle Grades & Career Development

Perkins V recognizes the importance of beginning career exploration as early as possible by enabling Perkins funds to be spent starting in fifth grade. The legislation also includes new definitions and provisions that focus on expanding and improving work-based learning and career development. [Learn more.](#)



Perkins V Resources: Stakeholder Engagement

We're continuing our celebration of Perkins V by recognizing the strides that CTE programs have made over the past five years in engaging stakeholders such as employers, community leaders, parents and students. [Learn more.](#)

ACTE Premier Leadership Programs

Transform your leadership skills

ACTE's premier leadership programs provide CTE professionals opportunities to enhance their leadership skills through the following yearlong programs.

[ACTE National Leadership Fellowship](#) -- Fellows will receive a \$1,500 stipend and complimentary registration to ACTE's CareerTech VISION and National Policy Seminar.

- [NextLevel Postsecondary CTE Fellowship](#) -- Fellows will receive a program stipend and complimentary registration to ACTE's Postsecondary CTE Summit and CareerTech VISION.
- [IAED Mentorship Program](#), sponsored by IMAGO -- Participants will receive complimentary registration to ACTE's CareerTech VISION and free access to IMAGO's intelligence learning platform content.

The deadline to apply for these leadership programs is Sept. 1. For more information, contact [Lauren Fillebrown](#), ACTE senior manager of leadership development.

August 23, 2023

Featured Tours During VISION

Featured VISION tours -- Something for everyone

Kick-start your experience at ACTE's CareerTech VISION with a pre-conference tour. Choose from the following:

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College Tour, Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Cost: \$85)
- GateWay Community College Health Sciences Education Tour, Nov. 29, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (Cost: \$85)
- Glendale Community College Cybersecurity Tour, Nov. 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Cost: \$85)
- Phoenix Police Academy Tour, Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Cost: Free, though participants must provide their own transportation)
- West-MEC Southwest Campus Tour, Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Cost: \$125)

Check out the complete collection of [pre-conference VISION offerings](#), including several focused CTE workshops, and join us for the full conference, happening Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 in sunny Arizona. Don't forget to register for the full in-person event by Aug. 31 to secure the best rates. Not able to attend in person? Join us remotely for access to 55 on-demand sessions, including the opening and closing keynotes. [Learn more and register.](#)

September 18, 2023

New Course! How to Develop Virtual Reality Lessons

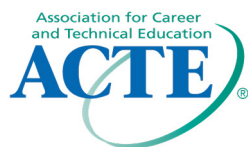
A new course has been launched in the Nebraska CTE Online Learning Center: EC131 – How to Develop Virtual Reality Lessons.

Virtual reality (VR) lessons can be implemented in all subject areas, and this course is designed to get teachers thinking about how it can be used in their classrooms. VR The course starts with brief overview of the history of VR. Next, it will cover the essential hardware (this course uses the Meta Quest 2 headsets) and software that is required. The needed software applications are available for little to no cost. The course will walk you through getting the VR development environment setup and help you start creating your own immersive VR lessons.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/EC131>

Yours in Learning, Tarlon

Free Webinars on CTE Learn



Upcoming Free ACTE Webinars on CTE Learn

- WBL for All: Tools for Improving WBL Access, Sept. 28 at 3:00 p.m. ET
- I Need Help! Seeking Support from a Mentor and a Sponsor, Oct. 12 at 1:00 p.m. ET
- Navigating Issues of WBL Safety and Insurance, Oct. 26 at 3:00 p.m. ET

September 21, 2023

Congrats to Shelly Mowinkel

Congratulations to Shelly Mowinkel, BMIT teacher at Milford, for being a finalist for Nebraska Teacher of the Year!

Link to the press release is below.

<https://www.education.ne.gov/?ndepdf=1&pdfnonce=f7151e6963&id=103529&type=pressrelease#:~:text=Nebraska%20Commissioner%20of%20Education%20Brian,as%20Award%20of%20Excellence%20winners.>

September 22, 2023

New Course! Essential Helping Skills for Career Professionals

A new course has been launched in the Nebraska CTE Learn Online Learning Center: CS123 – Essential Helping Skills for Career Professionals.

Career professionals play a crucial role in empowering job seekers to set goals, overcome challenges, and access vital career development resources. Unfortunately, most career professionals lack adequate training in the art of helping, which can hinder their ability to effectively guide and support others.

This course bridges the training gap, equipping career professionals with essential tools and techniques to become effective helpers in guiding learners to success. Whether you are coaching

individuals through career transitions or offering ongoing support, this course enhances your ability to create positive and transformative experiences for those you assist. Gain invaluable insights into effective helping techniques, communication strategies, and discernment of individual needs for providing tailored support. Elevate your skills today and empower others on their journey to achievement.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS123>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

September 25, 2023

Share this with your school counselors

[New resource for school counselors, students & their families](#)

Strategies that help students gain career knowledge and engage in education and career planning and decision-making play essential roles in today's CTE programs. This new document, Resources for Career Development: Middle School to Postsecondary and Beyond, includes information and toolkit-type resources for school counselors, students and their families, including application procedures, enrollment, financing and projected educational, employment, and earnings outcomes. This document was developed by ACTE and Xello in collaboration with Vice President Teresa "Gibby" Gibbons and Vice President-elect Brooke Kusch of ACTE's Counseling and Career Development Division. [Download now.](#)

Work-Based Learning Conference Call for Proposals

Mark your calendars for the 2024 ACTE Work-based Learning (WBL) Conference, happening **May 1 to 3** in Milwaukee, Wis. You could share your WBL programs, models and expertise; consider submitting a presentation proposal. This annual event, which sold out last year, specifically focuses on professional development for WBL professionals in secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Oct. 16**. [Learn more.](#)

In Case You Missed It: LMC Launches Training Course

[Neb. manufacturers work with council on job training](#)

The Lincoln Manufacturing Council launched a six-week training course to help manufacturers address a shortage of skilled workers. The council is using a \$2.1 million workforce development grant to target underemployed individuals, immigrants, refugees, high school students and people in correctional facilities. The training program aims to provide individuals with basic manufacturing and soft skills training, job shadowing opportunities and stipends to offset lost wages.

Full Story: [Lincoln Journal Star \(Neb.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (9/3)