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ACTE of Nebraska—David L. Gee— ACTEN President

At the Summer CTE Conference we began the process of Leadership Training for all state discipline associations and for making our organization (ACTEN) a viable partner in the future of CTE in Nebraska. In July we brought together the leadership of our Nebraska Career Education related professional organizations, under the direction of Rich Katt — NCE State Administrator, to begin brainstorming ways to promote and enhance CTE in Nebraska. We are facing workforce shortages in Nebraska that will threaten the viability of our state's economy if



not addressed now. We need to make certain we are preparing the next generation of Nebraskans for the jobs of the future and provide an educated workforce to grow Nebraska's economy. As a NCE Leadership Cadre we are committed to exploring all possibilities that can lead to the development of strong ties with Business and Industry as well as postsecondary education. On Sept. 17th we continued with discussions along with members of the NDE and FutureForce Nebraska and determined that we must develop an action plan based on 3 main goals:

1—**Marketing Of Career and Technical Education...**(Marketing Campaign to include Students, Parents, Administrators, School Boards, Counselors, Business and Industry, Legislators, and Post-Secondary Education)

2—**Support From...**(Legislation and Local and State Government)

3—**Connections With...**(Strategic Partnerships - Business and Industry, Dream It Do It Board, FutureForce Nebraska, CSOs and Alumni, Government, Chambers of Commerce, Etc.)

With Leadership Training and everyone working towards a common goal we can make a difference in the lives of all Nebraskans and the future of our great state.

Sincerely,

David L. Gee

ACTEN President

**Commissioner 's
Recognition for Student
Excellence in Career
Education will be held at
the State Capital Rotunda on
November 24th, 2008
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Plan now to attend the 2008 annual ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo in Charlotte, N.C. on Dec. 3rd—6th. Go to www.acteonline.org/convention to learn more and to save more.

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Make your commitment and we will see you in Charlotte.

Check out the following Pre-Convention Workshops on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. at the Charlotte Convention Center

1. Developing Proficient Readers by Embedding Literacy Skills in Career and Technical Programs. Full-Day Workshop—8:30—5:00.
2. Technology Centers That Work—A Framework of Key Practices and Conditions for Improving Academic and Technical Achievement. Full-Day Workshop—8:30—5:00.
3. How to be Enrollment and Retention Rich. Half-Day Workshop—8:00—12:00.

**Nebraska Career Education Conference
2008 Awards Presentations**



The Nebraska Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award went to Lorenz (Fritz) Steinhoff of Hartington Public Schools. Fritz was also chosen as the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. Presenting the award is ACTE Executive Director Jan Bray and ACTEN President Bonnie Malcolm.



David Gee

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards for 2007- 2008 went to:

David Gee of GI Northwest for Outstanding Trade and Industrial Education Teacher, Mary Ann Hanson of Doniphan-Trumbull for Outstanding Teacher in Community Service,



Mary Ann Hanson



Linda Gilson

Linda Gilson of High Plains Community Schools for Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences, and Alicia Beck of Lincoln High School as the Outstanding new Career and Technical Education Teacher of Nebraska.



Alicia Beck

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Family and Consumer Science

FCSTN News

Officers of the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers of Nebraska for 2008—2009 are: President – Marla Prusa, Howells High School; President-Elect – Lisa Groth, Leigh Community Schools; Secretary – Cheryl Timm, Pierce High School; Treasurer – Linda Gilson, High Plains Community Schools, and Past-President – Alicia Beck, Lincoln High School. Their Advisor is Shirley Baum of the Nebraska Department of Education. District Representatives on the Executive Board are Suzanne Martin of Medicine Valley for the odd-numbered districts and Nancy Seeman, of Aurora for the even-numbered districts. AC-TEN Representatives are Kathleen Kennedy of Greeley-Wolbach and Cathy Kloch of Alliance.

Serving on FCSTN Committees this year are Altruistic – Sheri Wieden, Southern and Julie Wasem, Grand Island Westridge Middle School; Auditing – Cathy Kloch, Alliance; Teacher of the Year and Special Service Awards – Alicia Beck, Lincoln; Partnership Award – Ruth Epley, Lawrence/Nelson and Superior; Bucket Auction – Jan Ellison and Jan Smaus, Beatrice; By-laws – Virginia Whidden, St. Edward and Charlene Moats, Weeping Water; Fundraising – Carmen Johnson, Scotus and Connie Weiss, Mead; Hostess – Marilyn Lammers, Kearney Horizon Middle School and Kristin Warner, Shelton; Legislation – Sheree Moser, Lincoln and Deb Albers, Bruning-Davenport; Membership – Vicki Morrell, Ogallala Sr., and Nancy Rexroth, Sidney; Newsletter – Kathleen Broers, and Deb Heyen, Grand Island Sr.; Nominations – Ronita Jacobsen, Plainview and Denise Haag, Lincoln Northeast; Public Relations – Suzanne Neefe, Hemingford; Scholarship – Carol Erwin, Laurel-Concord.

District Chairpersons are: District 1 – Deanna Vavak, Elmwood-Murdock, District 2 – Kathy Boyes, Crete; District 3 – Louise Dornbusch, Papillion-LaVista, District 4 – Marcia Fouraker, Fremont; District 5 – Marilyn Zeilinger, Prague; District 6 – Linda Gilson – High Plains; District 7 – Kathleen Mitchell, Wakefield; District 8 – Connie Vanness, Wausa; District 9 – Ann Mann, O’Neill; District 10 – Nancy Seeman, Aurora; District 11 – Deb Heyen, Grand Island; District 12 – Reba Deterding, Cambridge; District 13, Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley; District 14 – Vicki Morrell, Ogallala, Sr.; and District 15 – Suzanne Neefe, Hemingford.

Congratulations to the FCSTN Teacher of the Year Award Winners. They were honored at the FCSTN Banquet at the NCE Conference. The winner for the 1 – 5 Year category was Suzanne Neefe who teaches at Hemingford. Cheryl Timm of Pierce was the award recipient for The 6-15 Year category. Virginia Whidden of St. Edward was the Award winner in the 16+ Years category. The Partnership Award was presented to Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids. The Special Service Award Winner was Jan Steenson of Greeley-Wolbach.

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ACTEN-FCSTN Legislative Workshop—February 2, 2009

ACTEN-FCSTN will be hosting a Legislative Workshop at the NE State Capital on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will start at 8:00 with a casual continental breakfast in Room 1023. The Warner Chamber is reserved for the speakers which will begin at 9:00. Contact your Senator now and ask him/her to be your guest. The direct email link is: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/web/public/contact/senators> We would like to have every division of ACTEN represented at the workshop and someone from every legislative district. This is an excellent opportunity to expose your students to the legislative process and remind our State Senators of the importance of Career and Technical Education and the valuable role that student organizations play in the development of our leaders of tomorrow.

Register now - Go online to: http://www.acteonline.org/about/states/ne_communications.cfm to download a registration form. **Registration is due: Friday, December 19th, 2008 (checks payable to FCSTN)** Please make the phone call NOW and ask your Senator to attend, then follow up with a letter on your school stationary. We must enhance the image of CTE to our State Senators and our Government Leaders and there is no better way to do that than to let them see first hand the outstanding young people we have in our schools.

Career & Technical Education Month – February 2009

Thank You for taking time to recognize and celebrate the importance of career and technical education in your school. Go online - www.imprintmall.com/careertech - to view the promotional items that can showcase CTE in your program and school. ACTE encourages educators to celebrate CTE and the opportunities a quality education provides for students.

ACTEN's Mission Statement

The mission of ACTEN is to provide leadership for the development, delivery and promotion of quality career education in Nebraska

Purposes

1. Establish and maintain active leadership in all types of career & technical education and guidance services.
2. Promote career & technical education in local communities.
3. Unify all career & technical education interests through representative membership.
4. Encourage further development and improvement of all programs of education related to career & technical education and guidance services.
5. Provide proactive leadership in state and national legislation affecting career & technical education.
6. Create opportunities for educators to exchange ideas and experiences through professional and social contacts.

Business

NEBRASKA FBLA STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

Forty-nine Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America students received 26 Top 10 awards at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta on June 26-29. Students placing first, second or third in state competition competed at the national conference. The Nebraska delegation had over 230 members and advisers in attendance.

State President Justin Schultis, Fairbury, was elected to serve as the Mountain Plains Vice President. Trent Shrader, Elmwood-Murdock, received a \$1,000 Distinguished Business Leader scholarship and was named Who's Who in FBLA.

Sherry Marks, Wilber-Clatonia, was recognized as Nebraska's Outstanding Local Adviser. Scott Grof from Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation received the National Businessperson of the Year award.

The following is a listing of the top 5 award winners from Nebraska

Second Place

Clint Kroeker, Heartland, Accounting II

Tori Bittinger, Heartland, Word Processing I

Third Place

Brianna Rader, Heartland, Accounting II

Brian Brazeal, Bellevue West, Introduction to Technology Concepts

Trent Shrader, Marcus Winter and Jon Luetchens, Elmwood-Murdock, Partnership with Business Project

Ben Versaw, Grand Island Northwest, Technology Concepts

Fourth Place

Will Scheideler, Lincoln East, Economics

Fifth Place

Adam Pillard, Lincoln East, Accounting I

Jordan Kadlecek and Dianne Norris, Raymond Central, Management Decision Making

Nancy Seeman, Stanton, Public Speaking I

National Business Achievement Awards – America Level winners (top award in this four-level program)

Keri Novacek, Cedar Rapids; Sarah Wellman, Syracuse; Kim Johnson, Melissa Kietzke, Rachel Longtin, Courtney Mahoney, Breana Prosocki, Lauren Swertzic and Meshelle Urban, Twin River — Continued on page 7

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March of Dimes Fundraising

Fifth Place, Nebraska FBLA

Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit

Arlington , Blair , Dundy County-Stratton , Elmwood-Murdock , Fairbury , Fillmore Central , Gibbon , Lakeview , Litchfield , Lyons-Decatur Northeast , Minden , Omaha Northwest , Pleasanton , Raymond Central , Sandhills , Syracuse , Tri County , Twin River , Waverly and Wilber-Clatonia

Mountain Plains Region Recognitions

Second Place: Wausa, Market Share Award

Second Place, Twin River, Largest Local Chapter Professional Membership

Second Place, Nebraska FBLA, Largest State Chapter Professional Membership

Second Place, Nebraska FBLA, Recruitment of Chapters

Second Place, Nebraska FBLA, Largest State Chapter Membership

ACTE Region V Conference

Registration Now Open

April 15-18, 2009

<http://wa-acte.org/futureconf.html>

Semiahmoo Resort,

Make plans now to attend the Region V

Blaine, Washington

Conference hosted by the state of Washington

Commissioner’s Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education

The Commissioner’s Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education will be held at the State Capitol Rotunda on November 24th.

Career education students receiving top national awards at the student organization’s 2008 national conference will be honored. Organizations include DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), FFA, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and Skills USA. More than 19,000 Nebraska students are members of Nebraska Career Student Organizations.

The recognition ceremony reception will be held at the Governor’s Residence following the recognition ceremony.

Nebraska ACTEN Awards

The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska awards program seeks to promote excellence in our field by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field. ACTEN wants to identify programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand career and technical education programs.

There are 7 categories of ACTEN awards:

Outstanding Member

Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding Teacher/Divisionl

Teacher of the Year (From Divisional Winners)

Outstanding Career and Technical Educator

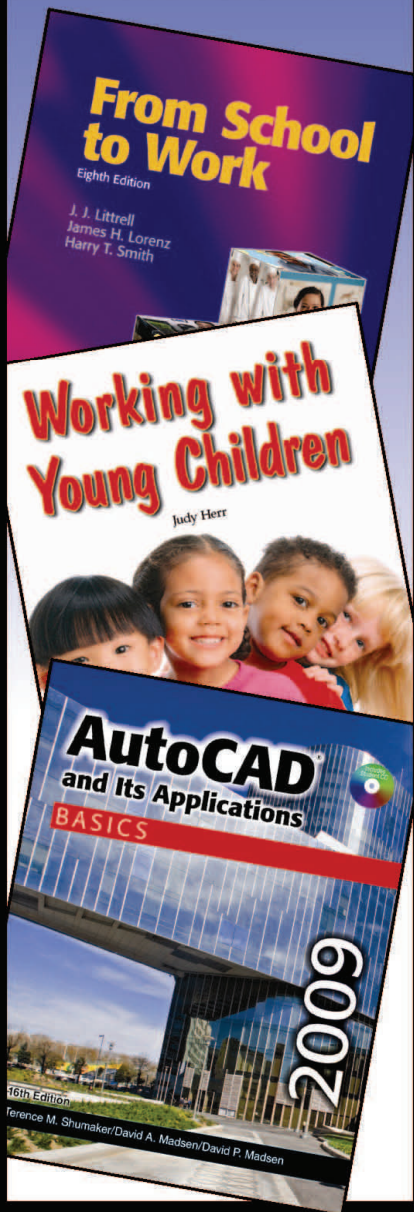
Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher

Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Now is the time to contact the ACTEN office at acte.nebraska@juno.com to request award information and nomination forms via e-mail or check the Nebraska State Association page on ACTE’s website at www.acteonline.org for award information. All nominations must be received by March 1st, 2009. Take the time to recognize that outstanding teacher in your program.



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Newsletter Editor—

DeLayne Havlovic

**Welcome to the following new members of
ACTEN**

Michelle Romano	ADM	Diana Ingwerson	BUS
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Ila Arrants—WEEAN

Monty Larsen—NAEA

Janelle Stansberry—NSBEA

Marla Prusa—FCSTN

Gregg Ratliff—NITEA

Derek Deaver-NAME

English/Language Arts + Math + CTE = Perkins

By DeLayne Havlovic

2008-09 ACTEN President Elect

“Not my problem!” “I am a CTE teacher, not a Reading teacher.” “I am not a trained Math teacher.”

These are all comments we have heard. They may even be comments we have made. The comments are realistic, even some of them are true, however they are comments based on a problem that we all need to address.

According to various Perkins indicators, Career Education students are required to carry a higher level of success not only in our CTE classes, but also in the areas of Reading/Language Arts and Math. This combined with state assessments that already exist in writing and soon to be reading and math, ensuring students are successful have become a key lesson plan component for all teachers, not just English and Math teachers.

To Promote English/Language Arts Literacy in CTE:

Use Pre-Reading Strategies – these are activities that take place before reading a chapter, article or case. This can set the scene to provide purpose for reading to the student before they read the material. It allows the student to preview and predict what material content will be about and briefly discuss it through predictions and prior knowledge before the reading takes place.

During Reading Strategies – These are activities that enable students to monitor their comprehension and to improve understanding during the reading process. Some strategies include:

Column notes Concept ladder Pairs reading Text tagging Concept mapping Venn diagrams

These activities can provide direction to students as they read and analyze material in a classroom situation. Many of these strategies, along with others are defined at <http://www.readingquest.org/>.

After Reading Strategies – After students read a passage, different students are assigned roles to question, clarify, predict future events and summarize the material.

School Wide Focus on Mathematics:

During the 2007-2008 school year, teachers at Omaha Central High School focused on improving math, school-wide during the first quarter. The plan was made as part of a school-improvement goal to increase scores in Math on the PLAN test. All teachers in all areas were required to go over specific types of math questions each week, no matter what they taught.

Teachers were provided the questions, answers and even a step-by-step guide in solving the problems during a short period of time. Many teachers did these as beginning of class *sponge* activities or end of class, wrap-up items.

The results demonstrated were amazing. The school showed a significant gain in Math scores on the PLAN test. The school-wide focus was a success. It did come with some resistance, but convincing everyone this was for the best of the students made this all possible.

According to the South Dakota Department of Education some strategies to promote success in these areas include:

- Creating a climate of excellence in the classroom with high expectations for all students
- Coordinate with special population’s personnel to assess interests, aptitudes, unique learning needs and styles
- Provide examples of what good work looks like
- Introduce potentially troublesome or misunderstood vocabulary at the beginning of each assignment
- Integrate writing strategies into all classroom areas

It is possible to strengthen Math and Language Arts through Career Education. It may take a bit of planning and adapting to what we are all used to doing in our regular curriculum, but it is an investment well worth the effort, especially as new movements in Perkins are directly tied to indicators of success of what happens both in and outside of the CTE classroom.

News from NAEA

By Monty Larsen NAEA President

The NAEA Summer Conference kicked off a new year for the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association by conducting business meetings, committee meetings, attending workshops and in-services, as well as networking with other curriculum leaders in attendance at the 2008 NCE Conference held June 9-12 in Kearney. The NCE Conference served as a great setting to meet new teachers entering our profession as well as reacquaint ourselves with old friends. Our membership is once again at 134 active members with our lifetime membership continuing to expand each year. We found over twenty programs throughout the state with a new teacher starting the 2008-2009 school year.

The NAEA celebrated another successful year of professional development, leadership, and strategic planning by hosting the annual banquet on June 9th. The banquet allowed our members to bid a fond farewell to five retirees. Those retirees are Lynn Gloystein (Heartland), Rick Crosier (Norfolk), Jim Angell (David City), Edward Bruha (Ord), and Mike Davis (Hyannis). During the banquet members were also honored for their commitment and dedication to the students as well as their programs. Robyn Graham of Humphrey High School was selected as the Outstanding Young Member of the NAEA, Mike Roeber of Northeast Community College was named the Outstanding Teacher, The Outstanding Secondary Ag Ed Program is the Central Agricultural Education Program, Jay Fitzgerald of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln was cited for his decades of outstanding service to our profession, and Megan Meyer of Newman Grove will represent the NAEA as the Teachers Turn The Key recipient.

Other business conducted during the NCE conference found Monty Larsen of Stuart stepping in to lead the organization following a remarkable year of leadership by Kevin Anderson of Lyons-Decatur Northeast. Kristyn Harms of Norris will serve our profession as President-elect for the upcoming year. Other members of the executive board are Tony Jensen (Freeman), DJ Mottl (East Butler), Mark Schroeder (Wisner-Pilger), Richard Eisenhauer (Bloomfield), Steve Schmit (Osceola), Joel Miller (Hampton), Kurt VanDeWalle (Fillmore Central), Doug Straight (Shickley), Kelly Guggenmos (Wheeler Central), Phil Simpson (Elgin), Katy Snyder (Hayes Center), Tim Nollette (Cody-Kilgore), Teri Jo Bek (NCTA), Lloyd Bell Ex-Officio (UNL), Craig Frederick Ex-Officio (NDE) and our Executive Director. Also during this time our profession was shown the relevance of the online foundation curriculum with Matt Kriefels and Kristyn Harms conducting a workshop. Other workshops conducted by Nina Crutchfield of the National FFA Local Program Specialist focused on Program Standards. The Strategic Planning Committee of the NAEA also spoke of the progress made in developing Nebraska Program Standards. Progress on the Leadership Academy was discussed as well as the Nebraska FFA Foundation's progress in developing strategic partners and sponsors for the NAEA and the Nebraska FFA.

In addition, to the bold steps taken at the NCE Conference, the NAEA will be "keeping a full plate" of activities as Nebraska will be the host state for the 2009 Region III Conference. Agricultural Educators from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa will join the NAEA as they to develop leadership, network and discuss classroom strategies, as well as promote awareness for all CTE areas within our region.

Other events on the horizon for the NAEA include the next Board meeting in Grand Island on November 7th, Program Standards Meeting for pilot schools in Aurora on November 17th, The NAAE and ACTE Conventions in Charlotte, NC from December 2nd through 6th, the Mid-Winter In-service hosted in conjunction with UNL will take place on January 23rd and 24th, and the first Board meeting of 2009 will take place in Kearney on February 27th during the MFE/ALD Conference.

The NAEA is also currently working closely with Donelle Johnson (NDE) Nebraska FFA Director as she takes on some of the responsibilities within the department upon Craig Frederick's departure from the Nebraska Department of Education. The NAEA would like to thank Craig for his years of service, dedication, and premier leadership in directing and guiding the work of our profession as we strive to meet the demands and needs of an ever-changing student body, classroom and political environment. Thanks again, Craig.