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AWARDS

ACTE of Nebraska—Board Members and Discipline Presidents— Leadership Makes a Difference—Bonnie Malcomb—ACTEN President

The 1st Annual ACTEN Summer Leadership Workshop will be held June 9th at the Holiday Inn Executive Room. Janet Bray—Executive Director of ACTE will facilitate the workshop.

The morning session will be modeled after the Leadership Training given at the national Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. This is an interactive program which will enable you to begin assessing how well our organization and your discipline meet the “7 Measures of a Highly Effective Organization.”

The afternoon session will be discussing membership, “Why Should I Join?” What benefits do teachers receive if they join an organization? This will be a hard look at the data to reveal what really motivates people to join an organization.

The workshop is sponsored by ACTEN . With Board Members and members from each of the State Discipline Associations involved we should be able to develop a plan of action for the upcoming school year that will put all Associations on the same page with the goal of improving Career and Technical Education for the State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Malcomb

ACTEN President



Ramona Schroenrock—Columbus High School
National Business Education Association
Secondary Teacher of the Year

“Winning this award is the pinnacle of my career. This is the highest award one can receive in this organization! It feels like winning a Grammy. It reflects the accomplishments of what you have given to education through your teaching, publishing and presentations, and service as a leader to the organization,” she said. Story page 5

Kathy Gifford and Loretta Artz receive Receive Region V Awards—page 3

Career Education News

Nebraska Career Education Conference—2008

Join hundreds of career educators from across Nebraska and plan to attend the 2008 Nebraska Career Education Conference to be held Monday, June 9th through Wednesday, June 11th at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska. Monday, June 9, is a Pre-conference Workshop Day packed with special interest sessions and Tuesday & Wednesday contain keynoted general sessions and rotations customized to fit the following Professional Development Strands:

- Best Practices
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Planning and Management
- Teaching Strategies
- Technology and Tools

We're proud to have keynote speakers Dr. Rick Rigsby and Dr. Doug Christensen as special guests at this year's conference. .

Chadron State and Wayne State Colleges will be offering the NCE Conference for three (3) hours of graduate credit. For more information on receiving credit please contact Dr. Patricia Arneson at Wayne State, paar-nes1wsc.edu or Ronald Burke at Chadron State, rburke@csc.edu.

Attendance at last years conference exceeded 500 attendees but it is not to late to register and make room reservations in Kearney. Some of the Pre-conference sessions have limited space due to limitations of equipment required for the training. For more information about the NCE Conference, visit www.nceconference.com

On-line registration for the NCE Conference is open.

2008 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo

December 4-6, Charlotte, North Carolina



Rollin' into Charlotte!

ACTE's 2008 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo is set to roll into Charlotte, North Carolina, December 4-6. ACTE continues to raise the professional development bar for career and technical educators by bringing together great minds and great ideas.

Registration is now open so don't wait! Reserve your place at the premiere professional development experience for all career and technical educators. Go to www.acteonline.org/convention to learn more and save more!



Registration is now open at www.acteonline.org/convention.
Make your commitment and we will see you in Charlotte.

ACTE—Region V Conference

ACTE of Nebraska was well represented at the ACTE Region V Conference awards ceremony in San Diego.

Kathy Gifford received the Region V Teacher of the Year Award

Kathy is a Family & Consumer Sciences and Health Sciences teacher at Kearney High School. She is a past president of ACTEN and currently serves as President of the Career Education Foundation of Nebraska.



Kathy Gifford, ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year, and Region V President Kevin English



Loretta Artz received the Region V Outstanding Teacher in Community Service Award

Loretta is a Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at Wallace Public School.

These Awards are a reflection of the many outstanding teachers that call Nebraska home! This is why it is very important that discipline representatives take the time to continue to encourage members from their discipline area to apply for ACTEN Awards.

Career Education Foundation of Nebraska

Honorary Membership Application

I want to invest in Career Education by joining the Career Education Foundation of Nebraska as an honorary member!

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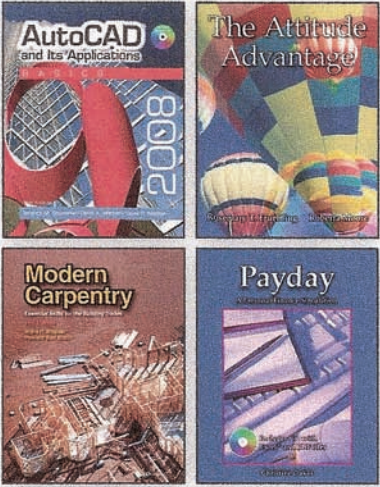
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Business

Columbus High Teacher Receives National Award

Columbus High School teacher

Ramona Schoenrock is the

National Business Education Association Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The recognition is given based on teaching performance, years of experience and participation in professional associations. Schoenrock has been at CHS for 29 years and teaches keyboarding, desktop publishing, information processing, workplace readiness, career education, and Web page design and development. She also has been an adjunct instructor at Central Community College—Columbus for nine years where she teaches computer applications.

Business has always been an interest of Schoenrock. In high school, she said she took as many business classes as she could and was involved in FBLA. Her plans after high school were to pursue a career as a legal secretary, but through influence from her high school business teacher and her mother she became a teacher.

Through many years of teaching, Schoenrock has seen many changes in technology affect the classes she teaches. When she first started teaching, keyboarding was taught using manual typewriters. Those have been replaced by computers with handwriting and voice recognition capabilities. To keep up with changes in technology and to create a network with other business teachers, Schoenrock stays involved in professional organizations. A few of the organizations she belongs to include the National Business Education Association, International Society of Business Educators, Columbus Education Association and ACTEN. She is currently serving as the senior representative to the Nebraska Business Education Association Mountain-Plains Region.

Her involvement also includes roles in groups and committees at CHS. She has been a member of the School Improvement Leadership Committee and a grant coordinator. Schoenrock's approach to teaching centers on a commitment to helping students learn. "In my classroom instruction, I focus on my students needs and abilities to develop stimulating, relevant, yet rigorous learning activities. A daily goal of mine is to provide meaningful instruction in an organized but fun approach."

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At this time you are probably asking yourself what exactly is the Mechatronics Education Center. Central Community College and its collaborative partners received a \$1.64 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative to develop the Nebraska Mechatronics Education Center. The Mechatronics Center is designed to educate and train future advanced manufacturing workers for careers

using Mechatronics fundamentals across the state. Mechatronics is the synergistic integration of electrical, mechanical, and information technology systems. Rising global competition, the rapid advancement of technology, and the aging manufacturing workforce have changed manufacturers' needs dramatically. Manufacturers are also facing difficulties in recruiting highly trained, technologically savvy workers.

Mechatronics has also teamed with Festo Learning Systems to provide the ideal environment for Mechatronics training. Festo's broad array of products including hardware, simulation software, web based training products and a broad array of curriculum, combine to provide the educator with the most comprehensive industrial based training programs available worldwide.

For more information contact Daniel Davidchik, Project Coordinator— (402) 562-1408

Central Community College—Columbus Nebraska

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.

Welcome to the following new members to ACTEN

Jeri Gray	FCS
Doug Kueker	GUI
Benjamin Brachle	TGY
Student Members	
Jennifer Satorie	BUS
Sydney Mroczek	BUS
Craig Barjenbrunch	BUS
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Lance Schrader	TGY
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Niĉk Wiehn	BUS

CEFN Golf Outing

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska will be sponsoring a Golf Scramble at Country Shadows Golf Course in Columbus on June 28th. A 10:00 a.m. shotgun start is planned. There is room for 18 teams so start planning on your organization entering a team this Summer. The Nebraska Industrial Technology Education Association is challenging each organization to sponsor one hole at the cost of \$75.00. NITEA and the Kulwicky family have already committed their pledges. Include your organization, business, or group in this fun activity to help CTE. Funds will be used to help support CEFN Scholarship programs.

Registration sheet can be found on page 9 of the newsletter.



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High School Carpentry Programs

What Grand Island Senior High Has to Offer!

Grand Island Senior High has had an advanced Construction Technology course for many years. It probably resembled many around the state. We built garages, finished off basements, put on small additions, and other construction projects for people in the community. In 1991 we decided to expand the program by building a complete "spec" home from start to finish. We already had a 2 period block for the class and had an introductory construction class to provide the base knowledge and skills that the students would need. By building a complete home, students are able to see the total building process including the coordination with all of the subcontractors that are involved.

We approached a few "key groups" in town to gain their support. The Central Nebraska Home Builders organization was presented with the project idea and informed that we were trying to prepare students for jobs in the construction industry and not meant to be in "competition" with the local contractors. The Grand Island Board of Realtors was approached about marketing and selling the homes. They worked out the details so we would not create any "hard feelings" on selecting a specific realtor. The curriculum director and school board were then presented the proposal for the project as well as the letters of support from the home builder's and realtor's organizations. The school district agreed to the project and we began our first home in the 1992-93 school year.

Students in the class complete many of the jobs that a contractor/carpenter does during the construction of a home. We are doing the floor, wall, and roof framing. They will set doors and windows, shingle, install soffit/fascia systems, siding, and decks. Students will hang interior doors and millwork, install cabinetry and hardware and many special items as each plan dictates. There are many jobs that are not done for a variety of reasons. Plumbing, electrical, HVAC, concrete foundations/flatwork, and sheetrock hanging and finishing are jobs that either require licensed installers or take more time than we can devote. We have always encouraged students who were interested in those occupations to watch and, in many cases, assist the subcontractors with their jobs. We have developed a great working relationship with the subcontractors and they enjoy working with us to educate the students.

We have also utilized our Architectural Drafting class to design and draw the homes that we build. They are always one year ahead of the construction class in the process. In other words, they design and draw a set of plans this current year for our construction class to build the following year. This is their final project for the year.



CAREER EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA GOLF TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 28, 2008

9 Hole - 4 Person Scramble

COUNTRY SHADOWS GOLF COURSE & RESTAURANT

6767 Shadow Ridge Place
Columbus, Nebraska

Registration at 9:00 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m.

\$50 per person

\$200 per team

Includes Green Fees, 2 Mulligans, Lunch and Flag Prizes

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon

Non-golfers lunch \$10

Silent Auction following lunch

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All proceeds from the Golf Tournament will be used to fund the CEFN scholarship program.

Please submit your registration by calling Elda Reinhardt @ 402-563-4040 or send an email to shadows@megavision.com, or complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to Career Education Foundation of Nebraska), to Country Shadows Golf Course, 6767 Shadow Ridge Place, Columbus, NE 68601.

4-Person Scramble Team Members' Names:

Limited carts available upon request at \$10 per cart.

Number of carts needed _____

We will be limited to 18 teams, so please

Register Early!!!



Team Contact person's name & phone # _____

Note: All beverages must be purchased from Country Shadows.
No beverages can be brought onto the premises.