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# **Message from Your President – David Gee**

During the 2007-2008 School Year ACTEN past President, Bonnie Malcolm and I have stressed the importance of creating better leadership opportunities for our state ACTE members. At the 2008 NCE Conference, ACTE Executive Director, Jan Bray helped to start us on this journey. From this effort a State Leadership Cadre was formed to study ways to get our message out to the state of Nebraska. The Leadership Cadre met twice and established some guidelines and priorities for our group to work towards. One of those priorities was to make the State of Nebraska Legislature more aware of our mission as CTE Instructors and the services we can help to provide. With the leadership of Rich Katt, NDE CTE Director, Legislative Bill 476 was introduced on January 20, 2009 by Senators Arnie Stuthman and Kate Sullivan. Passage of this bill would allow for the establishment of the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning.

Since 1928, Nebraska students have benefited from participation in career education student organizations such as Nebraska FFA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Skills USA, Nebraska DECA, and Health Occupations of America (HOSA). Without additional funding for these student organizations many of the learning and leadership opportunities for students in the state of Nebraska will be lost because of lack of funding. The intent of the bill is to appropriate not less than four hundred fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year to carry out the work of the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning Act.

This is where we, the members of ACTEN must take an active role. We must contact our State Senators, along with our students and community leaders, and relay the urgency of funding for this legislation. Many times I have been asked the question what does a member of ACTEN get from this organization and what do I have to do. I believe this opportunity to step forward answers those questions. As state leaders, teachers, and members of the CTE teaching profession we have the opportunity to ensure that the student organizations continue to be a vital part of CTE.

The Nebraska Center for Student Leadership and Learning would have three primary purposes:

- Student Leadership Provide ongoing financial and administrative support for state leadership and administration of Nebraska Career Education Student Organizations.
- 2. Extended Learning Create and coordinate opportunities for students to participate in educational activities outside the normal classroom.
- Research/Best Practice Partner with state and local organizations to share research and identify best practices that can be disseminated to schools and community organizations.

This is your chance to stand and be heard. We need your participation and commitment to helping the CTE students of Nebraska truly become the leaders of tomorrow. Make your membership in ACTEN stand for something positive and let this just be the beginning of the impact we as a unified group can make on the future of our fine state.

Thank-You - David Gee, ACTEN President - 2008-2009



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# 2009 Nebraska Career Education Conference

Join your colleagues at Nebraska's premiere Career Education conference.

The 2009 NCE Conference will be held June 9-11, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney.

Keynote speakers for the conference this year will be Jason Dorsey, author and student learning advocate, Bryan Albrecht, **ACTE President and** 

Roger Breed, Nebraska Education Commissioner.

Conference registration fees are \$80 for preconference, \$160 for Wednesday and Thursday only or \$190 for both preconference and Wednesday/ Thursday. Registration includes materials for one career field, lunch on Wednesday and Thursday and one additional career field banquet. All fees good

through May 8<sup>th</sup> after which a \$25 late fee applies. Preservice teachers will receive a complimentary registration.

Online registration details will be posted after April 15<sup>th</sup> at www. nceconference.com. At that time, you will also find details regarding hotel reservations.





2008-2009 ACTEN Officers: Front row, left to right: Bonnie Malcolm, Alicia Beck and Cindy Talley; Back row, left to right: DeLayne Havlovic, David Gee

# **ACTE Region V Conference**

April 15-18, 2009

Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, Washington

More information available online at: http://www.wa-acte.org/futureconf.html

# Fillmore Central FFA Member Recognized by National FFA

Eric M. Kamler of the Fillmore Central FFA Chapter in Nebraska was named national winner during the National FFA Convention, October 22-25, 2008. Kamler was named national winner of the Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency..

The proficiency awards recognize outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through establishment of a new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience. The Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Award is one of 47 proficiency program areas FFA

members can participate in to develop valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state and national levels. When determining if a career in agriculture was right for him, Fillmore Central FFA member

Kamler decided to rent 160 acres from his neighbor. Kamler grew corn on this plot of land. Keeping an eye on the market prices was a major part of the success of his operation. Hoping to serve as a Nebraska State Officer, Kamler also plans to attend Southeast Community College before transferring to the University of

Nebraska to pursue a degree in Agri-Marketing. Kamler is the son of Kim and Mike Kamler and his FFA advisor is Kurt VanDeWalle. This award is sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and \$500. As the national winner of the Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Award, Kamler will receive an additional \$500 during a special ceremony at the national FFA convention.



Eric M. Kamler, Filmore-Central FFA Member maintained his own 160 acre tract of land.





"The program is nationally recognized through ASE and provides rigorous instruction based on industry standards."

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Special Populations: Vacant

# **Auto Tech Program Receives NATEF Certification**

Automotive Technology program at the Omaha Public Schools Career Center recently completed the NATEF Certification 2 1/2 year review. The program is a nationally recognized program through ASE and provides rigorous instruction, based on industry standards, for the students. NATEF also provides a much smoother transition from the secondary level to the postsecondary level.

In addition to NATEF, the

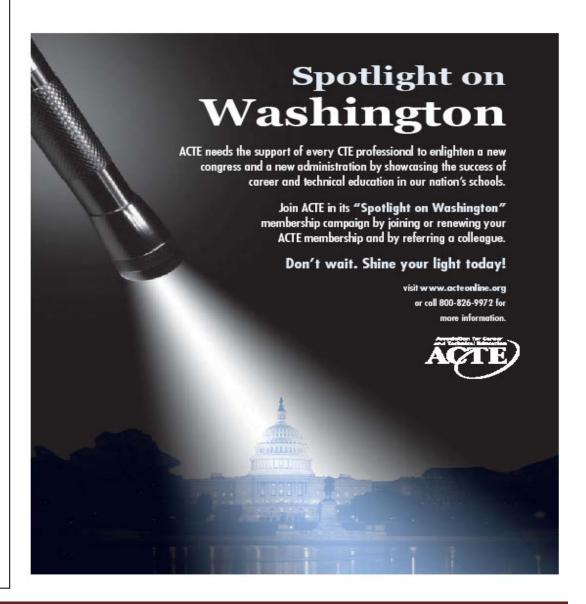
Automotive Technology program is in the process of attaining AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Systems) affiliation. AYES is an educational system supported entirely from automotive manufacturers. The goal is to acquire AYES affiliation before the end of the school year.

The program received \$12,000 from an annual fundraiser during the summer and the program also received access to an online curriculum called Today's Class

from the Nebraska Department of Education. The program is a new online interactive program, developed by a former General Motors executive, trains students and assesses them in several areas of the automobile.

Today's Class supports NATEF and AYES meeting industry standards.





# **Nebraska Career Education Students Recognized**

One hundred twelve Nebraska Career Education students were recognized in November for national awards they received earlier in the year.

Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy and Deputy Commissioner of Education Marge Harouff recognized the Nebraska Career Education students who received first, second, third place or finalist awards during national leadership and skills competition held by their respective Career Student Organizations. The students were recognized during a November 24 reception at the Nebraska State Capitol. The following students are members of DECĂ, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA, Nebraska Career Education student leadership organizations.

### **DECA Award Winners:**

- Matthew Fisher of Millard West High School
- Jessica Reisig and Seth Wallace of Scottsbluff High School
- Mary Hoffman, Sarah Rybar and Sydney Stough of Bellevue West High School

DECA is an international organization for marketing, management and entrepreneurship students.

### FBLA Award Winners:

- Trent Shrader, Marcus Winter and Jon Luetchens Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Clint Kroeker, Brianna Rader and Tori Bittinger of Heartland High School
- Justin Schultis of Fairbury High School
- Brian Brazeal of Bellevue West High School

FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, prepares students for careers in business or business-related occupations.

### **FCCLA Award Winners:**

- Elise Hubel, Lauren Hubel, Samantha Beed, Andrea Lemmer and Amanda Miller of Chambers High School
- Christina Kuhfal, Kevin Rodgers and Kelsey

- Kallhoff of Neligh-Oakdale High School
- Brooke Harris, Bryce
  Hasenauer, Josi
  Hasenauer, Lane
  Swedberg, Savanna
  Gibson, Ilene Jameson,
  Casey Lundvall and Curtis
  Olson of Wallace High
  School
- Ty Wood and Brittney Woodward of Maxwell High School
- Rachel Hosick, Kati Snider and Arran Carpenter of Overton High School
- Abby Poulas, Kendra Bloch, Cody Wooldrik, Melissa Johnson, and Danielle Mowinkel of Logan View High School
- Micahla Beyer of Sidney High School
- Megan Dimmitt of Alliance High School
- Nathan Goodner, Luke Ourada and Dalton Meier of Elm Creek High School
- Jessica Kampschnieder, Courtney Ruskamp and Nikki Dannelly of the Howells-Dodge High School Chapter

FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

### **FFA Award Winners:**

- Derrick Rocker of Franklin High School
- Adam Venteicher of Pierce High School
- Emily Arkfeld, Pat Arkfeld and Rachael Arkfeld of Lourdes Central High School
- Justin Cunningham of Bloomfield High School
- Jacob Paxton of Stuart High School
- Ashley Nunnenkamp and Alan Nelson of Sutton High School
- Jaredt Aden and Bryant Keller of Eustis-Farnam High School
- Juliana Batie of Lexington High School
- Eric Kamler of Fillmore Central High School

- Drew Schendt of Broken Bow High School
- Sarah Wheeldon of Schuyler Central High School
- Nyle Bartling, Jake Hinrichsen, Eric Post, and Blaise Scheef of Syracuse High School
- Amanda Duvall of Ord High School
- Galvin Vetick of Lyons-Decatur High School
- Megan Rice, Cody
  Wedding, Cody Bodfield,
  Nickolis Sage, Alyx
  Lingenfelter of Norris High
  School
- Kirk Peterson of West Holt High School
- Chelsie McKenzie of Scottsbluff High School

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

### **HOSA Award Winners**

- Brooke Cronican and Zach Schussler of Ralston High School
- Jessica Lahrs and Michele Talty of Papillion-LaVista South High School

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is a National Student Organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in the Health care industry.



### **SkillsUSA Award Winners:**

- David Miller, Dina Miller, Gabriel Hedrick, and Mark Wegener of Metropolitan Community College-Omaha
- Alan Nelson of Sutton High School
- Brian Glenn, Natasha Hahn, Jacob Hartwig, Connor Moormeier, Erin Schoenbeck, Jen Spang, and Cody Wedding of Norris High School
- Scott Bohn of Central Community College-Hastings
- David Tyma and Cody Breiner of Southeast Community College-Lincoln
- Karen Swartz of Central Community College-Columbus
- Zach Hill, Ryan Knight, Seth Teegerstrom, and Shawn Vinson of Wayne State College

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.

# Phi Beta Lambda Award Winners:

- Mike Kistler, Ashley
  Guinan, Charles Burns,
  Steven Stewart, Kevin
  Abel, Tim Echtemkamp,
  Tyler Lemburg and Chris
  Reznicek of the University
  of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Eric LeMunyan of the University of Nebraska Kearney
- Mike Fabry, Jennifer Roeber and J.J. Bell of Midland Lutheran College
- Terri McDowell, Michelle Larson, and Maria Christensen of North Platte Community College
- Sherry Kvasnicka of Peru State College

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of FBLA-PBL.

# **2009 ACTEN Awards Program**

Nominations must be received electronically or postmarked by March 1, 2009. This award program seeks to promote excellence in career and technical education by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand career and technical education programs.

There are seven categories of ACTEN awards:

- **Outstanding Service Award**
- **Outstanding Member Award**
- Outstanding Teacher/Divisional
- Teacher of the Year (from Divisional winners)
- Outstanding Career and Technical Professional
- Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher
- Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Nominations must be received at the ACTEN Office (electronically or postmarked) by March 1, 2009. Awards will be judged and awarded from the nominations received by the deadline. Nominations submitted for an award and not meeting the criteria set forward in the respective brochures will not be judged. All 2009 awards will be presented in June 2009 during the NCE Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

Those selected for Teacher of the Year, Outstanding New CTE Teacher, Outstanding CTE Professional and Outstanding Teacher in Community Service will be eligible to compete in the ACTE Region V Competition in 2010. The Outstanding Service recipient is eligible to compete in the ACTE awards competition in 2009, bypassing the regional competition.

Detailed information about the ACTEN Awards Program for 2009, application procedures and appropriate forms can be found on the ACTE website http://www.acteonline.org/content.aspx?id=932 and click on 2009 Award Information and Forms.

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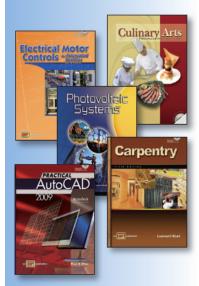
# Kathy Gifford ACTE National Teacher of the Year Nominee from Region V

Nebraska ACTE is proud to have Kathy Gifford representing our state as Region V's Teacher of the Year Nominee. Kathy was honored at the ACTE Convention December 4 – 6 in Charlotte, NC.

Gifford is the Health Sciences Teacher at Kearney Public Schools in Kearney, Nebraska. She started the FCCLA chapter at Kearney High School in 1994 and she is currently the head adviser. She also started a HOSA chapter in 2002 for which she is head adviser. Gifford implemented the Health Care Sciences Pathway, which involved career and technical educators, academic educators, hospital administrators and representatives from two- and four-year institutions in the area. She has also led the school's efforts to create pathways in other fields as well. With 35 years of teaching experience, Gifford teaches her students by connecting careers with all of her FCS courses.

Enrollment in FCS courses in Kearney has continued to increase each year due to Gifford's leadership. Gifford served as President for the Career Education Foundation of Nebraska from 2006-2008. She is an ACTEN Past President. While serving as President and Past President for ACTEN, she was instrumental in developing the Real Teacher Workshops, which is a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education that provided teachers with support during their first three years of teaching. She is also a member of the National Education Association, American Association of Family Consumer Sciences, Association for Career and Technical Education and Alpha Delta Kappa.

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# **Elm Creek FCCLA Attends Youth Summit**

The Central Nebraska Youth Summit which took place on Nov. 1 was attended by 10 Elm Creek FCCLA members. Three members attended to receive awards and be recognized for their leadership in Buffalo County. Other members attended to enhance their leadership skills while having fun with other youth leaders from the area.

Noah Hubbard received the Youth in Advocacy award. FCCLA sponsor, Robyn Hubbert, nominated Noah for this award based on the success of his seatbelt campaign as well as a previous project on ATV safety.

Jeri Cornell was recognized for the FCCLA Kindergarten buddy program which was designed by Jeri and Kim Ourada. The \$400 YAB grant Jeri and Kim wrote and received really helped make this project successful.

FCCLA members Emilee Wissel, Dalton Meier, Foster Meier, and Kim Ourada were honored for their membership and commitment to the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board.



Elm Creek FCCLA Members: front row: Nathan Goodner, Kiley Geis, Olivia **Hubbard**, and Marissa Nelson

back row: Emilee Wissel, Noah Hubbard, Leah Marshall, Jeri Cornell, Angela Burkey, and Megan Swartwood

ACTEN would like to welcome the following new members

Tracy Burmeister - BUS (Student Member)

Megan Bode - AGR Carl W. Fielder - ADM

Eric Knoll - TGY

Tom Krause - AGR

Gregory Ratliff, Sr. - TRA

David Perkins - ADM

Rose Pollard - BUS

Justin Rafferty - AGR

# **Can You Prepare Students for These Careers?**

By: Ken Spellman, Coordinator of Career Education, Omaha Public Schools

I received the latest copy of *Converge Magazine* and ran across an article titled "Careers of the Future" by Jessica Renee Napier. The article describes ten careers of the future. It reminded me that careers of the past are slowly disappearing. I thought of all of the changes I have experienced since I was in high school. As a kid I worked at my dad's full service gas station. When was the last time you had your tank filled, windows washed, oil and tire pressure checked while you remained in your car? When was the last time you paid for your gas inside a gas station?

I can't image how careers will change in the next 20 years. This article sets the stage for the possibilities. Are our current Career Education courses preparing students for the Careers of the Future? The implementation of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 moves our current programs in the right direction. The new legislation requires Career Education programs to align current Career courses within the 6 Career Fields and 16 Clusters. Programs must also be rigorous and relevant, align to high wage/high demand jobs and link with postsecondary institutions. Students should also have the basic foundation, knowledge and skills to enter and move freely throughout our programs.

Some of the jobs listed below are light-years away, while others are right around the corner. Will your students be prepared to meet the needs of the Careers of the Future?

### Careers of the Future-

**Alternative Vehicle Developer-** This career would research, develop and design vehicles for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond. In the next ten years transportation companies will focus on vehicles delivering 65 miles per gallon; made of synthetic and regenerated materials. Solar panels may also be used in the design. At the University of Northwestern Ohio, students can pursue a career as an alternative vehicle developer.

**Biometric Identification Specialist-** Biometric identification specialists develop the technology to identify people based on an eye, palm, or voice scan. This technology is already used for Israeli border control to identify Palestinians who are issued ID cards. West Virginia University offers a Bachelor of Science in biometrics systems.

**Data Miner**- Instead of only using numbers, a data miner will examine numbers to forecast future events, explain business processes and create predictive models. Data miners will work with health professionals to determine DNA –sequences, gender and health risks for individuals. Data miners will also work for the government to map and target terrorist networks.

**Experimental Petrologist-** Petrologists study rocks from other planets to learn about their formation and evolution. Rocks can show the age of the material and the type of atmospheric gas the stone was exposed to. This career will map out what planets are safe and habitable for humans. Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration and the School of Earth & Space Science at the University of California, Los Angeles, offer starting points for a career in experimental petrology.

**Robotics Engineer-** Robotic engineers are creating robots for medical, military, agricultural and mining purposes to be more efficient than humans. Careers found in companies such as Boston Dynamics, specialize in robotic engineering and human simulation. A good starting point for a career in robotics engineering is Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute.

**Space Architect-** There are currently 47 architects from 16 countries that design living environments for space. They are working on houses with no roofs, walls or ceilings. Without gravity, there isn't an indication of upside down or right side-up. A free floating environment is just one of the factors that space architects at the Sasakawa International Center for Space Architecture consider. Current projects at the Center include a greenhouse and lunar outposts on Mars.

Sustainability Coordinator- Global warming is a serious threat to the planet increasing the demand for sustainability coordinators. Sustainability coordinators help meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations. Duties include environmental needs, but can include social and political needs as well. Arizona State University offers graduate degrees, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in sustainability. Students graduate with an expertise in environmental economics, ethics, earth-systems management and sociological issues.

**Teleport Specialist-** Teleport Specialists will need to know how to work a machine that can analyze billions of atoms in a person's body and recreate the individual in another location. For students interested in future careers in teleportation, it will be helpful to have a background in quantum atom optics, the study of nature's interaction with light. Cutting edge programs are the University of Queensland's Australian Research Center for Quantum Atom Optics and the University of Rochester's Department of Physics.

Weather Modification Police- Arresting cloud bandits and controlling cloud theft will be one of the duties of weather modification police. The act of stealing clouds to create rain is already happening in some parts of the world, and it is altering weather patterns thousands of miles away. Weather modification police will need to ensure that people who shoot rockets containing silver iodide into the air (a way to provoke rainfall from passing clouds) are licensed to do so. Villages in rural China have already taken to inducing pregnant rain clouds, resulting in more rain in certain areas than others. This career will be necessary to ensure no one monopolizes rainfall.

**Wind Farmer-** Wind farmers will be the people who bring you energy. They measure land areas, air speeds, turbine sizes and the pitch of the blades. The Horizon Wind Energy Center uses nature's wind and turbines that stand 300 feet tall to create electricity. Wind farmers will need to be experts in math and physics, using algebra, trigonometry and geometry at work every day. One wind farm could have 120 turbines; each buried nine feet into the ground at 52 feet in diameter, which will bring electricity to thousands of homes.

## **FCSTN News**

FCSTN was proud to have Kearney FCS Teacher Kathy Gifford represent Nebraska as a national candidate for ACTE Teacher of the Year. Kathy has been very involved in career and technical education in our state and is truly deserving of this honor.

These students, members of the Nebraska Family, Career and Community Leadership of America (FCCLA), were gold medal winners at the National FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Orlando in July:

- Applied Technology Sr. Christina Kuhfal and Kevin Rogers, Neligh-Oakdale
- Applied Technology Jr. Rebekah Kuhfal, Neligh-Oakdale
- Career Investigation Sr. Kelsey Kallhoff, Neligh-Oakdale
- Career Investigation Jr. Mary Bartels, Laurel-Concord
- Chapter Service Sr. Katie Wright, Chelsey Meyer, Neligh—Oakdale
- Chapter Service Jr. Rachel Hosick, Kati Snider, Arran Carpenter, Overton
- Chapter Showcase Sr. Abby Poulas, Kendra Bloch, Logan View
- Entrepreneurship Sr. Micahla Beyer, Sidney
- Financial Planning Sr. Megan Dimmitt, Alliance
- Focus on Children Sr. Jessica Kampschnieder, Nicolette Dannelly, Courtney Ruskamp, Howells-Dodge
- Focus on Children Jr. Nathan Goodner, Luke Ourada, Dalton Meier, Elm Creek
- Illustrated Talk Sr. Emilee Wissel, Natasha Coons, Elm Creek
- Illustrated Talk Jr. Samantha Beed, Andrea Lemmer, Chambers
- Interpersonal Communication Sr. Cody Wooldrik, Melissa Johnson, Logan View
- Interpersonal Communication Jr. Kayla Colfack, Shelby Kocian, West Boyd
- Job Interview Sr. Danielle Mowinkel, Logan View
- National Programs in Action Jr. Shawn Welch, Colton Aspenleiter, Josh Leas, Medicine Valley
- National Programs in Action Sr. Lauren Hubel, Elise Hubel, Chambers
- Parli Pro Sr. Brooke Harris, Casey Lundvall, Curtis Olson, Bryce Hasenauer, Ilene Jameson, Wallace
- Silver Medal Winners were: Chapter Showcase Jr. Olivia Hubbard, Sydney Stubbs, Elm Creek

Recently honored at the career student organization recognition session and reception by the Commissioner of Education and Lt. Governor for earning highest scores at the National FCCLA STAR Events were Kelsey Kallhoff of Neligh-Oakdale (Cindy Hild, Adviser); Abbey Poulas, Kendra Bloch, Cody Wooldrik, Melissa Johnson and Danielle Mowinkel of Logan View (Lois Krohn, Adviser); Micahla Beyer of Sidney (Nancy Rexroth, Adviser); Megan Dimmitt of Alliance (Cathy Kloch, Adviser); Jessica Kampschnieder, Courtney Ruskamp, Nicolette Dannelly of Howells-Dodge (Marla Prusa, Adviser); Nathan Goodner, Luke Ourada, Dalton Meyer of Elm Creek (Robyn Hubbert, Adviser); and, Samantha Beed, Andrea Lemmer, Elise Hubel and Lauren Hubel of Chambers (Marilyn Whitaker, Adviser).

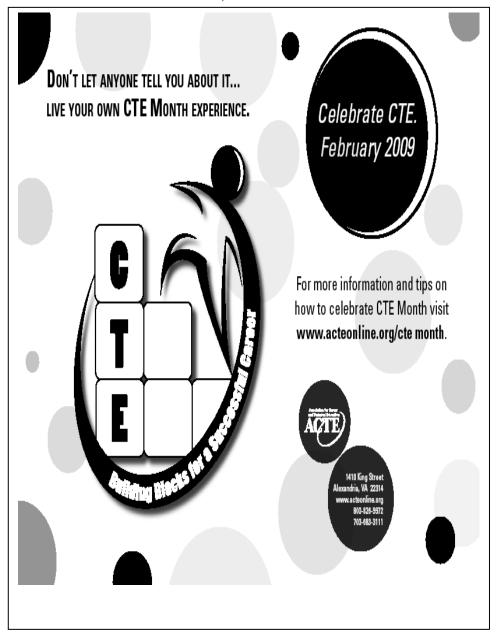


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# **NSBEA Fall Conference**

By: Janelle Stansberry, NSBEA President

The Nebraska State Business Education Association hosted fall conferences in 3 Despite battling winter storms, the Western Conferences were held at Scottsbluff and North Platte with 13 in attendance at each site. The Eastern Conference held in Lincoln had the largest attendance ever with over 40 attendees. Stevenson, TierOne University Manager of TierOne Bank, presented to the group "Skills that Make 'Cents' in the Business of Banking." Her presentation was outstanding. Dena discussed the teller training program and its many components including: Critical Skills, Professionalism (Attire & Grooming, Verbal Communication, & Written Communication), Know How (Emotional Intelligence & Critical Thinking), Check Negotiability, and Customer Relations including TierOne Front Line Standards. Following Dena's presentation, a panel of 4 instructors (Denise Powers - Omaha Central; Cindy Talley -Fillmore Central; Brian Kabourek - Lincoln East; and Ronda Gestring - David City) shared what takes place in their Personal Finance classrooms. The discussion included project ideas, great resources, difficult concepts for students to grasp, and curriculum. As one evaluation stated "It was a wonderful day of learning." Presenter handouts are available at the BMIT web site - see Curriculum, Personal Finance.



# **ACTE National Convention Highlights**

# Omaha Bryan High School Recognized for Outstanding Program

Congratulations to Bryan High School in Omaha for being the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding High School Technology Program through the Engineering and Technology Education Division. The award recognizes Bryan High's Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics program. The program is allowing students to explore and gain experience in that industry. Bryan High program teachers Mike Rogers and Ben Brachle attended the conference and accepted the award on behalf of the school.

Brachle and Rogers also presented at the conference on implementing Transportation, Distribution and Logistics at the secondary level at the conference.

According to an Omaha World Herald article published on January 21<sup>st</sup>, reporter Michaela Saunders stated that Bryan High is working with the Nebraska Department of Education to raise interest in the program. In time, the courses could become part of Nebraska's distance education network.

Congratulations to Bryan High School for their accomplishments in the development of such a dynamic and innovative program.





### Pictured above:

Left photo: Mike Rogers (left) and Ben Brachle (center) accept an Outstanding Program award at the ACTE Conference in December in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Right photo: Mike Rogers (left) and Ben Brachle (right) of Omaha's Bryan High School share their expertise with the school's innovative TDL program.



### **Other Conference Notes:**

Congratulations to Kathy Gifford from Kearney. Kathy competed for the ACTE National Teacher of the Year honor. Kathy represented our state and Region V well. Kathy, Nebraska is proud of your accomplishments!

### From Marla Prusa, FCSTN President:

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend the National ACTE Convention in Charlotte, NC December 4-6 as a voting delegate. The expo, sessions and meetings were very informative and interesting. It was a great experience!!

Pictured above:

Left photo: Second from left-Jim Musil and third from left-Ken Spellman from Omaha Public Schools present in a panel.

# SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, June 13, 2009 9 Hole - 4 Person Scramble

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\$50 per person \$200 per team
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Non-golfers lunch \$10
Last Date to Register ~ June 5, 2009

The Scholarship Golf Scramble is sponsored by the Career Education Foundation of Nebraska, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All proceeds from the Golf Tournament will be used to fund CEFN's Scholarship Program for secondary Career Education students.

Please submit your registration by calling Elda Reinhardt at 402-563-4040, or send an email message to Elda at <a href="mailto:shadows@megavision.com">shadows@megavision.com</a>, 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.

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