

2023-24 Newsletter e-Blasts

January 5, 2024

Online Entrepreneurship Institute

Might be something you would be interested in attending.

ACTE's new online Entrepreneurship Institute for middle- and high-school teachers

Using experiential learning and a field-tested curriculum, this all-new Entrepreneurship Institute runs in two parts -- **Feb. 19 to March 22** and **April 8 to May 17** -- and offers participants instructional best practices, classroom-ready resources, and assignments that they can use with their students. Easily customizable, the Institute's online modules are self-paced. And live Zoom classes feature introductions to community partners and grassroots entrepreneurs who share lessons learned, and breakout groups for national networking, resource sharing, and lesson planning. Attendees will receive 55 hours of professional development or an optional three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit. **In Case you Missed It – Advocate for CTE at NPS**

Hone your CTE advocacy skills and raise awareness for CTE at NPS

With a featured event from the CTE Research Network

Join CTE professionals from across the nation to voice your vision on CTE policy and programming relevant to your school's needs at ACTE's National Policy Seminar, happening March 17 to 20 in Arlington, Va. Featured sessions will cover best practices for influencing federal policy and CTE advocacy and messaging. And on the last day of the event, March 20, the CTE Research Network will address topics that will help expand the evidence base for CTE.

January 8, 2024

New Online Course: Strengths-based Coaching for Career Support Professionals

A new course has just launched in the Nebraska Online Learning Center: CS127 – Strengths-Based Coaching for Career Support Professionals.

In today's dynamic career guidance landscape, it's no longer enough to simply place learners in jobs. Modern career support professionals are tasked with empowering clients to excel in their chosen paths. This course, rooted in positive psychology and strengths-based coaching, prepares you to guide learners in discovering and harnessing their unique strengths. It goes beyond recognizing what they excel at. It's about helping them unlock their full potential.

In this course, we'll delve into the nuances of strengths-based coaching, offering practical strategies, tools, and insights to create a lasting impact. By course completion, you will be

transformed from a job placer into a trusted guide, empowering learners not only to excel and achieve their goals but to thrive in their careers.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS127>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

January 9, 2024

ACTE 2024 Election Results

[ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2024 Election Results](#)

January 9, 2024 /in [Press Releases 2024](#) /by [Brandi Handres](#)

ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2024 Election Results

Alexandria, VA – The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for several spots on its Board of Directors. The election was open to ACTE's membership of roughly 25,000 educators, administrators and other CTE professionals. The following members were elected:

LaDonna Selvidge, Health Science Education Division Vice President

Ms. Selvidge is a Practical Nursing Director at Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 2024.

Jan Jardine, Work Based Learning Division Vice President

Ms. Jardine is a Director and Coordinator for Provo City School District in Provo, Utah. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 2024.

Dustin Davis-Austin, Region II Vice President-Elect

Mr. Davis-Austin is a Director at Fulton County Schools in Atlanta, Georgia. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 2025.

Martin Hanley, Region III Vice President-Elect

Mr. Hanley is a Director at Lewis & Clark Career Center in St. Charles, Missouri. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 2025.

Richard Trinkwalder, New and Related Services Division Vice President-Elect

Mr. Trinkwalder is Teacher at Grayson Tech in Loganville, Georgia. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 2025.

Karin Davis, Family and Consumer Sciences Education Division Vice President-Elect

Ms. Davis is Instructor at Tulsa Technology Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 2025.

***Shani Watkins, President-Elect**

Appointed by the Board of Directors Ms. Watkins is a Director at West Sound Technical Skills Center in Bremerton, Washington. Her one-year term will begin in July 2024 and will be followed by one-year terms as president and past president, respectively.

***Craig Statucki, Region V Vice President**

Appointed by the Board of Directors Mr. Statucki is a Director at the Department of Education in Carson City, Nevada. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 2024.

***Matthew Eddy, Agricultural Education Division Vice President**

Appointed by the Board of Directors Mr. Eddy is an Agricultural Consultant at the Department of Education in Des Moines, Iowa. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 2024.

Additionally, the vice president-elect whose election occurred last year will join the Board as vice president in July 2024. Sandra Adams will assume the position of Administration Division Vice President, Brooke Kusch will assume the position of Counseling and Career Development Division Vice President, and Shawn Freie will assume the position of Postsecondary, Adult & Career Education Division Vice President.

ACTE congratulates the winners, and thanks all of the candidates for their willingness to serve and their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Association. ACTE also thanks all of its members who had their voices heard by voting in the election.

January 10, 2024

January Techniques

You should have received your January 2024 issue for the Techniques magazine from ACTE.

The issue is about Advocacy and Outreach, which is good information about the upcoming National Policy Seminar. However, it also includes the 2023 ACTE Annual Report. You might take time to see how your dollars are working for you on the national level.

I can't stress enough how ACTE is watching out for your CTE courses and programs. Encourage other CTE educators in your school, district, ESU, etc., to join ACTE.

Thanks for all you do for CTE. CTE Month® is this coming February. I hope you have plans on how you will celebrate. I am attaching a couple of documents that will give you ideas on how to promote CTE in your school.

January 15, 2024

In Case You Missed It – CTE Month®

Celebrate CTE Month!

Generously sponsored by NAHB

Join us as we celebrate CTE Month, generously sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Each year in February, we celebrate educators like you and spread awareness about the importance of CTE by sharing your success stories via **#CTEMonth** on social media, encouraging your students to participate in this year's CTE Month-NASA HUNCH student video challenge, "Why Go to the Moon?," gearing up with festive CTE Month merchandise at shopacte.com to show your support for CTE, and much more!

[Learn more](#)

Submit Session Proposals for CareerTech VISION 2024!

Join CTE professionals at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening Dec. 4–7 in San Antonio, Texas. We are seeking session proposals that address the full range of conversations happening in CTE. As educators, you seek to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their careers! And ACTE seeks to support you in those endeavors. VISION offers unparalleled networking and hundreds of concurrent sessions.

[Learn more](#)

January 24, 2024

Apply today for a Region V Innovative Program Award

Region V Innovative Program Awards

Did you know that **EVERY** state and territory in Region V can submit for the innovative awards? There are so many unique, innovative, and creative CTE programs across Region V and we want to recognize YOURS! Each state association may submit one nomination annually, make sure to submit your nomination by the **March 1** deadline.

All Innovation Program Award submissions qualify for the award, so long as they meet the following criteria:

- Program demonstrates a capacity to prepare graduates to perform successfully in an occupational field
- 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
- Program must have been in operation for at least three years
- Instructor(s) in the program must have been a member of the state association for at least three consecutive years.

I challenge each state association to apply for the Innovative Career and Technical Education Program today! Each State may nominate one program by **March 1**. The form can be found [here](#). Let's show our state and regional pride and have all 16 states and territories represent their innovative CTE programs! Innovative awards due **May 1**.

In Case You Missed It—Member Benefits and CTE Month®

If you are questioning the benefits of belonging to ACTE/ACTEN or want others to join and need reasons why they should join, check out the Member Benefits Webinar.

CTE Month® is just around the corner. Plan your activities and events now. ACTE has great resources to help you in the planning process.

Check Out ACTE's Member Benefits Webinar

Hear from ACTE leadership how your professional association supports you and your career through a variety of member benefits, from CTE advocacy and awareness resources, *Techniques* magazine, member insurance programs, professional development and networking opportunities, and more! [Watch now](#)

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In Case You Missed It—Congrats to Staci Turnbull as an IAED Program Participant

ACTE announces the 2024 Leadership Fellowship programs participants!

ACTE is proud to announce the participants for its 2024 leadership programs! These programs seek to nurture and cultivate the next generation of leaders within career and technical education (CTE). They foster innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence.

Over the course of the programs, they will engage in immersive learning experiences, mentorship opportunities, and strategic projects that will further hone their leadership skills. Join ACTE in congratulating the participants!

[2024 IAED \(Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity\) Mentorship Program Participants](#)

[2024 NextLevel Postsecondary CTE Leadership Fellows](#)

[2024 National Leadership Fellowship Program Fellows](#)

January 31, 2024

In Case You Missed It: Celebrate CTE Month®

Celebrate CTE Month!
Generously sponsored by NAHB

Join us as we celebrate CTE Month, generously sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Each year in February, we celebrate educators like you and spread awareness about the importance of CTE. Here are some ways to celebrate!

- Share our CTE social media messages by following ACTE **@actecareertech** on Facebook and X and **@actecareertech1** on Instagram
- Then share your own success stories on social media with **#CTEMonth**
- **Download** graphic resources, including the CTE Month logo, available in English and in Spanish, for use with any of your print and digital outreach.
- Encourage your students to participate in this year's CTEMonth-NASA HUNCH student video challenge to showcase the importance of CTE and project-based learning. This year's theme is "Why Go to the Moon?" **Submit** videos, two minutes or less in length, by **April 1**.
- **Gear up** with festive CTE Month merchandise
- Invite members of your community or the media to learn about your school's high-quality CTE programs; host a school tour or visit.
- Reach out to your policymakers — from mayors to Congress — to **advocate for CTE**

February 1, 2024

Happy CTE Month®

Happy Career and Technical Education Month®! The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) encourages you to use the resources below to help us generate positive awareness of CTE!

Please use and personalize these [Canva Templates](#) and the [ACTE website](#) to help celebrate CTE month®!

All the best,
Miranda Bright
ACTEN Public Relations Chair



Ask Your Representatives: Co-Sponsor the 2024 CTE Month Resolution

The co-chairs of the House CTE Caucus, Reps. Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), are once again leading the House’s annual **CTE Month resolution** marking February as CTE Month. These representatives are currently circulating a “Dear Colleague” letter asking their colleagues to cosponsor the resolution.

CLICK HERE to ask your Representative to cosponsor this year’s CTE Month resolution.

February 2, 2024

In Case You Missed It: Governor Advocates for Skilled Trades and Free Webinars

[Neb. governor advocates for skilled careers](#)

Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen, visiting Lincoln Public School’s Career Academy, emphasized the importance of career paths during a tour of the facility. Pillen expressed the need to prioritize career pathways, pointing to opportunities for students in collaboration with businesses, while state Sen. Anna Wishart introduced a bill proposing scholarships for students in targeted trade programs at community colleges to address skilled worker shortages.

February 6, 2024

ACTE/ACTEN Awards

There is still time to fill out an application for the ACTE/ACTEN awards. March 1 is the deadline. Access the [ACTE awards portal](#) to complete the application--answer 3 questions, attach a letter of recommendation, and upload a photo. Pretty simple. :)

Check this Out—Showcase Your Program with Canva

Kenesaw's Multimedia Class produced a video showcasing their Career and Technical Education Pathways! Perfect timing--It's CTE Month! Tell your CTE story TODAY!!!! #ESU9 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AWTkV49DopWKXqtzfovcn9wt224uv49T/view?usp=sharing>

Please use and personalize these [Canva Templates](#).

February 7, 2024

CTE Month Discount to Share with Members!

Happy CTE Month!

In honor of CTE Month®, we thought it would be nice to offer a discount on [NEACTE CTE Learn!](#)

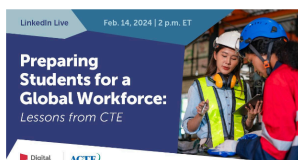
With the VIP code **CTEMONTH**, members will receive 20% off of subscription key purchases through the month of February. Please feel free to spread the word!

In Case You Missed It – LinkedIn Live Event for CTE Month®

LinkedIn Live Event for CTE Month Preparing Students for a Global Workforce: Lessons from CTE

On Feb. 14 at 2:00 p.m. ET join Digital Promise and ACTE for a free LinkedIn Live event that will discuss how CTE professionals prepare students for today's workforce. Panelists — including industry thought leaders, CTE educators and ACTE's very own Associate Deputy Executive Director Michael Connet — will equip attendees with resources to incorporate global competence into their classrooms and across their institutions and examine critical questions, including:

- What workforce readiness skills do students need, and how are these skills global?
- What role can and should business partnerships play in preparing a globally prepared workforce?
- What are the tools and resources that educators need to prepare globally competent students?



February 9, 2024

CTSO Students Meet With Senators

See how your CTSO students are advocating for CTE at the Nebraska Legislature. Our CTE students and their teachers are amazing.

https://www.1011now.com/2024/02/07/nebraska-high-school-students-meet-with-state-senators-legislative-day/?fbclid=IwAR23bgf8od2_V_BkDCegFwlA0s5pT-WwZxUAM5xyALWUaGsx-4dhPbaVZas

Here's a news release--

Student Organizations Celebrate Legislative Day

Students from across the state representing seven of Nebraska's Career and Technical Student Organizations visited the Capitol February 6th in celebration of CTSO Legislative Day.

The event helped students develop a better understanding of state government and the Nation's only unicameral. While at the Capitol, students met with state leaders and attended legislative hearings and CTSO State Officers were recognized during floor debate by state senators.

Participants also had a chance to meet with Nebraska Commissioner of Education Brian Maher and members of the State Board of Education.

More information about Nebraska's CTE programs and CTSOs can be found online at: <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/nebraska-career-technical-student-organizations/>.

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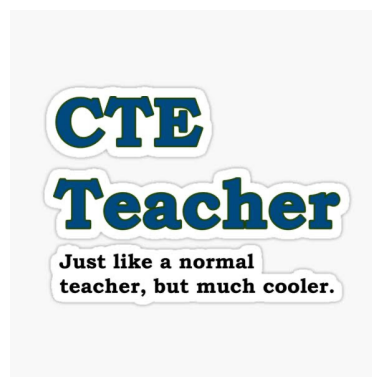
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February 12, 2024

Thank You!

During CTE Month®, I want to thank you all for what you do for our students. CTE educators are the best!



February 13, 2024

Happy CTE Month® from NCTA

The following video was prepared by the students at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Happy Career and Technical Education Month® from NCTA

<https://youtu.be/vHKGL2F3HMI>

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares students for the workforce in many industries and occupations. Careers in Agriculture and Veterinary Technology are at the top of these needed skills. NCTA is recognizing CTE in many ways this month. Each week in February we will feature a CTE student talking about high school teachers who influenced them. This week, Morel Jurado talks about his FFA advisor at Chase County HS. About NCTA: Small Campus. Big Impact. Built for YOU and centered on your success in agriculture, veterinary technology, and related fields. NCTA students thrive with hands-on access to animals, ag land, great facilities, equipment, and student-focused faculty. Part of the University of NE, NCTA is known for affordable, one-rate tuition, high job-placement rates, and successful competitive teams—Rodeo, Ranch Horse, Stock Dog, Shotgun Sports, Crops, and Livestock Judging. Immerse yourself in Nebraska's economic driver, agriculture—no experience necessary! [#CTEmonth](#) [#nctaaggies](#) [#irrigation](#) [#agriculture](#) [#Nebraska](#) [#smallcampusbigimpact](#)

February 14, 2024

CTE Month Proclamation Signing

Governor Pillen signed a proclamation yesterday that February is Career and Technical Education Month in Nebraska.

Check out the pictures attached!

Thanks,
Mary



February 16, 2024

CTE Month Videos and Press Release from NCTA

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture has shared another video they created to honor their high school instructors during CTE Month®.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MG3qXeJnJ6Q>

I'm also including a news release from Jennifer McConville, the Associate Dean at NCTA. The news release is promoting CTE, CTE Month®, and NCTA.

<https://ncta.unl.edu/news-releases/happy-cte-month>

I hope you take time to check these out.

Send me your CTE Month® activities. I'll share them with the members.

February 21, 2024

In Case You Missed It—Upcoming ACTE Events and Free Webinars

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

New Online Course: Incorporating 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing into CTE

A new course in Nebraska's Online Learning Center: EC132 – Incorporating 3D Printing & Additive Manufacturing into CTE.

Explore the cutting-edge world of 3D printing and additive manufacturing in this comprehensive course, perfect for both beginners and experts. Spanning four detailed modules, you'll embark on a journey from the basics of 3D printing technologies and materials to the forefront of advanced applications. Learn about multi-material and bio-printing, dive into large-scale and industrial uses, and discover the transformative impact of 3D printing in various sectors, including medical, education, and conservation. The course culminates with a look into the future integration of 3D printing with IoT, AI, and space exploration.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/EC132>

March 9, 2024

Take Advantage of a 10% discount as a member for any CTE Learn Course

The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska (ACTEN) [CTE Learn](#) offers over 180 self-paced online courses for Nebraska CTE professionals. Whether you are looking for engaging professional development or a more convenient way to obtain continuing education credits and advance your career, our online courses are designed for you. We offer an array of topics that focus on effective and proven teaching and leading strategies. Browse our functional categories above to view our wide selection of courses.

CTE Learn credit courses have been designed to support CTE institutions with a comprehensive, virtual professional development program. The information below summarizes the fundamental aspects of CTE Learn credit courses and associated tools that make up CTE Learn's virtual professional development program.

- **COURSE STRUCTURE** -- Participants can enroll in any course at any time and each course takes approximately four hours to complete.
- **PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING** -- Each course provides participants with peer-to-peer learning opportunities through a specific performance group created within the Career Ed Lounge, CTE Learn's online learning community.
- **PROVISION FOR COACH/MENTOR SUPPORT** -- Designated coaches/mentors respond to posts at their discretion and act as facilitators of learning and development for their peers.
- **PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT** -- CTE Learn includes an Individual Development Plan (IDP) tool to help learners identify their performance goals and link their professional development activities to their identified goals.
- **INSTITUTIONAL CREDENTIALS** -- CTE Learn awards digital badges for completion of each course. Institutions that have adopted open badges and open pathways can select any of CTE Learn course badges on learning pathways toward their own institutional credentials.
- **COLLEGE CREDIT** -- CTE Learn courses are endorsed by the University of Central Missouri (UCM), a regionally accredited public university. Course participants have the opportunity to earn undergraduate or graduate credit for their completed CTE Learn courses.

Completion of Nebraska CTE Learn credit courses provides participants with a professional development recognition badge, a certificate of completion, and eligibility to apply for both undergraduate and graduate college credit. The Nebraska CTE Learn website for registering for courses is <https://ne.ctelearn.org/credit-courses/>. Being a member of ACTE/ACTEN, you will receive a 10% discount on any courses that you take.

Contact tarlonm@maxknowledge.com for any questions regarding CTE Learn.

March 14, 2024

New Course Launched in your Online Learning Center!

CTE Learn has launched a new course in the NEACTE Online Learning Center: EC133 – Introduction to Artificial Intelligence.

Explore the dynamic and evolving landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) with this course designed to cater to a range of learners from beginners to those with some prior knowledge. Starting with AI's history and core concepts and distinguishing it from machine learning and deep learning, the course sets a solid foundation. Delve into practical AI applications such as natural language processing, computer vision, and robotics, and understand the ethical dimensions and biases in AI. The course advances into complex topics like generative adversarial networks and the interplay of AI with big data and quantum computing. Finally, envision AI's future influence in critical sectors like health care and finance, and you will be equipped with knowledge and skills to confidently navigate the future of AI.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/ec133>

March 16, 2024

New! Teach CTE Workshops

ACTE's Teach CTE initiative focuses on addressing teacher recruitment and retention challenges and preparing tomorrow's CTE teaching workforce. To support this effort, ACTE is pleased to offer the following Teach CTE Workshops at upcoming region leadership conferences. (Each workshop costs \$225 to attend, including lunch.)

Opening the Black Box: Addressing CTE Industry Teacher Retention

@ACTE Region IV Leadership Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 17, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Broadening the Pipeline: Strategies to Recruit and Diversify the CTE Educator Workforce

@ACTE Region I Leadership Conference, New York, New York

May 1, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Developing Customized CTE Educator Retention, Professional Learning and Support Programs

@ACTE Region III Leadership Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

June 12, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

March 24, 2024

ACTEN Board Nominations

Leadership Opportunities in ACTEN

ACTEN is seeking nominations for positions on the ACTEN board for the 2024-25 school year. We are still in need of the following positions. If you would like to serve on the ACTEN board, please contact me.

Officers:

- Secretary (2-year term)

Discipline Representatives: (3-year term)

- Counseling and Career Development
- Health Sciences Education
- Engineering and Technology Education

All positions will start on October 1, 2024. No prior board experience is required.

If you are interested in running for secretary or a division rep, please contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Jon Cerny at jcerny@esu2.org. You may also contact the ACTEN Office at 402-525-8742 or actenebraska@gmail.com for more information.

March 30, 2024

Write for Techniques

Listed below is the 2024-25 editorial calendar for Techniques. Maybe there is a topic of interest to you in which you could submit an article for publication.

With questions, story ideas, or to inquire about submissions, contact [Lia Milgram](#), senior managing editor. To reach ACTE, call 800-826-9972.

Techniques looks forward to 2024-25

ACTE and the Techniques team are excited to launch the [2024-25 editorial calendar](#) with eight comprehensive themes:

- VISION on the River Walk
- The Instructional Issue
- AI in CTE
- Celebrating a Century in Print
- On Community
- Supporting Students with Disabilities
- On Burnout
- The Rate of Change

[Read more.](#)

April 1, 2024

Fwd: Apply Now for the ACTE Board of Directors!

2025 Board of Directors: Nominations Are Open!

The nomination process for ACTE's Board of Directors is [now open](#)! Completed applications are due by **June 15**.

Nominations for the following positions will open from **April 1 – June 15**; applications are only accepted through the [ACTE Awards Portal](#).

The following positions are eligible for election:

- **President-Elect:** Serves a one-year term beginning in July 2025, followed by one-year as president and one-year as past president.
- **Business Education Division Vice President:** Serves a three-year term beginning July 2025.
- **Engineering & Technology Education Vice President-Elect:** Serves a three-year term beginning July 2026.
- **Region I Vice President-Elect:** Serves a three-year term beginning July 2026.
- **Region IV Vice President-Elect:** Serves a three-year term beginning July 2026.
- **Agricultural Education Division Vice President:** Will complete the two-years of the 2024–2028 term beginning July 2026. The 2024–2028 position became vacant in February of 2024, a vice president was appointed in March 2024 for the July 2025 term.

April 16, 2024

Congratulations to Sara Hubel

Congratulations to Sarah Hubel! Sarah was named the ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year during the Region V Conference held April 9-12 in Honolulu, HI. Sarah is an FCS teacher at Cross County Public Schools.

Sarah's application will now move on to national competition. She will be recognized in December at CareerTech VISION in San Antonio. We wish Sarah luck as she moves on to the national level.

April 18, 2024

ACTE/ACTEN Membership Dues—Think About Doing This

Hopefully, you know by now, that each school district received funding from the passing of LB 610. The funding, as I understand, is based on the Perkins funding you receive. ACTEN is

encouraging you to ask your administration to pay for your dues using the monies collected from LB 610.

One thing you could do is have your school district pay for what is called an Educational Institution Membership. This type of membership enables institutions to purchase positional memberships for a group of staff. These memberships stay with the institution if the individual leaves and the membership is transferred to the new hire.

Here is more information from the ACTE website. Share this with your administration and ask them to pay ACTE/ACTEN dues for all their CTE educators either through an institution membership or individual. Good luck!

Educational Institution Membership – Positioning Your Organization for Success

[Join or Renew Your Educational Institution Membership](#)

As an industry leader, you understand the importance of advocating for career and technical education and the need for high quality professional development. And we understand there isn't a one-size-fits-all approach for the unique needs and demands of the CTE community. ACTE® offers an exclusive opportunity to join as an educational institution and allows you to customize **your** membership to meet **your** needs to provide the greatest benefits to **your** institution.

This membership category is available for any school district, technical and career center, curriculum center, community college or university.

[View the List of Current ACTE Educational Institution Members](#)

Benefits for Your Institution

ACTE offers three tiers of Educational Institution Membership: Silver, Gold, and Platinum. All EIM tiers include the following benefits:

- Two (2) ACTE individual professional memberships
- **NEW two (2) ACTE Support Staff memberships**
- Invitations to attend VIP activities at ACTE events
- EIM ribbons at all ACTE events
- VIP reserved seating at VISION General Sessions
- Inclusion in invitation-only special briefings / national summits, and VIP meetings with CareerTech VISION General Session speakers
- Regular acknowledgment in ACTE publications
- Special EIM updates, including the most relevant CTE news for your institution
- Access to ACTE's EIM logo to display your activate support of the CTE profession
- 30% VIP discount on [CTE Learn](#) institutional subscription including [CareerPrepped](#)

Additionally, each tier includes the option to select from a number of a la carte membership, events, and advocacy benefits customized to meet your institution's needs.

April 19, 2024

Fwd: Action Alert: Ask Your Senators to Sign Letter Supporting CTE Funding in FY 2025

Ask Your Senator to Sign Letter Supporting CTE Funding in FY 2025
April 19, 2024

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), longtime CTE advocate, is currently circulating an important “Dear Colleague” letter addressed to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The letter requests robust funding for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill. Committee members view these letters as a critical part of the process because they show the breadth of support for a specific program. Now more than ever, it’s imperative the letter amasses strong backing in the Senate to show support for Perkins funding and CTE at the federal level.

April 23, 2024

Order Your ACTEN CTE Apparel and Register for NCE Today!

Dear ACTEN Members,

As your ACTEN Public Relations Chair, I'm excited to announce that our line of CTE apparel is now available for purchase! Whether you need long or short sleeve shirts, polos, cardigans, or quarter zips, we've got you covered.

To ensure delivery at the NCE Conference, place your order by May 14 through the [Middle Creek Printing ACTEN Store Link](#).

You can opt for shipping or pick up at the ACTEN Table at the NCE Conference.

And speaking of the NCE Conference, registration is now open for the 50th Annual Nebraska Career Education Conference, scheduled for June 3-5 at the Younes Conference Center South in Kearney, Nebraska. Register today and help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary through the [NCE Conference Website](#).

For questions, feel free to reach out. Let's show our support for CTE in style and make this milestone NCE unforgettable!

All the best,
Miranda right
ACTEN Public Relations Chair

April 24, 2024

In Case You Missed It—Contact Your Senators Today by clicking on the Link.

ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Senators to Support CTE Funding in FY 2025

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), a longtime career and technical education (CTE) advocate, is currently circulating an important “Dear Colleague” letter addressed to the chair and ranking member of the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. [CLICK HERE](#) to ask your senators to sign the letter and support strong CTE funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill! [READ MORE](#)

April 29, 2024

Construction Career Day for Lincoln Public School Students

Check out this video and learn more about the Construction Career Day for LPS students.

May 4, 2024

Fwd: JumpStart 2024: Registration Open

JumpStart is a 4-day workshop designed to help incoming CTE teachers that are operating under the Career Education permit OR a CTE teacher involved in the Transitional Certification Program (TCP) through UNK. It is designed to provide them with strategies and skills necessary for developing teaching strategy, lesson planning and assessment, classroom management, legal issues as well as other topics of need. This workshop will help teachers prepare for the upcoming school year. The training will provide future educators with time to develop lesson plans for initial instruction in classes they will be teaching in the fall semester. Participants attending JumpStart will also have the opportunity to connect with the NDE career field specialist in their discipline. Teachers are encouraged to have access to textbooks and resources they will be using in their teaching assignments. Participants must have a teaching assignment for the fall semester of the 2024-25 school year.

July 15-18, 2024, at The Career Academy in Lincoln, NE

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/NEJump1>

Please note that there are only 30 seats available for this session, so it is strongly recommended to register as soon as possible. Following registration, JumpStart participants will receive a communication with further details and a contract for a stipend to assist with expenses incurred.

May 7, 2024

Reminder to Vote for the ACTEN Officers and Board Members

Dear ACTEN Member,

If you have not already, please vote for the 2024-25 ACTEN officers and board members. Voting ends May 15.

The links are given below. If your discipline area is not listed, please click on the General Election Ballot to vote.

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.

[2024 ACTEN General Election Ballot](#)

[2024 ACTEN Family and Consumer Sciences Ballot](#)

[2024 ACTEN Agricultural Education Election Ballot](#)

[2024 ACTEN Engineering and Technology Education Ballot](#)

[2024 ACTEN Health Science Technology Education Ballot](#)

Use CTE Learn for Your Professional Development

As you plan your summer courses to possibly move across your pay scale or meet your professional development requirements, consider using the Nebraska CTE Learn site. ACTEN members do receive a discount for courses that require payment. There are free courses available to take as well.

CTE Learn offers over 180 self-paced online courses for CTE professionals. Whether you are looking for engaging professional development or a more convenient way to obtain continuing education credits and advance your career, our online courses are designed for you. We offer an array of topics that focus on effective and proven teaching and leading strategies. Browse our functional categories above to view our wide selection of courses. CTE Learn credit courses have been designed to support CTE institutions with a comprehensive, virtual professional development program. The information below summarizes the fundamental aspects of CTE Learn credit courses and associated tools that make up CTE Learn's virtual professional development program.

For more information on [CTE Learn](#).

Happy Teacher Appreciation Day!

Thank you CTE educators for all you do!!

May 8, 2024

In Case you Missed It: Ease Fears about AI Integration

[How to ease fears about AI integration in the classroom](#)

Educators express varied levels of readiness for AI integration in classrooms, highlighting concerns about data privacy, ethics and lack of training, writes Victoria Thompson, a customer success account manager at Microsoft Education and a former teacher. In this article, Thompson writes that strategies such as awareness campaigns, accessible resources, professional development, pilot projects and celebrating successes can help support educators through the AI adoption process.

May 16, 2024

ACTEN Apparel Order Deadline Today

Dear ACTEN Members,

Time is running out to order your CTE apparel! Whether you need long or short sleeve shirts, polos, cardigans, or quarter zips, our collection has something for everyone. But to ensure delivery at the upcoming NCE Conference, you'll need to place your order by today, May 14th through the [Middle Creek Printing ACTEN Store Link](#). Remember, you can opt for shipping or choose to pick up your order at the ACTEN Table during the NCE Conference. It's the perfect opportunity to show your support for CTE in style!

May 20, 2024

Register Now for the CareerTechn VISION in San Antonio

Don't miss the CTE event of the year!

Happening this **Dec. 4 to 7** in San Antonio, Texas, ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the must-attend event for CTE professionals!

- Gather with your peers and grow professionally.
- Learn via hundreds of concurrent high-quality CTE sessions that address the full range of issues facing CTE today, tomorrow and beyond.

- Ignite your inspiration while you learn from innovative keynote speakers and leaders on our main stage.
- Explore the CareerTech Expo, which features hundreds of exhibits, workshops and demonstrations.
- Celebrate the extraordinary contributions of CTE professionals, programs and organizations at the ACTE Awards Gala.

Early bird registration ends July 31, 2024.

May 23, 2024

Split the Pot During NCE Conference

ACTEN will once again be sponsoring a Split the Pot drawing during the NCE Conference. You do not need to be present to win. Let you be the one to win hundreds of dollars.



May 24, 2024

In Case You Missed It

3M expansion brings jobs to Valley, Neb.

Global manufacturer 3M has invested \$67 million in a 90,000-square-foot expansion of its Valley, Neb., facility, which will create 40 new jobs in the locality. Plant director Matt Huset said the investment would boost the production of personal safety and other products.

May 29, 2024

Fwd: New Course Launch - Enhancing Career Support with Generative AI: A Professional Guide

Greetings,

A new course has been launched in the NEACTE Online Learning Center: CS128 – Enhancing Career Support with Generative AI: A Professional Guide.

In today's dynamic career support landscape, generative artificial intelligence (AI) has rapidly gained prominence and is poised to become even more prevalent. For career support professionals, embracing this technological shift is not merely advantageous; it's essential.

Generative AI offers the capacity to create personalized assessments, optimize resumes, and provide immediate responses, making it a powerful tool in empowering learners on their career journeys. Proficiency in generative AI is no longer a choice; it's a fundamental skill that defines the modern career support professional. By mastering generative AI, you not only invest in your own professional growth but also elevate the support you provide to learners. This course will elevate your career support skills, ensuring you excel in the AI-driven era.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/cs128>

May 30, 2024

Golden Apple Award – Adam Whitmore

Congratulations to Adam Whitmore of Columbus High School who received the Golden Apple Award. The award is sponsored by 10/11 News and Doane University. He was nominated by a former ACTEN president, Steve Woodside.

June 5, 2024

Fwd: Back by Popular Demand: Order Your CTE Apparel Today!

Dear ACTEN Members,

As your ACTEN Public Relations Chair, I'm thrilled to announce that our highly sought-after line of CTE apparel is back by popular demand and now available for purchase! Whether you're looking for long or short sleeve shirts, polos, cardigans, or quarter zips, we have just what you need.

To ensure timely delivery, place your order by June 16 through the Middle Creek Printing ACTEN Store Link: <https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/acten/>

Split-the-Pot

Congratulations to Ramona Schoenrock whose name was drawn for the Split-the-Pot raffle. Ramona received \$342. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. As you know, the money will be used to pay the dues for our award winners.

June 6, 2024

Congratulations to our CTE Award Winners!

The following individuals will be going to the Region V Awards competition.

Britton Andreasen -- Carl Perkin's Community Service Award
Jennifer McConville -- Administrator of the Year
Michelle Paxton was the FCS Teacher of the Year and the overall CTE Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Dan Stehlik and Sarah Hubel

Dan Stehlik -- Lifetime Achievement Award
Sarah Hubel -- Region V New Teacher of the Year

Britton, Dan, Jennifer, and Michelle's applications will move on to regional competition. As a winner at the regional level, Sarah's application will move on to the national competition.

More Award Winners during the NCE Conference

Shelly Mowinkel -- Business Teacher of the Year
Sheree Moser -- Member of the Year
T.J. Hilsinger -- Trades and Industrial Education Teacher of the Year

June 9, 2024

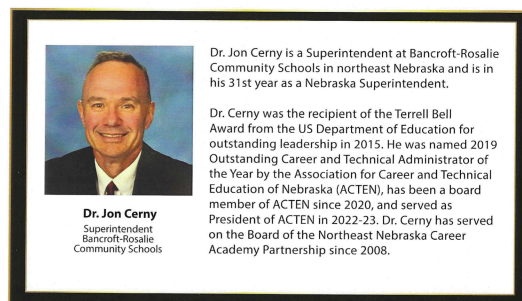
In Case You Missed It—Strategies to Motivate Students in STEM Courses

Not sure if this is something your school needs--motivating students always seems a challenge.

What it takes to motivate middle-schoolers in STEM

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Congratulations to Jon Cerny—Award received at NCE Conference



June 10, 2024

Congratulations to the 2024 NAEA Award Winners.

The following NAEA members were recognized at the NCE Conference.

Katie Nolles-Teacher Turn the Key
Alex Meyer-Outstanding Early Career Teacher
West Holt Ag Ed/David Gibbens-Outstanding Program
Dr. Stacie Turnbull-Teacher Mentor
Stephanie Mann-Outstanding Secondary Teacher
Maggie Louthan-Ideas Unlimited

Congratulations to the FCSTN Award Winners

Crystal Feik at Loup City Jr/Sr High School

CSTN Teacher of 6-15 Years
Jonelle Thoene at Crofton High School

FCSTN Teacher of 16+ Years
Kim Scarborough at Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools

FCSTN Special Service
Diane Reiners at Millard Public Schools
Sheree Moser at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

June 12, 2024

Membership in ACTE/ACTEN

Many of you have your ACTE/ACTEN membership dues needing to be renewed this summer. If you were not at the NCE Conference and unable to pay your dues, please do so soon to avoid a lapse in your membership.

You may do so online at acteonline.org.

Or use this QR Code for direct access.



If you are an Ag instructor, you should pay your dues through Colin [Kubik--
colin.kubik@nsdtitans.org](mailto:colin.kubik@nsdtitans.org).

June 14, 2024

Congratulations to the NSBEA Award Winners

Lydia Behnk -- Rookie of the Year award, Horizon Middle School in Kearney
Angie Palmer -- Secondary Teacher of the Year, Broken Bow High School
Dr. Nick Schreck -- Collegiate Business Teacher of the Year, Midland University

June 18, 2024

Fwd: New Online Course Launched! Strategies for Teaching Finance to CTE Students

A new course has been launched in the ACTEN Online Learning Center: EC134 – Strategies for Teaching Finance to CTE Students.

This course equips educators with innovative strategies for effectively teaching finance to career and technical education (CTE) students. Emphasizing hands-on learning, it covers fundamental financial concepts tailored to CTE curricula. Topics include budgeting, investment principles, and real-world applications of financial skills in diverse career paths.

Participants will explore interactive teaching methods, case studies, and industry-relevant scenarios to enhance student engagement and comprehension. Integrating practical examples and technology tools will enable educators to empower CTE students with essential financial knowledge, fostering financial literacy and readiness for their future careers.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/EC134>

Yours in Learning,
Tarlon

June 26, 2024

In Case You Missed It--UNL Partnership with Google

U. of Neb. launches Google career certificates

Enrollment begins this week for the University of Nebraska's new partnership with Google, offering noncredit, self-paced courses across various fields starting in August. The initiative has already garnered significant interest from current students, alumni and Nebraskans.

ACTE Launches Interactive Submission Form--Write for Techniques in the Near Future

NEW! Techniques submission form

[Techniques](#) is written by career and technical educators for career and technical educators. Contributors offer evidence-based leadership strategies, innovative classroom management tools and personal stories of success in career and technical education (CTE). To the people who write for, and read, our magazine, thank you!

Now, in an effort to streamline the Techniques submission process -- and encourage more readers to become writers -- we launched an interactive submission form! This resource provides a step-by-step guide to submitting a successful proposal and includes submission deadlines. Review the [editorial calendar](#), then [submit your story ideas](#). [Write for Techniques](#).

June 28, 2024

In Case You Missed It – Updated Sector Sheet

[Updated Resources: Education & Training and Hospitality & Tourism Sector Sheets](#)

By Catherine Imperatore on Jun 27, 2024 11:53 am

Today ACTE published [CTE: Developing the Education & Training Workforce](#) and [CTE: Developing the Hospitality & Tourism Workforce](#) as part of our revamped series of Sector Sheets describing CTE's role in growing the workforce for vital industry sectors. The Sector Sheet series is published with support from ACTE's long-time partner [Pearson](#). The Education & Training Sector Sheet describes how CTE supports this workforce, which employs more than 8 million people nationwide supporting preschool through adult learners, while the Hospitality & Tourism Sector Sheet describes CTE's role in preparing individuals to work in travel and tourism, hotels and lodging, and restaurant fields. The Sector Sheets share information on occupations, earnings and credentials that enable individuals to succeed in these sectors. And demonstrate the importance of CTE in developing these workforces by describing how CTE prepares learners through courses, industry credentials, work-based learning, career and technical student organizations and more.

Both the newer and older Sector Sheets are available on the [ACTE Sector Sheet webpage](#) for download and use. We encourage you to share these tools with students, families, counselors, policymakers and others to spread the message about CTE and its benefits for learners and the workforce.

July 2, 2024

Fwd: Action Alert: Ask Your Members of Congress: Oppose Cuts to Education and Workforce Programs in FY 2025!

On June 27, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies approved its **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations bill** on a party-line vote. In some good news for CTE, the bill proposes a \$10 million increase to the Perkins Basic State Grant. However, the bill proposes significant cuts to or complete eliminations of several critical education and workforce programs, such as WIOA Youth and Adult programs, federal work-study, Registered Apprenticeship, ESSA Title I and II and more.

July 7, 2024

In Case You Missed--Applications for ACTE's Leadership Programs

Applications now open for ACTE's leadership programs

ACTE's premier leadership programs provide CTE professionals opportunities to enhance their leadership potential in three 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](#) -- This nationally recognized program is now a registration-based initiative. Registration fees for accepted applicants will be \$3,000 (not including lodging or travel for in-person events).

[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. 30**. For more information, contact [Lauren Fillebrown](#), ACTE's senior manager of leadership development.

July 9, 2024

Early Bird Registration for VISION

Register by July 31 to get the early bird registration fee for CareerTech VISION. If you are planning to go, you better book your hotel now. Several are already filling up at this time.

July 11, 2024

Congratulations to the Nebraska National HOSA Winners

Congratulations to the Nebraska students who placed at the HOSA National Leadership Conference.

Below are the results for Nebraska HOSA - Future Health Professionals.

Personal Care - Top 10

Emily Watts, South Central USD #5

Job Seeking Skills - Top 10

Dominika Kouassi, Marian High School

ATC College Physics - Top 10

Gurnoor Hayer, Gering

Barbara James Service Award:

Lincoln Southeast High School	Morgan, Kenna	Bronze Level
Millard North High School	Jayaraman, Samiksha	Bronze Level
Millard North High School	Khandavalli, Nithya	Gold Level
Millard North High School	Kota, Vaibhavi	Gold Level
Millard North High School	Naveenkumar, Pranav	Bronze Level
Ralston High School	Sanchez-Garcia, Israel	Gold Level

American Red Cross Volunteer - Individual

Millard West	Sophia Krobot	Bronze Level
Ralston High School	Brodie Reimers	Bronze Level
Ralston High School	Sanchez-Garcia, Israel	Bronze Level

American Red Cross Volunteer - Chapter

Ralston High School Bronze Level

July 25, 2024

Fwd: VISION Early Bird Rates End in T-minus One Week

If you plan to attend CareerTech VISION in San Antonio, I suggest you register before July 31. Registration is already at \$560, but could be over \$600 after July 31. If you haven't booked a hotel yet, you might want to do so today.

July 27, 2024

Future Business Leaders of America NLC Results--High School and Middle School

Future Business Leaders of America 2024 National Leadership Conference

Nebraska FBLA National Award Winners Named

[National FBLA News Release](#)

More than 440 Nebraska students and advisers recently attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Nebraska FBLA Collegiate members competed from June 24-June 27 in over 35 competitive events. Nebraska FBLA Middle School and High School members competed from June 29 to July 2 in over 100 competitive events.

More than 18,000 FBLA members from 43 states, U.S. territories, and international chapters attended the conference. Nebraska members brought home 66 Top Ten awards.

July 29, 2024

Congratulations to the Educators Rising Award Winners at NLC

NEBRASKA EDUCATORS RISING CELEBRATES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Over 100 student members, chapter teacher leaders, and adult chaperones from Educators Rising chapters across Nebraska attended the 2024 Educators Rising National Conference from June 28 through July 1, 2024 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington D.C. With over 3,300 students, teacher leaders, administrators, and professionals in the education field, this conference provided opportunities to network with current and future educators across the nation, gain professional and leadership development, compete for national titles, and further their interests in advocating for education.

This year's conference theme was "Discovering Your Potential," which was meant to encourage and empower underrepresented populations in the field of Education throughout the 2023-2024 year. With this theme in mind, Educators Rising partnered with

Martha's Table, a children's education, nutrition, and emotional wellness support organization in Washington D.C., to host a book drive featuring books written by authors from underrepresented populations.

Rebecka Peterson, 2023 National Teacher of the Year from Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the keynote speaker for the Opening General Session, and Dr. Amy Loyd, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, served as the keynote speaker during the Member Recognition Luncheon. Both keynote speakers encouraged attendees to continue on their path to becoming professionals in the field of education and advocate for the profession through their involvement within Educators Rising. Additionally, breakout sessions were hosted by educational leaders and covered themes such as student leadership, teacher diversity, college admissions and financial aid, teaching pedagogy, and community service.

One of the highlights of the conference, is competing in the national contests and competitions. With over 2,000 students competing, Nebraska was represented by 86 competitors (51 entries) in 19 different events in the Junior Varsity (grades 9-10) and Varsity (grades 11-12) divisions. With a blend of individual, dual, and team events, there are 25 competitions and three contests offered, which are authentic opportunities for student members to stretch their creativity, commitment, and professionalism. The Top

Congratulations to the FCCLA Award Winners at NLC

NEBRASKA FCCLA MEMBERS COMPLETE THEIR ULTIMATE JOURNEY AT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Nebraska members proudly represented their schools, communities, and state association at the highly anticipated FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) held at the Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building from June 29-July 3, 2024 in Seattle, Washington. This annual event brought together more than 8,000 passionate Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student members, advisers, and guests, including over 325 attendees from Nebraska.

The conference provided FCCLA members with an amazing experience, including attending inspiring speaker sessions, engaging in youth workshops, competing nationally, and networking with fellow youth leaders. Centered around "The Ultimate Journey," this conference highlighted how FCCLA offers exceptional prospects to its members and advisers through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. By exploring career opportunities and instilling real-world skills, advocacy, and service, FCCLA empowers its members to make an impact that will guide them on their ultimate journey.

Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "This year has been nothing short of amazing, filled with milestones that reflect FCCLA's

unwavering dedication to its cause. We are thrilled to have welcomed over 8,000 members, advisers, corporate partners, and guests who are dedicated to charting their own 'Ultimate Journey' through their involvement in FCCLA."

August 8, 2024

2025 Region V Conference – Las Vegas

The Call for Presentations is now available. If you would like to present at the 2025 Region V Conference in Las Vegas, access this site <https://sites.google.com/view/regionv2025/call-for-presentations?authuser=0> to fill out the request form.

The conference is April 30-May 3, 2025 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Almost as good as Hawaii (and probably cheaper). I think the hotel rate is \$85.

August 9, 2024

In Case You Missed It--Fremont High School Partners with MCC

\$10M CTE center to open at a Neb. high school

The \$10-million Career and Technical Education Center at a Nebraska high school offers hands-on programs in various fields and dual-credit opportunities through a partnership with Metropolitan Community College. Superintendent Mark Shepard notes increasing student interest in the nursing program since the addition of real medical equipment.

August 20, 2024

Fwd: CTE Policy Watch for 08/16/2024: ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress: Support the Senate's FY 2025 Education Funding Bill!

[ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress: Support the Senate's FY 2025 Education Funding Bill!](#)

By Hannah Richards on Aug 15, 2024 02:53 pm

Prior to August recess, the Senate Appropriations Committee considered and approved its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill on a bipartisan basis, which **contains a \$35 million increase over FY 2024 for the Perkins Basic State Grant program**, and an overall increase of \$1 billion for education programs. These increases will provide significantly more resources for education and workforce development programs than the House version of the bill released earlier this summer. The appropriations process will resume in September when both chambers return from the August recess. We want to let Members of Congress know that we support the higher funding levels in the Senate bill! Congress still has significant work to do to complete the FY

2025 appropriations process, and your advocacy is critical in emphasizing that the Senate bill is preferable.

ACTION NEEDED: [CLICK HERE](#) to urge your Members of Congress to support the Senate's \$35 million increase for Perkins and overall higher funding levels!

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.

Addressing CTE Teacher Shortages

New resource: [Strategies for addressing CTE teacher shortages](#)

CTE's newest publication, *Staffing Outside the Box: Strategies for Addressing CTE Teacher Shortages*, sponsored by eDynamic Learning, explores considerations and provides examples for addressing CTE teacher shortages in the short and medium term through such methods as bringing industry experts into the classroom, sharing faculty across subject areas and institutions, and providing virtual learning opportunities. [Read more](#).

August 25, 2024

As you begin your school year, start making plans to apply for one of our ACTEN awards. The deadline is not until March 1, 2025. I wanted to give you ample time to start gathering data and filling out the application. You can fill out part of the application, save it, and return to it later. We have such quality CTE teachers in Nebraska, I want you to be recognized for your commitment to CTE. Apply today or nominate a fellow CTE educator. They do not have to be a member to apply.

August 27, 2024

Contact Your Senators Today

ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Members of Congress: Support the Senate's FY 2025 Education Funding Bill!

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September 11, 2024

Fwd: New Course Launch! Motivational Interviewing for Career Support Professionals

A new course has recently been launched in the ACTEN Online Learning Center: CS132 – Motivational Interviewing for Career Support Professionals.

Career support professionals often encounter learners struggling with motivation during their job search and career development. This course teaches you how to apply motivational interviewing (MI) techniques to enhance learners' motivation, helping them overcome ambivalence, clarify goals, and take actionable steps toward their career aspirations. You will learn to partner with learners in ways that foster confidence and minimize resistance. By the course's end, you'll possess a deeper grasp of motivation, see yourself as a powerful change agent, and wield advanced coaching skills to significantly boost your learners' motivation. Enroll now to empower your learners, elevate your coaching effectiveness, and make a lasting impact.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ne.ctelearn.org/CS132>