

2026 K-ACTE Career Tech Summit

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 Concurrent Session

JULY 19 • SUNDAY		
2:00pm – 6:00pm	C Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) Kick off Meeting <i>Speakers: Brandie Disberger</i>	RC 145 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
4:00pm – 6:00pm	C K-ACTE Executive Board Meeting <i>Speakers: Linda Chase, Laurali Masterson, Jamie Manhart</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	C KAAE Executive Board Meeting <i>Speakers: Mary Beth Fulk</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	C KATFACS Executive Council Meeting <i>Speakers: Janet Holden</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	C KHSIA Executive Board Meeting	RC 145 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	C KTIEA Opening Business Meeting and Social <i>Speakers: Jeremiah Harmon</i>	RC 157 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)

JULY 20 • MONDAY

PINNED 7:00am – 3:00pm	R Registration NMOCA Atrium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 7:15am – 8:00am	M Breakfast RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 8:00am – 8:45am	P Welcome & Awards Ceremony RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 8:45am – 9:35am	P Keynote RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Andrea Caspari
9:45am – 10:25am	C K-ACTE House of Delegates NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Linda Chase, Laurali Masterson, Jamie Manhart
9:45am – 10:35am	C Work-based Learning Fundamentals RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Anthony Meals
PINNED 9:45am – 10:40am	E Exhibitor Browsing NMOCA Atrium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210)
10:45am – 11:35am	C AI 201 I Designing Instruction in an AI Enhanced Classroom RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Dyane Smokorowski
10:45am – 11:35am	C Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Advancing CAD Education RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Kim Stewart, Heather Cleveland, Eric Deneault
10:45am – 11:35am	C CTE Coordinator Information and Updates NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Natalie Clark
10:45am – 11:35am	C New Class but NO Curriculum? RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Shanta' Kemp
10:45am – 11:35am	C Pitching with Purpose: Bringing Client-Connected Projects into Any Classroom RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Jaylene Freeman
10:45am – 11:35am	C Rooted in Purpose: Growing Leaders the Kansas FCCLA Way RC 221 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Shandi Andres
10:45am – 11:35am	C The Student Who Struggles: Why CTE is the Perfect Intervention RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Stacey Jones
10:45am – 11:35am	C Tips and Tricks for Successful Fundraising RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Jacob Larison
10:45am – 11:35am	C Why Is Career Exploration so Critical Today? RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Kristin Brighton
11:40am – 12:50pm	C KAAE Committee Meetings & Luncheon RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Lacie Harshbarger
11:40am – 12:50pm	C KHSIA Awards Luncheon RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:40am – 1:00pm	M KATFACS Awards Luncheon RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210) Speakers: Janet Holden
PINNED 11:40am – 1:00pm	M Lunch RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)

1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	An Ounce of Prevention is Worth A Pound of Cure: Exploring what can go wrong in a work-based learning experience and preparing students to navigate those pitfalls	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Constructing Excellence: How to Build a Program That Produces Industry-Ready Professionals <i>Speakers: Nathan Howard</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	From Rubric to Results: Workshopping Strong SAE Grant Applications <i>Speakers: Mary Lonker</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Individual Plans of Study, Course Selection, and Future Goals and Plans <i>Speakers: Dr. Lindsay King</i>	RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	KATFACS Business Meeting <i>Speakers: Janet Holden</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Perkins FY26-27: Reporting, Spending, and Reserve Grant Opportunities NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Denise Lauber</i>	
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Real-World Personal Finance: Helping Students Navigate Today's Money Culture <i>Speakers: Ryan Wood</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Stronger Together: Turning ACTE & Kansas ACTE Membership into Meaningful Impact <i>Speakers: Linda Chase, Kelli Diemer, Laurali Masterson</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	C	Teaching Tomorrow's Tech: Preparing Students for Cyber, Cloud & AI Careers <i>Speakers: Hondo Tamez</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	A Clear Path to Success: Using the IPS Model for Student-Driven Enrollment <i>Speakers: Dana Daugharrthy</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	AI as a Teaching Tool: Practical Applications for Every CTE Program <i>Speakers: Hondo Tamez</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Be Future Ready: Empowering Tomorrow's Financial Leaders <i>Speakers: Gigi Wolf Neil</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Beyond the Credential: How the "Whole-Scholar" Model Achieves a 75% Persistence Rate <i>Speakers: Macenzie Tucker, Alex Shaw</i>	RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Comparisons and differences between works of fine art and works of design in the age of AI. <i>Speakers: Jim Lane</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	CTE Pathways Student Data Management Reporting Training NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Jenna Giordano</i>	
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Including Culture in Health Care <i>Speakers: Danielle Espinosa, Paige Tillotson, Jill Pelz</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Leveling Up Your Labs with iCEV <i>Speakers: Dr. Calee McElwain</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	Recruiting and Supporting Special Populations in CTE <i>Speakers: Dr. Lindsay King, Andy Ewing</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 2:50pm	C	The Value of ACT WorkKeys and the NCRC <i>Speakers: Michael Monson</i>	RC 221 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:00pm – 3:50pm	C	Olathe Innovations Campus <i>Speakers: Barbrea Gonzales</i>	Olathe Innovation Campus (450 N Rogers Road, Olathe, KS 66062)
2:00pm – 3:50pm	C	Tour of JCCC's Center for Sustainability's Open Petal Farm <i>Speakers: Claire Zimmermann</i>	Open Petal Farm (N Campus Dr, Overland Park, KS 66210)

2:00pm – 3:50pm	C	Welding Test for Excel in CTE <i>Speakers: Jeremiah Harmon, Grant Von Lunen</i>	TBA
2:30pm – 3:50pm	C	Pathways to Creative Careers: A Look Inside the JCCC Fashion & Interior Design Departments <i>Speakers: Dr. Heather Carlile Carter, Joy Rhodes</i>	GEB 353-A (12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
5:00pm – 8:00pm	S	KLCTE Social <i>Speakers: Adam Wessel</i>	Barley's Kitchen + Tap (11924 W 119th St, Overland Park, KS 66213, USA)
6:00pm – 9:00pm	S	KATFACS Social <i>Speakers: Janet Holden</i>	Nick & Jake's (6830 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223)
6:00pm – 9:00pm	S	KHSIA Social	Firebirds Wood Fired Grill (6601 W 135th St Suite A9, Overland Park, KS 66223)

JULY 21 • TUESDAY		
PINNED 7:30am – 8:45am	M Breakfast	RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 7:30am – 12:00pm	R Registration	NMOCA Atrium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Beyond the Card: Bringing OSHA 10 & Employability Skills to Life in Your Classroom <i>Speakers: Justin Williamson</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Breaking Cycles, Building Futures: How Educators Create Workforce-Ready Students Through Intentionality, Mentorship, and High Expectations <i>Speakers: Justin Pickens</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 8:45am – 9:35am	C Changes to Digital Technology Career Cluster <i>Speakers: Stephen King</i>	RC 221 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Elevate Your Teaching: AI for the Busy Educators, Work Smarter and Level Up Your Lessons NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Nicole Linenberger</i>	
8:45am – 9:35am	C KLCTE Annual Meeting and Roundtable <i>Speakers: Chris Holborn</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Reality U: Innovative, Hands-On Financial Learning <i>Speakers: Patrick Sehl</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Reimagining Nutrition & Dietetics: Classroom-Ready Strategies for Kansas FCS <i>Speakers: Janet Holden</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C Strengthening the Teacher Pipeline Through Youth Apprenticeship <i>Speakers: Laura Nichols</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
8:45am – 9:35am	C What is HOSA - Future Health Professionals? <i>Speakers: Tina Garetson</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C AI 101 I Teaching and Thinking in an AI World <i>Speakers: Dyane Smokorowski</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C CTE & Career Exploration for Middle Grades NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Dr. Calee McElwain</i>	
9:45am – 10:35am	C CTE and ADHD: A "Perfect" Match - Why Hands-On Learning is the Key to Neurodiverse Success <i>Speakers: Dr. Chris Foster</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C CTE Lesson Planning is Hard or izzit? <i>Speakers: Mark Turrentine</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C Exploring Health Professions Careers: An Interactive Overview of U-CHaMP and the KU School of Health Professions <i>Speakers: Laneshia Neely</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C From Handshakes to Internships: Building Business Partnerships that Work <i>Speakers: Dr. Ceresa Schaffer</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
9:45am – 10:35am	C NCCER - CTE Trades & Industry and Agriculture Technology Curriculum/Credentials for Kansas Educators and Students ---FREE through AGC and Build Up Kansas <i>Speakers: PJ Reilly</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)

9:45am – 10:35am	C	What's new in FACS? <i>Speakers: Heather Campbell</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 10:35am – 11:00am	E	Exhibitor Browsing NMOCA Atrium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210)	
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Carpenters Apprenticeship. Earn while you Learn <i>Speakers: Mike Himes</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Creating engaging, student-centered learning experiences <i>Speakers: Dr. Kelly Hoelting</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	CTE Meet Literacy: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Do It Tomorrow <i>Speakers: Mary Lonker</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Don't Know Where to Start? A Workshop for Turning Ideas into Impact NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Becky Hickert</i>	
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Electronic Portfolios for Measuring & Reflecting on Student Learning <i>Speakers: Kevin Bronson</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	From Vision to Reality: Creating a Mental and Behavioral Health Pathway <i>Speakers: Cathy Mong, Aubry Weigel</i>	RC 221 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Mastering Money <i>Speakers: Kelly Main, Jillian Miller</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Maximizing CTE Impact with Eduthings Data Management Solution <i>Speakers: Dr. Calee McElwain</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	STEM & Health Science Pathway Review and Alignment <i>Speakers: Brian Swaim</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
11:00am – 11:50am	C	Youth Registered Apprenticeship WORKS for CTE! <i>Speakers: Eryn Knecht</i>	RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
PINNED 11:50am – 1:20pm	M	Lunch	RC 101 - Capital Federal Conference Center (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Agricultural Education Program Updates <i>Speakers: Anthony Meals</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Cluster & Pathway Specific Updates: Energy; Manufacturing; Construction & Design; Vehicle Maintenance & Repair; Corrections, Security, Law & Law Enforcement Services; and Emergency & Fire Management Services <i>Speakers: Kevin Bronson</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Design Essentials Unlocked: Bringing Fashion Principles to Life in the Classroom <i>Speakers: Joy Rhodes, Audrey Michaelis</i>	GEB 353-A (12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Employed, Enrolled, Enlisted: Olathe Public Schools' 2 Year Academy Approach to WBL NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Amy Nail, Sara Cockrum, Dr. Chris Bergen</i>	
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	From Compliance to Collaboration: Building Advisory Boards That Actually Drive CTE Programs <i>Speakers: Sara Sutton</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Kansas Secondary Schools OCR/MOA Audits - Everything you need to know! <i>Speakers: Andy Ewing</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Organizing Your Digital World <i>Speakers: Shanta' Kemp</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	The Client-Connected Blueprint: Turning Industry Partnerships Into Powerful Projects <i>Speakers: Adam Wessel, Erin Fine</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)

1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Work Based Learning Organization & Collaboration <i>Speakers: Jill Robinson, Dani McEwen</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
1:30pm – 2:20pm	C	Youth Teacher Apprentice Program and the Teacher/Training CTE Pathway <i>Speakers: Dr. Joel Gillaspie</i>	RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	ADA Requirements for Kansas Schools <i>Speakers: Andy Ewing</i>	RC 245 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	Building Rural Health Science Pathways: New Funding, Certifications & Pre-Apprenticeships for Kansas Schools <i>Speakers: Jaron Caffrey</i>	RC 255 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	Integration of AI to Elevate CTE Pathways <i>Speakers: Dr. Bryce Johnson, Angela Schankenber</i>	RC 155 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	KSDE Business Cluster Update <i>Speakers: ChapLynn Askins</i>	RC 181 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	KTIEA Closing Business Meeting <i>Speakers: Jeremiah Harmon</i>	RC 232 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	Making core classes relevant to CTE students <i>Speakers: Glenna Burden</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	Modernizing CTE in Kansas: A Panel Showcase of 2025-26 Reserve Grant Innovations. NMOCA 217 Hudson Auditorium (Nerman Museum of Contemporary Arts at Johnson County Community College St, Overland Park, KS 66210) <i>Speakers: Denise Lauber</i>	
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	OSHA 10: The Credential of Value for CTE Students Entering the Workforce <i>Speakers: Justin Williamson</i>	RC 238 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
2:30pm – 3:20pm	C	Toy Box Leadership: Leadership Lessons from the Toys You Loved as a Child <i>Speakers: Cathy Caylor</i>	RC 175 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)
3:30pm – 5:00pm	C	Conference Committee Debrief <i>Speakers: Barbra Gonzales</i>	RC 270 (11190 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66210)