

From BRANTLEY MURPHY NCACTE President 2014-2015



Summer! Time for rest and relaxation, reflection and rejuvenation, and renewing connections with Career and Technical Education colleagues at the North Carolina CTE Summer Conference!

This summer conference will give you the opportunity to make connections with fellow teachers, administrators, industry leaders, vendors, and other supporters of Career and Technical Education. Take advantage of this time to make new friends, share innovative ideas, and learn updated information and strategies that will help you and your students have a successful school year! Where else will you find this many NC CTE teachers in one place? Many NC CTE professionals have worked diligently to make this conference possible by planning, preparing, and presenting. There is a wealth of knowledge to be shared through this event, so pick and choose your sessions carefully, and don't forget that some of the most valuable information can come from simply talking to people!

Most of those hard working NC CTE professionals are members of NCACTE. Your own NCACTE membership, including your division membership, allows you to maintain those professional connections that make you a more valuable employee and will help you train your students for future employment. NCACTE brings together ALL of our CTE divisions for a common goal – to positively promote Career and Technical Education in as many ways as possible. We have the best programs in our schools. We need to promote them and let everyone know about the great things that are going on in our classrooms and labs and CTSO events! If we expect our students to join their CTSO's, we must demonstrate our commitment as well by joining NCACTE. Our united front is vital as we move forward in this uncertain time for North Carolina educational policy. We know what we stand for, now we must stand together!

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The Mission of the NCACTE is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce.

MONDAY, JULY 14

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Exhibitors' Showcase

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Program Area Sessions
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Opening General Session
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm President's Reception & Exhibitors' Showcase - Guilford DEFG
8:30 pm – 11:00 pm Relax, Network, Dance - Imperial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:15 am – 4:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase – Third Floor
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Program Area Sessions
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm NCACTE Assembly of Delegates –
* OPEN TO EVERYONE !

THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase – Third Floor
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Program Area Sessions

From TOM JONES, NCACTE Executive Director

Our Career & Technical Education Summer Conference continues to be the major staff development activity for CTE teachers and administrators. A big thank you to the state level CTE staff that puts together the staff development pieces of this annual conference. A thank you also to everyone that is attending this year's Summer Conference. I am certain that you will leave this conference with valuable information that will help you to improve the quality of instruction for the students that you are serving.



Your professional organization (NCACTE) will also be quite busy during this year's Summer Conference. The people who are leaders in your professional association contribute much time and effort to provide quality leadership. I encourage you to take a moment as you see someone wearing a dark blue NCACTE ribbon and ask that person just how you can get involved and help with our professional organization activities. Anyone is welcome to visit and observe our Assembly of Delegates meeting on Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm.

I hope everyone takes advantage of the opportunity to visit the exhibits in our Exhibitors' Showcase. Immediately after the General Opening Session on Tuesday afternoon, everyone will be directed into the Exhibit Hall. From 5:30 until 8:30 pm people will be able to visit the exhibits and enjoy refreshments as a part of our NCACTE President's Reception. In addition to our main Exhibit Showcase, many of our regular showcase exhibitors will be staying with us through the conference as a part of the "Third Floor Exhibitors' Showcase" that will last until the conclusion of our conference on Thursday.

NCACTE's advocacy efforts continue to be a primary feature of our professional association's member services. Our lobbyist and Legislative Committee have managed to continue a strong and positive relationship with the North Carolina General Assembly. We need your help to continue our successful advocacy efforts with our state legislators. Please join NCACTE. Membership information will be available at the various program area tables located in the Exhibit Hall on Monday and Tuesday. State and division officers will be at these tables ready to assist you in completing a membership form and/or to answer membership questions.

NCACTE Legislative Policy Seminar held in Raleigh, NC on June 16-17, 2014

The positive spin of our NCACTE message to legislators at our annual Legislative Policy Seminar on June 16-17 was appreciated by lawmakers, according to what several top lawmakers told lobbyist Dave Simpson.

Thanks to our committee for helping to organize and plan the Raleigh Legislative Policy Seminar. We had a great two days with our colleagues as we heard from legislators and visited the General Assembly. We were excited to have a school superintendent, some high school principals, CTE students, and parents to attend with us.



Above: Katherine Pardue, teacher and legislative committee member, and Alyshia Shropshire, recent North Rowan High School graduate and Certified Nursing Assistant, with Senator Andrew Brock.



Above Right: Douglas Byrd High School Student interviewing Rep. Rick Glazier from Cumberland County.

Right: NCACTE President Christy Cheek, Rep. Chris Whitmire, and NCACTE Legislative Chair Chip Lucas.



Above: A delegation of administrators, teachers, and students from Cumberland County at the base of the stairs in the Legislative Building.



*The Numbers are In
For 2013 –*

80.4%

of North Carolina's students
graduated from public high schools.

93.7%

of North Carolina's students
graduated from public high schools
when they completed a 4-credit

**Career & Technical
Education** pathway.

Spread The Word!

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction (June 2014)

NEW ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

- ♦ Ask your Division Representatives
- ♦ Division Tables in the Exhibit Hall
- ♦ Suite 364



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EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CTE TEACHERS

- Sept. 25-28, 2014:** ACTE Region II Conference—Richmond, Virginia
- Oct. 15-17, 2014:** NCACTE Fall Professional Development Conference & Board of Directors' Meeting—Atlantic Beach, NC
- Nov. 19-22, 2014:** CareerTech Vision 2014—Nashville, Tennessee

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on these and
other events.**



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