

EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

I was fortunate to have had mentors who helped me learn and grow. Volunteering and mentoring is what enriches personal and professional relationships and enables a community and its people to flourish and advance. As our professional organization, ACTE offers great opportunities to do just that.

What's one big issue you want to help resolve or improve (in your career, in the field or in ACTE)?

Providing quality education and training that leads to safe workers who have attained industry-recognized, portable credentials is an important key to career success: I believe these standards in education are an obligation that we owe our secondary and postsecondary students.

What do you see as upcoming challenges?

Researchers are predicting Robotics and Automation (R&A) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) will have a revolutionary impact on current workforce and employment in a wide variety of occupations throughout all career cluster areas. So, it's a challenge we all face. I believe our traditional educational system will need to transform itself from the 20th Century model where secondary education was time-based, into a competency-based agile system, where education is managed through problem-based learning integrating mastery of learning objects that prepare students for pathways that lead to multiple career fields and occupational choices.

What's your greatest 'useless talent'?

Collecting neck ties. Currently numbering over 300, they are arranged in themes that include architecture, skilled trades, holidays, education, history, art, government and more.

What's your favorite food?

I like all foods. My challenge is to eat healthy.

What's your favorite travel destination?

My two favorite travel destinations are Charlottesville, Virginia; and Montreal, Canada, where my daughter and son live.

What's your favorite quote or motto?

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Except stay away from bears. Bears will kill you."

What's the best advice you've been given?

Be the best at what you do and your work will always be in demand.

What do you do outside of work?

I listen to classical music, and watch mainly public television. I spend time keeping up on developments within my professional fields in industry and education supporting quality teaching and learning.



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