

Who or what originally inspired you to get involved as a volunteer with ACTE?

Since being in the CTE system, I wanted to get involved in organizations that had an impact on my career. The education, professional development, and networking have been tremendous with the ACTE Fellows and with the PACE (Post-Secondary Adult Career Education) organization.

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

I would like to see more people in CTE be made aware of what BIS (Business and Industry Services) and PACE does for CTE. Even though a lot of our attention is given to secondary students and rightly so, I would like to see others educated about what BIS and PACE does e.g. customized training for small and large businesses, training for inmates, certifications and licensing courses for adult learners, and a host of other services for our patrons. Besides others in CTE an education about these services be made to all community members e.g. legislators, taxpayers, and businesses.

What are some of the major challenges facing this issue?

The biggest challenge facing this issue is education from BIS and PACE members. The importance of what BIS provides to the community is vital in economic development for our communities throughout the nation.

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

I would hope to learn more about ACTE and how all of it in CTE comes together to make a better education system. I also learn from volunteering that it helps in my own development of my leadership skills.

What's your greatest 'useless talent'?

This is a hard one to answer! We often think about our talents and not the ones we do not use. It use it would be doing more than one thing at time. I have learned that concentrating on one thing at a time, you get more things done.

What are you reading right now?

Eyes Wide Open by Isaac Lidsky

What's your favorite food?

Mexican

What's your favorite travel destination?

The Hawaiian Islands. Been there 4 times now since I have an advantage of my older brother living there. The last time I went got to tours other island besides Oahu. Want to go there many times.

What's your favorite quote or motto?

Do It, Do It Right, Do It Right Now

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