

National Policy Seminar 2016

February 29–March 2
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, Virginia



Administrative Hours

Located in the Grand Foyer

NPS Registration Desk

Sunday, February 28 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 29 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ShopACTE

Monday, February 29 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ACTE Membership Table

Monday, February 29 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CTE Support Fund Table

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Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	NATFACS Policy and Planning Meeting	Madison
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	State Leadership Training Program <i>Separate Registration Required</i>	Salon K
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	NEDA Meeting	Salons DE
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Region II Policy Committee Meeting	Salon B
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	First Timer's Orientation If it is your first time at NPS, or first time in several years, this session will provide you with all the information you need to navigate the conference and Capitol Hill, and make the most of your interactions with policymakers. <i>Sean Lynch; Legislative and Public Affairs Manager; ACTE</i>	Salon C
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	NCLA/Administration Division Reception	Salon A

Monday, February 29

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Networking	Salons ABCHJK
7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Arizona ACTE State Meeting	Salon 1
7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Missouri ACTE State Meeting	Salons FG
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Ohio ACTE State Meeting	Salons DE

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening General Session: Shaping Policy in the Current Political Climate	Salons ABCHJK
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Welcome

Doug Meyer; President; ACTE

Pledge of Allegiance

Jake Larson; President; Iowa Technology Student Association

ACTE Update

LeAnn Wilson; Executive Director; ACTE

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Thomas Davis

Known as a brilliant political strategist, The Honorable Thomas Davis will provide comprehensive analysis and practical advice on navigating the current and changing political environment. Bringing a wealth of knowledge to NPS, he is a former seven-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia, and presently serves in numerous roles, including Director for Government Affairs for Deloitte & Touche.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	General Session: The New ESSA and Opportunities for CTE	Salons ABCHJK
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The recently passed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the long-awaited reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, provides unprecedented opportunities for connections between CTE and more traditional “academic” education. This session will begin with a broad overview of the new law and plans for its implementation, to be followed by more in-depth focus on the key areas most relevant to CTE.

Monique Chism; Deputy Assistant Secretary; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; U.S. Department of Education

*Noelle Ellerson; Associate Executive Director, Policy and Advocacy;
AASA: The School Superintendents Association*

Mitch Coppes; Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager; ACTE

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ESSA Breakout Sessions

Many of the themes emphasized in the new ESSA are reflective of ideas being embraced in other federal and state policies as well—and provide increased opportunities to strengthen CTE. These breakout sessions will take a deeper dive into areas of intersection between ESSA, CTE and other policy initiatives, including best practices for state and local implementation.

Accountability Systems

Salons FG

Learn more about the ESSA requirements for state accountability systems, how career readiness indicators are already being used around the country and can be strengthened under the new law, and how you can get involved in the process.

Peter Zamora; Director of Federal Relations; Council of Chief State School Officers

Kate Blossveren Kreamer; Deputy Executive Director; Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work

Mike Stone; Executive Director; Kentucky ACTE

Teacher Recruitment, Preparation and Professional Development

Salon 1

Title II of ESSA provides many new opportunities for CTE programs and teachers. This session will provide detailed information on how Title II funds should be used under the new law, and examples of programs already in place to prepare CTE teachers to better integrate academics.

Blake West, Senior Policy Analyst, National Education Association Center for Great Public Schools - Teacher Quality

Larae Watkins; Assistant Professor, Career & Technology Education; Co-Director, Missouri Center for Career Education; University of Central Missouri

Michelle Conrad; Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership & Human Development; Co-Director, Missouri Center for Career Education; University of Central Missouri

Career Guidance and Counseling

Salon 2

Enhanced career guidance and counseling is a key theme of the new ESSA law, with many new opportunities for CTE programs. This session will explore ESSA provisions and best practices for how those new opportunities might look when implemented on the ground.

Amanda Fitzgerald; Director of Public Policy; American School Counselor Association

Nicole Cobb; Executive Director of School Counseling Services; Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Jan Bell, Guidance and Career Development Division Vice President, ACTE

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Advocacy in Agricultural Education

Salon DE

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	NAAE Agricultural Education Leadership Lunch <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Salon DE
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own	
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	<p>General Session:</p> <p>Perkins Reauthorization Update—Latest News and Next Steps</p> <p>There has been renewed interest in Perkins reauthorization over the last few months and Congress is making progress toward a new bill. Get all the latest updates, policy details and information on next steps as we continue through the reauthorization process.</p>	Salons ABCHJK
	<p><i>Special Remarks: Mike Williams; Association Sales Director; Forrest T. Jones & Company, Inc.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Alisha Hyslop; Director of Public Policy; ACTE</i></p>	
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Preparing for the Hill:</p> <p>Interactive Advocacy Training</p> <p>This interactive session, being offered in a new format for the first time this year, will help you strengthen your CTE advocacy here in Washington as well as once you return home. Key messages, delivery approaches and resources will be interwoven with hands-on activities and planning time within state and local groups.</p>	Salons ABCHJK
	<p><i>Amelia Powers; Chief Executive Officer; Uprise Solutions, Effective Advocacy; and former CTE Student and Past National Officer for SkillsUSA</i></p>	
	<p><i>Kari Malkovich; Chief Operating Officer; Effective Advocacy; CTE Advocate of the Year for the state of Utah</i></p>	
	<p><i>Clark Madsen; Board Member; Uprise Solutions and Effective Advocacy</i></p>	
	<p>Closing Remarks: <i>Cindy Quinlan; ACTE Teacher of the Year; Snellville, Georgia</i></p>	
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	FACS Update & Networking	Salons FG

Tuesday, March 1 – Day on the Hill

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hill Visits

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Congressional Staff Panel: Hearing from the Hill

Senate Russell Room 325

Lead staff working on CTE issues and Perkins reauthorization for the Senate Health, Education and Pensions (HELP) Committee and the House Education and the Workforce Committee will share the latest news from Capitol Hill and their outlook for the rest of this congressional session.

*Steve Townsend; Legislative Assistant; Senator Michael Enzi
Leanne Hotek; Education Policy Advisor; Senate HELP Committee
Minority Staff*

*James Redstone; Professional Staff Member; House Education and the
Workforce Committee Majority Staff*

*Rayna Reid; Education Policy Counsel; House Education and the
Workforce Committee Minority Staff*

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

I Am CTE: STEM-Savvy and Career-Ready Capitol Hill Reception

Senate Russell Room 325

Please join the Senate CTE Caucus for a reception co-hosted by ACTE and Project Lead the Way featuring students from area high schools, as well as comments from key leaders. During this interactive event, students will showcase and demonstrate projects that highlight the role of CTE and STEM in preparing tomorrow's workforce.

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Networking

Salons ABCHJK

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Career Pathways Forum

Salons ABCHJK

The Career Pathways Forum will provide NPS attendees the opportunity to interact with other education and workforce development leaders in a “conference-within-the-conference” focused on the role of CTE in expanding career pathways systems, including a particular focus on state and federal policy activity around the expansion of pathways.

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

CTE and Career Pathways: National Perspectives

Key national leaders will share their perspectives on CTE and career pathways, as well as information on current policy issues and initiatives.

Steve DeWitt; Deputy Executive Director; ACTE
Mark Mitsui; Deputy Assistant Secretary; Office of Career,
Technical and Adult Education; U.S. Department of
Education
Eric Seleznow; Deputy Assistant Secretary; U.S. Department of
Labor Representative

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Considerations for Policy and Practice:

Lessons Learned from Career Pathway Development

National, state and local leaders will share their “on-the-ground” experience in implementing career pathways in this moderated discussion.

Sarah Heath; State CTE Director and ACTE Past-president;
Colorado (Moderator)
Jeffrey Adkins-Dutro; President; Peoria Federation of Teachers
Brent Baker; Peoria Pathways Coordinator; Greater Peoria
Economic Development Council
Mary Claggett; Project Leader; Advancing CTE in State and Local
Career Pathways Project; Jobs for the Future
Laura Jimenez; Director; College and Career Readiness Success
Center; American Institutes for Research
Judy Mortrude; Project Director; Alliance for Quality Career
Pathways Project; Center for Law and Social Policy

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

New Resources and Next Steps

The morning will close with information on new resources and efforts to strengthen CTE’s role in career pathways system, as well as time for attendees to reflect on next steps.

Bryan Wilson; State Policy Director; State Skills Equity Policy
Project; National Skills Coalition
Chrys Limardo; Project Director; Technical Assistance for
Implementing Career Pathways Systems Initiative;
Manhattan Strategy Group
Robin Utz; College and Career Transitions Branch Chief; Division
of Academic and Technical Education; Office of Career,
Technical, and Adult Education; U.S. Department of
Education

12:00 p.m.

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