

EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

Who or what inspired you to get involved with ACTE?

I was inspired to get involved by many of the **leaders in the Colorado ACTE association**. They provided a great platform to be involved at the state level and then grow into involvement at the national level. (Thanks for the encouragement and support **Darrell Green!**)

What issue do you want to help resolve or improve?

One of the biggest things that initially inspired me to get involved was the **desire to help arts teachers**, like myself, have a place in the state association and in ACTE. I served as the Colorado President for the STEM, Arts and IT Division and I worked with ACTE to help launch the Area of Interest for arts teachers within the Engineering and Technology Education Division. Our initial steps of organizing are under way, but we need to continue the momentum by developing a strong cohort of leaders that can keep pushing things forward.

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

My goal is to **provide more opportunities for my students and for other CTE teachers**. Teaching is a challenging profession and if ACTE can provide valuable resources for teachers it can ultimately have a positive impact on students. Through collaboration we can make all of our work in education as impactful as possible.

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

The best advice I have received has not come in the form of words, but in **the actions of many of the teachers** with whom I have had the opportunity to work. Their selfless attitude of always keeping their students as the focus of their energy has constantly reminded me that the work of being an educator is ultimately about helping all of our students reach their potential.

What do you do when you're not working?

I am active as a **musician, studio producer, composer/arranger** and interdisciplinary collaboration artist.

What's your favorite travel destination?

My wife and I spend a good amount of time during the summers **camping throughout Colorado and nearby states**. We have a cute, little pop-up trailer that serves as our tiny home during our camping expeditions.

What's your favorite quote?

Art does not reproduce what we see. It makes us see.
—Paul Klee



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- + ACTE Educator in Action since 2014
- + ACTE member since 2009
- + Engineering & Technology Education Division
- + Attended CareerTech Vision four times since 2009
- + Was a 2013 ACTE Fellow
- + Served on the ACTE Nominating Committee
- + Co-chaired the CTE Awareness Advisory Group