

**Iowa ACTE Mission Statement...**to promote and support quality career and technical education for everyone through leadership, advocacy, communication, professional development and partnership.

### The purpose of IACTE is to:

- Promote quality career and technical education within the State of Iowa
- Encourage greater interest in career and technical education at the local, state and national levels
- Inform the people of the state of Iowa of the strengths of career and technical education
- Serve as the coordinating organization for all career and technical educators of the State of Iowa
- Encourage membership in cooperating with the program of ACTE and its various divisions
- Encourage appropriate agencies/institutions to conduct surveys and/or studies to evaluate the effectiveness of career and technical education in Iowa
- Identify the educational offerings that are necessary to meet the needs of current business, industry and labor markets
- Assist in the promotion of all education
- Encourage programs, activities and services to meet the special interests of the membership
- Encourage involvement in and support of youth organizations

# Iowa ACTE WORKS

## Second Quarter Newsletter

### President's Message...

Hello and Happy Holidays!

**News from Nashville, TN home of VISION 2014**



Iowa ACTE was awarded the 2013-2014 Quality Association Standard Award at VISION 2014. Receiving the award from our ACTE President, Sarah Heath, was myself and Dana Lampe, Iowa ACTE Past President.

Looking forward...VISION 2015 will include Career Clusters programming. Also, there is movement toward establishing a Postsecondary Advisory Committee with the goal of increasing postsecondary content in New Orleans, home of VISION 2015.

As we move toward the end of 2014, it's my pleasure to report the progress that Iowa ACTE has made toward accomplishing goals shared at our conference in September.

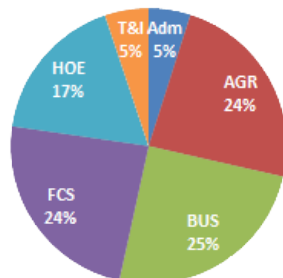


### Heighten Awareness About Iowa ACTE Within Iowa

A big **thank you** goes out to our Iowa CTE students and their teachers/mentors who presented, demonstrated, and visited with Iowa School Counselors and School Board Association members. Dave Bunting reported, **he had the time of his life**, working with these enthusiastic CTE students. If your Division has not participated in one of these advocacy events, fear not, another opportunity to advocate occurs on April 6, 2015 at the Iowa Capitol.

### Improve Communication Among Divisions and Iowa ACTE

On December 12, 2014, Iowa ACTE is developing a strategic plan with Iowa CTE Division Leadership to ensure our association excellence. A summary of this meeting will be forthcoming.



IACTE Membership reported as of 10-1-14

IACTE invites its members to join key leadership committees for Iowa ACTE, and we encourage our members to invite their colleagues to join Iowa ACTE. To echo LeAnn Wilson, ACTE Executive Director, **we believe in the power of collective voice of state and national working together to advance CTE across the country.**

### Celebrate Iowa CTE Professionals

Eric Weuve was awarded the Region III Carl Perkins Award for Community Service at VISION 2014.



*Diane Cornilsen*  
IACTE President

## From Your Iowa ACTE Executive Director...

Iowa ACTE continues to set a high priority to advocate the importance of high quality Career & Technical Education with our schools.

In November, we showcased CTE students at the;

- Iowa School Counselors Association Conference in Altoona
- Iowa School Board Association Conference in Des Moines

In early March 2015, Iowa ACTE will provide financial support for students to attend the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. to meet with our Senate and Congressional representatives and share how CTE is impacting their lives and future.

On April 6th, 2015, Iowa ACTE will host a Legislative Day at the Iowa Capitol. We will showcase students from at least 10 CTE programs throughout Iowa representing all career areas. If you want to participate, please call me at 319-533-4537 or email me at [drbunting@mchsi.com](mailto:drbunting@mchsi.com).

## From Your Iowa Bureau Chief...

### Secondary CTE Task Force Discusses Career Academies, Career Guidance

The Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Task Force has had four meetings since it first met in December 2013. Discussion at those meetings focused on what does high quality CTE look like in Iowa, what should be done to set in place a systematic statewide career guidance and planning process, updating the definition in Iowa Code relating to career academies. Future topics include work-based learning, specifically apprenticeships, CTE teacher training and professional development. Other topics of interest include the provision of transportation so that all secondary CTE students can take advantage of high quality CTE throughout Iowa. More information on the task force including previous meeting agendas and notes, and a list of task force members, is available on the department's website. Contact Pradeep Kotamraju at [pradeep.kotamraju@iowa.gov](mailto:pradeep.kotamraju@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4716 with comments or questions.

### Iowa Involved in Two Initiatives Related to Industry Credentials

The Iowa Department of Education is participating in two initiatives which focus on the role of third-party industry-based certifications in a community college education - the Workforce Credential Coalition of States and the National Industry Certification Data Exchange project. The Workforce Credential Coalition of States is a national effort involving multiple education stakeholders from across the nation. The coalition, through monthly conference calls, is an effort to seek out best practices relative to recognizing the value of third-party industry-based certifications. One such best practice is the National Industry Certification Data Exchange project. As part of the National Industry Data Exchange project, Iowa is leading a consortium of five states in an effort to develop the foundation for a national data exchange clearinghouse that will allow states and educational institutions to gain access to data on industry-recognized certifications earned by students. Comments or questions may be directed to Pradeep Kotamraju at [pradeep.kotamraju@iowa.gov](mailto:pradeep.kotamraju@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4716.

### Safety Training Available to Industrial Technology Instructors

The Iowa Department of Education is sponsoring an initiative to make safety training available to community college industrial technology faculty. The department is sponsoring training for up to 200 of Iowa's secondary and postsecondary industrial technology program teachers. The web-based training, provided by CareerSafe™, is geared toward enhancing workplace safety awareness and providing a safer learning environment for students. The goal of the professional development is to provide instructors with skills and strategies to support better management of program and student safety and lower the incident rate of injuries and near misses of students. It is intended to improve conditions in Iowa's industrial technology programs and ultimately help students to establish safe work habits that they will carry into their careers. The Safety Committee recommended using programs offered by CareerSafe™, which is one of only 10 companies approved to deliver the OSHA 10-hour training online, and the only one of those companies with a focus on young worker training and education (ages 14-24). The department will support the cost of the following two courses: 1.) OSHA 10-hour; and 2.) CareerSafe™ Professional Development Program (CPDP) for industrial technology teachers. A detailed overview of the courses can be found on the department's [website](#). Participants will select either a general industry or construction track. For more information about this opportunity, please visit the department's [website](#). Contact Andy Wermes (515-281-8353; [andrew.wermes@iowa.gov](mailto:andrew.wermes@iowa.gov)) with comments or questions.

Event	Date	Details
Iowa ACTE Board Retreat	December 12, 2014	Strategic Planning Meeting with Division Leaders.
FFA Legislative Symposium	January 27, 2015	Our program initially begins at the FFA Enrichment Center around 9:30 AM and the FFA members/chapters head to the state capitol at or before 11 AM. We will tentatively plan the FFA Proclamation signing with the Governor at 1 PM, potentially at the World Food Prize or in the Historical Building.
National Policy Seminar	March 2 - 4, 2015	
Legislative Day at the Capitol	April 6, 2015	IACTE, contact Dave Bunting at 319-533-4537
ACTE Region III Conference	June 24 - 26, 2015	Leading the Way with CTE, with a focus on leadership and training leaders in our divisional affiliates and teams.

### Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- Region III Conference on June 24, 2014 at The Hotel at Kirkwood - Kirkwood Community College
- Ag Conference - June 23 - 25, 2015
- IHEA Conference - June 18 - 19, 2015
- FCS Conference - June 22 - 24, 2015



### Division News...

Barb Lemmer, IAAE, reported that 20 people from Iowa were in attendance at VISION 2014 ranging from award recipients, delegates, a member from the National FFA Alumni Board, workshop presenters, and ag instructors.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Karen Van De Walle was a recipient and participant in the inaugural XLR8 (Excellence in Leadership for Retention) professional development program. This is for teachers and NAAE members in their 7th through 15th years of teaching and includes participation in an intensive professional development experience that uses online collaboration, virtual learning experiences, and Communities of Practice with the goal of retaining these quality educators in the profession.

Dawn Mausser was a recipient of the "Teacher Turn the Key" scholarship program. This program is for NAAE members and teachers who are in their 2nd through 4th years of teaching. This program helps encourage young teachers to remain in the profession and encourage and recognize participation in professional activities. Dawn was kept pretty busy the whole time of conference with her scholarship program plus attending many of the ACTE and NAAE events.

Eric Weuve was one of our four national finalists for the Carl Perkins Community Service Award through ACTE. Three of the four finalists were ag educators and although Eric did not win the top prize, he still represented Iowa very well in the ACTE spotlight.

#### PROGRAM PRESENTERS:

Bridget Mahoney and Josie Rudolphi gave a professional development workshop on using the NIOSH Safety Checklist in an Ag Mechanics Laboratory. I did not get a chance to attend the workshop, but if it was like some of the other ones I attended, then everyone came away with some good ideas and plans for their own programs.

Participating students from the Waukee High School ProStart Culinary Program prepared 150

individualized, gourmet s'mores. While preparing s'mores, they visited about their program and handed out the Issue Brief.

Accompanying the students was Laura VanWaardhuizen who prepared her students so professionally.



Agriculture students from Iowa Falls-Alden shared a video about the birthing of a calf at the Hardin County Fair, prepared a quiz for counselors to identify different seeds and feed supplements, distributed

beef jerky from the beef cattle they raised and handed out the Issue Brief. Thanks to Doug Dodd who prepared his students so professionally for this experience.



## Advocacy Efforts

On November 3, 4, 20 and 21, Iowa CTE students demonstrated how high quality CTE programs have impacted their learning at the Iowa School Counselors Association Conference and at the Iowa Association of School Boards Conference. An Issue Brief was purchased from ACTE on, "The Role of Career & Technical Education in Career Guidance" which students distributed at both conferences. It is important to note that no other exhibitor involved students and the students were true "super stars".



Health Occupations students from two Sioux City High Schools were dressed in career-related attire while performing blood pressures and taking temperatures. They visited about their program and signed Bingo cards and distributed the Issue Brief.

Thanks goes out to Pat Thieben, Consultant for the Iowa Department of Education, for organizing these student leaders and who also purchased the blood pressure/temperature taking equipment.

Southeast Polk High School Industrial Technology students showcased their Industrial Technology program and the Iowa Industrial Technology Expo Competition. Thank you, Phil Cronin, for preparing your students to proudly represent Iowa CTE.

