



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you, TEAM. TEAM recently added 57 memberships to the 2013-14 rosters. If my count is correct, that places membership at 1985, fifteen short of our budgeted goal of 2000. If the seven or eight teachers at my home school, GRTS, would step up and pay their dues, we would be very, very close. Yes, I have handed each the membership application — twice — which gives you a clue of what the people I work with think of my skills. I hope we can still surpass our membership goal.

“Missouri ACTE Action” should be our theme for this edition of our *Reporter*. Inside, you will find highlights of the Missouri ACTE Legislative Day, the National Policy Seminar and a sneak peek of our annual Summer Conference. Share this information with colleagues. A quick scan of the *Missouri ACTE Reporter* will provide proof of the value of their membership.

With the new emphasis on student participation, the Legislative Day

had an enhanced impact on legislators. Check out the photos and other info in the *Reporter*. I also believe your Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee scheduled a day at the Capitol on April 16th. In today's political environment, we must continue to make policy-makers aware of our students and programs.

Policies at the federal level also have been a focus of your Missouri ACTE Leaders. During early March, in the middle of a snowstorm that caused the east coast and all airlines to shut-down for a couple of days, several Missouri ACTE members made it to Washington, D.C. to advocate for all of us. I have mentioned in an earlier article that attending the NPS (National Policy Seminar) has become my favorite conference. This year, I did not make it. About 15 minutes from the airport I received that call, “Your flight has been cancelled.” I was somewhat lucky. I drove home and surprised everyone at school the next morning. Jon Wilson spent two



Rusty Black
Missouri ACTE President

days trying to get to somewhere — other than Raleigh, NC. The members that made it to NPS that I have talked with said it was a great meeting again.

The race is on to the end of the year. Every year, I think this time will slow down, but it hasn't one time in the last 30 years. It seems like I go to sleep on the first of April and when I wake up, year-end grades are due. Good night — See you at Summer Conference.



REGION III REPORT

*by Sherry Struckhoff RN, BSN;
Missouri Region III Representative*

The National Policy Seminar was held in Washington, D.C. in March. The snow in Missouri kept several of our Missouri delegation from coming, but those of us who were able to attend divided the Missouri legislator list and visited all the Congressmen and Senators. This Conference is always the highlight of my year. I know that our presence and voice in Washington is heard because of our efforts.

It felt like all the legislators and their educational staff understood the issues of CTE and were in favor of funding Perkins. As always, it is up to every member of Missouri ACTE to educate our legislators on the importance of what we do with and for students. Legislators love student success stories and gain so much by visiting our schools. Keep the lines of communication open. As always, this was a wonderful opportunity to network and gain leadership skills to take back to our own states.

This year's Region III Professional Development Conference will be held in Rochester, MN, beginning at 3pm on June 18th and ending at noon on June 20th. The registration fee is \$175.00 (early bird by June 1st) and hotel accommodations can be found on the National ACTE website under Region III Conference. There will be a wonderful get-together on Thursday night with the Summer Market and Music Festival. It always allows for lots of networking and leadership opportunities. Make plans to attend this wonderful leadership opportunity.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve this organization. See you at Summer Conference!

Respectfully submitted,

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REGION III CONFERENCE

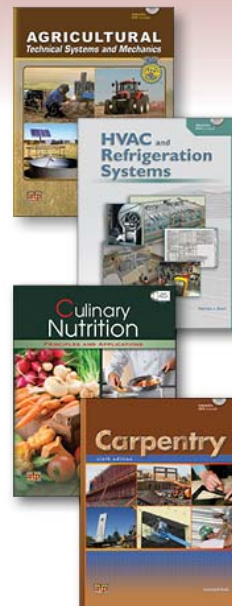
*June 18-20 ♦ Double Tree Hotel
Rochester, Minnesota*



*Drs. William James Mayo
and Charles Horace Mayo*

Join us, as CTE professionals from across the Region gather for the 2014 ACTE Region III Conference on June 18-20 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota. Located in southeastern Minnesota, Rochester is the home of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, an international leader in health care, research and reform.

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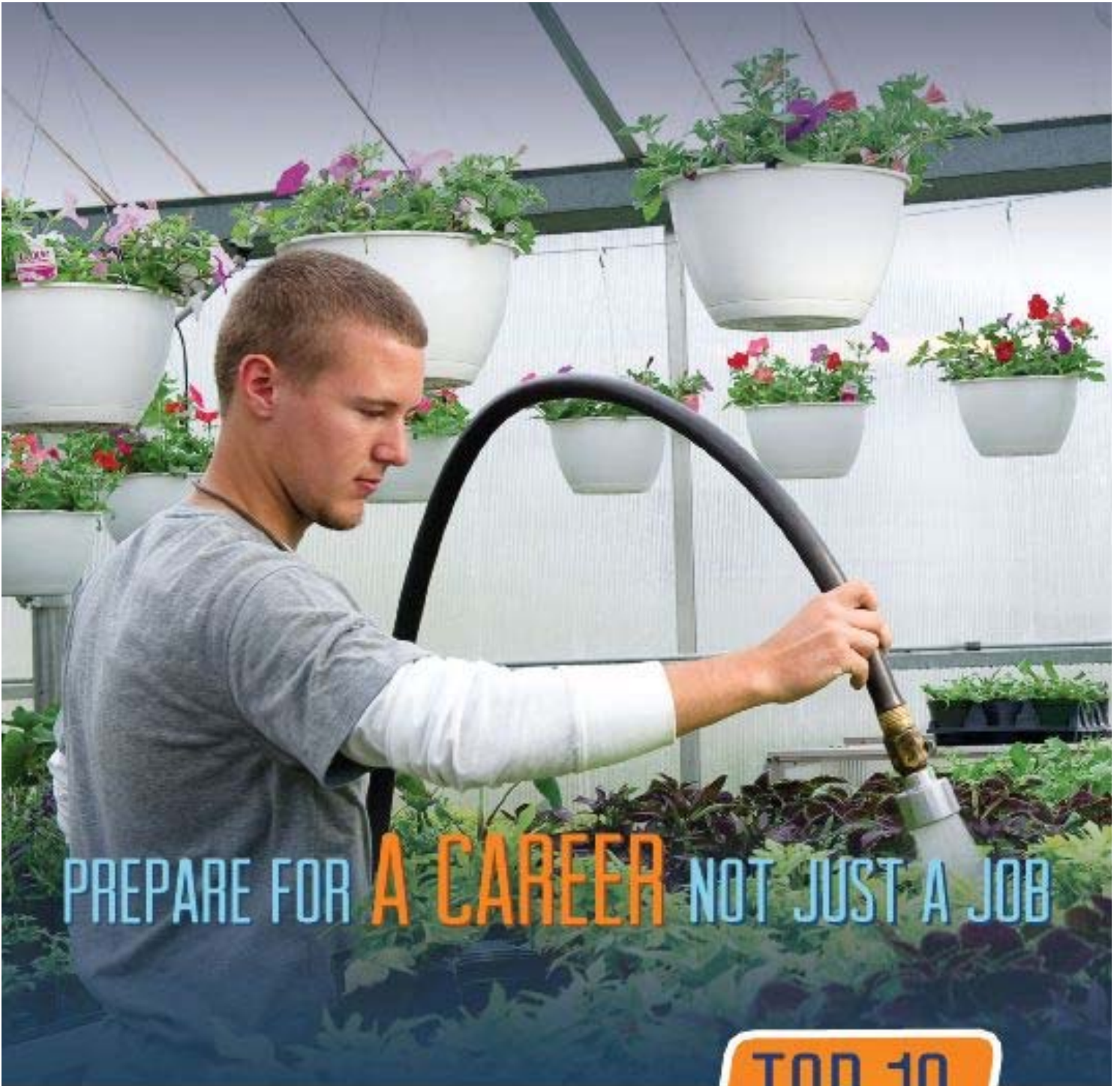


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↑ Pictured from left: Debra Price; Donna Vossen, Missouri ACTE Executive Director; Missouri US Representative Jason Smith; Cindy Stephens; Gina McLachlan; and Karen Mason during the National Policy Seminar, March 3-5.

Our Voice!

“Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow” could stop the Missouri ACTE delegation from making its appointed rounds to Missouri legislators during the National Policy Seminar (NPS), held March 3-5 in Washington, D.C.

Although a few of our members were stuck in transit due to bad weather, Missouri ACTE was well represented and our delegation was able to share our message about the necessity of CTE with Missouri US Representatives Sam Graves,

Lacy Clay, Ann Wagner, Billy Long, Jason Smith, Blaine Luetkemeyer, and Vickie Hartzler. Unfortunately, Representative Emmanuel Cleaver was not available. We also visited with Missouri US Senators Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill.

We appreciate the dedication of all our members who either attended or tried to attend the NPS. Keeping our message in front of those who represent us is vital to our continued success!

National Policy Seminar Attendees:

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| Gina Smith | Kathy Nash | Sherry Struckhoff | Sarrah Dobson |
| Glen Chapuis | Christy Rutherford | Jessi Vi Struckhoff | Charlotte Gray |
| Gina McLachlan | Debra Price | Cindy Stephens | Karen Mason |
| Dennis Merritt | Patricia Meyer | Nancy Richey | Donna Vossen |

Unable to Attend Because of Weather:

- | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| Janell Allred | Jon Wilson | Lee Bunch | Jonathan Hoer |
| Rusty Black | Amy Franklin | | |



MISSOURI ACTE LEGISLATIVE DAY FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Students and educators from across the state met at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri on February 12th to meet with their Representatives and Senators. By joining forces and sharing their success stories with Missouri legislators, these beneficiaries of Career and Technical Education demonstrate how vitally important CTE is to the State of Missouri.



← *President Rusty Black receives the Career and Technical Education Month Resolution with SkillsUSA students from several chapters.*



← *(pictured left to right) Hunter Phillips, Bourbon High School, HOSA President; Elizabeth Boyd, John F. Hodge High School (St. James), SkillsUSA Secretary; Taylor Strain, Rolla High School, FFA President; Senator Dan Brown; and Bailey LaRue, Rolla High School, DECA President*



← *FFA students from several chapters*

Our Voice!



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← *DECA students from several chapters*



← *Saline County Career Center CTSO Students meet with Senator Pearce.*

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GRAND RIVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

FBLA District Leadership Conference ~ February, 2014 ~



← District officers from GRTS are:
Savannah Sturguess, President;
Jaylene Sturguess, Secretary
(4th from left & far left, respectively)

Congratulations!

FBLA State Bound

Student	Area	Place	Student	Area	Place
Clay Morris	Accounting I	2nd	A.J. Mosier	Business Law	2nd
	Database Design	1st	Brett Clark	Economics	3rd
Robbie Parkey	Agribusiness	5th	Bradley Ogle	Computer Problem Solving	2nd
Kerrigann Cosgrove			Alan Kline		
Brianna Eckert	Business Ethics Team	1st	Ali Stephens	Business Presentation Team	1st
Amanda Norman			Megan Churchill		
John Stone	Cyber Security	1st	Courtney Reger	FBLA Principles and Procedures	2nd
	Networking Concepts	1st	Haley Cheeney	FBLA Principles and Procedures	3rd
Steven Cooper	Cyber Security	3rd	Kerrigan Cosgrove	Future Business Leader	1st
Savannah Sturguess	Healthcare Administration	3rd	Savannah Shriver	Impromptu Speaking	1st
Caitlin Fechtig	Introduction to Business	2nd	Ruby Whitt	Intro to Business Communications	2nd
Kendra Cobb	Intro to Information Tech	2nd	Trey Batye	Management Decision Making Team	1st
Skylar Ewing	Intro to Information Tech	3rd	Steen Anthony		
Mary Bligh	Spreadsheet Applications	1st			
Ryan Smith & Trent Moore	Virtual Business Challenge	Straight to State			
Haley Lewis & Skylar Ewing	Life Smarts	Straight to State			
Kiara Botts & Ruby Whitt	E-Business	Straight to State			
Mason Mayers & Jaylene Sturguess	Local Annual Chapter Report	Straight to State			



GRTS Student Competitions *(Continued)*



GRTS FBLA Members at District Competition

FBLA District Top 10

Student	Area	Place	Student	Area	Place
Bradley Ogle	Accounting I	8th	Haley Lewis	Business Math	7th
Mindy Hayes	Accounting II	2nd	Skylar Ewing	Business Math	8th
	Desktop Publishing	6th	Kendra Cobb	Business Math	9th
Ryan Smith	Business Calculations	8th	Kerrigann Cosgrove	Computer Applications	3rd
	Business Law	9th	Ronnie Reynolds	Computer Applications	7th
Savannah Sturguess	Client Services	3rd	Jaylene Sturguess	Digital Design Team	4th
Brittany Stanfield	Desktop Publishing	5th	Courtney Reger		
Maggie Resor	Digital Video Team	2nd	Brittany Stanfield	Emerging Business Issues Team	2nd
Rebeka Soasty			Samantha Baldwin		
Trent Moore	Entrepreneurship Team	2nd	Amanda Norman	Healthcare Administration	7th
Ryan Smith			Brianna Eckert	Healthcare Administration	8th
Karson Keithley			Halee Jones		
Katelyn Parkey	Global Business Team	4th	Brett Clark	Hospitality Management	3rd
Maggie Leatherman			Hanna Howard		
Bradley Ogle	Help Desk	3rd	Maggie Leatherman	Intro to Business Communications	9th
Haley Lewis	Introduction to Business	8th	Madison Gregory	Intro to Business Communications	10th
Jaylene Sturguess	Intro to Information Tech	7th	Alan Kline	Job Interview	4th
	Spreadsheet Applications	2nd	Trey Batye	Public Speaking I	4th
Morgan Dowell			Noah Holland		
Baily Fox	Marketing Team	5th	Mason Mayers	Sports Management Team	4th
Cole Distler			Nick Meyers		
Kiara Botts	Public Service Announcement	2nd	Noah Holland	Word Processing	6th
Mindy Hayes	Website Development	3rd	Mary Bligh	Word Processing	7th
Jessica Morris					

Congratulations!



GRTS STUDENT COMPETITIONS *(Continued)*

Other FBLA Participants

Jessica Morris	Accounting I	Clay Morris	Business Calculations
Candace Callahan	Accounting I	Rebeka Soasty	Business Calculations
	Business Communications	Cole Distler	Business Calculations
Caitlin Fechtig	Agribusiness	Mason Mayers	Business Communications
Cameron Mitchell	Agribusiness	AJ Mosier	Business Communications
Corey Midgyett	Agribusiness	Autumn Rowe	Business Communications
Zach Foyt	Business Math	Nick Meyers	Business Communications
Katelyn Parkey	Business Math	Dylan Askvig	Introduction to Business
Chalena Clark	Business Procedures	Skylar Mullikin	Introduction to Business
Ceyarra Evans	Business Procedures	Kendra Cobb	Introduction to Business
Mallory Cairns	Business Procedures	Jeremiah Hibner	Intro to Business Communications
Steen Anthony	Personal Finance	Hanna Howard	Intro to Business Communications
Courtney Reger	Personal Finance	Zach Foyt	Personal Finance
Lauren Mason	Personal Finance	Corey Midgyett	Personal Finance

Grand River Tech FCCLA

Advisor Pam Miller accompanied students Audrie Manning, Chillicothe; and Kayla Sloan, Cameron to the State FCCLA Conference in Columbia, March 30 – April 1. Audrie competed in Job Interview where she prepared a portfolio and went through a mock interview. She received a gold rating and was top in her category. She received a scholarship for her placing. Kayla competed in Illustrated Talk where she presented on the Effect of Absent Fathers on Children. Kayla received a silver rating.

Grand River Tech FFA

Chillicothe FFA qualified five teams and two speakers for State FFA Convention, which was held on the campus of the University of Missouri, April 24- 25. They fielded 16 teams and four speakers at District Agriculture and FFA Career Development Events. A total of 70 students competed from the Chillicothe FFA. The career development events were held at Northwest Missouri State University with 325 teams consisting of nearly 1,350 students from 49 different schools competing this year.

Teams Qualifying for State are as follows:

- **Agricultural Issues**, 1st place (state) – Colby Ruoff, Derek Eckert, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Hallee Jones, Hailey Seeley, and Haelee Shady
- **Parliamentary Procedure**, 1st place (state) – Robbie Parkey (Chairman), Rachel Nowland, Nate McKiddy, Lane Bonderer, Victoria Overton, Marissa Surber, and Erin Campbell
- **FFA Knowledge Team**; 5th place (state) – Kyle Hansen, Hunter Hobbs, Tanner Hobbs, and Jacob Sampsel
- **Livestock Evaluation**; 1st place (state) – Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, & Carlee Johnson
- **Ag Mechanics**; 2nd place (state) – Ben Burtch, Gillen Gates, Tucker Jones, Cody Kannianen
- **Prepared Public Speaking Division I**; 2nd place (state) – Sarah Mason
- **Job Interview**; 2nd place (state) – Elizabeth Warren

Congratulations!



GRTS STUDENT COMPETITIONS *(Continued)*

Grand River Tech SkillsUSA



Sixty-nine students from GRTS SkillsUSA competed at District competitions that began Saturday, February 8, and ended Wednesday, February 12, in Platte City at Northland Career Center. GRTS Northwest District officer Chris Bummer helped lead the awards ceremony. Students brought home 52 medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, along with two trophies for Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Health Knowledge Bowl. GRTS students placed in the top five in 72 events in which they competed. Thirty-one SkillsUSA members traveled to Linn, Missouri, to participate in the State Leadership Conference, April 3-5. Competitive event results are listed below:

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| • Ty Kelly | 2nd place | Collision Repair |
| • Brooke Jettleson | 3rd place | Customer Service |
| • Jeremiah Dana | 3rd place | Welding; 8th place - Welding Tech Info |
| • Emily Calvert | 4th place | Basic Health Care Skills |
| • CPS: Health Science | 5th place | Amanda Norman, Kayla Riddle, Shaylee Summers |
| • Kaitlin Feagins | 5th place | Health Occupations Professional Portfolio |
| • Alyxis Jennings | 5th place | Technical Spelling |
| • Megan Gilliam | 6th place | Leadership Essay |
| • Jacob Hamilton | 6th place | Carpentry Tech Info |
| • Paul Moseley | 6th place | Welding Sculpture |
| • CPS: Health Science | 7th place | Angie Dana, Haley Sidors, Savannah Sturguess |
| • Trevor Sherrow | 7th place | Welding |
| • Jeffery Alred | 9th place | Auto Service Tech Info |
| • Savannah Sturguess | 10th place | Leadership Essay |
| • Opening & Closing Ceremonies | 7th place | Chris Bummer, Cheyenne McBee, Jordan Reeter, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady, Skyla Southwick, and Riley Ward |

Congratulations!





Mark Sponaugle Named SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year for Missouri and Region IV



Mark Sponaugle, Vocational Resource Educator, Carthage Technical Center, Carthage, Missouri has won the Missouri SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year Award from Missouri SkillsUSA.

As the recipient of this award, Mark was

eligible to represent Missouri at the regional level where he was also selected as the Region IV Advisor of the Year. There are nine states in Region IV; they are Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. Winning the Region IV Award makes Mark a finalist for the National Advisor of the Year Award which will be given this summer in Kansas City.

There are a total of five regions in SkillsUSA, making Mark one of the top five SkillsUSA advisors in the nation. Mark will travel to Kansas City in June and participate in an interview process with the other regional winners for the National SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year Award. All five regional winners will be recognized on stage during the opening ceremonies on Wednesday evening, June 25th, where the announcement will be made in front of an 18,000 plus crowd at Kemper arena.

Mark has taught for 33 years. He started out as a Vocational Agriculture teacher before moving into his present position where he has been Carthage's lead SkillsUSA advisor for 27 years. Mark has also been the Southwest District Senior Advisor for 23 years. Peggy Spurlock, Scott Regional Technology Center (Monett); Deonna Anderson, Franklin Technical Center (Joplin); as well as others nominated Mark based on his years of service.

Dr. Gail White Named One of the Lake Lifestyles Top 10 Women of the Year



Dr. Gail White was recently named as one of *Lake Lifestyles* Top 10 Women of the Year. Gail is the Director at Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC), part of the Camdenton R-III School District in Camdenton, MO. LCTC serves students and adults in the community

and surrounding area. It provides quality training (both skill and academic) to students, giving them the opportunity to work with their hands and their minds.

Gail moved to the Lake area in 1995 and accepted a position as the Assistant Director at Lake Career & Technical Center and became the Director the following year. According to Dr. White "I had always admired the school district and the beauty of the Lake and the surrounding area, so this was truly an opportunity to be in a school that I think of highly and a community that has a lot to offer."

Gail serves on the boards for State Fair Community College – Lake of the Ozarks Advisory Council, Lake of the Ozarks Employment Security, and the Public Water/Sewer District (PWSD #5). Most of Dr. White's volunteer work is in activities associated with school and student organizations. She has had the opportunity to serve at the state level on several committees through the Missouri ACTE and the Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators organizations.

Gail's personal philosophy – Work hard every day. Be fair to people. Maintain ethical behavior. Have a great support group of friends. Take time to be with family.

What one thing has she learned as a woman in the community that she has served well over the years? To support your supervisor/employer and to remember that each and every day, when we go to work or school, we are there to do our best.

Congratulations!



“Breaking Traditions” Awards

Nine Missourians were honored April 17 as state winners of the 2014 Missouri Breaking Traditions Awards. The awards were presented during a ceremony at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City by Dr. Chris Nicastro, Commissioner of Education and Dr. Sharon Helwig, Assistant Commissioner of College and Career Readiness.

The Breaking Traditions Awards honor students, educators and employers for their achievements related to nontraditional careers.

“Congratulations to the Breaking Traditions award winners for setting a terrific example in non-traditional career fields,” said Commissioner of Education Chris L. Nicastro. “We need to ensure that all Missouri students are prepared to pursue their career of choice, even if it is outside the traditional pathway.”

College and career readiness is a primary goal for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Top 10 by 20 initiative, which calls for education in Missouri to rank in the top 10 nationwide by 2020.

The 2014 award recipients are:

State Secondary Awards:

Tara Stewart, *Lex-La-Ray Technical Center, Lexington R-V School District, Automotive Technology*

Christopher M. Bummer II, *Grand River Technical School, Chillicothe R-II School District, Health Science Technology*

State Postsecondary/Adult Awards:

Brianne Becker, *Ozarks Technical Community College, Fire Science Technology*

Timothy Fast, *Kirksville Area Career Center, Practical Nursing*

Secondary Spirit Award:

Sadiya Braid, *Columbia Area Career Center, Columbia 93 School District, Certified Welding*

Postsecondary/Adult Spirit Award:

Lucinda Poe, *Ozarks Technical Community College, Networking Technology*

Secondary Educator Award:

Gary Hicks, *Manual Career & Technical Center, Kansas City Public Schools, Construction Technology*

Postsecondary Educator Award:

Diane Heckemeyer, *Linn State Technical College, Department Chair for Civil Engineering Technology and Design Drafting Technology*

Employer Award:

Justin Arnett, RN, MSN, *Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center, Chief Nurse Executive*

Secondary Spirit Award winner Sadiya Braid has been offered a full scholarship to Linn State Technical College. State and Spirit winners receive scholarship offers from Missouri community colleges and from Linn State Technical College. Scholarship amounts and guidelines vary and are set by each school. In addition, each State, Spirit and Regional winner who continues his or her postsecondary education next fall will receive a \$100 scholarship from the Foundation for Missouri Women.

Since 1994, Missouri Breaking Traditions Awards have honored outstanding students who have chosen specific career and technical education programs based on their interests and abilities, and who have not let their gender influence their career decisions. The program recognizes outstanding educators who teach in nontraditional career education programs for their support of nontraditional students, and employers who are supportive of nontraditional career programs and nontraditional students. Nontraditional careers are occupations or fields of work in which one gender comprises less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in that occupation or field.

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- Cindy Birdwell, FBLA Chapter Adviser, Otterville, MO



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MISSOURI ACTE

2014 GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY

JULY 21, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting

University Plaza - Colorado Room

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Missouri ACTE Conference Registration

EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

TUESDAY

JULY 22, 2014

7:30 a.m.

All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings

University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona Room

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Missouri ACTE Conference Registration

EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

8:45 a.m.

New Professional Reception

University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona/Georgia/Iowa

TUESDAY (Cont.)

JULY 22, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Opening General Session

EXPO Center - Hall C - 635 St. Louis Street
Welcome; Awards; President-Elect Speeches;
Speaker: Ryan Underwood - "Be There. Be Ready. Be Willing."

WEDNESDAY

JULY 23, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Missouri ACTE Late Registration

University Plaza Hotel Lobby

3:30 p.m.

House of Delegates Meeting

University Plaza Hotel - Illinois Room
(Changed from last year)

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

All-Division Social

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center
2550 N. Glenstone

THURSDAY

JULY 24, 2014

12:00 p.m.

Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting

University Plaza - Colorado Room
Lunch served at noon

Check the Missouri ACTE website (www.MO-ACTE.org) for Division Agendas.



PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

Policy – Karen Mason reported that the Policy Committee proposed changes to the bylaws dealing with Divisions. She made the motion to delete [*info italicized in brackets*]. The bylaws changes listed below will be voted on at the House of Delegates Meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at University Plaza Hotel – Illinois Room.



ARTICLE IV – DIVISIONS

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- Delete [*Special Needs (Missouri Special Needs Division)*] Delete Special Needs Division (MSNA), as they are combining membership with Missouri Association of Career Services (MACS) Division.

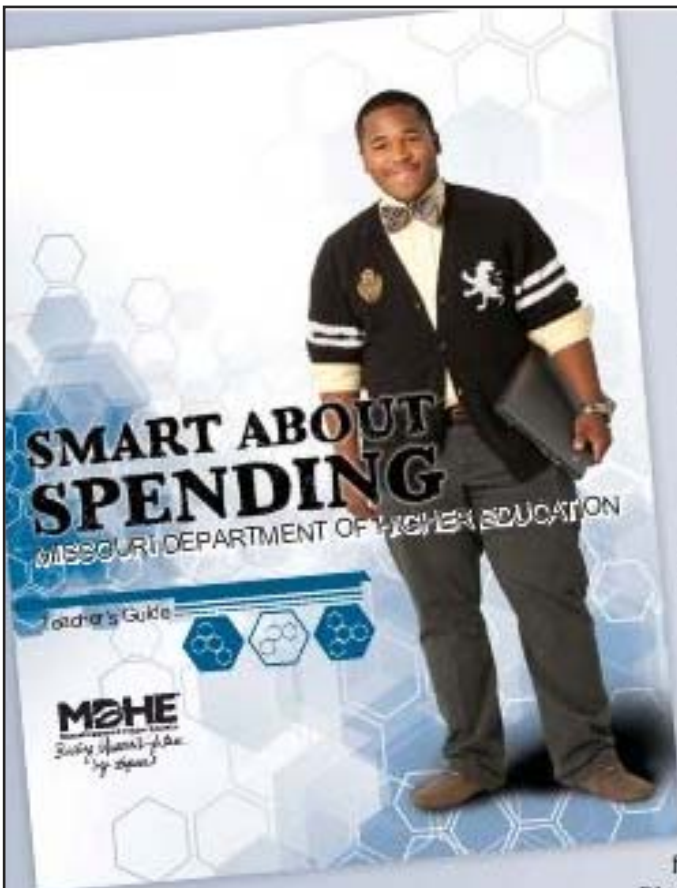
ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

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- Delete 8. [*The Diversity Action Committee shall encourage greater participation and leadership of individuals with diverse backgrounds and address issues of career, technical and vocational educators.*]

Bylaws changes were approved by the Missouri ACTE Board of Directors on 03/21/14. Published in the Spring 2014 *Reporter*.

Karen Mason, Policy Committee Chair



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RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Once again, we have two outstanding candidates for Missouri ACTE President-Elect. They are members of the Missouri Health Science Education (MHSE) Division and come highly recommended by their peers. It is impossible to condense the talents and dedication of these candidates down to the limited space available, so we encourage you to get to know them and learn for yourself what great leaders these women are. Below are a few highlights:



Barbara B. Houk

Employment:

For the last 19 years, Ms. Houk has served as Health Occupations Instructor at the Clinton Technical School



Rhonda Hutton Gann

Employment:

Ms. Hutton Gann currently serves as the Interim Associate Dean of Nursing and Division Chair of Allied Health at State Fair Community College (SFCC).

Additional Activities (Abbreviated):

- ♦ SkillsUSA, Representative to MHSE Board, 1997 - Present
- ♦ Master Teacher for DESE, New Teacher Institute, 1998
- ♦ Professional Development Committee Member, 1998-Present
- ♦ Clinton Technical School Outstanding Teacher, 2006, 2010
- ♦ MHSE, President, 2010-2011
- ♦ SkillsUSA West Central District, Lead Advisor, 2010-2011
- ♦ Selected to Attend the Master Teacher Institute, November, 2013

From her letters of reference:

“As a teacher, she has developed a network of professionals who are invested in her program to help influence the opportunities that her students have for learning. Her desire to be the best at what she does is apparent in the way that she manages the growth of her program. ... She embraces change and leads others who may be hesitant.”

Additional Activities (Abbreviated):

- ♦ MO Action Coalition - Co-Lead, Education Committee; member, Leadership Task Force
- ♦ MHSE - President; Chair, Associate Degree Nursing Cluster Chair
- ♦ Blue Ribbon Health and Wellness Team - Member
- ♦ Benton County Health Coalition - Member
- ♦ MO League for Nursing - Member
- ♦ MO Associate Degree Nursing - Board of Directors; Chair, Legislative Committee
- ♦ MO Council of Practical Nurse Educators - Member; Chair, Legislative Committee
- ♦ Served on more than one DESE task force for Secondary Health Occupations

From her letters of reference:

“Rhonda is very good at her job and works hard to maintain a quality nursing program. She has a passion for technical education and constantly strives to provide faculty with meaningful training to be applied immediately.”



***MEET RYAN
UNDERWOOD,
OUR 2014 SUMMER
CONFERENCE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER***



What do Oprah, a Texas billionaire, a global shipping tycoon, Mickey Mouse and the White House have in common? They are just a few of the organizations who have counted on Ryan Underwood and TeamTRI for superior training and development, event logistics, and association management. His gift is understanding how strategy, leadership, and ideas come together to create innovation and positive impact.

Ryan believes in service. He has advised and helped raise millions for America's top charities such as the March of Dimes and contributed to the startup of promising nonprofits such as Illuminate India. Ryan brings a civic and social entrepreneurship approach to government, NGO, and nonprofits. He served as a logistics consultant on White House initiatives including Helping America's Youth, the President's Malaria Initiative, Preserve America, and International Development.

He has served as a Trustee/Director for more than 25 nonprofits, recognized as Tulsa's "40 Under 40," and received National Business Person of the Year honors five times from America's Career Technical Student Organizations.

Ryan is passionate about education and youth. He serves on the ACTE School Reform Task Force. He's been invited as a thought leader, organizer, and panelist at education initiatives such as America's Promise GradNation, NBC Education Nation, and Aspen's National Education Summit. Ryan is the co-creator of Personal Leadership Insight leadership curriculum.

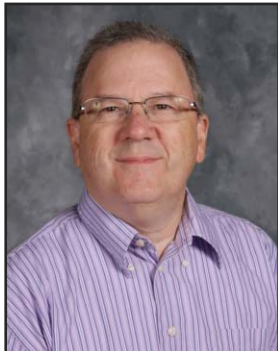
Originally from Oregon, Ryan spent a decade in Southern California where he graduated with honors from Pepperdine University with a degree in management and marketing. He and his wife and business partner, Carrie Underwood, then made their way to Washington, DC to support the White House and federal agencies on special projects. They now make their home in Oklahoma.

Ryan believes "TRIUMPH is UMPH added to TRI" and TeamTRI is truly blessed to spend each day working with amazing people and clients to make a difference in the world.

We are very fortunate to welcome Ryan as our Opening Speaker at the 2014 Missouri ACTE Summer Conference and Career and Technical Education Workshops.



MACS (Career Services)



*Frank North
MACS President*

Welcome to Missouri ACTE Summer Conference July 21–24, 2014

MSCA, MACS and MSNA will once again gather at the Ramada Inn Oasis in Springfield for three days of networking, education, informative breakout sessions, and of course, fun.

Tuesday afternoon we will hear from Sarah Topp, Missouri ACTE’s legislative contact with Gamble and Schlemeier to give us information about legislation which is important to educators and counselors. Following Sarah, we will work with a team from MOREnet on technology in school. They will bring laptops and tablets for a hands-on approach of what is available in technology. You are encouraged to bring your own laptop or tablet as we are planning several technology sessions this year. We also have a representative from Missouri Public School Retirement System (PSRS) coming to let us know about all the services they offer.

We are working on a trip to the Victory Trade School. Located in Springfield, this school works with recovering addicts to teach them the culinary arts. They also operate the Cook’s Kettle restaurant in historic Springfield. Wednesday and Thursday will be filled with sessions on technology, Missouri Connections, student selection for Career Centers, Animoto, round tables on current topics, and of course, our yearly updates from DESE. The goal of this Conference is have tangible take-aways for you to use in your school.

Your membership and attendance are important in ways that are not always immediately evident, but may have benefits down the road. The Oasis has undergone some wonderful upgrades and its new convention center is first rate.

If you haven’t been to Summer Conference for awhile, it’s time to reconnect with your colleagues across the state.

MoEFACS

MoEFACS Changes Conference Hotel Location

Come One! Come All! To the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services (MoEFACS) Summer Conference during the Missouri ACTE Conference.

MoEFACS will be changing the Conference location in 2014 to the University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center. We will be right across the street from the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference Opening Session and Resource Fair.

MoEFACS has some great Pre-Conferences planned for July 18-21. The opening business meeting and keynote speaker will again be on

Tuesday July 22, 2014, with the Awards and Recognition Reception Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning will begin with a Joint Division Session followed by 20+ concurrent sessions and the Special Topic Luncheon. Thursday will close the Conference with the Ending Keynote speakers and Carousels.

Make your plans now to attend the MoEFACS Summer Conference and stay at the University Plaza. Watch the Mo-FACS ListServ for Pre-Conference offerings and the Missouri ACTE website for registration information and full Conference agenda.

