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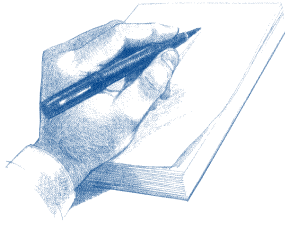


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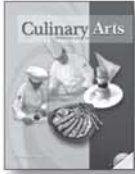
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A Message from Our President



Greetings Missouri ACTE members! Welcome to the 2008 Summer Conference and Career Tech Expo. We have a great Conference lined up for this summer. Greet old friends, meet new ones and get ready for the school year to start. This year our focus is on the third "R": Relationships. Rigor and Relevance are much easier to achieve when we have a good relationship within our building and with our students.

Don't miss the Opening Session with guest speaker Mr. Ray McNulty. He has been in education since 1973. Mr. McNulty has been a teacher, principal and superintendent and has presented at the state, national,

and international level on improving education and student performance. He currently is the Senior Vice President of the International Center for Leadership in Education.

If you are a new teacher, be sure to attend the New Professional's Reception before the Opening Session. This is a great opportunity to start networking with experienced teachers and administrators. If you a returning teacher, we are glad you are here. Please take advantage of all the sessions you can. This is your best opportunity to participate in high quality professional development.

I would like to encourage all of you to become members of ACTE at the national level. You will receive many benefits, including a monthly magazine, the opportunity to represent Missouri at the National Conference this year in Charlotte and to talk with legislators in Washington D.C. at the National Policy Seminar.

I would like to thank all of those individuals who have worked hard putting this Conference together. I would like to also thank Donna Vossen and the Executive Committee for making my year as President a great year. Lastly, thank you to all members who allowed me to serve as your President.

Gary Duncan

Missouri ACTE President, 2007-2008

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Summer Conference Opening Speaker

Missouri ACTE's Professional Development and Program Improvement Committees have selected an excellent speaker as the 2008 ACTE Summer Conference Opening General Session speaker ... Raymond J. McNulty.

McNulty is Senior Vice President of the International Center for Leadership in Education. Prior to joining the International Center, he was a senior fellow at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he worked with leading educators from around the country to reinvent our nation's high schools. Ray also is a past president of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD).

An educator since 1973, Ray has been a teacher, vice principal, principal, and superintendent. From 2001-03, he served as Vermont's education commissioner. During his tenure, Ray focused on aligning the Department of Education's work on three key issues: early education, educator quality, and secondary school reform.

Ray has presented at the state, national, and international levels on the need for school systems to accept the challenges that lie ahead. He is committed to raising performance standards for both teachers and students and to building solid connections between schools and their communities. Ray believes strongly that education systems cannot wait for the children and challenges to arrive at school; rather, schools need to reach out and help forge solutions.



Raymond J. McNulty

General Attendee Information

Registration

All persons who attend the Conference must be registered. You must wear your name badge at all times for admittance into meetings and the exhibit area.

General Session

The Missouri ACTE Opening General Session will be held at the Springfield EXPO Center (635 St. Louis Street - Hall B&C) Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Cast Your Vote!

Ballots boxes are located in the registration area (Springfield EXPO Center; 635 E. St. Louis St.), the Missouri ACTE Opening General Session, and in the Division Meetings. Cast your ballot before noon on Wednesday, July 23.

Exhibits

All exhibits will be open to attendees between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. You are encouraged to tour the exhibits at the Springfield EXPO Center. Many new products, services and supplies will be on display. Representatives are on hand to answer any questions you may have.



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In Their Own Words

At the Missouri ACTE 2008 Summer Conference, one of the following candidates will be chosen as the new President-Elect. Both candidates are members of the Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators (MCCTA) Division and have given many hours of their time and talent to their communities and profession. Instead of reciting their resumes, this year, we thought you might want to hear what the candidates believe the future of career and technical education holds ... and what they see as their role in that future.



Laura Hendley

Laura Hendley is the Director of Career and Technical Education at the Waynesville Technical Academy in Waynesville, Missouri.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Speech from Murray State University, Kentucky; a Masters of Education in Practical Arts Vocational Technical Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia, and

an Education Specialist in Educational Leadership from William Woods University.

In her own words:

The future of our organization faces many challenges including funding for career and technical education, maintaining membership for our organization, and being proactive to situations such as the increase in course requirements which limits opportunities for students to participate in career and technical education. Such challenges provide opportunities for us to become stronger, to grow and to change.

As President-Elect my goals would be to work toward strengthening the relationship with DESE and the legislature. In addition, I will act as an advocate for career and technical education throughout the state. I will provide leadership for the organization by focusing on our strengths and working to eliminate our weaknesses. Finally, I will celebrate career and technical education at every opportunity.

The Missouri Association of Career and Technical Educators has a long history rich in the support of teachers and students. If elected, I will work diligently to continue this rich tradition.



Dean Whitlow

Dean Whitlow is the Assistant Director and Financial Aid Officer at the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Three Rivers Community College, Poplar Bluff; a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Southeast Missouri State University; and a Master of

Arts in Secondary School Administration, also from Southeast Missouri State University.

In his own words:

Today, in the field of Career and Technology Education, we must not only embrace change but diligently prepare for it. My vision for the future role of Career and Technology Education is one of leadership.

Our schools and programs must no longer be reactive to change but rather lead change by preparing our students with lifelong learning skills and with the career knowledge and career skills we determine that they will need to succeed in their future roles.

As President Elect of Missouri ACTE, one of my goals will be to encourage greater collaboration among our schools and programs so that examples of the most forward thinking practices are available for consideration by all of our membership.

By first recognizing the best-of-the-best and then sharing the methods implemented by these programs, we can all establish renewed goals and ultimately assure the success of our students.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Missouri ACTE Board of Directors has approved the following bylaw changes to be forwarded to the House of Delegates for their consideration at their annual meeting on July 23, 2008. [Note: words which are in **bold underline** will be added; words which are in ***bold parentheses*** will be deleted.]

Bylaws Change #1

This will formally change the name of the Missouri State Association of Health Occupations Educators to Missouri Health Science Technology Education.

ARTICLE IV – Divisions

- A. The divisions of Missouri ACTE shall be those interested in
 - ♦ Administration (Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators)
 - ♦ Agricultural Education (Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association)
 - ♦ Business Education (Missouri Business Education Association)
 - ♦ Family and Consumer Sciences (Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences)
 - ♦ Guidance (Missouri School Counselors Association)
 - ♦ Health Occupations Education (Missouri ***(State Association of Health Occupations Educators)*** **Health and Science Technology Education**)
 - ♦ Marketing and Cooperative Education (Missouri Marketing Association/Missouri Cooperative Education Association)
 - ♦ Placement (Missouri Association for Career Services)
 - ♦ Special Needs (Missouri Special Needs Association)
 - ♦ Technology Education (Technology Education Association of Missouri)
 - ♦ Trade and Technical Education (Missouri Trade and Technical Association)
 - ♦ Workforce Development (Missouri Association for Workforce Development) and
 - ♦ New and Related Services.

Bylaws Change #2

This will formally remove the name of the Missouri Association for Workforce Development from the list of Missouri ACTE Divisions.

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 - ♦ ***(Workforce Development (Missouri Association for Workforce Development) and)***
 - ♦ New and Related Services.



Teacher of the Year ♦ Vicki Hillsman



Over the last 25 years, Vicki Hillsman, El Dorado Spring's Marketing Educator and DECA Advisor, has left her mark on the heart of her community and the lives of her students.

Her marketing program's motto is "DWYSYWDWYSYWDI" ... "Do What You Say You Will Do When You Say You Will Do It." Vicki's students have taken it to heart with each creative project they've tackled. The school store, "The Doghouse," went from an operation selling cookies and milk from a table to a full store grossing over \$40,000. Her students have assisted a community revitalization project by gaining a \$400,000 grant. Her DECA students have qualified for National and International competitions. As a result of all her efforts, many of her students have graduated from college with marketing and management majors, at least a dozen have become entrepreneurs, and six have gone on to become teachers in the El Dorado Springs school district.

Vicki also believes in giving back to her industry, having been an active member of ACTE, Missouri ACTE, MCEA, DECA, MSTTA, and CTA from 1983 to present. She has held numerous offices and served on many committees during this same period. We simply don't have enough room to list all her accomplishments, not to mention those of her students! So, we will let some of her colleagues share a few of her exceptional talents.

David Hedrick, High School Principal:

Mrs. Hillsman's professional commitment has been extremely impressive. She has taken a leadership role in the local and state level. She averages 65 to 70 students in her curriculum each year and over 20% of the students in the upper three classes are DECA members. Three out of the last four years, she has had 30 students qualify for international competition with last year's group finishing in the top 10. She has served on numerous committees but probably most important is [her] willingness to work with other departments and fellow teachers. Vicki has an impressive resume and numerous accomplishments, but what sets her apart is her care and concern for her students and her expectation of them. The end result of this is the success of our students way beyond competition. They have taken the skills they have been given into our community and beyond.

Melissa Faucett, District 10 DECA Competitive Events Director:

Vicki has served on the DECA Board, the MCEA Board, and has held the position of District Advisor within our DECA District 10 for the past 15 years. All these leadership positions testify to the confidence that has been placed in her capable trust – time and time again. Vicki has also served as a Mentor at least six years within our MCEA Division. She is able to guide new instructors as they begin careers as marketing instructors and DECA Advisors within our DECA student organization.

Roger Barnes, Superintendent:

Recently, Mrs. Hillsman's students combined efforts with a community group. Spring City Revitalization Group (SCRG) to research, develop, and market the city of El Dorado Springs in an effort to revitalize the downtown area, bringing back commerce and trade to the once thriving area. This recent venture is clear evidence of her student-centered, community involvement. Mrs. Hillsman has an excellent rapport with the students, faculty, administration, and community business employers and leaders. ... Mrs. Vicki Hillsman is an asset to our students, school district, and our community.

Rhonda Culbertson, parent:

Mrs. Hillsman's knowledge, zest and energy are abundant as she guides her students in the direction of success. Her ability to see her students' potential and lead, teach and encourage them is truly a remarkable gift. The results of her efforts bring district and state winners year after year and most recently, top ten international winners.

Debra Vickers, colleague:

Vicki's students learn marketing principles in class and have many opportunities to apply these techniques through real-life experiences. They serve on community boards, work in their student-operated school store, and are sought-after employees by businesses in the community. The marketing program here is extremely positive and highly regarded by members of the school and community alike.

Whitney Brower, student:

It is a rarity to create a class that every student anticipates with such enthusiasm, but in Mrs. Hillsman's classroom that is the case. From personal experience, on a daily basis I looked forward to going to Mrs. Hillsman's class, and I am confident in saying that every student who has been privileged to be in her classroom feels this same way. This is not typical of the average high school teacher. Her ability to make students feel equal, eagerness to help, and understanding in every situation are just a few of the many reasons why students look forward to walking into her classroom. I haven't even mentioned her excitement! By creating such an environment with these rare qualities, students are surrounded with optimism and positive reinforcement on a daily basis. Recommending Mrs. Hillsman for ACTE Teacher of the Year is a great honor to me. She has not only taught me skills required in the classroom, but also life lessons I won't ever forget. Every minute in her classroom was inspiring and a great experience; therefore, I feel that Mrs. Hillsman far surpasses the expectations to be awarded this honor.

For all these reasons and more, Missouri ACTE is proud to recognize Vicki Hillsman as the 2008 Teacher of the Year.



Outstanding Career and Technical Educator ♦ Charlotte Stiens



Charlotte Stiens has been a long time supporter and advocate of career and technical education. Her divisional roots are in family and consumer sciences, but her energies have

been expended to students of several career and technical student organizations, adult programs, and teacher education as well as a plethora of professional development endeavors. She is a believer in the philosophies of career and technical education because of the benefits and applications for students in their daily lives.

She is currently employed as a family and consumer sciences teacher educator at her alma mater, Northwest Missouri State University. She is working to complete a doctoral degree and resigned from teaching junior high and high school family and consumer sciences in the public school system this past school year to complete the degree requirements.

Her 31 years teaching family and consumer sciences in the public school grounds her practical approach perspective to teaching at the university level. She is always plotting a way for teacher education students to be able to interact with area teachers in order to expand their professional network and practical experiences.

As she attends meetings, conferences, and workshops that share classroom ideas and resources, she is always carrying the multitudes of leftover copies back to her students. Additionally, she requires that teacher education students participate in the career and technical student organization competitive events as evaluators in order to experience face to face contact with junior high and high school students, network with family and consumer sciences professionals and parents, and learn about the myriad of possibilities for chapter program of work activities and community service opportunities. She strongly encourages her students to become active in the related professional organizations.

Charlotte works with teacher education students much like she did with middle school, junior high, and high school – capitalizing on their potential and providing opportunities for them to take positive risks to develop their leadership, public speaking, and employment skills. As a result, she has proudly served as the advisor to active Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapters. Highlights of her advising years include serving as advisor to two consecutive State Presidents, the National President, two State First Vice-Presidents, and a National Officer Candidate.

In 1990-91, she had three students who served as the Regional, State and National President all in the same year. As far as we know, Presidents at all three levels from the same school has never happened before or since. She has also received the FCCLA Master Advisor, Advisor Mentor, and Spirit of Advising awards.

Charlotte has been active all levels of FCCLA. She has assisted with STAR Events (FCCLA competitive events) in all capacities at the regional and state levels and for four years as an event lead consultant at the national level. She has attended nineteen National Leadership Meetings and at least ten national Cluster Meetings. She has never missed a State Leadership Conference and attended several Access Conferences. Charlotte is always willing to help out with whatever is needed and has served as a meeting facilitator or presenter many times. She was a charter member of Missouri FCCLA Alumni and Associates and served as an officer of that group for several years.

Even though much of Charlotte's energies has been devoted to family and consumer sciences and FCCLA, Charlotte has been active in other career and technical organizations, as well. She has spent countless hours assisting students with speeches and projects for their competitive events and quests for leadership positions and awards for the National FFA Organization and Future Business Leaders of America. She holds an Honorary Chapter FFA Degree from the South Nodaway FFA Chapter, an honor she cherishes since her father also holds an Honorary Chapter Degree. She has also served as an evaluator for SkillsUSA events.

According to one of her colleagues, "She is a consistent innovator and has exhibited her ability to be a life-long learner for the betterment of her chosen profession. She is very student focused and strives to prepare our future teachers to be effective beginning teachers, who have a thorough understanding of the importance of their role as a classroom teacher in Family and Consumer Sciences."

One of her students pays her one of the highest compliments when she says, "I have known Charlotte for just over five years now and can honestly say that there is no single person who has had a larger affect on my career and personal life."

Missouri ACTE is proud to recognize Charlotte Stiens as the 2008 Outstanding Career and Technical Educator.



Outstanding Teacher in Community Service ♦ Renee Meents



“To teach a child to count is important. To teach a child what counts is essential.” This motto not only represents Renee Meents’ philosophy, but it has guided the students who have passed through her Family and Consumer Sciences classroom over the years. Renee has instilled in her students the importance of “giving back, “ as well as the basic truth that one person, in fact, can make a difference.

Over the years, Renee and her students have performed a number of projects for their local community, including but not limited to: organizing 11 blood drives in the past five years, holding baby showers for newborns in need, hosting a number of food and clothing drives, serving as craft-making elves at breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, establishing a Career Day for local students and businesses, developing a “Friends of Rachel” welcoming committee for new students, reading to children at the local library and Head Start programs, hosting a children’s book drive, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, producing traffic safety docudramas, conducting trash pickups, providing Veteran’s Day PowerPoint presentations and speakers on substance and alcohol abuse prevention, mentoring middle school girls, as well as holding monthly character lessons at the elementary school.

The major project of this school year has been “Embrace L.I.F.E.,” a suicide awareness project. In October, FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) members participated in Chapters in Action training at the Missouri ACCESS FCCLA Conference. Upon returning from the conference, the members decided on a “STOP the Violence” project, focusing on suicide prevention. The initial goal was to train all chapter members in the recognition of the warning signs of suicide by having crisis counselors conduct QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training in January. Two weeks before the scheduled training, a recent graduate committed suicide. This incident caused the students to expand the focus of their project to try to educate as many people as possible about the warning signs of depression and suicide and the importance of reaching out for help.

Signs with the suicide prevention hotline number were placed in each classroom. Members held peer education workshops with all students in grades 7-12. High school students were given the opportunity to participate in a depression screening conducted by the Ozark Center in Joplin. Those participating

received “Out of the Darkness” t-shirts provided by the chapter. Included in the mid-term grade report for students in grades 7-12 was a depression and suicide information sheet developed by students. With the financial assistance of area businesses, the chapter gave each student a t-shirt with the project theme and the suicide hotline number printed on it.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) students researched the effect of diet and exercise on stress and depression and designed positive posters to promote good mental health habits. They also prepared posters emphasizing suicide warning signs and promoting the importance of reaching out to others. FCS students were featured on a TV news segment entitled, “The Silence That Kills.”

This community project, more than any other, helped students to realize that what they say and do truly matters. The participating students realize now that they can make a difference in their school and community.

As one of her colleagues put it, *“It takes hard work and dedication to produce student leaders. Renee inspires her students to be leaders and has been a role model for them in the leadership positions she has held in our state.”* Another colleague echoed that sentiment when she wrote, *“Renee defines the optimism, dedication, and inspiration that a teacher must have to help her students reach their optimum education and personal goals.”*

One of her former students says, *“... she helped me develop the skills that now serve me in my current profession and also qualities to help me be a better person. One of the biggest things she shared with me was how important it is to do things that you may not think will make a huge difference. She taught me not to think, ‘Why should I do that? That won’t help anyone’ and to realize that even the smallest acts can have a huge impact on those around me. She taught me that you don’t have to move mountains to help people.”*

As Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” In this case, it has been one person, Renee, who has served as the seed of change in her community.

Missouri ACTE is proud to recognize Renee Meents as the 2008 Outstanding Teacher in Community Service.



Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher ♦ Deanna Thies



Deanna Thies has jumped into teaching with both feet! She currently teaches Agriculture education at both the middle school and high school level in Booneville, MO. In addition, she is a Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor.

According to the Director of the Booneslick Technical Education Center, “Deanna is in the unique position of dividing her time between high school agriculture education students and middle school students who have her as part of an exploratory program. While some would find such a teaching load to be less than desirable, Deanna has done a wonderful job of engaging her middle school students in a manner that results in many choosing to enroll in agriculture courses in high school. The connection Deanna has established with these younger students is one of the strongest recruiting tools any agriculture education program could have.”

Her fellow Booneville FFA Advisor points out, “Deanna’s greatest strength is that she strives for success for every

student, whether it be proficiency awards, state and national degrees, career development events, or simply helping a student establish an SAE, Deanna wants to make sure that every student succeeds at something. Deanna has also been instrumental in the success of our FFA Chapter, which is being reorganized for the second time as a Top 30 Chapter in the State of Missouri. Even though all the awards are nice, Deanna has kept in perspective that it doesn’t take a plaque or pin to be successful, and stresses to her students that hard work and perseverance can be its own reward.”

Deanna is obviously a “natural born teacher.” With such a great start to her career, we are confident that her future holds many more successful students, grateful faculty and prestigious awards. We are happy to be able to recognize Deanna as the 2008 Missouri ACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher and eagerly await her future accomplishments!



Sen Frank Barnitz; D-16

Outstanding Missouri Legislators

Serving on the Senate Appropriations Committee put Senator Barnitz in the perfect position to advocate for capital funding for area career schools. Early in the legislative process he made a bold statement to his colleagues that career education capital projects needed to be funded in this fiscal year and should be considered a priority. We appreciate his commitment and willingness to speak up on our behalf.

Senator Frank Barnitz, Minority Caucus Chairman, is a graduate of Rolla High School and attended Southwest Missouri State University before meeting his wife Lisa and becoming the father of three daughters, Leslie, Camilla, and Kenadee. He is the manager of Barnitz Farms Inc., a ranch in Lake Spring, Mo., where he and his family live on the same farmland his great-great-grandfather farmed. In addition to his family, and his responsibilities in the State Senate, Frank owns a small hunting cabin that allows others to enjoy the wildlife of rural Missouri. Frank currently serves on the University of Missouri Wurdack Farm Advisory Committee and is a member of the Dent County Cattlemen’s Association, Farm Bureau, Central Ozark Private Industry Council, Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee and the Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow.



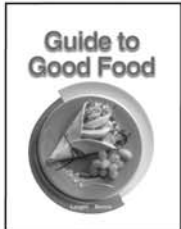
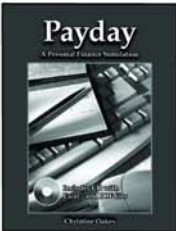
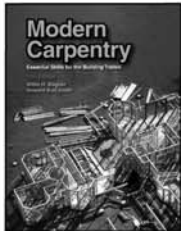
Rep. Allen Icet, R-84

As House Budget Chair, Representative Icet has a lead role in developing the state’s projected consensus revenue estimate, as well as the monumental task of allocating those dollars for the state’s operating and capital budgets. We appreciate having his support in finding funds for over 22 million dollars in capital projects for career and technical education facilities. We couldn’t have been successful without his leadership.

Born in Houston, TX, Representative Allen Icet is a graduate of Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, TX. He obtained his B.S. in civil engineering at Texas A&M University in 1980 and a Master of business administration from Washington University, St. Louis in 1987. Representative Icet is married to Carol G. Friedrich and has four children: Sarah, Melissa, Alexandra and Daniel. He is past president, 1995–1996, and director, 1994–1996, of the Rockwood Board of Education; served as a delegate to the Missouri Republican Convention in 2000; and is a member of the Ballwin Baptist Church, West County Chamber of Commerce, and a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He was elected to the House in 2002 and 2004.

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Missouri Agencies Join Forces for Education, Workforce Outreach

A newly-formed partnership of three state agencies and two non-profit organizations is making plans to provide career development resources and information in the coming year to benefit students, parents, and job-seekers of all ages. The aim of the group's efforts is to heighten awareness of Missouri career opportunities and stimulate interest in education and life-long career preparation.

Multiple activities within the public outreach project will complement the efforts of many education and workforce development programs in Missouri, ultimately aimed at assuring a prosperous and competitive citizenry of the future.

A number of the collaborative projects are nearing completion, while others are in the beginning phases. For instance, starting in June, monthly news articles will be developed to inform and help Missourians make meaningful connections with statewide employment demand, industry trends and workforce development priorities.

Nine individuals named by their organizations to the Missouri Connections Public Outreach and Partnership workgroup are:

- ♦ Department of Economic Development, Division of Workforce Development – Michael Waltman;
- ♦ Department of Economic Development, Missouri Economic Research & Information Center – Betty Brown and Mary Bruton
- ♦ Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Michele Clark and Gayla Hays;

- ♦ Department of Higher Education – Wendy Baker and Jeremy Kintzel;
- ♦ Missouri Center for Career Education – Nathan Wittmaier; and
- ♦ Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry – David Lankford.

The workgroup also is tapping the involvement of a broad range of interested people, organizations, and programs, including educators, guidance counselors, business and industry, and the Governor's office, namely Rod Nunn, director of education and workforce innovation.

The partnership is guiding the development of a number of resources for middle school and high school students and will be released to schools this fall. They include a career planning toolkit, a "What's Your Plan?" Career Clusters video, "virtual mentor" interviews, and an eight-part Newspapers in Education series. Beginning in August, the videos, articles, and resources will be available at www.MissouriConnections.org.

The partnerships' projects are made possible with special funding grants Missouri earned from the U.S. Department of Labor. Congress intended for the funds to be used for activities that are innovative, coordinated, and targeted to improving system performance. Missouri earned a share of incentive grant funds by exceeding performance levels under the Workforce Investment Act.



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GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS: _____



DANIEL PINK is a best-selling author and an expert on innovation, competition and the changing world of work. His book, *A Whole New Mind*, charts the rise of right-brain thinking in modern economies and explains the six abilities individuals and organizations must master in an outsourced and automated

world. Be sure to attend this informative and thought-provoking session on Thursday, December 4.



WILLARD DAGGETT, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, is recognized worldwide for his proven ability to move education systems toward more rigorous and relevant skills and knowledge for all students. In Charlotte, he will share his thoughts and insights as the Closing General Session speaker.

Partners, Partners, Partners

Much of the success of last year's Convention in Las Vegas was due to the content provider partnerships ACTE established. Those will continue in Charlotte. To date, ACTE has secured the support of:

- Association for Career and Technical Education Research
- High Schools That Work
- Johnson & Wales
- MarkED
- National Association of Agricultural Educators
- NOCTI
- Project Lead the Way
- Tools for Schools

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