



Winter 2003

Legislative Report

By: William Gamble and Sarah Topp

The 2003 legislative session is underway with 90 new members in the House of Representatives and 12 new members in the Senate. Although a few members are familiar to the capitol, most of them are people becoming familiar with the process for the first time. Historical changes have occurred in the Missouri General Assembly one of which is term limits creating all the vacancies being filled by the new legislators. Another is the republican majority of both chambers. Serving in the House are 90 republicans versus 73 democrats while the Senate republican majority increased to 20 over the democrat 14. It takes 82 votes to pass a bill in the House and 18 is the magic number in the Senate. Republican majorities in both legislative bodies have a solid ability to move their agendas. Electing a woman as Speaker of the House is a first in Missouri history. Unfortunately, the condition of Missouri's budget may also become known as the most dire in the state's history.

Due to revenues falling short of estimates used to put together a budget last session, the current appropriations will be lacking \$300 million to fulfill obligations. This means unless there is some unforeseen legislative action, the Governor will be announcing more withholdings for fiscal year 2003. The budget for fiscal year 2004 will be \$1 billion short of meeting the same level of funding as in the previous year and inflationary demands.

There will be no increase in school funding or any categorical funding including the distribution to vocational education. In fact, continuing the same level of funding will be a challenge to say the least. Higher education institutions and programs face the potential for withholding in this fiscal year that will become cuts for the upcoming year. "Worst cast scenario" information released from the state's budget office calls for elimination of state funding to most community colleges or closing some four-year institutions. Developing a skilled workforce to rebuild a declining and changing economy will be a critical challenge for career and technical education. It is important legislators have a vivid understanding of the role of the career and technical education system will play in the recovery of the state's economy. Take time to communicate this important message to your legislator. Plan to attend Missouri ACTE Legislative Day on February 5, 2003. We will meet at the Governor Office Building (corner of Madison and Capitol Ave.) in room 450, 7:45 am for a briefing prior to going to the capitol for legislator visits and brunch.

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On Your Mark ... Get Set ... Go! The Race Is On!

As we turn to another year on the calendar, you can rest assured that Missouri ACTE is off and running. Many of us just returned from Las Vegas where we attended the ACTE National Convention. It was a great convention and Missouri was well represented. The new strategic plan for ACTE was unveiled. We heard the President of ACTE and the Executive Director talk about being proactive instead of re-active to issues facing career and technical education. The new strategic plan can be found at www.acteonline.com (the ACTE website). Personally, I'm excited about what I hear happening at the national level and hope to incorporate some of those ideas here in Missouri.

A new service is now available - personalized career and tech promotional items that can be ordered from the ACTE resource catalog or online. With the 2003 Career and Technical Education Week coming up February 9-15, we should be looking for ways to promote our students and our programs. The theme for this year is "**Working on Your Future.**" I encourage you to mark the week with special activities. Then, let me know what you or your school has done. Remember the Missouri ACTE web site is set up for you and your students. Let's publish your 2003 Career and Tech Ed Week activities on our web site.

ACTE has employed a marketing strategist to distribute public service announcements, air television spots, create video news releases, promote the web site, etc. Here in Missouri, we rely on our Public Information Committee to generate strategies. For example, the committee suggested we have a booth at the Fall Conference of the Missouri School Counselor Association. This idea was fully implemented in November 2002 and was quite successful. Counselors play a major role in placing students in our career and tech ed programs. An impressive booth helped create a presence at the conference. I was thrilled to bring greetings on behalf of Missouri ACTE at one of their general sessions.

At the National Convention, there was much talk about the Perkins Act and funding. Many of you responded to the *Perkins Alert!* email. The ACTE Director of Government Relations announced that our voices were heard loud and clear. Over 8,000 emails were sent to elected officials over a short period of time. However, we must not let our defenses down. I encourage you to continue your efforts by contacting your congressman and reiterating our need to keep the Perkins Act alive.

Along those same lines, Missouri ACTE has its work cut out for us. With 102 newly elected senators and representatives here in Missouri, we must do our part to educate and enlighten these officials about career and technical education. Please mark your calendar for February 5, 2003. Take a professional day and come to Jefferson City with me and the other leaders. Let's visit our senators and representatives and share our success stories with them. We must "tell our own story" as no one does this better than we do! I am so proud of what our students are doing and so proud of what educators are doing here in Missouri.

Leaders from across the country will gather in Washington, DC from March 16-18 at the National Policy Seminar. This is a critical time for the education community. This conference is for any one who has a stake in career and technical education. We will walk the steps of the capitol and voice our opinions to congressmen regarding the "good news" about our students and our programs. I hope you will join the Missouri delegation heading to Washington.

So much is happening with Missouri ACTE.... that fast-paced track we are all on doesn't slow down! Your leaders and association managers are working hard to keep pace with the ever-changing arena. Best wishes for a prosperous and happy 2003!

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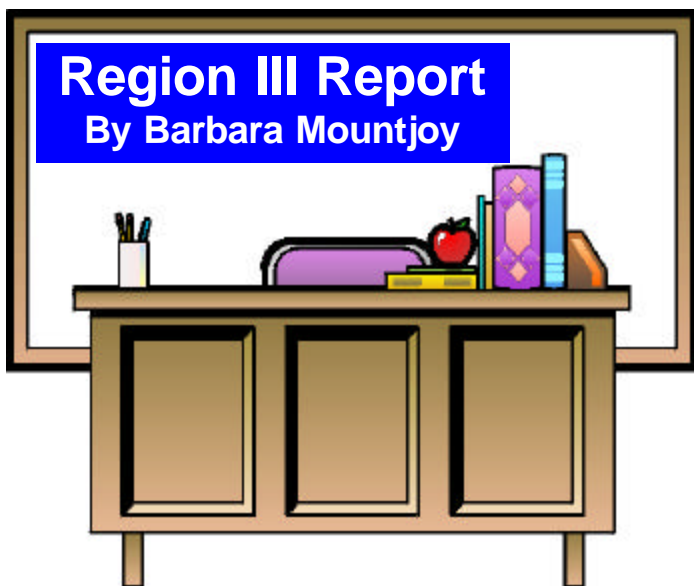
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Happy New Year!! Can you believe it? The school year is half over. National ACTE Convention is always held at the most inconvenient time, right before Christmas! But, it was held in Las Vegas, which is always exciting and the convention was well worth the challenge of preparing students for finals and getting ready for Christmas with a week out of your schedule. The total registration for the convention topped 6,800; this is a 14% increase over last year.

Convention always begins for me with a meeting of the Region III Executive Committee. All six representatives from Region III were present, along with many other members of the individual states that make up Region III. A great deal of business was completed at this meeting. The Region III Leadership Conference is to be held in Dubuque, Iowa June 18-20, 2003. Missouri will host the Leadership Conference in 2004. Make plans to attend this worthwhile conference. It will be held in Kansas City the last week in June, 2004 in conjunction with the Skills USA – VICA National Conference.

The Conference in Las Vegas began with a wonderful opening session. Benjamin Zander, the renowned conductor and founder of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra was the motivational speaker. He discussed, in a very energetic manner, the world of possibilities. He stressed positive signals we can give our students and positive attitudes we, as professionals, can have to elevate and support our professional goals. I thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. The expo was huge as usual, but this year, along with cutting edge ideas and products, we had the opportunity to participate in many workshop offerings right on the trade show floor.

Following the State Association luncheon meeting, where Missouri once again received the Gold Award for outstanding achievement, a session was held with the Honorable Carol D'Amico, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education. Many of the teachers and administrators attending this session, along with ACTE staffers, feel Ms. D'Amico does not have a good understanding of the worth of career and technical education. Her job, as I see it, is to be our advocate in the OVAE.

The nucleus of her speech was that it is imperative that secondary schools provide students with the skills necessary to succeed in the workforce by improving academic rigor, closing the achievement gap, and being held accountable for the results. D'Amico said that the achievement gap between students from different socio-economic and racial backgrounds was growing and "unacceptable". She said that the principles of No Child Left Behind mandate that schools raise standards and hold schools, teachers, and students accountable for results. She called for an increase in the rigor of course requirements in math, reading and science, lamenting that too many students were being exposed to "watered down courses."

The principles embedded in the *No Child Left Behind Act*, she said, will give a framework to shape the Perkins reauthorization discussion. D'Amico said that there should be an emphasis on the high school level because this is where the shortcomings of the education system manifest themselves. She compared the educational achievements of high school students in the United States with those in other industrialized nations, and identified areas of concern that she attributes to a lackluster curriculum and low expectations of students.

D'Amico cited the fact that many jobs were going overseas to countries like Ireland as testimony to the education system's shortcomings and added that jobs were going abroad because a "ready, able and prepared workforce" is there to meet the needs of employers. She explained that the business community routinely laments that there is a great need for students with good math and science skills and she suggested that the Perkins reauthorization process would look at how CTE can foster academic achievement in secondary schools.

D'Amico said that she wants to continue learning about the issues from the CTE community and forums, such as the convention, were "the beginning of future discussions." We, in the CTE community, certainly hope the discussions will continue, that Ms. D'Amico has an opportunity to hear what we are doing and how we are doing it, and that actually we feel we are affecting success within the workforce. ACTE President Kathy Jo Elliott, who introduced D'Amico, said that it was important to continue the dialogue about the future of career and technical education and how federal policy, including the Perkins Act, can continue to provide support for CTE programs.

I hope many of you are availing yourself of the convenience of contacting your congressman and sharing your stories and your concerns about the reauthorization of Perkins through the ACTE website. We need the CTE community to plan to travel to D.C. during the National Policy Seminar to advocate for our programs. We need to stress the importance of continued support of our programs through the Perkins Act and we may have to talk louder and longer without the backing of the OVAE.

Region III Legislative Report

By Al Babich

ACTE Annual Convention Las Vegas, Nevada December 12-15, 2002

Carol D'Amico, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, addressed the general session on Friday, December 13th. Her theme was consistent with the core values in *No Child Left Behind*, with accountability playing a significant role. Ms. D'Amico addressed a break out session later in the afternoon. She emphasized the role of research-based educational initiatives.

Overall, there were nine legislative break out sessions which were generally well attended. The first break out session played to an overflowing audience, even after an adjoining room was opened.

Ms. D'Amico quelled rumors of zeroing out of Perkins funds and appropriating Perkins funds to Pell Grants. Nancy O'Brien, ACTE lobbyist, warned the general membership that Perkins Reauthorization bears to be watched closely.

The ACTE Legislative Committee has developed plans to monitor related legislation such as IDEA, Higher Education Act, Work Force Investment Act, and Welfare Reform. The Legislative Committee also discussed a "ready response" legislative network in each state to be in contact with each U.S. legislator as issues arise. Legislators for each state may be contacted through the ACTE web page at www.acteonline.org.

2003 Summer Conference News!

Something New!

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn about a new curriculum-writing tool called Electronic Alignment Tool. This software is currently being used in over 200 school districts across the state. The Show-Me Curriculum Administrators Association and the Instructional Materials Lab created this software to enable teachers to develop standard curriculum guides that meet MSIP requirements, as well as make it easy for teachers to collaborate curriculum writing. Attendees will need to pre-register for this hands-on workshop, as space will be limited to the computer lab size. Tentative plans are to offer attendees a choice of 3 one-hour sessions on Monday, July 21.

You asked for it and here it is!!

"Legal Issues Facing Educators" will be the topic of a panel discussion at an all-division conference session. Tentative plans are to offer this session on Wednesday afternoon following the House of Delegates meeting. Legal representatives from DESE, MSTA, and MNEA will be on-hand to present information pertinent to educators regarding laws and regulations surrounding educators. A time for questions and answers will follow the panel presentation.

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Legislative Committee Report

By Sharon G. Kosek
Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee Chairperson

Missouri ACTE Leaders:
Your presence, more than ever before, is needed both at the Missouri ACTE

Legislative Day on February 5 in Jefferson City, as well as on March 16-18 at the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.

If you have not attended either before, make these your first visits.

We have so many new members in the House and Senate in Jefferson City, now is the time to create new relationships or rekindle old ones. If you have not invited your Missouri Representative or Senator or your member of Congress or the US Senate into your school, give their legislative assistants a call and make that gracious invitation. Be sure to let the local press know that they are coming.

On the National level, our Senators and members of Congress need to hear from you, their constituents. They need to hear how Perkins Act funding positively impacts your classroom and your school on a daily basis. They need to hear positive success stories about our students and the impact they have on the economic success of our communities.

This will be my eleventh trip to the National Policy Seminar. In the past, I have attended entirely at my own expense and I have attended with the help of my Division. Each trip has proven to be very rewarding and very beneficial. It has been money very well spent.

I am sincerely asking you, this year, to make these trips. Walk the halls of DC with us so that every Missouri ACTE Division has representation and every Congressional District has at a very minimum --two constituents visiting his or her office.

Walk the halls with us at Jefferson City and have every State Senator and State Representative be familiar with Career and Technical Education.

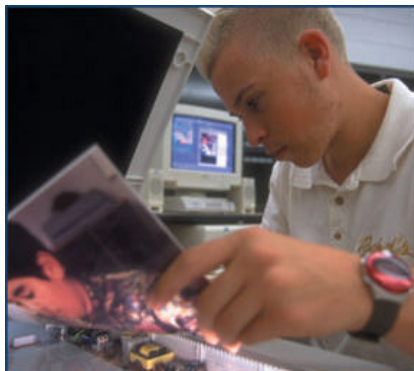
Missouri ACTE is well known throughout the Missouri Capitol for the wonderful aroma of the delicious breakfast prepared by the Waynesville Technical Academy Culinary Arts students. Join us on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:45 a.m. in the Hotel Governor Office Building in preparation for the meetings with state legislators and make sure your meetings are a success by calling in advance for an appointment.

Now is your time to make the trip to Washington and Jefferson City. Please join us.

Now is also the time to write a letter of congratulations or a welcome back letter to your legislator as a member of the Mentor-a-Legislator initiative. Please go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/mentor-a-legislator/> and download. Then, personalize your letter of congratulations or welcome back letter to your legislator(s) and to their assistant(s) and fax them or mail them today.

Another important national issue is the recall of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which affect thousands of teachers and others across the United States by way of a reduction in earned social security, as well as a major reduction in spousal benefits. Please write, in a separate letter or fax, the President, your Senators, and member of Congress regarding the repeal of these provisions. Go to <http://www.morta.org/> to learn more about the repeal of GPE and WEP.

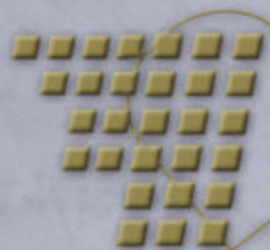
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History In The Making

By Mark Sponaugle

History was made at the Missouri School Counselor Association state meeting held at Tan-Tar-A. For the first time, Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education sponsored a booth at their trade show with the main objective being to recruit new members from across the state. Missouri ACTE had been an active participant for several years as a sponsor of the Monday evening social but the booth was a first for us.

Missouri ACTE's Public Information Committee felt that it was important for us to take our involvement with the Counselor's association a step further. By participating in the trade show, we would have personal representatives on site to answer any and all questions a perspective new member might have. Representing Missouri ACTE were President Elaine Morris, Executive Director Donna Vossen, and Past President Mark Sponaugle.

In summary, it was a truly unique experience - something I had never done before. I enjoyed visiting with everyone who stopped by our booth to ask questions or to pick up a Missouri ACTE bag or a bottle of water. Through our efforts, some new members were gained.

However, I feel the biggest accomplishment may have been the fact that we put our name before a very large and diversified group of individuals. This group plays a very important role in placing students in our classes and it never hurts to inform those whom we call on for assistance.



↑ The Missouri ACTE made a big splash with their exhibit at the Missouri School Counselors' state meeting.

ACTE Announces Candidates

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced its slate of candidates for President-elect, Regional and Division Vice Presidents for the elections to be held in 2003. Among the candidates are two from Missouri. They are:

Business Education Vice President-Elect Candidate: Kelly Wilkinson of Columbia, Missouri. Ms. Wilkinson is an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She received her PhD in Practical Arts & Vocational/Business Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned both her MS and BS from Arkansas State University. She serves on the Professional Development Committee.

Family and Consumer Sciences Vice President-Elect Candidate: Karen Mason of Granby, Missouri. Ms. Mason is a Family and Consumer Science Teacher at East Newton High School. She received her M.Ed. in Secondary Education from Southwest Baptist University, her Vocational BSEd from Pittsburgh State University and her AA in Arts from Crowder College. She serves as a Chair on the FCSE Public Information Committee.

Ballots for ACTE's upcoming elections will be mailed to members in February. Information about each candidate along with their Platform Statements will appear on ACTE's Web site at www.acteonline.org.

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Business Educators Meet

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Mr. Tom Krause, Nixa, Missouri, spoke at Friday evening's Opening Session. His topic was "Without Messes There Are No Successes - Put Enough Paint on the Brush." This entertaining presentation gave new ways to look at perfectionism and proper perspectives on life that lead to success and happiness. Mr. Krause, contributor of numerous articles to the Chicken Soup books, is co-author of Chicken Soup for the Coach's Soul, a future book in the series.

Eleven vendors exhibited educational materials, classroom equipment, software, industry certification materials, and professional association information Friday evening and Saturday morning during the come-and-go country buffet breakfast.

Twenty-one concurrent sessions were available to the almost 250 business educators from school districts, colleges, and universities around Missouri. Classroom assessment techniques, digital media programs, e-commerce, business technology simulations, graphics in the

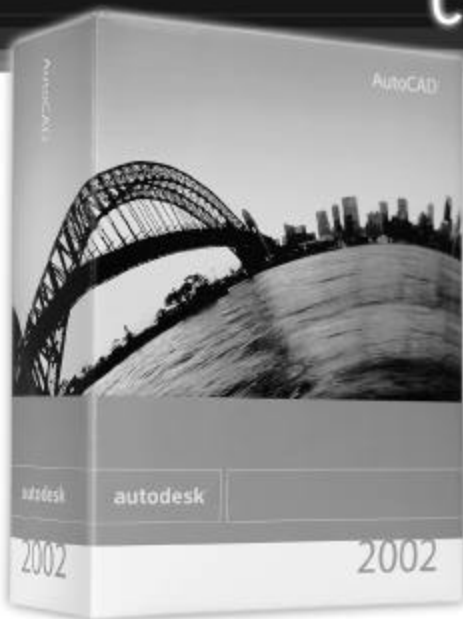
classroom, brain compatible learning, and program evaluation were among the sessions the teachers could choose to attend. In addition to these structured programs, teachers had opportunities to share valuable ideas with their colleagues from around the state.

In conjunction with the conference, two other events were held. First, a training session was held Friday morning for the business education mentors and mentees, who planned activities together for remaining months of the academic year. Second, the MBEA Executive Board met to conduct business of the Association.

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ACTE Special Needs Division Recognizes Missouri Member With Outstanding Honors



At the Annual ACTE Convention in Las Vegas, Mark Sponaugle and the Vocational Resource Educator (VRE) Program at Carthage Technical Center were honored as the VALPAR Outstanding Secondary Special Needs Program. The awards program is administered by the ACTE Special Needs Division (SND) and the National Association of Vocational Education Special Needs

Personnel (NAVESNP).

Mark was recognized with a certificate and cash award at the Annual NAVESNP/SND Awards Luncheon on Saturday, December 14. In addition to Eddie Stephens, Director at Carthage Tech Center, several Missouri ACTE members attended the luncheon. The strong show of support was evidence of the leadership and commitment within Missouri. The program included a meal, presentation of awards, silent auction, and gourmet desserts delivered from the culinary arts chef at Pinellas Technical Education Center, Clearwater, Florida. It truly was a great day for Mark, Carthage Technical Center, and Missouri ACTE.

The award recognizes an outstanding program and the Carthage Tech Center has one such program and educator. The VRE program provides a variety of services to the special needs students at the Carthage Tech Center. As the only VRE on staff, Mark works with students and teachers by reading tests, assisting with projects, helping with homework, monitoring grades, modifying curriculum, etc. Program services extend to all nine technical educational programs with students in the ninth to twelfth grade. Additionally Mark assists with psychometric and aptitude testing for all IEP students and attends all IEP meetings within the district.

Other program services provided by Mark include interagency collaborations with Vocational Rehabilitation, Private Industry Council and the Missouri Career Center. As the VRE, Mark assists with a variety of transition and VRE services. He truly contributes to the success of students with special needs in the career and technical programs at Carthage Tech Center.

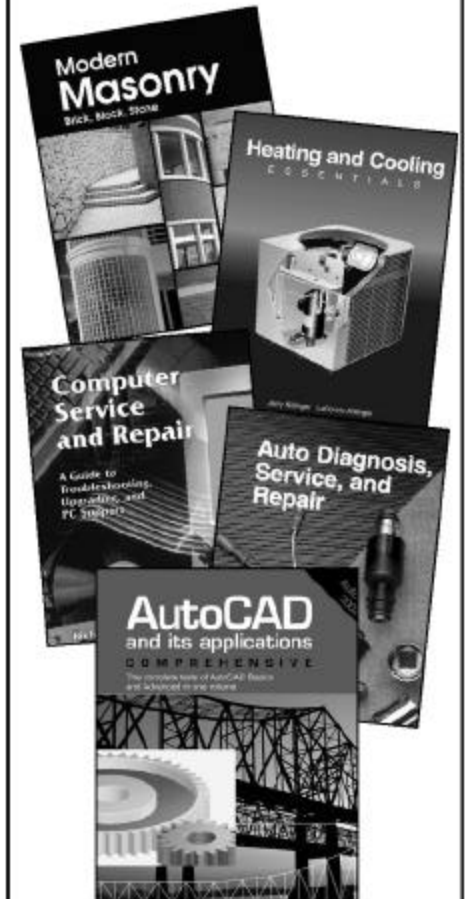
Congratulations Mark Sponaugle and the Carthage Technical Center!!!

Scholarship Recipient



← Cliff Bruck, 2002 graduate of Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC) in Camdenton, MO placed in the first percentile of the Joe Gibbs Auto Scholarship Exam. Out of 2,955 students, Cliff placed 14th and received a \$5,000 scholarship at Universal Technical Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Cliff is continuing his study of Automotive Technology with plans to work for BMW according to Dennis Perkins, Cliff's Automotive Technology instructor at LCTC. The staff at LCTC wishes to extend congratulations to Cliff.

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Lake Career & Technical Center Graduate - "Banking Is Her Business!"



← **April Wyatt**, a 2001 Camdenton High School graduate, is currently employed by First National Bank in Camdenton, Missouri as a loan processor. She began working at First National Bank after high school graduation. She was hired as a documentations clerk, was promoted to loan clerk, and is now a loan processor.

April was very involved in the Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC) her junior and senior years taking Accounting, Business Cooperative Education, Business Technology, and Microsoft Office I and II. She was FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) President, member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society, and LCTC Student of the Month and Year. She was also selected as runner-up for Missouri Tech Prep Student of the Year in 2001.

April's accomplishments make her an individual who we are very proud to call an LCTC alum.

Cruising With Industry



The Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC) and Mercury Marine have entered into a joint training venture. LCTC educates secondary and post secondary students for careers in the marine industry. Many LCTC graduates are working as marine technicians and service writers.

Mercury Marine, makers of Mercury outboards and MerCruiser stern drives, has joined with LCTC to provide continuing training for technicians. With today's changing technology, technicians must stay current. Mercury Marine offers up-to-date training classes at the LCTC building on the Camdenton, Missouri campus. Mercury Marine began at LCTC with short-term classes, and in the fall of 2002, space became available for Mercury Marine to be housed at LCTC. LCTC provides the instructors and space and Mercury supplies the instructional materials.

Pre-requisites to the program are: previous technical experience or training, and employment at a factory authorized Mercury dealer. Depending on the subject taught, classes range from one to five days a week. Electrical, drive and engine courses are offered. Three hundred students attend classes during the August to May training period. LCTC marine students will also go through Mercury training, adding a manufactures training certificate to their resume.


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Auto Collision Class Uses Inventive Way to Help Feed the Hungry

By: Sharon Kosek

Hillyard Technical Center; St. Joseph, MO Drew Kirkland, in his first year as the Hillyard Technical Center Auto Collision instructor, asked his students if they wanted to help raise funds for the school's food drive for America's Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph. Mr. Kirkland asked his class for ideas and they decided to detail cars for \$15.00 each with the money being donated toward the drive.

The students thought they would do fairly well but they had no idea how well. Soon after the 8 ½ x 11 signs advertising the car detail had been posted and announcements had been made over the school's intercom, the auto shop class phone began ringing and ringing and ringing. It wasn't long before every appointment was filled.

Mr. Kirkland's students detailed each vehicle inside and out; blew out the air vents; deep cleaned the carpets with soap, water, and brushes; vacuumed all interior and carpeting; dusted and cleaned door jams; and hand polished the car both inside and out with protectant. Two students worked on the inside while two others worked on the outside. The teamwork approach was vital to their timely success.

Following his curriculum and meeting his competencies, Drew provided his students with training that would give them the ability to go out and get an entry-level job as a auto detailer. Not only did they gain that skill, but they also gained an appreciation for what they can do to help those in need in the community. The students earned a total of \$616, including tips and fees - all of which was donated to the drive. Each dollar was able to purchase \$11 worth of food products to help feed the hungry. The school took in a record of more than \$1,675 in donations to help feed the hungry.

Mr. Kirkland's morning three-hour class included Shawn Butler, Jordan Dame, Brian Deatherage, Michael Groh, Michael Logston, Jeremy Martin, and Skyler Myrick of Benton High School; Freddie DeSpain of Lafayette High School; and Miles Dulac, Keith Loukota, and Nathan Young of Central High School.

Mr. Kirkland's afternoon three-hour block class included Jonathan Burris of Stewartsville; Josh Chenoweth of DeKalb; Joshua Grooms, King City; Javad Hossaini and Rodney Pearl of Maysville; Shelby Hughes, Nick Shuetz, and Jeffery Verbick of South Holt; Amanda Jackson of Union Star; Krystal Kendall of Mid Buchanan; Elliott Maag of Savannah High School; and Ryan Supple and Rachel Knowles of Benton High School.

Mr. Kirkland is no stranger in the body shop. He has 22 years of experience including work at Dunlap-Riggs in

Claremore, Oklahoma, Drew's Body in Vinita, and Frank Polson's Body and Glass. He most recently has worked for eight years at PPG Industries as a paint instructor in Kansas City.

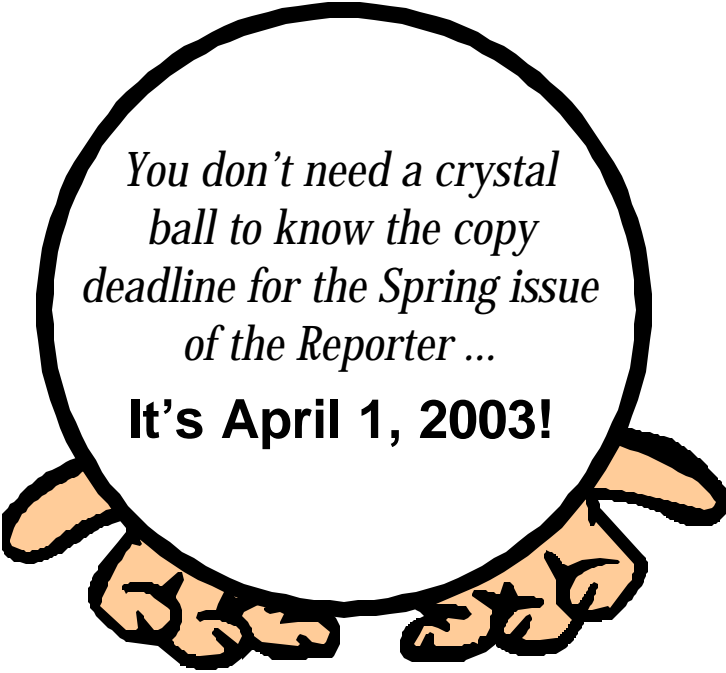
Drew Kirkland was like many other young students. While in high school in Oklahoma, he attended the Afton Northeast Area Vocational-Technical School and was a student in the auto body class. He was so inspired by his teacher in the class, Mr. Bill Litton, that Drew went to VICA state competition and won first place in the Auto Body Skills. He then experienced National VICA competition in Miami, Florida, and made the decision that auto body was what he wanted to do. Mr. Litton, to this day, does not realize the lasting impression that he made on his student.

Drew recently saw Mr. Litton's name inside the front cover of an auto body book from the Curriculum and Industrial Materials Center Board of Vocational and Technical Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He noted it was nice to see what Mr. Litton was doing these days.

Drew has continued to be no stranger to VICA. Because of the great experience that he had at the Afton Tech School, Drew has given of his time at the National Skills Olympics for the last ten years: one year at Louisville, Kentucky, and nine years at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Kirkland sets up for the competition each year including preparing the paint booths and getting the fenders ready.

Today, Mr. Kirkland is that positive mentor for his students that Mr. Litton was for him back in Afton, Oklahoma. Thank you, Mr. Litton, for creating a passion in Drew.

You never know what kind of impression that you create as teachers.



You don't need a crystal ball to know the copy deadline for the Spring issue of the Reporter ...

It's April 1, 2003!

General News & Recognitions

Now They're Cookin'

Ashley Lux and Jennifer LaHay know their way around a kitchen and they are showing off their certificates to prove their success.

The two ladies are recent graduates of the Culinary Arts Program from the American Culinary Federation, receiving Access ACF Certificates of Validation. They also passed the National Restaurant Association's "ServSafe" exam.

Ashley is currently attending Ozark Technical College's culinary program, while Jennifer is attending State Fair Community College.

Come springtime, both of them will attend the Art Institute in Denver, Colorado to study Culinary Arts.

Both ladies are recent graduates of Camdenton High School and Lake Career & Technical Center's (LCTC) Culinary Arts program. After graduation, both are planning to become Chefs. On hand to help them celebrate is Gail Still, Culinary Arts Instructor at LCTC



↑ Ashley Lux (pictured left) and Jennifer LaHay (pictured right) share the joy of accomplishment with their instructor Gail Still.

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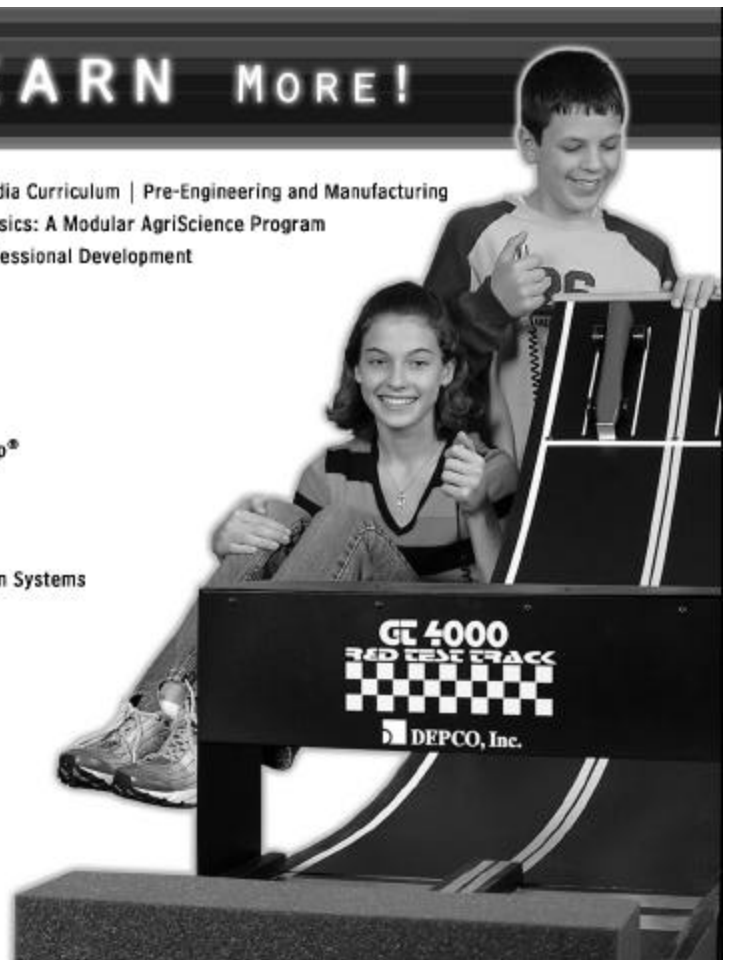
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Members of Missouri General Assembly Visit Hillyard Technical Center

A telephone call and letter of invitation brought three Missouri legislators to Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph, Missouri, on December 16. Senator Charlie Shields of the 34th District, newly elected Representatives Dr. Rob Schaaf of the 28th District, and Ed Wildberger of the 27th District were greeted by a marquee that read "Welcome State Legislators."



← **Terry Beasley** (pictured left), Hillyard Practical Nursing Coordinator, discusses issues in the health care field with Representative Ed Wildberger.

Members of the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) business organization were all smiles as they greeted the guests at the school. A light breakfast was provided while the legislators listened to Hillyard faculty and students who discussed the facts concerning the importance of Career and Technical Education, the tremendous impact it has on the success of the community, and the stream of funding that is received.

Hillyard Assistant Director Regenia Briggs, Counselor Jean Johnson, and Financial Aid Director Connie Myers made brief comments about their areas. Briggs discussed the new associate degree in paramedic training. Current students who are displaced workers from Quaker Oats and Snorkel informed the legislators of their personal stories and about their need for technical training.

After the short speeches, each legislator was presented with a framed, personalized resolution of support from Phi Beta Lambda Vice President Amanda Hallowell in the school's community room. The Legislators also toured many of the programs. While visiting each of the classrooms, students informed the legislators about what was occurring in their program that day.

Phi Beta Lambda President Toni Pearia led the presentations and tour. The newly elected legislative officials were welcomed by the following program areas and their instructors:

Precision Machining Technology, Dennis Merritt;
Vocational Agriculture, David Hoy;
Computer Aided Drafting, John DeLee;
Automobile Collision Technology, Drew Kirkland;
Practical Nursing, Instructor Terry Beasley;

Radiologic Technology, Instructor Shirley Erickson;
The Skills Center, Instructors Steve Snider and Cindy Cook; and
Computer Service Technology, Instructor Denise Balsamo.

The legislators spent about 5 to 10 minutes in each class area before being led to the next by the PBL officers Pearia and Hallowell.



↑ **Phi Beta Lambda Vice President Mandy Hallowell** presents Representative Rob Schaaf, M.D., with a proclamation of appreciation.

With the Missouri Legislative session beginning in January, education will once again be a top priority. This tour helped demonstrate the importance of technical education for our community.

Senator Charlie Shields' wife, Brenda, is a business teacher at Truman Middle School in St. Joseph and a former member of Quaker Oats management.

Sharon Kosek is the Phi Beta Lambda advisor at Hillyard and also the Missouri ACTE Legislative Chairperson. Doug Stewart is the Hillyard Career and Technical Education Director.



↑ (Pictured left to right) **Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger, and Computer Service Technology Instructor Denise Balsamo** discuss locations where her graduates find employment.

Some Magic Moments in Las Vegas!



↑ *Mark Sponagle and Missouri ACTE members gather after Mark received national recognition. (See story under General News and Recognitions)*



← *David Twente (standing) visits with Ronna Ford (left) and Marcia Northrup (center) at the Missouri Reception in Las Vegas.*



← *(Pictured from left) Karen Mason, Donna Vossen, and Joy Behrens net working at the Missouri Reception.*

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↑ (Pictured from left) Bob Simpson, John Michael, and Karen Owen at the ACTE House of Delegates Session.



↑ Representatives from Missouri pose before entering the House of Delegates Session on Saturday afternoon in Las Vegas.

More Magic Vegas!



↑ *David Twente (l) accepts the Region III Award of Merit from Dan Smith(r), Region III Vice President.*



↑ *(Pictured from left) Elaine Morris, Barbara Mountjoy, and Sherry Struckhoff at the ACTE House of Delegates Session.*



← *(Pictured from left) Dan Smith, Region III Vice President presents the ACTE Quality Association Gold Award to Missouri ACTE Executive Director Donna Vossen and President Elaine Morris.*

→ *Missouri ACTE President Elaine Morris accepts the Region III Award of Merit for Sharon Kosek who was unable to attend.*



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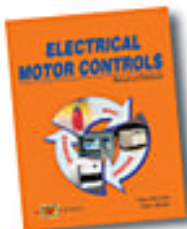
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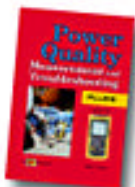
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