Greetings & Salutations,

The first few weeks of school are behind us and Missouri is just starting to put on her beautiful fall wardrobe. Isn’t it a joy to live in such a magnificent place and for our work in life to be teaching, directing and providing opportunities for the young?

As we start this new school year, it is the time to set new goals, look at the possibilities and improve both personally and professionally. Missouri ACTE’s primary focus is to provide services for Missouri’s career and technology educators. The leadership team is dedicated to continuing to provide services that will assist the members in accomplishing their important work.

Missouri’s ACTE’s annual Joint Summer Career and Technology Education Workshops and Conference has been a valuable professional development experience for most of us for many years. The program improvement committee will be surveying each member about conference related issues in the very near future. PLEASE take the time to respond when you receive the survey. We really want to know how to better serve you.

I want to encourage each of you to consider attending the ACTE Convention and Career Technology Expo in Atlanta, GA, November 20 – December 2. The experience is worth the time and money you will invest. Program information can be found on the ACTE website under convention. A fairly new addition to the convention is the advanced learning space where educators can see technology and architectural design integrated into brief lessons. Many of the convention workshops feature regular classroom teachers who are doing exceptional work.

It is very important that we continue to respond to the ACTE legislative alerts. Adequate funding for our programs is an essential ingredient to high quality programs and it is up to us to be sure our legislators are aware. Mid-term elections are just weeks away. We need to continue to support the politicians who support issues that impact career and technical education.

I look forward to working with you. It is certainly an honor and blessing for me to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ronna Ford, Missouri ACTE President
It has been a fast and furious summer. It is hard to believe that we are back in the swing of another school year. It will be another year with similar, as well as unknown, challenges that could possibly have unforeseen outcomes. As Career and Technical educators, I know that we can rise to the occasion and walk the steps of our journey with knowledge, truth, and dignity. Have a great year!

Lacrosse, Wisconsin was the host of this year’s Region III Leadership Conference. Karen Mason and Ronna Ford represented the state of Missouri at this year’s conference. Their report to the Missouri ACTE Board in July told of an excellent conference with workshops dealing with several different topics.

Since, I was unable to attend because of National SkillsUSA, Karen filled in for me on the Policy Committee. One of the major tasks the Policy Committee has, besides normal business matters, is to act as the Region III awards selection committee. Karen was thrilled to undertake this task since she is the ACTE Board liaison to the ACTE Awards committee. This year’s Region III winners are:

- Teacher of the Year
  John Frank, Wisconsin;
- Outstanding Career & Technical Educator
  Joseph Hegge, Wisconsin;
- Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher
  – Sandy Hume, Wisconsin; and
- Outstanding Teacher in Community Service
  Mark Sponaugle, Missouri.

The other news that was discussed at convention was the ACTE reorganization. Yes, I know, it’s the 353rd verse of the same song but it still NEEDS to be played, heard, and reacted to, so please continue to listen. The reorganization committee met during the National Policy Seminar and put the final touches to the reorganization plan. Since that time, the ACTE Board has met and is proposing certain constitution and bylaws changes. Both the Reorganization Plan and the proposed amendments are on the ACTE website. Please review those and, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

If I may, I would like to editorialize for a minute. I feel that our current rough draft shows promise but I am not sure you can find the classroom teacher in the mix. In the proposed constitutional amendments, I am afraid we are also losing our division identity. If I am missing, something please let me know. I hope everyone will log on the website and check out the reorganization proposal, as well as the proposed constitution and bylaws changes and make comments. The future of ACTE hangs on the fact that members need to be actively involved.

As always, it is a pleasure to represent Missouri at the regional level. I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please feel free to contact me at 417-359-7026 or at sponauglem@carthage.k12.mo.us if you have any questions or concerns.

Congratulations to Dr. Julie Lyman

Congratulations to Dr. Julie Lyman who was announced as the Interim Director of Business, Marketing, and Cooperative Education on Friday, September 1.

The announcement was made by Dr. Dennis Hardin, Coordinator of Career Education for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Second Education. Julie will taking the place of Carey Smith who left the position of Director of Business Education in July at the close of the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference.

Julie brings her years of experience with DESE in Marketing and Cooperative Education. Her dedication to Career and Technical Education is appreciated!
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Your contributions to the Missouri ACTE PAC (Political Action Committee) Fund are greatly appreciated and are being put to good use in support of Missouri State political candidates or incumbents who support the ideals of Missouri ACTE. For the second year, the Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee actively lobbied for funds for the PAC Fund from Missouri ACTE members who attended the Opening Session of our Summer Conference.

This year a total of $1,488 was raised by the sale of orange ribbons. For $10 each, a member could buy a ribbon with the opportunity to win one of two $50 bills which were given away at the close of the Opening General Session.

The PAC funds raised outside of the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference Opening Session and those funds raised by each of the Missouri ACTE divisions are combined to support Missouri state candidates who seek political office and are supportive of Missouri ACTE issues. Individuals in Missouri House and Senate committee leadership positions are sometimes the recipients of political contributions based on their alignment with ideals of the Missouri ACTE organization.

Individuals recommended to receive funds are from both the Democrat and Republican parties.

At Missouri ACTE Board meetings prior to election time, printed lists of political candidates who are recommended to receive a contribution are given to the Missouri ACTE PAC Committee members. The Committee is made up of the Presidents of each Missouri ACTE division, as well as the Chair of the Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee. After a review of the list by legislative consultants from Gamble and Schlemeier, questions are answered and comments are welcomed from the committee members. The PAC Committee members are also asked for their opinions regarding recommendations for additional names or deletions of names on the list. When the list is finalized, all contributions that have been collected are distributed in a timely fashion, prior to the election, among the candidates who have been listed.

Missouri ACTE PAC funds are not tax deductible.

For decades, Missouri ACTE (formerly Missouri AVA) members have generously given their support to the PAC Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions for this very important cause in helping to keep Missouri ACTE strong. Your contributions make a big difference!
A Handful of Conference Memories
A Few More Snapshots
The “Doghouse” began as an idea in the fall of 2004. Thanks to a group of El Dorado Springs, Missouri entrepreneurship students who were confident of their abilities, who would not take "can’t" for an answer; The Doghouse began operation on December 6, 2004. Cookies and milk were sold from two tables in a corner of the marketing classroom. With each month came new inventory and new goals.

In the spring of 2005, the students received word that a Missouri Vocational Enhancement Grant was approved for the El Dorado Springs Marketing Department. In addition to computers, a television, and a video camera, the grant allowed renovation of a classroom that is now known as The Doghouse. Thanks to Mr. Mark Koca and his industrial technology students, who designed the black and chrome renovations, The Doghouse really opened for business in April of 2006!

The Doghouse now sells breakfast items, fruit drinks and milk, spiritwear and convenience items. The business ownership class is divided into four teams. Product, display, promotion, and scheduling teams all have tasks and responsibilities. The Doghouse serves as an excellent learning laboratory for the marketing department. Students track sales and profits, conduct research, study trends, and learn about customer service. There is a great deal of ownership and pride in this student based enterprise!

In June, 2006, The Doghouse received word that they received an additional grant from the Kaufman Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase more inventory, to host an open house, and to take a field trip to view other school stores within the state.
Pre-Convention Workshops
ACTE is proud to offer the following Pre-Convention workshops:
Perkins Implementation: With the new law come new regulations. Learn all about them.
Math-in-CTE: Learn how to effectively integrate math into your CTE classroom.
Creating a Career Academy. Learn how to design and/or improve career academies/small learning communities
Career Clusters 101: An Introduction.
Learn the basics of career clusters from noted experts.
Career Clusters 201: Beginning Implementation. Go from the basics to implementation in this half-day workshop.

Important Dates
October 30, 2006: Housing reservation deadline.
Do early to get the best options!
October 31, 2006: Advance registration deadline.
Don't miss the last chance to save!

General Session Speakers
ACTE is proud to bring to its attendees two dynamic and exciting General Session speakers. Dave Weber, who is from Georgia, will share a motivational message about overcoming your barriers, obstacles and challenges. Chris Gardner credits the people in his life for helping him overcome homelessness. Hear his incredible story, which is being made into a Hollywood movie, and you will be inspired to continue the great work you do. To learn more about Weber and Gardner, go to www.acteonline.org/convention.

To register, go to www.acteonline.org/convention.
For the second year in a row, the Rolla DECA Chapter has made Missouri history by being honored for raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This year, Rolla DECA raised $25,007.34, making us second in the nation for most money raised by a DECA chapter. Advisor Robyn Eckhoff and team members Tiffany Davis and Sarah Henne traveled to Las Vegas, NV to present their check to National MDA Youth Spokesman Billy Gilman on national television. It was broadcast world-wide on 193 stations, Monday, September 4, 2006.

Our DECA chapter has only twenty-three paid members, but the quality and effort of our members is outstandingly high. Every year, our DECA chapter competes against other DECA chapters — including Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the United States, and Canada. Many of these chapters are in large suburban areas with over three hundred members in each chapter.

How do we achieve such high goals? Annually, the Rolla DECA chapter hosts the Jail-n-Bail, MDA Telethon, Hop-a-thon, Super Bowl-a-thon and a Dodge Ball tournament. We take great pride in our community involvement and success in our civic fundraisers. For the past 23 years, Rolla DECA has been involved in the fundraising efforts to help cure muscular dystrophy.

On Tuesday, June 13, 2006, we hosted the annual Jail-n-Bail at Sirloin Stockade, located at 1401 Martin Springs Drive; Rolla, Missouri. Then over Labor Day weekend, the Rolla DECA chapter hosted the MDA Telethon at our local Channel 16 television station. We are the only MDA telethon completely operated by students. Other activities will be scheduled at a later date.

If you are interested in performing on the air or would like to help, please contact Robert or Robyn Eckhoff, DECA Advisors of the Rolla DECA chapter, at (573) 458-0150 or (573) 885-3090. The Rolla DECA chapter, along with MDA, greatly appreciates your involvement in helping a worthy cause.
“Run Today so They Can Walk Tomorrow” was the theme for Blue Springs High School’s 1st annual DECA 5K run/walk. This inaugural event was headed by DECA advisor Kelly Fowler. Kelly’s family has been directly affected by this disease and this life experience was extremely integral to the DECA chapter’s success.

Students were responsible for securing sponsorships from local businesses, as well as promoting the event through the school and community. Sponsorships included donation levels of Gold ($500), Silver ($250), and Bronze ($100). Sponsors also could help by providing water and/or food for stations along the route and/or at the start and finish of the race.

The Blue Springs High School 5K4MDA had over 100 participants in its first year and raised $5,000! Tyler Bossow, an ambassador for MDA, was on hand to fire the starting gun for the beginning of the race (see pic w/Kelly Fowler). This DECA chapter will be hosting their 2nd annual 5K4MDA in the spring of 2007.
New Product a Hit for Moberly

_Moberly Area Technical Center Design Drafting and Marketing students receive FIRST PLACE in New Product Introduction Contest_

The Design Drafting and Marketing students from Moberly Area Technical Center have demonstrated enough business savvy to earn them First Place in the New Product Introduction Contest.

The Design Team (Jacob Bailey and Rebekah Sommerfeld) and the Marketing Team (Brandon Twyman, Jeff Martin, and Angela Pflugradt) won first place in the competition at Moberly Area Technical Center. For the competition, students worked in teams as a new product business unit to redesign an existing product. Both teams were to redesign a remote control by studying the latest technology in the electronics world and researching the market for consumer needs and wants. After reviewing the information, they targeted a certain age market and price range for which they designed the remote control.

This class assignment was created by the instructors so students could apply what they learned in class and expand their knowledge into a real-world experience. The students were to simulate working within the design or marketing team of a company. There they interacted with each other during team meetings to brain-storm and develop the redesigned remote control within the project time schedule. This is the first time such a project has been implemented at the Tech Center. With the project being such a success, next year it will be expanded to include other classes such as Electronics, Machine Tool and Accounting allowing more students the opportunity for a real-world experience.

The four teams that competed presented their projects in a PowerPoint format to a panel of four judges. Included in the presentation were 3D drawings of their design, an Executive Summary of their company, the target market for their design, the designs strengths and weaknesses, their competition, product costs, manufacturability and implementation schedule of the marketing plan for their redesigned product. The first place team was able to produce their product into reality with the Design class’ 3D Rapid Prototype machine.

“This was a great learning opportunity for me. It helped broaden my perspective of marketing and will look great on my resume” said Jeff Martin.

The judges were Janita Freeman of Great Advertising Specialties; J.W. Ballinger of the Chamber of Commerce; and Curt Porter and Mike Schmidt, Design Engineers from Orscheln. It was the students’ product design innovation and the professionalism of the presentation that impressed the judges.

The Design Drafting class instructor Mark Hawkins brings 24+ years of designing and CAD experience to his class and the Marketing class instructor Marcy Grammer brings 20+ years of engineering and Marketing Management experience to her class. The Design Drafting I & II classes teach the concepts of drafting from the hand drafting to 3D modeling for architecture, design and mechanical engineering. The Marketing I and Advanced Marketing classes teach the basics of business in marketing, graphic advertising and entrepreneurship, as well as providing the opportunity for work internships. Both classes are located at Moberly Area Technical Center and are a part of the Moberly School District which enrolls students from Moberly, area sending schools, as well as area adults. If you would like more information about these classes or other classes at Moberly Area Technical Center, please call 660-269-2690.

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El Dorado Springs Awarded Grant

The Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education is pleased to announce that ten local schools across the US have been awarded Innovative Entrepreneurship Teacher Grants up to $3,000 to support implementation of entrepreneurship education programs and projects. One of the schools to benefit from this program is the El Dorado Springs High School.

The funding, provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Coleman Foundation, and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, will assist teachers and organizations working with youth to conduct, enhance, or expand activities leading to start up of student businesses, school-based businesses, or development of expertise that leads to an entrepreneur’s success.

The winners, representing many levels of entrepreneurship education in the US, are:

- Pam Peters
  Northwest-Shoals Community College
  Phil Campbell, Alabama

- George Okantey
  Purdue Coop. Extension Svc.
  Indianapolis, Indiana

- Beatrice J Arvie
  Scotlandville Magnet High
  Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Jared Roth
  Northern Garrett High School
  Accident, Maryland

- Vicki Hillsman
  El Dorado Springs High School
  El Dorado Springs, Missouri

- Linda Eklund
  Harlowtown High School
  Harlowtown, Montana

- Doris Lux
  Central Community College
  Columbus, Nebraska

- Beth Deinert
  Southeast Community College
  Milford, Nebraska

- Arlene Childers
  Liberty Middle School
  Morgantown, North Carolina

- Lisa M Cline
  North Rowan High School
  Spencer, North Carolina

This is the second of a series of grant opportunities being provided by the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education to help teachers develop innovative entrepreneurship education programs at all levels of education.

Recognizing the needs of the teachers to have additional funds available to create strong entrepreneurship education programs, the Consortium is actively seeking donors to support grants for teachers. Awards will be based on competitive proposals from teachers throughout the country.

Contributions to the Innovative Teacher Grant Fund qualify as a tax-free donation. Additional information is available on the Consortium website, www.entre-ed.org.
The Harrisonville Public School Foundation, along with the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District, honored Cass Career Center Marketing Teacher and DECA Advisor Jeanette Miller as the 2006 Educator of the Year.

Miller has taught in the district for three years. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in both International Business and in Marketing from Baylor University and her teaching certification, as well as her Master’s degree, from Avila University.

Miller was selected for the honor by a panel of judges from outside the community who interviewed three finalists. The finalists were chosen by the Harrisonville Public School Foundation selection committee from nominations received from parents, students, and Harrisonville Schools staff members.

One nomination for Miller stated, “Ms. Miller inspires the students to reach further than they have before and to be their best; to have a positive attitude; to continue improving their work; to be competitive; and to have fun doing whatever they decide to do.”

The judges said that Miller couldn’t stop smiling when she was talking about her students. They said that she really sells education and needs to not only teach students, but teach teachers, as well. One quote from Jeanette’s interview that really resonated with the judges was this, “I want to be the kind of teacher I want my kids to have.”

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation honored Miller at the annual Excellence in Academics Ceremony on Thursday, June 8. She received a $500 grant from the Foundation, a plaque, and a ring from Josten’s. She is also eligible for the Missouri Teacher of the Year program.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (JFMF), sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides U.S. educators with fully-funded study tours of Japan. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return. JFMF participants travel to Japan with other outstanding educators, learn about Japanese culture and education, and return home to implement a self-designed plan to share their knowledge and experience with their students, colleagues, and community.

Now in its 11th year, JFMF will send up to 400 educators to Japan to take part in this educationally and culturally enriching program. Organizations such as [Missouri ACTE] play an integral part in getting the word out to local educators about this opportunity.

We very much hope that your region can have a strong representation in next year’s program and bring back the knowledge gained to the students and community. By including the attached information in your listserv, newsletters, and website, we can look forward to an increased response from eligible educators in your region.

The deadline for the 2007 JFMF competition is December 7, 2006. Those interested may apply via the online application at www.iie.org/jfmf. To request more information, additional materials, or if you have any questions, please contact 1-888-527-2636 or jfmf@iie.org. Thank you for your continued support and assistance in alerting your colleagues to the opportunities the JFMF Teacher Program provides.

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Teachers in the audience screamed with delight on May 18, when Lisa Miller was announced as the 2006-07 St. Joseph School District Teacher of the Year. For an unprecedented second year in a row, a CTE teacher was selected as the District’s outstanding role model.

In May of 2005, David Jordan (the lead Marketing instructor at Central High School) was announced as the St. Joseph School District Teacher of the Year. In August 2006, David was announced as the new St. Joseph School District Business/Marketing District Chair, as well as continuing his role as the lead Marketing instructor at Central.

Lisa, who is active in MCEA (Marketing and Cooperative Education Association), was also announced as the Outstanding New Marketing Professional of the Year at the 2006 Summer Conference in Springfield.

Lisa is the lead Marketing instructor at Lafayette High School and just completed her fifth year of teaching. This year she helped to expand the Marketing program at Lafayette to two years. She also assisted in writing the second-year curriculum. Lisa has many other talents, including owning the interior design company, Redefining Class. Mrs. Miller’s business has been recognized in MSTAS School and Community Magazine and Lisa has presented at several high schools and at last year’s Missouri ACTE Conference.

As with many other CTE instructors, Lisa brought with her many years of strong professional work experience. She was a Merchandise Manager for JC Penney for several years, in addition to being a BeautiControl Consultant.

Lisa was also honored at the annual St. Joseph School District awards event as a finalist for the Innovator of the Year Award. She and Terri Johnson (a Lafayette counselor) were acknowledged for Irish Mart, a school-wide business project where students may purchase school items. All marketing students have the opportunity to work in the store and its mission is to provide an entrepreneurial atmosphere for which marketing students are allowed to make real business decisions, to improve school climate and facilitate school spirit amongst students, staff and parents.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Lisa is Lafayette’s DECA Advisor. Membership in DECA has increased significantly over the past four years. The student marketing organization has more than doubled in size, increasing from forty members to ninety-five, and is now the second largest organization at Lafayette next to Student Council. This past year, Lafayette DECA assisted in hosting its’ District Fall Leadership Conference at Missouri Western State University; facilitated the organization of two Civic Consciousness Projects, including “Light the Night Walk” for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and “Replenish the Harvest” Can Food Drive for InterServ; staffed the Irish Mart during home volleyball and basketball games and daily during the lunch period; and participated in numerous other activities.

Congratulations to Lisa Miller, an outstanding educator for the St. Joseph School District.
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Foundations of Career and Technology Education  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday nights

**T&OE 4160/01** CRN 22727 (2U/G; Jan 9– Feb 1)  
Principles of Teaching Industrial Education  
6:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday

**T&OE 4180/01** CRN ( U/G; Jan 9– May 4)  
Adult Programs in Occupational Education  
Feb 9-10, March 2-3 & 30-31, April 20-21  
Central Summit Center, Lee’s Summit

**T&OE 5130/01** CRN 22733 (3G; Jan 8 – May 4)  
Research Methods in Applied Sciences & Technology  
6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Monday nights

ADDITIONAL OFF CAMPUS COURSES

**T&OE 4160/03** CRN 22729 (3 U/G; Jan 10 – May 4)  
Principles of Teaching Industrial Education  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m Monday nights, St. Louis Area

**T&OE 5130/02** CRN 22734 (3G; Feb 2 – May 4)  
Research Methods in Applied Sciences & Technology  
6:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m. Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. Saturdays  
Central Summit Center, Lee’s Summit

**T&OE 5170/01** CRN 22735 (2G; Jan 8 – May 4)  
Finance Career Education  
Time and location TBA, Weekend Format

Please check out the new student portal at https://www.cmsu.edu/portal/
MBEA

MBEA awards were presented to the winners at the Opening Session of the MBEA Summer Conference on July 25 in Springfield, MO.

† MBEA Distinguished Service Awards: (pictured from left) Sharon Kosek, Mona Casady, Karen Owen, and Betty Mudd. Unable to be present for picture: Maureen Thoendel

† MBEA Award Winners: (pictured from left) Amie Breshears, New Professional of the Year; Laura Taylor, Outstanding Secondary Business Educator of the Year; and Tonya Skinner, representing Oran High School, Program of Excellence Award. Unable to be present for picture: Darlene Davis, Outstanding Secondary Educator of the Year
Missouri Association for Career Services, a division of Missouri ACTE, met in July at the Oasis Inn & Convention Center in conjunction with the Summer Conference held in Springfield, MO. Some of the sessions relevant to MACS members included: 180 Day Follow-Up; Building Personal Resilience; Getting Your Foot in the Door - Employer Panel; Rx for Boards, Councils, and Committees; Penny Pinching Programming; The World is Flat; What Trips the Employer’s Trigger; and an Industry Tour to the Executive Coach Builders.

The new 2006-2007 officers are:

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Rolla Technical Institute

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East Central College

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State Fair Community College Career & Technology Center

**Past-President:**
Kathy Christy  
Ozarks Technical Community College

MACS’s Fall Conference, held September 28 & 29 in Columbia included a variety of interesting sessions for those conducting the 180-day follow-up, while allowing career services professionals from across the state the opportunity to network, collaborate, and gather information on current trends in career services.
The Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS) held their annual summer in-service conference in conjunction with the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (Missouri ACTE) Summer Conference, July 25-27, 2006 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield. The theme for this year’s in-service was “Family and Consumer Sciences - Plugged into Careers”. Throughout the week, conference attendees participated in a variety of sessions on family and consumer sciences and career and technical education topics and issues. More than 340 Missouri family and consumer sciences educators from across the state were in attendance.

Several workshops were held preceding the conference, to include a one-day workshop for new family and consumer sciences teachers and those returning to the field of teaching. Jayla Smith, MoEFACS Past President from Jamesport, coordinated this information-packed inservice that included presentations from a number of veteran family and consumer sciences teachers and others.

Other pre-conference workshops included a one-day workshop on personal finance education strategies and a ServSafe food service sanitation and certification training session. A two-day pre-conference course entitled “Recent Trends in Housing and Interior Design” was offered for graduate credit through the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The conference officially opened on Tuesday morning featuring the Missouri ACTE Opening General Session, followed by an all division session featuring Dr. Ann Benson from Stillwater, Oklahoma. Dr. Benson addressed career clusters and their implementation in the career and technical education curriculum.

An update from DESE staff and the MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Reception, honoring MoEFACS award winners, retiring teachers, and scholarship winners rounded out the day.

Those recognized during the reception included Cheryl Adams, MoEFACS Teacher of the Year from Glasgow, and Representative Joe Aull from Marshall, who received the 2006 MoEFACS Legislative Recognition Award.

On Wednesday, the MoEFACS division meetings, annual business meeting and a number of concurrent sessions and other informative presentations were held.

Topics included: current trends and careers in apparel and textiles; culinary arts/hospitality industry programs and career information; linking grade level expectations to the family and consumer sciences curriculum; and meth awareness; to name just a few.

Resources@MCCE, the career and technical education resource center at CMSU, also provided a room for teachers to browse through resources available for the family and consumer sciences classroom.

The last day of the conference included an informative and entertaining closing keynote provided by Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nausler from Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Owens-Nausler, a leading authority on health education and wellness issues, gave an inspiring presentation and provided participants with a wealth of information for themselves and the classroom. Roundtable sessions on a variety of interesting topics provided by teachers and outside presenters concluded the morning for the conference participants.

Mark your calendars now for the 2007 Annual Conference to be held July 24-26, 2007 in Springfield, MO.
MoEFACS (from page 18)

MoEFACS recognized outstanding family and consumer sciences educators and programs, legislators, and others during the MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Reception held on Tuesday, July 25 at the 2006 Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS Summer In-service Conference.

Charlotte Gray
2006 MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee Chair
Wentzville Holt High School

MoEFACS Teacher of the Year Award

The recipient of the 2006 MoEFACS Teacher of the Year Award is Cheryl Adams from Howard County R-II School District in Glasgow. During her 32 year teaching career, Cheryl developed and wrote high quality curriculum and resources for both high school and college courses; presented at local, state and national conferences; and managed numerous regional, state and national FCCLA officers.

Cheryl also served as a mentor to new family and consumer sciences teachers and has served as President of MoEFACS, along with serving on numerous MoEFACS committees as committee member and chair. At her school, she started and sponsored new clubs, served on school and community committees, wrote and received grants/scholarships, and developed new programs for both the family and consumer sciences department and school staff.

Her superintendent describes her as a “consummate professional”. Her co-workers and others have this to say about her:

“Cheryl is truly an amazing woman who leads a life of dedication to others. Her passion and zeal for teaching, work ethic, professional commitment, and genuine care and love for her students has propelled Cheryl throughout her entire teaching career.”

“The most notable thing about Cheryl’s successful career as a family and consumer sciences teacher is that she continues to make her program innovative by incorporating the use of state-of-the-art technology and by respecting diversity in her planning and teaching.”

“I have always been impressed with Cheryl’s willingness to share her knowledge and experiences with her peers whenever possible. She is, without question, a model for family and consumer sciences educators in our state and across the nation.”

MoEFACS PRIDE Award (Public Relations in Developing Excellence)

The MoEFACS PRIDE Award is presented annually to individuals and/or programs that have done an outstanding job of publicizing family and consumer sciences programs.

Projects submitted for this award must be an activity conducted in the current year to promote a local program; or one that results in promoting a program, school, or family and consumer sciences in general.

This year’s recipient is Tracey Newman from Ste. Genevieve High School. Her project was a dodge ball tournament sponsored by her Family and Consumer Sciences I class. The goals of the project were for the students to develop organizational and goal setting skills, as well as contribute to their community in a positive way.

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The tournament was a success, raising $600.00; making the first contribution to the Ste. Genevieve Riverfront Development project, as well as recognition from the Missouri Department of Conservation and Congressman Russ Carnahan.

MoEFACS Legislative Recognition Award

The MoEFACS Legislative Recognition Award recognizes legislators for their meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of family and consumer sciences education. Joe Aull, State Representative from the 26th District, was recognized for his contribution to career and technical education. Rep. Aull was nominated by Leigh Ann Graves from Santa Fe R-X High School.

Rep. Aull was a public school educator for 34 years. During that time, he was a teacher, coach middle school principal, high school principal, and superintendent. As principal at Lexington, he restructured and made classes more flexible to increase male student enrollment. He implemented the block system for the 7th and 8th grade and, over a seven-year period, the number of males in family and consumer sciences courses increased by over 400 percent.

As principal at Fulton, he promoted family and consumer sciences by pursuing the passage of a bond issue which included a new family and consumer sciences classroom. At the time, students were being bussed to the middle school.

Rep. Aull has served on the Education Appropriations Committee for the past two years, working hard to protect Career and Technical Education revenue.

Retiring FACS Teachers

In addition to the various awards presented, two retiring teachers were recognized for their years of service to family and consumer sciences education:

Cheryl Adams  
Howard County R-II School District, 32 years

Linda Turner  
Columbia Public Schools, 23 years

MoEFACS Scholarships

The 2006 MoEFACS High School Scholarship was awarded to Rita Benney. Rita is a graduate of Pattonville High School and will pursue a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Rita was very active in high school and received many honors, including Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Student and History Student of the Year. In her application she stated, “I feel these activities will allow me to build the skills and confidence needed to be a family and consumer sciences teacher.”

The 2006 MoEFACS College Scholarship recipient was Larissa C. Helms, Southwest Missouri State University. She will graduate in May, 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Larissa is a graduate of Hazelwood West High School and stated in her application, “As a family and consumer sciences teacher, my ultimate goal and focus will be to prepare students for the real world ahead. I want to teach kids about concepts that cannot be found in the textbook, and that must be learned through experiences, so that they too can feel like validated, independent individuals.”

Congratulations to all 2006 MoEFACS award and recognition recipients for making a positive impact on Missouri Family and Consumer Sciences Education!
The annual MSNA awards ceremony was held at the Oasis Inn and Convention Center where six of Missouri's finest were recognized for their outstanding performance in working with students with disabilities.

Outstanding Achievement awards were presented to Pam Madison and Paula Haas in recognition for the tremendous job they do in working with and on behalf of students with disabilities. Madison earned her award for her position as the Basic Skills Instructor at Lex La-Ray Technical Center for the past three years. Haas received honors for her role as Vocational Resource Educator at the Rolla Technical Institute.

Chuck Smith, a well-known face in career and technical education, received the Direct Support Award. Smith serves as the counselor at the Excelsior Springs Area Career Center; a position he's held for the past 16 years. Smith was nominated by co-worker, Larry Stevenson, who works closely with Smith on a daily basis challenging students with disabilities to excel in their career and technical program. Smith is passionate about working with young people and strives to help them become better workers and responsible individuals.

The Indirect Support Service Award is given in recognition of a person who has been beneficial in supporting the career and technical education student with special needs. This year's recipient is Kay Long, a veteran special education instructor at Lebanon High School. Long works diligently to get students on her caseload placed in the appropriate career and technical education program at the Lebanon Technology and Career Center. Long also puts in extra effort to make sure that students succeed in their training program.

Harold Martin, Masonry Instructor, at the Rolla Technical Institute, received the Distinguished Service for Community Involvement award. Martin, who has taught for 20 years, earned this award for the wide array of mason projects performed by his students. Projects for the Rolla Lion’s Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Saddle Club have been completed over the years. In addition to the bricking of the Building Trades house, Martin's program has built the block and brick facilities at the high school's new sports complex.
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Last but not least, Mary Nefzger, At-Risk Coordinator at Northland Career Center, was presented the Distinguished Service for Educational Achievement award. This award recognizes Nefzger for having gone above and beyond the call of duty on the behalf of students with special needs and, after 35 years of teaching, Nefzger is certainly worthy. Nefzger says, “Teaching is my passion in life. If I could only share with others the truly remarkable experiences I have had over the years, then perhaps people would better understand how amazingly wonderful young people really are. The kids are so important. They deserve the very best we have to offer every day, every hour, every minute we are with them.”

MSNA Scholarship Committee

by Larry Sidenstricker
Scholarship Committee Chairman

The recipients were: Cory Hicks, Dallas County; Jesse Farris, Four Rivers and Mark Wilcox, Gibson Tech. Mark Wilcox was a tool scholarship recipient. He was able to purchase tools related specifically to the Collision Repair industry.

Henry Childs, Manual Career Center VRE, was given a dream floral painting that was used to obtain funds for the scholarship fund. The painting was offered as a silent auction item during the Missouri ACTE conference. Jean Kuttenkuler was the high bidder at $100.00.

The two Branson Getaway packages raised approximately $450.00 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who supported the scholarship fund with their donations.

The reins of the Scholarship Committee have been passed to Billie Sharp, the VRE at Hillyard. Please continue to show your support for this fund. It has allowed our deserving students an avenue to further their education and/or career.