When I gave my President-Elect speech last year, I mentioned the favorite days of my life so you could see my passions: I got married, I had had two wonderful children, Mizzou beat Nebraska for the first time in 25 years on my birthday, Mizzou beat #1 Oklahoma on Homecoming and College Game Day was there, and I watched three of my students place in the top 10 at FBLA national conference. I am a very passionate person and believe that if you do something, you have to jump all the way in. So I give everything I have to these three components of my life: My family, Mizzou sports, and my career. The day after Summer Conference, I wrote this:

While I always attend Summer Conference rejuvenated and ready to face a new school year, this year I am excited about the future of Missouri ACTE. After being sworn in as President on Wednesday, I’ve had lots of time for reflection and visiting with other fellow career and technical educators. It looks like some changes may be coming our way and I’m excited to be a part of that. While we all have our disciplines, we all have common needs and maybe we should address those together rather than each trying to solve them individually.

Part of my career is the love for Career and Technical Education. While I teach at the high school level and don’t see the direct actions of some of your divisions, I love being connected with all of us who want to give our students life skills.

In looking over the Conference evaluations, the following comments were observed:

1. There weren’t enough vendors. We invite many, many vendors each year. Some come every year and some don’t. The decision by the vendors to come is made by the history of their visits. If they came and did not get many visitors or much business, it is not in their best interest to pay the fee and the hotel fee. If you have ideas for vendors, please let Donna know.

2. The opening speaker was Ryan Underwood. Many really liked him but there was some indication that there wasn’t much substance. The Program Improvement Committee’s purpose when hiring Ryan was to find someone upbeat and motivating. I do believe he accomplished those goals. If you have someone you think would be a good speaker, please let Donna Vossen, MoACTE Executive Director, know.

3. Some people requested an app for their phones with the program. Because of the vast expense for developing this app, we are unable to do so. The program can be found online at the Missouri ACTE web site (www.MO-ACTE.org) so attendees may find an electronic copy there.

4. We have discussed reformatting the Conference to develop speakers and workshops on Tuesday that would be open to everyone and then let the Divisions concentrate on their individual needs on Wednesday and Thursday. Please let me know how you feel on this issue.

5. The Division officers met on September 12 to prepare the 2015 budget which was adopted by the Board at its September 26 Meeting. We have made some changes in order to stay aligned with our goals. As membership declines, the amount of budget money we use declines. Remember this as you see the changes.

6. On September 25, the Division officers and representatives attended a Leadership Meeting where they learned how Missouri ACTE works, what Divisions and committees represent, and how we tie into ACTE. As you go through the school year, please encourage fellow educators to join our organization. There are so many benefits members receive and it’s hard to get the word out to everyone. As Amendment 3 looms before us, we need all our members’ support to defeat this
Congratulations, Barbara!

At our Summer Conference, the Missouri membership voted Barbara Houk as our 2014-15 President-Elect. We are looking forward to all the great ideas and accomplishments which Barbara brings to the position and offer her our congratulations!

Amendment 3
by Jon Wilson, Chair
Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee

As we draw close to November, Missouri teachers are keeping a watchful eye on a ballot initiative that will directly affect all classrooms across the state. Amendment 3 obtained enough signatures and was approved to be on the ballot for citizens of Missouri to vote on in the November election. The amendment takes direct aim at our public education system and jeopardizes local districts’ ability to maintain local control of their school districts. The one-size-fits-all approach of Amendment 3 is a top down mandate that will force local school districts to spend money which could have been used in the classroom on costly statewide standardized tests. As educators, we need to make sure our students are engaged in learning and foster critical thinking skills. This amendment pushes education in the opposite direction by promoting rote memorization for standardized testing. With funding already a problem for most districts, implementing more unfunded standardized testing will only take more money from deprived classrooms. The results of the standardized tests would then be used to measure teacher performance in all classrooms, replacing the administrators’ role in evaluating teaching staff.

In opposition of Amendment 3, a coalition has been formed with representation from the majority of all teacher and administrators organizations across the state. School districts across Missouri are adopting resolutions in opposition of the amendment. To become an active part of the campaign, you can visit the website protectourlocalschools.com where you can donate to the campaign and become an advocate for Missouri education. You can also show support by liking the Face Book page Protect Our Local Schools which will keep you up to date on information pertaining to the campaign.

This constitutional amendment must be defeated. It treats students like numbers and takes local control away from parents, teachers, and school districts and hands it to Jefferson City politicians. This costly amendment is a one-size-fits-all approach to our children that would force taxpayers to spend money on even more government-mandated standardized tests. Make your voice count this November. Vote NO on Amendment 3. Become an advocate and encourage your friends and family to vote NO. Your voice matters now more than ever!

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bill and keep the future of Missouri education with the people who know it best — school personnel. Our lobbying team is working hard to help educate the public on this issue.

Have a great school year! Let your passion for your students and your vocation thrive! Although we have so many issues before us, it’s the end product — our students — that matter the most. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Gina McLachlan
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Region III Report
by Sherry Struckhoff, Missouri ACTE Region III Representative

What is Region 3? ACTE is divided regionally into five regions. When you become an ACTE member, you are automatically a member of a Region. Region III is comprised of six midwest states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. As a region, we try to come together a couple times a year. Our biggest event is the Annual Conference which was hosted by Minnesota this year. And, we will come together again at Vision 2014 in Nashville, TN.

Each State selects a representative to serve on the Region III Policy Committee. The purpose of the Policy Committee is to strengthen state associations, implement the ACTE strategic plan and promote open communication between Region III and ACTE. As the Missouri Region III Representative, I serve a three-year term that is renewable once, for a total of six years. I feel that the Region III Representative adds continuity to the Missouri Board of Directors, while the other board members rotate through the chairs. Just a little history!

This year, the office of Missouri Region III Representative will be available beginning in the middle of the 2015 Summer Conference. Candidates for the position of Missouri Representative to ACTE Region III Policy Committee shall be screened, based upon application materials submitted to the Professional Development Committee at a date set by the Professional Development Committee, but preceding the spring Board of Directors meeting. The top two candidates shall be interviewed by the Professional Development Committee and presented at the spring Board of Directors meeting. The Missouri ACTE Board of Directors shall select the Missouri Representative to the ACTE Region III Policy Committee and notify the person selected at or immediately following the spring Board of Directors’ meeting. The Region III Representative may serve an additional term with the Board of Directors’ approval at their fall meeting. I will be attending the Region III Conference in June, 2015 and will be handing over my duties as the Region III Representative at the Assembly of Delegates meeting during our 2015 Missouri ACTE Summer Conference.

Next year’s Region III Conference will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 24-26, 2015. The theme will be “Career and Technical Education: Advocating, Collaborating and Inspiring America’s Future Workforce.” This is always a wonderful conference and a time to build leadership in our state and regional associations. It will be my last event as your Region III Representative and it has been a pleasure serving you.

Respectfully submitted,
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What Happened at the 2014 Missouri ACTE Summer Conference?

We grew as professionals, while we ...
Learned about new products/services from our vendors ...

Enjoyed the Springfield Cardinals ...
Worked on Missouri ACTE goals ...
Kicked up our heels a little ...
Built new friendships and renewed old ones, recognized our hard working members and staff, and celebrated teachers!
We would like to offer our very special “Thank You” to the following companies which exhibited at our 2014 Summer Conference. Just as these companies have supported Missouri ACTE, remember to support them throughout the year by calling them first!

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- EDSP 2100  *Ed of the Exceptional Child*
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Chillicothe FFA Honored by the Governor at Missouri State Fair

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter has had a long tradition of participation at the Missouri State Fair. This year the Chillicothe FFA was honored for their participation with the Governor’s Award. This award is given to the chapter which has the most points exhibiting livestock during the Missouri State Fair. Points are given according to exhibitors placing (gold, silver, bronze), number of exhibits, and number of exhibitors. The Chillicothe FFA had 118 entries that were exhibited by 45 exhibitors. In the past 15 years, Chillicothe FFA has received this award 11 times. This just shows how agriculture and the youth of Livingston County have been represented across the state.

Blue Springs High School DECA Named #1 Fundraiser

Blue Springs High School DECA hosted the Kansas City MDA office Telethon Watch Party on August 28th. They were awarded a plaque for being the #1 fundraiser among organizations around Kansas City for the 2014 school year. Students, sponsors, guests and MDA families watched pre-recorded clips of the telethon and also listened to some of the stories by MDA families. The night ended with the DECA students taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. CNN news actually put part of the video clip in their bucket challenge news story on the following Saturday!

Congratulations, Mark!

Mark Sponaugle, Vocational Resource Educator at Carthage Technical Center, has been named the National SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year. Mark has been a SkillsUSA Advisor for 23 years. Can you imagine how many lives Mark has touched? A well-deserved award!

Congratulations, Betsy!

Elizabeth (Betsy) Anderson who teaches at the Scott Regional Technology Center in Webb City is the recipient of the $500 2014 Missouri ACTE Professional Development Scholarship.

Check out the Region III Report in this issue of The Reporter on page 3. A Region III Representative will be selected this spring to take their place on the Missouri ACTE Executive team at the 2015 Summer Conference.
Congratulations, Eric!

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is proud to recognize Mr. Eric Weuve of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri (formerly of Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa) with the 2014 ACTE Region III Carl Perkins Community Service Award.

Mr. Weuve’s selection for this award is a testament to the scope and impact of his contributions to career and technical education, and we are proud to include him among the ranks of distinguished individuals and entities from the CTE community whose efforts have enriched the field and advanced the goals of the Association.

Mr. Weuve will be recognized at the annual ACTE Awards Banquet on November 19th, 2014 in conjunction with ACTE’s CareerTech VISION in Nashville, Tennessee. We encourage you to join us in celebrating Mr. Weuve and his accomplishments at this exciting event.

On behalf of ACTE, congratulations again to Mr. Weuve, and thank you to all the friends and colleagues who supported this impressive candidate!

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5. Meet, connect with and learn from the best minds in the field – your very own CTE peers.

Register today for the largest annual gathering of CTE professionals! If you are not already a member, join ACTE and save an additional $180 off your VISION registration fee!
Midway CTE/FBLA encouraged high school and elementary students and faculty to donate canned goods for National Hunger Action Day on September 4. The purpose of Hunger Action Day is to show support for hunger relief and participate in community service to help those in need.

The event was sponsored by Harvesters Community Food Network and was a huge success, as the students and faculty came through with their donation of over 500 canned goods and $46.50 in cash.

Upcoming community service projects include a coat drive, picking up trash around the community, signing and delivering holiday cards to Senior Citizens, and mailing a care package to a platoon of 46 soldiers stationed overseas.

Otterville School Uses Grant

On July 21-22, Adviser Cindy Birdwell and Students, Nick Vang and Stephanie Oswald, presented at the 2014 Annual Summer Conference in Springfield, MO along with VariQuest presenter Lea Taylor. The Otterville School received a grant in 2013 to purchase equipment from the VariQuest Company, which was used to create posters, school magnetics and vinyl stickers to sell to the community.

Missouri ACTE Past Presidents Gather

Missouri ACTE Past Presidents took a moment to gather during the 2014 Summer Conference.
Division News

MACS

September 18-19, 2014 in Columbia, Missouri the Missouri Association of Career Services held their Annual Fall Conference. This year, 42 MACS members attended Fall Conference representing Missouri Career Centers, High Schools, Community Colleges, and Technical Schools. MACS professionals attended DESE sessions on Technical Skills Attainment, Industry Recognized Credentials, 180 Day Follow-Up, and Pathways to Prosperity. Other sessions included a technology share, positive leadership strategies, and the ever popular employer panel.

On September 18 during the luncheon, Representative Dean Dohrman (R) District 51 presented MACS members with current legislative updates. Frank North, Hannibal Career and Technical Center, was presented a plaque for his service as President of MACS 2013-2014. Dr. James Harryman, Perryville Area Career and Technology Center, was recognized as the Career Services Coordinator of the Year. Also recognized was Stacie Wild, State Fair Career and Technology Center, for her many years of services as MACS Treasurer.

The 2015 MACS Fall Conference is scheduled for September 17-18, 2015 in Columbia, Missouri.

MCEA

The Missouri Marketing and Cooperative Education Division recognized their outstanding educators at this year’s Summer Conference.

Lisa Beavers, St. Joseph Central High School and Lisa Miller, St. Joseph Lafayette High School were awarded the Innovations in Marketing Education Award for their Entrepreneurship BIZ Camp. This event engaged aspiring high school entrepreneurs into a collaborative business administration camp and was developed in partnership with the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, MWSU, UMKC and community business entrepreneurs and business leaders.

Raghib Muhammad, McCluer South-Berkeley High School, was recognized for serving as the MCEA President for the 2013-14 school year.

David Jordan, St. Joseph Central High School, was presented with the MCEA Teacher of the Year Award.

Kathryn Laurentius, Washington High School, was recognized as the MCEA Outstanding New Professional.

MSHE

The MSHE Award Winners are as follows:

Recognition Award:
Lola Crum, LPN, MoSALPN from Richland Care Center

Outstanding New Teacher Award:
Michelle Chick, RN, BSN from Rolla Technical Center Practical Nursing Program

Outstanding Achievement in Practical Nursing:
Becky Harry RN from Franklin Tech in Joplin

Outstanding Achievement in Secondary Health Occupations:
Barb Houk, RN from Clinton Health Science Program

Retiring Health Occupation Educators:
Maryanna Perry RN from Franklin Tech in Joplin
“Creating Connections” was the theme for the 2014 Summer MoEFACS Conference held in Springfield, MO at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center July 20-24. Four pre-conference sessions were offered on Monday, July 21. The sessions covered a broad range of topics including Missouri Connections, New and Returning Teachers workshop, Apps and Tools, Farm to Table Tour, and FCCLA Boot Camp. The pre-conference offerings provided opportunities for professional growth in areas of instructional practices and curriculum.

Following the Opening Session of Missouri ACTE on Tuesday morning, MoEFACS members opened the Division Conference with a business meeting, followed by an Awards and Recognition Reception. Later that evening, Cheryl Landers, Missouri ACTE Teacher of the Year, threw out the first pitch at Missouri ACTE Night at the Springfield Cardinals ballgame. Ryan Underwood, CEO and speaker, was the Opening Keynote speaker at the business meeting. His topic, “Facilitation Secrets of Mr. Potato Head”, provided instructional strategies to engage all learners.

Awards and recognition were presented for Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher, Teacher of the Year, College and High School Scholarships, and retiring teachers from the division.

Dr. Gale Hairston, Director, Educator Preparation Section, Office of Educator Quality, DESE, opened the Joint MoEFACS Division Meeting on Wednesday explaining three initiatives impacting educators at the state level. Twenty concurrent sessions, as well as sessions for the Hospitality Cluster-Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Programs were offered over the course of the Conference. Topics in the Culinary Arts and Early Childhood areas included tours of local businesses in Springfield. The concurrent sessions covered a range of topics including Technology, Personal Finance, Curriculum, Instructional Practices, Classroom Management, Assessment, and Leadership.

A Special Function Luncheon on Wednesday provided members an opportunity to hear Tamara Pierce’s presentation about “New from Google.” Tamara Pierce introduced new educational Google tools which teachers can use to enhance instruction and collaboration.

“Legislation Affecting Career and Technical Education in Recent, Past and Future” was presented by Representative Joe Don McGaugh and “High Tech/High Touch: Telling the FACS Story in an Ever-Changing World” was presented by Paul Tandy, from Parkway School District at the Closing Session on Thursday. Carousel Sessions followed the Closing Session with members choosing four 25-minute sessions to attend for information on various topics. Approximately 250 MoEFACS members attended this year’s Summer Conference. The 2015 Conference is scheduled for July 20-23 in Springfield.

**Remember ...**

Protect our teachers on November 4 by voting NO on Amendment 3