Our school year started in early August this year. I had no sooner left our Summer Conference, when I returned to school on August 6, students arrived on August 11. If you remember seeing me at the Conference, I was wearing a shoulder immobilizer from my surgery on July 1. I referred to it as IMO, short for Immobilizer, which I wore 24 hours a day, only taking it off to shower. After I became used to wearing it, I started worrying about giving it up.

Sometimes we become used to things that initially seem like a burden or a change, and then worry when things change again. I have heard many, many times; the only thing that stays the same is “change.”

Missouri ACTE has made many changes throughout the years, but one thing that has stayed the same since 1999, is our Executive Director, Donna Vossen. We learned last summer that Donna and our membership director, Margie Wilson, would be retiring in December. Panic struck!

Donna is the behind the scenes force which makes everything run smoothly for our Association and Margie is her assistant. They will be greatly missed. I am happy to report Gamble and Schlemeier will remain as our lobbyists.

I have read through the archives of The Reporter to read previous President’s messages. I, too, like Gina McLachlin, talked about my passions during my President-Elect speech. It was from my heart. I have a passion for Career and Technical Education, for my students, current, past, and future, and for my family. I have seen the impact of Career and Technical Education in my own community, as well as throughout our country.

Taking my car in to get serviced, I see former Automotive students. Our current Automotive Instructor was a student in the program years ago. Going to the bank, or to new businesses, former Business students. Writing grants and organizing fund raisers for communities, former marketing students. Machine shops with former Machine Tool students. Local contractors and handymen from our Building Trades Programs. Our own Welding Instructor was from the Agriculture Management programs. Many of the IT staff in the community were students in our Computer Information Systems Program. The list goes on and on. Of course, my favorite, former Health Occupations students work in all areas of our local hospital and clinics. Career and Technical Education is providing a skilled workforce for our communities, across the State, as well as the Nation.

We are doing our jobs as CTE Instructors. What we sometimes forget is there is an association to assist us to be the best we can be. The Missouri Association for Career and Technical Educators is our Association.

We need to be members; and to take it one step further, make sure we are members of the national Association for Career and Technical Education, as well. The educational opportunities through the divisions and the association are invaluable.

During our Summer Conference, we have the awesome opportunity to network with CTE Educators across our great state of Missouri. You will be able to spend time with people who teach what you teach. Think of
Region III Report

Greetings:
I am Jayla Smith, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher from Jamesport. I am the new Region III representative for Missouri.
The Region III Conference was held June 24-26, 2015 at the Hotel at Kirkwood Center at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The theme was “Leading the Way with CTE.” The meeting showcased wonderful speakers, tours, awards and great networking.
I hope many of you are planning to attend ACTE Vision in New Orleans in November. I know you will come home with many new ideas and resources to use in your classrooms. It is also a time to grow as an educator with the information given by our keynote speakers. Go online (www.ACTEonline.org) to see what ACTE Vision has to offer you this November.
On June 15-17, 2016, Missouri will host the Region III meeting in Jefferson City at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. If you have never attended a Region III meeting, 2016 is the year to attend. We have an awesome meeting planned. The theme is CTE The “Show-Me” Way.
Some of the activities we have tentatively planned are: awesome speakers, break out sessions, a ghost tour of the State Penitentiary, lunch and awards presentation at the Governor’s Mansion, tours of the Missouri State Capitol, a barbecue at the park catered by a local Culinary program and FFA, and other tours of interest in the Jefferson City area.
I would like to see each of you at our Region III meeting and “Show-Me” the other states what a wonderful group of CTE Educators we have in Missouri.
I have a request for the meeting. If your community has any businesses or industry that would have anything we could put in a “welcome” bag, please let me know. My email is jsmith@trico.k12.mo.us. It would be greatly appreciated.
Respectfully Submitted
Jayla Smith, Region III Representative
FACS Instructor, FCCLA Advisor and A+ Coordinator
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President’s Report (from page 1)

the impact! I come back from the Conference every year energized to bring new information back to my classroom.
I challenge each of you to get involved in your Division, Missouri ACTE, then take it one step further and get involved in national ACTE. We have quality leaders for our Divisions and for our Association. Take the opportunity to make a difference, become a member, or continue your membership.
Let’s get growing again in Missouri ACTE! We make a difference in our student’s lives every day; we continually encourage lifelong learning. This is CTE’s association to provide lifelong learning for the educator. My favorite quote is from Helen Keller: “I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.”
Sincerely,
Barb Houk
Missouri ACTE President

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Darci Friberg received the 2015 Missouri ACTE Professional Development Award. Darci is currently attending the Family and Consumer Sciences Graduate Program at Missouri State University in Springfield, with an expected graduation date of July, 2016. She has been an active member of ACTE, Missouri ACTE, NATFACS, and MSTA since July, 2009 and is currently serving as President of the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS). We are pleased to provide this $500 award to such a deserving candidate in her pursuit of her professional development.
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Congratulations, Karen!

At our 2015 Summer Conference, Karen Mason was elected as Missouri ACTE’s 2016 President-Elect. We’re sure that Karen’s vast leadership experience will prove to be a great advantage to Missouri ACTE in the coming years. Congratulations, Karen!
Some of our speakers ... 

Some of our PAC 5K runners ...
Some of our exhibitors ...
Some of our Convoy of Hope volunteers ...

Some of our attendees ...

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We want to offer a very special “Thank You” to both the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Division of Career Education and the Missouri State Technical College for donating their time, talents, and funds to make the 2015 Missouri ACTE Summer Conference such a success.

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Nine Missourians have been honored as state winners of the 2015 Missouri Breaking Traditions Awards.

The awards honor students, educators and employers for their achievements related to nontraditional careers. A ceremony honoring the winners took place April 29th in Jefferson City.

"It is wonderful to see Missourians who are passionate about pursuing the field of their choice," said Missouri Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven. "These winners have set an example for future generations to follow."

The 2015 award recipients are:

* State Secondary Female Award: Madeline Harl, Civil Engineering, Columbia Area Career Center;
* State Secondary Male Award: Daniel Magar, Health Services Assistant, Jefferson College Area Technical School;
* State Postsecondary/Adult Female Award: Kellsey Morris, Law Enforcement Academy, Mineral Area College;
* State Postsecondary/Adult Male Award: Nathan Thomas, Physical Therapist Assistant, Ozark Technical Community College;
* Secondary Spirit Award: Catherine Ann Ball, Construction Technology, Scott Regional Technology Center;
* Postsecondary/Adult Spirit Award: Kelly Krieger, Electronics Technology, Mineral Area College;
* Secondary Educator Award: Brian Prewitt, Construction Technology Instructor, Scott Regional Technology Center;
* Postsecondary Educator Award: Linda Franchini, Electronics Engineering Technology Instructor, State Technical College of Missouri and
* Employer Award: Rick Hughlett, Ricks Automotive, Ozark Technical Community College.

State and Spirit winners will receive scholarship offers from most Missouri community colleges and from the State Technical College of Missouri. Scholarship amounts and guidelines vary and are set by each school. Each State, Spirit and Regional winner who continues his or her education next fall will receive a $100 scholarship from the Missouri STEM Foundation.

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

College and career readiness is a primary goal for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Top 10 by 20 initiative which calls for education in Missouri to rank in the top 10 nationwide by 2020.
The Boonslick Technical Education Center (BTEC) is at it again! This year they will be introducing a brand new program that not only will prepare adult and high school students for careers in alternative energy, but to also serve as a feeder class into other post-secondary institutions that are already offering alternative energy degrees and certifications.

The Alternative Energy program at the BTEC is the only secondary program in the state of Missouri and one of only a few in the entire nation. The Alternative Energy program exposes students to three sources of renewable energy: wind, solar, and biofuels. Working with solar, thermal, chemical and mechanical sources of clean energy teaches students how to apply physics, geography, chemistry, biology, geometry, algebra and engineering fundamentals.

Students learn the most efficient and appropriate use of energy production as they explore the relevant relationships among work, power, and energy. The students will engage in a wide variety of hands-on projects and lab activities that both test their knowledge and illustrate the interrelationships between the various forms of clean energy.

Students will have an opportunity to earn a certificate recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and compete against other students from across the state and the nation each year by participating in SkillsUSA, a national career and technical student organization that focuses on keeping America skilled. For additional program or enrollment information, you can contact the Boonslick Technical Education Center at (660)-882-5306.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Cody Bashore at 660-882-5306 or email at Cody.bashore@boonville.k12.mo.us.
The Nevada Regional Technical Center’s ProStart Management Team represented Missouri at the National Invitational held April 18-20, 2015. Pictured above from left: Students Brooke Fisher, Shaunee Jestis, Taylor Remington and Jacob Jackson with their teacher, Louise Lunkenheimer went to Disneyland, California where the students presented their concept, Dine or Dash! This is the 14th ProStart Invitational which showcases students' accomplishments in Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management. The National Restaurant Association’s Educational Foundation sponsors the ProStart program.

Northland Career Center Offers Aviation Technology

The Board approved the addition of Aviation Technology to Northland Career Center’s mix of offerings. Aviation Technology will be NCC’s 14 program offering. NCC has secured post-secondary transition opportunities at State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, Missouri (a two year program leading to Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Certification and an Associate Degree) which can also lead to a a four year degree at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri (management degree to students who have the A&P Certification). NCC will partner with businesses who provide work-based learning opportunities such as guest speakers, field trips, and mentoring. Aviation Technical Services (ATS) has agreed to be that partner.

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Division News

MACS (Career Services)

The 2015 MACS Fall Conference was held September 17-18, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, Missouri.

This year, 51 Career Services professionals attended the Fall Conference, representing Missouri Career Centers, High Schools, Community Colleges, and Technical Schools. Representatives from DESE provided sessions on Technical Skills Attainment, Industry Recognized Credentials, 180 Day Follow-Up, Programs of Study, and Personal Plans of Study. Other session topics included Joplin High School’s TRANSITIONS program, the WorkKeys assessment, and the ever popular employer panel.

At the September 17th luncheon, Representative Lindell Shumake (R) District 5 presented MACS members with current legislative updates. Eric Lark, of Saline County Career Center, was presented a plaque for his service as President of MACS for the 2014-2015 year. Liz Pogue, of Lake Career & Technical Center, was recognized as the Career Services Coordinator of the Year. Additionally, Tom Henderson, the Human Resources Director of AZZ in Fulton, was recognized as Employer of the Year.

The 2016 MACS Fall Conference is scheduled for September 22-23, 2016 in Columbia, Missouri.

Pictured right; top to bottom:
Eric Lark and Cheryl Fields
Liz Pogue and Travis Plume
Glenda Whitney and Tom Henderson
Division News

MHSE (Health Sciences)

Congratulations to the newly elected positions from the Summer Conference:

President – Dewanda Lewis-Bey
Past President – Bing Boettner
President Elect – Paula GarFias
Secretary – Phyllis Graves
Treasurer – Janet Ramsey
Skills USA Rep. – Barbara Houk
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Legislative Committee Rep. – Maggie Ogden
Policy Committee Rep. – Melanie Ryan
Membership Committee Rep. – Tara Weber
HOSA Rep. – Lacey Williams

During the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference in July, MHSE had ten members participate in the Convoy of Hope, preparing and assembling packages. The MHSE Division also donated $403 to the PAC .... WAY TO GO!!!

Huge shout out to Bing Boettner for an amazing Conference for the MHSE Division. She put together some great speakers/presenters who provided us with wonderful information to take with us and implement in our own classrooms. THANKS BING :)

MHSE Summer Conference Info for 2016:

Dates: July 18-21

Helpful hotel Information: If your school is paying for your reservation and they are using a credit card, the credit card MUST match the tax exempt letter being submitted, as per State law. Otherwise, you must pay for it yourself and get reimbursement at a later date from your school. Please be aware this is a state law and exceptions cannot be made on this. So plan accordingly when making your reservations for next year’s Conference. Thanks much for your cooperation on this. It will help things run more smoothly during check in and check out.
2015 Outstanding Service Award
Lisa Redden – Maryville, Mo
There were many wonderful reasons given as to why Lisa was a great selection for this award. Some of the words used to describe the person and the job she does were: proficient and precise, available, loyalty, longevity of 28 years, a real team player and a true professional.

2015 Outstanding Service Award
Glenda Cole – Waynesville, Mo
She has been helping Waynesville Career Center out for years. First as an Instructor for the LPN program and later, after she resigned, she continued by helping the Health Science class whenever asked. She has done the testing for this class so the students can become CNA’s. She charged very a minimal price to the student and even returned the cost in things like buying them donuts or soda on testing days. She has been a great resource also by serving on the Health Sciences Advisory Board for many years.

2015 Recognition Award
Moore-Few Care Center – Nevada, Mo
For over 50 years, there has been a long-standing relationship between the Moore-Few Care Center and the Nevada School of Practical Nursing. The staff continues to support the school, the instructors and students. The students are warmly greeted while doing clinical and also hired as LPNs, once they have successfully completed their NCLEX testing for the state.

2015 Recognition Award
Alicia Murray LPN – Plato, Mo
At Waynesville Career Center we have the honor and privilege for our LPN students to work with the military men and women serving at Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. They have a clinic called the Warrior Transition Unit or WTU. There is one nurse who keeps things flowing smoothly in this unit ... Alicia. When the students were asked to give the name of a nurse who showed them the best example of a nurse they would want to be, her name came up several times. They described her in many different way but agreed on the fact that she was kind, friendly, a real friend to the clients, and really spoke up as a patient advocate. She was an example of what they would like to be. Alicia also dealt well with the students questions and even helped them find resources, if she did not know something. A great example for the students to model themselves after.

2015 Retiring Educator
Sherry Struckhoff – Waynesville Career Center
Sherry Struckhoff has been with the Waynesville Career Center for 29 years as the Health Science Instructor and was a school nurse for two years before that. She has served MHSE, as well as Missouri ACTE in many areas. She has held many of the offices available in both areas. She ends her career with Missouri ACTE as the Region III Rep. Her students love her and her classes are always bustling at the seams. Because of the great connection she has with the students, they are very close to her. She often provided them with experiences that held their interest in the medical fields and many of her students have advanced into those fields after graduation from high school.

2015 Retiring Educator
Lynet Purnell – Northland Career Center
Lynet Purnell has loved every minute of her time at Northland Career Center. She also has served MHSE well in many ways. She had been a guest speaker and shared many of her great talents with us, always a team player and interested in helping in any way she could. Her Health Science class is always doing something new and exciting. She holds their interest every day. She keeps coming up with new and wonderful adventures in learning and has developed young minds into great adults.
The 2016 Summer MoEFACS Conference was held in Springfield, MO at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center July 20-24, keeping with the Missouri ACTE Conference theme: “Put Career back in College and Career Readiness.” Preconference sessions were offered on Monday, July 20.

The sessions covered a broad range of topics including embedding science into food supply projects, grant writing, a New and Returning Teachers workshop, interior design instructional strategies, accommodating classroom instruction, and FCCLA Boot Camp. The preconference 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 attended the Missouri ACTE sessions in the afternoon.

Wednesday began with the MoEFACS division business meeting and officer elections. Karlene Harrison was re-elected as treasurer, and Tracey Eatherton was elected as president-elect. Immediately following the business session, concurrent sessions were offered on a variety of curricular topics and program updates. The 16 concurrent sessions presented covered a range of topics including technology, personal finance, curriculum, instructional practices, classroom management, assessment, and leadership.

The Awards Luncheon held on Wednesday recognized not only award winners but scholarship recipients and retirees, as well. Scholarship recipients were Christina Ferguson and Rachel Livesay. Donald Babb, CEO of the Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar was recognized as the Champion Business Leader of the Year. Receiving the Legislative Business Advocate of the Year award was Renee Howitt, of COPE 24. Deborah Shaffer received the PRIDE award; Baylee Lane Lurk was named the New Teacher of the Year; and Beth Beattie received the Teacher of the Year Distinguished Service Award.

Also on the program for the Luncheon was Jeff Houghton, providing improv comedy for the group. Following the Luncheon, concurrent sessions resumed for the afternoon. Wednesday evening brought the Missouri ACTE 5K Run/Walk, and many members participated in this event.

“What Do ‘World Class’ Teachers Do” was presented by David Shepard from Middle Matters in Lexington, KY at the Closing Session on Thursday. Best Practices 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 2016 Conference is scheduled for July 26-28 in Springfield.