

**July 25th-28th  
2005**

# The **Power of Focus**



**Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education  
THE 36TH ANNUAL Joint Summer Conference**

## General Attendee Information

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### Registration

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

### General Session

The Missouri ACTE Opening General Session will be held at the Springfield EXPO Center (635 St. Louis Street) Tuesday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m.

### Exhibits

All exhibits will be open to viewers between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. You are encouraged to tour the exhibits at the Springfield EXPO Center. Many new products, services and supplies will be on display. Representatives are on hand to answer any questions you may have.

### Don't Miss the Fun!

Be sure to attend the All-Division Social on Wednesday, July 27 at 8:30 p.m. at The Oasis, 2550 N. Glenstone Ave.

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## Have Questions?

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# Missouri ACTE President's Message

**John Michael**  
**2004-05 Missouri ACTE President**

Greeting fellow Career Educators! Our Summer Conference is a very special event. Developed for all levels of instructors, administrators, counselors and even higher education types, this Conference is your opportunity for professional development activities.

Even though there are many differences within each Division and between Divisions, the presentations, materials and special events can help prepare all of us for our next group of students. Look for things to take home. Look at the exhibits for new ideas from the products displayed. Have some candy for me, too!! Network! Visit with your co-workers, friends from other schools and meet new professionals. Share the good and the not so good about your past years and look for ways to improve on the other group. Ask questions! Sit in the front row. Make the most of each session. Recharge your "professional batteries!"

Now, let's talk about our students! What are we prepared to give them? What extra can be added to our contacts with middle school, high school and college students? Is what we have planned for this school year going to add to the success of students? Is what we offer current with what is needed for higher education so that these students can complete advanced degrees? Are our students preparing to enter the workforce with the right skills and tools? Are we helping our students make informed decisions?

Are we responding to our communities for a trained workforce? Are we meeting the needs of all students who enter our classrooms, labs, and shops? I do not have the answer to these questions and would not presume to answer for you, but I would say that the answers are within each of us and we cannot pass on searching for our place in education.

You give your students so much and they do not always say thanks or even remember the gifts you have given them. You are a role model for what professional educators are and must be. You are the answer. More money would help. Better-prepared students would make this job easier. And yes, more support from other educators could improve our results.

But with or without any additions, we still have to look to each student and each opportunity as our personal challenge. Take what we've got to where we want them to go and reload and go again. You will never receive the praise you deserve or the recognition you have earned, but you will know when you have done the best you can for those who depend on you! I hope this Conference can give you time to refresh, relax (some) and ready yourself for the coming school year. Take advantage of all that is offered and get involved in your professional future.

John Michael  
2004-05 Missouri ACTE President

## Cover Artist

Trent Goodin  
Waynesville Technical Academy

# 2005 Missouri ACTE General Conference Program

## Monday, July 25, 2005

9:30 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting**  
*University Plaza - Oklahoma Room*

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Conference Registration**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Exhibits Open**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

## Tuesday, July 26, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Exhibits Open**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Conference Registration**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

8:00 a.m.

**All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE New Professional Reception**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

## Tuesday, July 26, 2005 (Continued)

10:30 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE Opening General Session**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*  
Opening Speaker: Dr. Dale Henry

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**All-Division Session — Panel Discussion on High School Reform**  
*Springfield EXPO Center - 635 St. Louis Street*

## Wednesday, July 27, 2005

3:30 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE House of Delegates Meeting**  
*University Plaza - Arizona Room*

8:30 p.m.

**All-Division Social**  
*The Oasis*  
*2550 N. Glenstone Ave.*

## Thursday, July 28, 2005

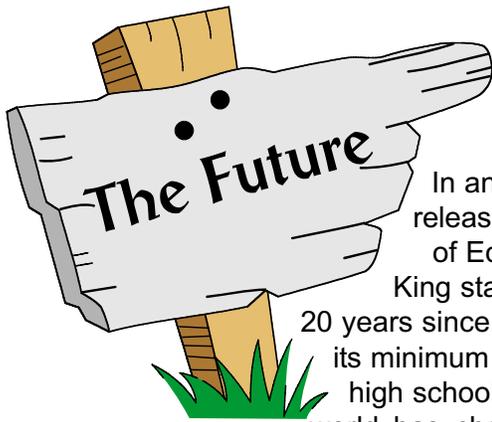
1:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting**  
*University Plaza - Colorado Room*

## Attention Conference Attendees!

Attend the Tuesday, July 26 All-Division Session with an interactive discussion between attendees and panelists who served on Missouri's High School Task Force. This will be your opportunity to hear from these Task Force members regarding the three major policy recommendations, address the connection between the recommendations and the potential impact of the recommendations being implemented.

These panelists will be available to respond to questions on the primary areas of focus of graduation requirements, exit exams and differential diplomas. The hour-long session will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Springfield EXPO Center. The State Board of Education will be proposing new regulations in these primary areas of focus, which will be out for public comment in August, 2005. Don't miss this important sessions that outlines the upcoming revised minimum requirements for high school graduation.



## The Biggest Change In 20 Years?

In an April 2004 news release, Commissioner of Education, D. Kent King stated, "it has been 20 years since Missouri revised its minimum requirements for high school graduation. The world has changed drastically

in that time and we think it is time for a serious examination of how well our high schools are preparing young people to enter higher education and the world of work."

A statewide task force appointed by Commissioner King has spent the past year studying high school reform issues. He asked the task force to answer two "big picture" questions: 1.) How do we ensure that all graduates are prepared to successfully enter college or the workforce, and 2.) What does a high school look like where all students are proficient? As Commissioner King articulated the charge, he explained that the task force might focus on issues such as graduation requirements, exit exams, academic rigor, and changes in how high schools function.

The task force met monthly for one year. They read and discussed reports, interacted with experts, and shared personal insights through specific examples and experiences. The significance of the issues and the difficult challenges of addressing the issues became increasingly evident.

As the work of the task force progressed, it narrowed the focus to three policy issues that seemed to be the most appropriate for statewide policy reform. During the April 2005 meeting of the State Board of Education, the task force outlined the recommended changes in graduation standards. The proposed changes included:

- Increasing minimum graduation requirements to 24 units of credit, from the current 22-unit standard. This would include four units of English and three units each of math, science, and social studies – an increase of one unit in all four subjects. A new half-unit requirement in health education also was proposed.

While not recommending the addition of a separate course, the task force also called for a requirement that all students acquire specific knowledge and competence in the area of "personal finance."

- Developing a new "exit test" to replace the current high school MAP exams. All students would be required to take an exam, such as the ACT or SAT, with an "add-on component" to address Missouri's academic standards. Students would take this exam in the 11th grade, but there would not be a state-mandated passing score.
- Adopting a two-tiered diploma for public high schools. Students who earn 24 units of credit would qualify for a standard diploma. Students who also earn a specified score on the exit exam would receive an "advanced" diploma.

The High School Task Force also recommended the formation of a new statewide committee to continue working to develop a set of "principles of high school reform" grounded in the research knowledge about best practices. These would be a broad set of principles, not specific requirements that would be appropriate for all schools to address.

Currently, there are high schools throughout Missouri using high school reform initiatives, *High Schools That Work*, and *Project Lead The Way* (PLTW) being supported through the Division of Career Education. The purpose of *High Schools That Work* is to raise the academic and career-technical education competencies of all students. *Project Lead The Way* is a four-year sequence of courses that introduces students to the rigor and discipline of engineering and engineering technology.

The task force members agreed that technology must be an integral part of the education experience. It is also one of the most noticeable changes in high schools over the last 10 years. The task force supports technology being used to supplement curriculum, support effective instruction, and be a resource for student documentation of competence. The task force members agreed that technology must be expanded and embedded in the local curriculum and instruction in order to prepare future graduates for the world of work and higher education.

Throughout the year, the high school task force maintained a "big picture" perspective on the issues studied. They recommended policy changes that are mutually supportive and provide a framework for collective impact.

**"Recommendations" >p6**

# Recommendations *(Continued from page 5)*

The three recommendations are grounded directly in the Show-Me Standards and grade-level expectations of the state. The curriculum standards that meet the graduation expectations will be the same standards that establish the competencies for the graduation assessment, and the level of success on the graduation assessment would define the type of diploma a student earns.

There was an editorial in the *New York Times* that said the traditional high school was never meant to produce well-educated workers in the numbers required for today's economy. The editorial also said that the curriculum must become far more rigorous across the board, and also develop ways to ensure that students

leave school with problem-solving and communication skills that will allow them to thrive in the information economy. The task force took a constructive look at high schools and reached a consensus on some constructive measures that will benefit students, schools, and the economy.

The proposed rule to change the high school graduation requirements was presented to the State Board of Education at the June meeting. It is anticipated that the 30-day public comment period will be in August. The State Board of Education will take final action this fall to implement any changes in the minimum graduation requirements. This fall's eighth graders, the Class of 2010, will be the first class to graduate with the new graduation requirements.

## Missouri ACTE 2005 Conference Delegates

### Administration

Dennis D. Harden  
Laura E. Hendley  
Robert J. Larivee  
Lowell D. Whitlow

### Agriculture

J. Micah Bristow  
Michael L. Graham  
Gary Hill  
Tonya Jedlicka  
Mark Lemmon  
Mike McCrory  
Pam Proffitt-Rowland  
G. Leon Watson

### Business

Ann Berry  
Deborah K. Cox  
Ellen S. Hall  
Julia M. Kelly  
Sharon G. Kosek  
Carol Layne  
Michelle Lindsey

### Business *(Continued)*

Roger K. McMillian  
Karen K. Owen  
Kellie Reese  
Rita A. Schildknecht  
Tonya Skinner  
Laura A. Taylor  
Maureen Thoendel  
Nancy Zeliff

### Family & Consumer Science

R. Suzanne Dudenhoefter  
Ronna L. Ford  
Bellyn Kaplan  
Cheryl Landers  
Sharon E. Lawler  
Karen Renee Meents  
Dora Sebold  
Jayla Smith

### Guidance

Kristee Lorenz  
Linda M. Meadows

### Health Occupations

Mary Catherine Easley  
Melissa Falkenrath  
Barbara A. Mountjoy  
Diane R. Oldfather  
Joanna Perkins

### Marketing

Robyn Eckhoff  
Robert L. Eckhoff  
Christine Ellis  
Lisa Miller

### Placement

Kathy Christy

### Special Needs

Cindy Grizzell  
Julie Gronneberg

### Technology

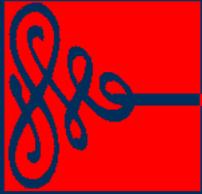
Steve Goodman  
Ben Yates

### Trade & Technical

Gavin S. Allan  
Gregory A. Bauer  
Lee Caughron  
Jerry Delgado  
Ann Fender  
John Gaal  
Michael R. Gonder  
Robert L. Hess  
Paul Light  
Carl Locke  
Dorothy Loges  
Sally R. Werner

### Workforce Development

Evonna Bailey  
Patricia M. Meldrum  
Kimberly Mildward



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**ACT**

Booth 30

**Aidex Corporation**

Booth 105 & 106

**Alma Meats**

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Booth 60

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Booth 27

**Applied TCT, Inc.**

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**Bridges Transitions Co.**

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**Bryan College Fund**

Booth 102

**B-Sew Inn Education Division**

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**Career Communications, Inc.**

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**Carpenters' Trust Fund of Kansas City**

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**Central Missouri State University**

Booth 96

**Cherrydale Farms**

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Booth 42

**Cytek Media Systems, Inc.**

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**DEPCO, LLC**

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**e Instruction**

Booth 54

**Electronic Video Systems**

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**EMC/Paradigm Publishing**

Booth 107 & 126

**FASTPRO International, Inc.**

Booth 68

**Finney Company/Hobar Publications**

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**Forrest T. Jones & Co.**

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**Fresh FACS Publishing**

Booth 70

**Fund Raising Answers, Inc.**

Booth 61

**GBC Customized Calendars/Printers**

Booth 91

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Booth 83 & 84

**Goodheart-Willcox Publisher**

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**Midwest Technology Products**

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**Mineral Area College**

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**Missouri Center for Career Education**

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**Missouri Division of Workforce Development**

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**Missouri Western State College**

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**Myers Brothers**

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**National Career Assessment Services, Inc.**

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**Northwest Missouri State University**

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**Ozark Delight Candy Co.**

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**Ozarks Technical College**

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**Projects S.E.R.V.E. & E.N.T.E.R.**

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**Red Wheel Fundraising**

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**Resources @ MCCE**

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**Robert McNeel & Associates**

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**Southwest Missouri State University**

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**Southwest Region Envirothon**

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**Speaking Solutions, Inc.**

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**Spectrum Industries, Inc.**

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**St. Louis Community College**

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**State Fair Community College**

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**SuccessLink**

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**Thomson Delmar Learning**

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**Thomson Publishing**

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**University of MO - School of Health Professions**

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**University of Phoenix Online**

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**Vatterott College**

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Booth 145

**William R. Gill & Associates, Inc.**

Booth 101

# Meet The Candidates

Both of this year's President-Elect candidates belong to the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences Division; both have been teachers for over 20 years; both have contributed their skills to their industry and community; and both have tremendous talents to bring to the position. This decision will be a difficult one for our members at the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference this coming July!



Career and technical education, for Ronna Ford, is the original “no child left behind.” Whether it is a high school student or a displaced adult, CTE is the answer.

Ronna has been a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher in the Lebanon R-3 School District for the past 22 years. She received both her Bachelor of Science in Vocational Economics, Magna Cum Laude (1983) and her Master of Science: Education in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences (1999) from Southwest Missouri State University.

In addition to kicking off her career in 1983, Ms. Ford kicked off her commitment to her industry by joining the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA), the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (Missouri ACTE), the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS), and becoming an advisor for FCCLA.

Ronna has invested herself in both her industry and community. Over the years, she has: served on the Joel E. Barber C-6 School Board; been a member of the SMSU Alumni Association; served as the advisor for the Lebanon FCCLA Chapter; taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at her Phillipsburg Christian Church; and served on the Lebanon PAT Advisory Board.

To help strengthen her industry, she has served as MSTA building representative; LEA Secretary; MoEFACS President-Elect, President, Past President, Secretary, and Chair of the Legislative Committee; member of the ACTE Bylaws Committee, currently serving as Vice-Chair; and has been a member of the Missouri ACTE Board of Directors, as well as the Research & Development and Registration Committees, including three years as Chair of those committees.

In recognition of her talents, Ronna received the 2002 Missouri ACTE Outstanding Service Award and has been named 2005 recipient of the Missouri ProStart Teacher Excellence Award.

Ms. Ford believes in Career and Technical Education. She has taken every opportunity to share its wonders with the public and through her classroom, has encouraged her students to do the same. As her Director Gail Holcomb put it, Ronna is an “example for teachers around the state and in the country of what a teacher can do.”

Bill Gates said education that works is about relevance, rigor and relationships. Ronna agrees ... CTE works!



“Involvement” ... that sums up Karen Mason’s commitment to her career, family and community. She isn’t one to simply pay her dues and expect someone else to do the work.

Karen became a member of MSTA in 1981, the same year she received her BSED in Vocational Home Economics from Pittsburgh State University. In 1983, she jumped in with both feet and joined the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS), the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), and the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (Missouri ACTE).

Even before she received her Master of Sciences in Secondary Education from Southwest Baptist University in 1993, Ms. Mason started volunteering her time and talents in her industry. She has served on the MoEFACS Board of Directors since 1991.

As an involved, dedicated member of MSTA, ACTE, and Missouri ACTE, Karen has served as a voting delegate and member of many committees, including the MoEFACS’ Legislative, Public Relations, Professional Development, Special Functions, Bylaws, New & Returning Teachers Workshop Committees, ACTE’s Public Information Committee, and East Newton’s Career Ladder Committee.

Often, a member likes to stay in the background and let someone else take the lead. Not the case with Karen. She has had the courage to take a leadership role in each of the organizations to which she is committed. She has been Missouri ACTE Policy Chair, MoEFACS President, ACTE Family and Consumer Sciences Division President, and East Newton CTA President and Secretary.

What’s remarkable is that in addition to the involvement listed above, she has taught Family and Consumer Sciences for twenty-four years, first at the McDonald County R-1 School District and then, for the last 17 years, at the East Newton R-6 School District. She and her husband, Perry, have a daughter, Miranda Babb, who is a college student at OTC in Springfield. Mrs. Mason is very active in her church where she teaches Sunday school and works with the youth. She has worked closely with the Head Start programs in the East Newton R-6 School District, coached intramural basketball, served as a 4-H Leader in the Crossroads 4-H group, and volunteered as co-chair for the fundraising golf tournament for the local Project Graduation.

Involvement ... yep, that pretty much sums it up!

# Missouri ACTE Bylaw Changes

The Missouri ACTE Board of Directors has approved the following bylaw changes to be forwarded to the House of Delegates for their consideration at their annual meeting on July 27, 2005. [Note: words which are in **bold underline** will be added; words which are in ***(bold italic and parentheses)*** will be deleted.]

## Bylaws Change #1

This change will formally change the name of the Missouri Placement Association to Missouri Association for Career Services.

### ARTICLE IV – DIVISIONS

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

## Bylaws Change #2

This will formally change the title of the Assistant Commissioner of Vocational and Adult Education to Assistant Commissioner of Career Education.

### ARTICLE VII – Governing Bodies

1. Membership:

c. The Assistant Commissioner of **(Vocational and Adult) Career** Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

d. Each division shall also be represented by one ex-officio member of the Board of Directors from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education staff, designated by the Assistant Commissioner of **(Vocational and Adult) Career** Education, whose assigned responsibilities for programs and/or services relate to that division.

## Bylaws Change #3

This will formally change the wording “annual Missouri ACTE meeting” to “annual conference of Missouri ACTE.”

### ARTICLE VIII – Committees

4. The Program Improvement Committee shall facilitate the planning, operation and evaluation of the annual **conference of** Missouri ACTE **(meeting)**.

## Bylaws Change #4

This will formally change the wording “practical arts, vocational and technical education” to “career, practical arts, technical and vocational education.”

### ARTICLE VIII – Committees

1. The Legislative Committee shall take appropriate legislative action on behalf of the association to promote programs of **(practical arts, vocational and technical) career, practical arts, technical and vocational** education.

3. The Awards Committee shall facilitate the recognition process for individuals and/or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to programs of **(practical arts, vocational and technical) career, practical arts, technical and vocational** education and/or the Missouri ACTE.

6. The Public Information Committee shall publicize the contributions made by **(practical arts, vocational and technical) career, practical arts, technical and vocational** education.

**Missouri ACTE House of Delegates Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 27th**

**3:30 p.m.**

**University Plaza - Arizona Room**



## Missouri ACTE 2005 Teacher of the Year ... Kathy Lynn Kagay

Combine a demanding, grueling career with a unique opportunity to enhance and influence lives and you have defined "teaching." Kathy Lynn

Kagay lives up to the definition, with the addition of boundless energy and creativity added for good measure. She has built her career around developing and teaching courses critical to everyday life, with a little "icing on the cake" thrown in for good measure. In addition to the standard Nutrition, Family Living, Child Development, Consumer Education and Health classes she has created for both her high school and junior high students in the Maysville School District, Kathy has created one called "Class Act Embroidery." This course was developed to meet student needs that Kathy recognized for both employment and job skills training. It has been a rousing success, providing students with the opportunity to learn computerized monogramming and embroidery techniques, not to mention exposure to the skills required of an entrepreneur. Maysville Chamber of Commerce President Bob Dungy said, "Kathy's students have proven to be such an asset in helping our local businesses. I would hire them on the spot!" Kathy was named "2003 Volunteer of the Year" by the Maysville Chamber. When the community needs help and support, they do not hesitate to call on Kathy and her students. Not only do her students recognize the dual responsibility of community and school, the community learns how critically important teachers are.

Kathy has been active in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Currently, her 110 students are involved in FCCLA Legislative Shadowing and STAR Events. She encourages them to run for state and national offices. Her students have lived up to her expectations, being elected to 20

regional, eight state and one national office, in addition to two national officer candidates. As an added bonus of her involvement with FCCLA, Kathy has learned from personal contacts and friendships, passing these experiences on to her students.

Demonstrating the value of her approach, Kathy encouraged her students to enter the new LifeSmarts competition which challenges high school teens in the areas of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology and consumer rights and responsibilities. In the first year that Missouri participated, Kathy's team achieved state championship status over 23 other state teams and was advanced to national competition in San Francisco in April. Kathy continues to be both delighted and amazed at the creativity of her students and recognizes the investment of what they have learned in her classes.

Kathy has put the BSE and MSE degrees she earned at Central Missouri State University to good use. Energy and enthusiasm go hand in hand with involvement in Kathy's life. She is an active member of Missouri ACTE, MoEFACS, ADK and an Advisor of FCCLA. She is the Co-Advisor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is Chair of the Maysville CTA Salary/Welfare Committee. She has made numerous presentations about her Class Act Embroidery course, and helped attain Missouri Accreditation of Childcare programs at Maysville School District. For the past three years, Kathy has conducted a local Make a Difference Day with FCCLA members, completing several community service activities. An active member of Oak Christian Church, as well as the Missouri Farm Bureau and Beta Sigma Phi, Kathy Kagay makes a difference ... a great difference!

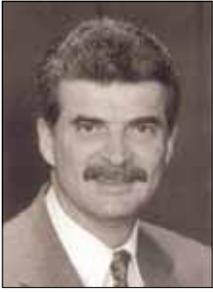


## 2005 Conference Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dale Henry grew up in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. That area is bountiful in two things — hospitality and story-telling. Dr. Dale has been a teacher, principal, Dean of the oldest college in Tennessee, a businessman, author, and a speaker and trainer. Dale has been in customer service over half his life. His story-telling ability propelled him as a teacher. This, combined with his

customer service and unique ability to captivate audiences, has sky-rocketed Dale in his speaking career.

Since he began speaking just a few short years ago, corporate, government, and educational agencies call on Dr. Henry regularly to have him train their professionals. His client list is a virtual "Who's Who" of the top business and agencies in the nation. Dr. Henry is a master teacher in every aspect of the term!



## Missouri ACTE 2005 Outstanding Career and Technical Educator ... Al M. Babich

It takes a skilled and caring person to serve as Vocational Resource Educator, while focusing on the responsibilities demanded of Special Needs Coordinator. Al M. Babich has proven himself to fill the bill, investing himself in the profession he prepared for as a student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO, earning an Ed.S., M.A. and B.A. He has put this training to good use for more than 30 years, currently as Vocational Resource Educator for the Northland Career Center where he counsels special needs and regular students; recruits students; serves as coordinator of the Learning Center and the At-Risk Center; directs the Evaluation Center; coordinates Standardized Testing, Integrating Academics, and Special Education Services; serves as liaison with High Schools and, in his spare time, coordinates special events and directs marketing and recruiting. What he does obviously works. In the past seven years, the drop-out rate decreased from 12% to 2.72%.

Al Babich skillfully invests in the professional organizations' resources at his disposal. He gives to them as much as he takes from them. For six years, he served on the Board of Directors of Kansas City Regional Professional Development. Since he understands the impact of legislation, he has focused on that component, serving ACTE as Legislative Chair-Elect, Chair and Past Chair between 2000-2005, following his service as Legislative Chair for ACTE Region III from 1998-2002. Earlier, he had been Legislative Chairperson for the Kansas City Council for Exceptional Children.

He has been supportive of education legislation in both the National Association of Vocational Special Needs Personnel (NAVESNP) and the Missouri Special Needs Association (MSNA), where he currently serves as Legislative Chair.

Recognizing the vital role of publications, he served three years as Chair-Elect and Chair for the Editorial and Publications Committee of the American Vocational Association (AVA), as well as being a member of the Editorial Journal Review Board of the NAVESNP from 1988 - 1998.

Al not only reads publications, he writes them. The bibliography of his work reveals not only his interest, but also his competence in the broad field he has chosen. From counseling techniques to assistance for parents coping with disabled children, his work has been published in the Kansas City Star, as well as publications of the Missouri School Counselor Association and professional journals.

Al's contributions do not end at school. He serves on the Kansas City Consensus Board of Directors as Youth Summit Co-Chair. St. Andrew the Apostle Parish has appreciated his help as School Accreditation Chair and his participation in the Engaged Couple Marriage Preparation program.

While the appreciation of Al Babich's peers is impressive, it can't hold a candle to a comment from one of his students," He knew what he was doing and why he was doing it. He was being what an educator should be: honest, caring, insightful, instructive and professional." Quite a compliment!

## 2005 Missouri ACTE Diversity Action Committee Award ... Jean Cole



As Director/Chairperson of the eight-region Missouri New Traditions Equity Coordinators, Jean Cole provides leadership, equities/diversity information and inspiration to local programs and coordinators.

Working in the name of equity throughout Missouri, she provides information, experience and resources to help

formulate and guide projects and activities related to equity and diversity. She provides workshops and school reviews which highlight diversity/equity and fairness within Missouri schools. In addition, she awards academic scholarships to single parents and non-traditional technical students. Jean Cole continually aligns her efforts with her heart.



# 2005 ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service ... Tracey M. Newman

There are some people who instinctively sense what needs doing and they do it. Tracey M. Newman is one of those blessed folks we look to for both vision and accomplishment.

Tracy has motivated and inspired her students to identify projects which make a difference in the Ste. Genevieve community and has taught them practical skills so that they can achieve their goals. Some of these projects have become traditional, both in the school and in the community. The "Soup-er Bowl" Drive is one of these. Since it's beginning, class competition has provided 1,500 - 2,000 food items which are donated to the local food pantry to feed 80 - 100 families.

With Tracey as sponsor, the local FCCLA Chapter has become recognized as a local community service powerhouse. Her students consistently organize and participate in projects each month: Trick or Treat food collections; monthly activities for nursing home residents; and presentations for elementary students on a variety of subjects, including nutrition, fitness, dental hygiene, conflict-resolution, peer pressure, and even good manners. These projects provide

exceptional community service, while they teach students what it takes to make a difference.

Tracey has encouraged her students to find ways to make the FCCLA Chapter even more effective. The 133 members have divided themselves into teams, with competitions held at each monthly meeting. Each month brings a new project. One month they donated books to St. Louis Children's Hospital; at Christmas, they funded an Adopt-a-Family project; another month, they collected items which they sent to United States troops.

One of the most inspiring accomplishments of Tracey's students is their involvement in the American Cancer Society's "Relay 4 Life" which Tracey promoted. After an absence of three years, Relay 4 Life returned with the overwhelming support of the LCCLA students who raised \$34,000 to benefit cancer victims and research.

Tracey's investment in her students pays long-term dividends. In a letter of recommendation for Tracey, one former student wrote, "As she did with me, she asks young people to imagine the world they would like to see and then she challenges them to work hard and make it so." A higher compliment would be hard to find.

## A Few More Special Missouri ACTE Awards

**Certificate of Appreciation**  
**Ed Anderson**  
**Quality Machine Works**  
Appreciation of the importance of Career and Technical education is a character trait of Ed Anderson. As owner of Quality Machine Works in Salem, MO, Ed works closely with Rolla Technical Institute (RTI) to encourage RTI to keep current in the changing field. His generosity of time, materials and involvement is legendary. Both RTI and its students are lucky to have such a strong supporter.

**RECOGNITION**  
**Jerrilynn S. Voss**  
**The Unterrified Democrat**  
Career and Technical education has been a focal point for Jerrilynn Voss both professionally and personally. As publisher of The Unterrified Democrat, she has stressed school activities and featured vocational/technical student organizations. Her active and visible support includes both the secondary and post secondary level. Career and Technical education is blessed by her leadership

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
**Carol Gadbury**  
**PCRMC Center Auxiliary**  
Carol Gadbury, Nurse Recruiter for Phelps County Regional Medical Center (PCRMC), deserves both gratitude and acclaim for her support of the PCRMC Auxiliary. Among the services provided by the Auxiliary are scholarships and funding for major medical equipment. Carol has developed an area Nursing Coalition, an internship program. The impacts of her efforts are outstanding and far reaching.

# Missouri Legislators Making a Difference

## REP. MICHAEL CORCORAN



Representative Mike Corcoran participated in many long hours of work while serving on the legislative Joint Committee on Education and the House of Representatives Special Committee on Education funding where the complicated task of

drafting a new school funding formula was crafted. He has demonstrated his ability to work in a bipartisan manner to develop a new concept for school funding. While he strongly advocated for the needs of his suburban legislative district, he recognized the needs of rural and urban school districts and worked to strike a balance to create equity in funding for all students.

Rep. Michael George Corcoran, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis County (District 77) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2002. Rep. Corcoran is a fire protection sprinkler fitter with the Local 268 Union in St. Louis.

Rep. Corcoran is a former survey crew chief for James Engineering. He also served on the Board of Alderman for the City of St. Ann, from 1993 to 1996, where he served as budget chair. He has also served as Airport Township committeeman since 1996. Rep. Corcoran is a member of Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Church and the St. Louis County Central Committee.

Rep. Corcoran was awarded the 2004 Legislator of the Year by the Urban Public Safety and Workforce Development and received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2004 by North County Incorporated.

A 1981 graduate of Pattonville Senior High School, Rep. Corcoran attended Florissant Valley and St. Louis Community Colleges.

Born January 25, 1963, in St. Louis, Rep. Corcoran lives in St. Ann with his wife, Karen. They have two children: George M. Corcoran III and Patrick K. Corcoran.

## SENATOR GARY NODLER



Senator Nodler's extensive knowledge of federal government programs and economic policy development affords him the ability to add a valuable perspective to all state government decisions made by the Missouri legislature.

He serves as the Senate Education Committee Chair and as Vice-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee where he has demonstrated his support for developing a skilled workforce through education. His colleagues recognize him as a respected resource and have elected him to a leadership position within the Missouri Senate where he serves as Assistant Majority Floor Leader.

In November of 2002, Gary Nodler won election as a Republican to the Missouri Senate, representing the 32nd District, which includes Dade, Jasper and Newton counties.

As president and owner of SoMo Cable, Inc., Senator Nodler built and operated the cable television system in Seneca, Mo. He also owned and operated a consulting business that worked with Midwest Paging Systems, Lucky Strike Fishing Lures, Hookup Corp. and Leggett and Platt.

President Bush appointed Senator Nodler to serve as Regional Administrator for the United States Small Business Administration in 1989, a post he held until Bush left office in January of 1993.

Born on Aug. 10, 1950, Senator Nodler grew up in Neosho, Mo., and graduated from Neosho High School in 1968. He graduated from Missouri Southern State University in 1972 with a B.A. in Political Science.

Gary Nodler has been married to the former Joncee Edwards of Neosho since 1974. They have a son, Justin, and a granddaughter, Rachel. The Nodlers reside in Joplin