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46th Joint Summer Career and Tech Ed Workshops and Missouri ACTE Conference

Come Join us in Springfield, Missouri, July 20-23, 2015
Greetings from a teacher on summer break! Isn’t that one of the best parts about being a teacher? Well, we may get a break from students but I know most of us use this time to relax, rejuvenate, rest ... and do all the things we want to get done that we can’t do during the school year because we’re so busy. I am spending the day at school, working to do some course work, curriculum work, and get ready for the National FBLA Conference. Teachers really do NOT get the summer off!

This is my last letter to you as President, as I will pass the gavel to our President Elect at Summer Conference. I have truly enjoyed this position and working with each Division to try to make our organization and Conference better than before. Many people have supported me and I want to thank the Executive Board and our Executive Director. She truly makes my job easy!

As you enjoy our summer, I hope your plans include a trip to Springfield at the end of July to attend Summer Conference. I have attended this Conference for over 15 years and do not know how I would get my mind in gear for the new school year without attending this networking and learning event. I get so many ideas from the workshops and teachers across the state that the small price it costs to attend is well worth it. This year, we are doing things a bit differently and I hope that it is beneficial to everyone. Although I will only have a minor role in organizing next year’s Conference, I still appreciate any feedback you can give me to help make next year’s even better.

Enjoy your summer! Make the rain go away! And I’ll see you in Springfield soon!

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**From Our Cover Artist**

“The number one benefit of information technology is that it empowers people to do what they want to do. It lets people be creative. It lets people be productive. It lets people learn things they didn't think they could learn before, and so in a sense it is all about potential.” Steve Ballmer. This is one of my favorite quotes because it is so very true. You have thousands of possibilities when it comes to technology.

My name is Amber Roberson and I am a senior in high school at Clinton, Missouri and I attend the Clinton Technical School. This summer I plan to go to college and further my education with a minor in web design. I began working with computers my freshman year of high school when I took computer applications 1 and in that class I became proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. I didn’t stop at computer applications; I went on to desktop publishing where I became proficient in Photoshop. After having an interest in desktop publishing, I joined multimedia and there I have learned so much about technology.

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Monday, July 20

9:30 a.m.
Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting
University Plaza - Illinois Room

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Missouri ACTE Conference Registration
EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Exhibits Open
EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 a.m.
All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings
University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona Room

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Exhibits Open
EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Missouri ACTE Conference Registration
EXPO Center - Hall A & B - 635 St. Louis Street

8:45 a.m.
New Professional Reception
University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona/Georgia/Iowa

10:00 a.m.
Opening General Session
EXPO Center - Hall C – 635 St. Louis Street
Welcome; Awards; President-Elect Speeches;
Speaker: Adam Sáenz – “The Power of a Teacher”

Tuesday, July 21 (Cont.)

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Dine-Around Town
Area restaurants, located within walking distance of the Expo, will be open to serve our members. Many of the restaurants will be extending discounts and a few are opening only for our members, so they will require reservations. To see a list of the restaurants participating in the Missouri ACTE Dine-Around Town, go to page 6.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS
(See page 7 for course descriptions.)

1:30 p.m.
Adams Sáenz - Wellness of a Teacher
EXPO Center - Hall C - 635 St. Louis Street

1:30 p.m.
Web 2.0 Sites
EXPO Center - Hall 1 - 635 St. Louis Street

2:15 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce - What Employers Are Looking For
EXPO Center - Hall C - 635 St. Louis Street

2:15 p.m.
Useful Apps for Education
EXPO Center - Hall 1 - 635 St. Louis Street

3:00 p.m.
Adam Sáenz – Stress Management & Community Building
EXPO Center - Hall C - 635 St. Louis Street

3:00 p.m.
Dennis Harden on CTE Rubric
EXPO Center - Hall 1 - 635 St. Louis Street

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Tuesday, July 21 (Cont.)

6:00 p.m.

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, international, humanitarian-relief organization strategically based in Springfield. This will be your opportunity to volunteer for a one-hour time period from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. or from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., where you will be assisting with sorting, packing, counting, labeling items and various other projects that will be distributed through its program initiatives.


Wednesday, July 22

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Missouri ACTE Late Registration

University Plaza Hotel Lobby

3:30 p.m.

House of Delegates Meeting

University Plaza Hotel - Illinois Room

6:00 p.m.

Missouri ACTE 5K Run/Walk for the PAC

Jordan Valley Park; Springfield, MO

Race starts at 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds will support Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education Political Action Committee to promote the development of career & technical education within the state of Missouri.

To view the route, go to: http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rID=534737

Pre-Register Online: https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Springfield/1STANNUALMoACTEWALKRUN

Thursday, July 23

12:00 p.m.

Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting

University Plaza - Illinois Room

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Adam Sáenz

How did he go from juvenile detention to two doctorates, with training at Harvard Medical School and University of Oxford? Adam will tell you: it was the power of a teacher.

Adam Sáenz will be the first to admit that his journey through life so far has been an amazing one, filled with tremendous highs and profound lows. At every important juncture there have been two common elements, lifesavers that appeared when he really needed it: education and teachers. Along the way, this son of blue collar parents has gained two doctorate degrees, with training at Harvard Medical School and Oxford University.

Adam is not your ordinary school psychologist. His personal story will inspire you; his professional workshops will empower you.

We are fortunate enough to have Adam as our keynote speaker on Tuesday morning, as well as the presenter for two of our General Sessions that afternoon. Adam will present “The Power of a Teacher” at the 10:00 a.m. Opening Session; “Wellness of a Teacher” at 1:30 p.m., and “Stress Management & Community Building” at 3:00 p.m.

You won’t want to miss this opportunity! As Chris White, Ph.D., Director of Research at the Flippen Group says, “Dr. Sáenz has a refreshing - even uncanny - ability to merge science with practice ... if you’re looking for a tool to get you teaching from your sweet spot, you just found it.”

Coffee & Donuts!

There will be complimentary coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts available at the Expo Center Tuesday morning July 21, 2015. Sponsored by the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. Come and enjoy!
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
We are pleased to welcome Adam Sáenz as our Opening Session speaker. You won’t want to miss a word of Mr. Sáenz’s inspirational talk on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Hall C of the Springfield EXPO Center. (635 St. Louis Street) In addition, Mr. Sáenz will be presenting two sessions, “Wellness of a Teacher” (1:30 p.m.) and “Stress Management & Community Building” (3:00 p.m.) on Tuesday afternoon, also in Hall C at the Springfield Expo Center.

Exhibits
Exhibits will be open to attendees between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday and 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 with representatives on hand to answer your questions.

“Show-Me Marvel” Special Sessions

Tuesday, July 21
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. • Expo Center
Choose one to attend.

CEV - "Network for Educator Effectiveness"
University of Missouri Web-Based Teacher Evaluation System
Learn about the process, components of the evaluation and get answers to your questions.
Presenter: Mark Johnson, VP of Business Development

“MERIC”
A demonstration on use the MERIC website for career planning and/or locating a job.
Presenter: Glen Mieir, MO Department of Economic Development

Planning for Retirement - The Public School Retirement System of Missouri
A PSRS/PEERS representative will be available to answer any questions you may have about retirement as well as provide you with resources to help you better prepare for retirement.
Presenter: Stacie Verslues, Member Education Coordinator

Tuesday, July 21 - 6:00 p.m.
MoACTE Hands of Hope Volunteer Project
Tuesday Evening, July 21
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1st Annual MoACTE PAC 5K Walk/Run
Come join us to walk ... or run ... or watch!
6:00 p.m. Onsite Registration
7:00 p.m. 5K Race Begins
Walk begins after
8:30 p.m. Post-Race Awards
Missouri ACTE “Dine-Around Town”

Tuesday, July 21 (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Gilardi’s Ristorante and the Tower Club will open their doors as a private event for MoACTE attendees on Tuesday, July 21 from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Both venues are located within one block of the Expo and will have available a limited menu designed to get you in and out quickly, so that you won’t miss a moment of the afternoon session. Advanced reservations are required by Monday, July 13th. The Tower Club (located on the 22nd floor of Hammons Towers) will offer a lunch buffet for $10.95 per person. Gilardi’s will have a limited engagement menu in the $10 price range.

Restaurants available within one mile of the Springfield Expo:

1. Aviary Café & Creperie Downtown – 400 E. Walnut Street, (417) 866-6378, [http://www.aviarycafe.com](http://www.aviarycafe.com) / .04 Miles from Expo
2. Big Whiskey’s Downtown – 311 Park Central East, (417) 862-2449, [http://www.bigwhiskeys.com/locations.htm](http://www.bigwhiskeys.com/locations.htm) 0.3 miles from Expo Center, 6 minute walk
4. Chipotle – 1211 E. St. Louis Street, (417) 831-2159 / 0.5 miles from Expo Center, 11 minute walk
5. Dublin’s Pass Irish Pub & Restaurant - 317 Park Central East, (417) 862-7625, [http://dublinspass.com](http://dublinspass.com) / 0.3 miles from Expo Center, 6 minute walk
6. Dug Out Bar & Grill - 1218 E. Trafficway, (417) 866-2255 / 0.6 miles from Expo Center, 12 minute walk
7. Ebbets Field, (Burgers, Pizza, Sandwiches)– 1027 E. Walnut, (417) 865-5050, [www.urbanspoon.com](http://www.urbanspoon.com) 0.5 miles from Expo Center, 10 minute walk
9. Gailey’s Breakfast Cafe – 220 E. Walnut Street, (417) 866-5500, [www.urbanspoon.com](http://www.urbanspoon.com) / .05 Miles from Expo
11. Harbell’s Grill & Sports Bar – 315 Park Central West, (417) 862-0477, [www.harbellssgf.com](http://www.harbellssgf.com) 0.5 miles from Expo Center, 10 minute walk
12. Izumi Hatake Steakhouse & Sushi Bar - 302 E. Walnut Street, (417) 865-0366 / [www.urbanspoon.com](http://www.urbanspoon.com) / .04 Miles from Expo
15. Maria’s Mexican Restaurant, 406 South Ave (417) 831-9339, [www.mariasdowntown.com](http://www.mariasdowntown.com), 0.5 miles from Expo Center, 10 minute walk
16. Mudhouse (Soups, Salads & Sandwiches) – 323 South Ave, (417) 832-1720 / [http://www.mudhousecoffee.com](http://www.mudhousecoffee.com) / .05 Miles from Expo
17. Nonna’s Italian American Café – 306 South Ave, (417) 831-1222, [www.nonnascafe.com](http://www.nonnascafe.com) / .04 Miles from Expo
18. Panera Bread Company– 500 S. National Ave, (417) 862-9898, .09 Miles from Expo
19. PaPpo’s Pizza - 221 E. Walnut Street, (417) 866-1111, .05 Miles from Expo
22. SPRINGFIELD EXPO - E. St. Louis Street
24. Steak N’ Shake – 1158 E. St. Louis Street, (417) 866-6109, .05 Miles from Expo
25. Taylor’s Old Fashion Steakhuggers, 139 Memorial Plaza, (417) 862-3278 , .02 Miles from Expo
1:30 p.m.

**Adam Sáenz on the Wellness of a Teacher**

_Expo Center - Hall C_

Are you too busy to prepare to fully engage your students academically or behaviorally (let alone find time to exercise and eat right)? Are you relationally-isolated at work and carrying emotional baggage from experiences you’ve had on your campus or with colleagues? Are you barely able to get by financially, and, in the end, wondering why you ever decided to become a teacher or whether you want to continue in the profession. In this session, you will gain a deeper understanding of emotional, occupational, financial, spiritual and physical wellbeing.

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**Special Tuesday Afternoon Sessions**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2015**

**EXPO Center**

1:30 p.m.

**Matt King, CEO iAmCareerTech**

_Expo Center - Hall 1_

Matt King, the founder of iAmCareerTech, an online social network for Career Tech Schools. Seven months ago this campaign began in Ohio and since then we have spread across the country. Over the summer we will be shooting the first ever reality show for Career Technical Education called, “The Classroom” that will air on television. We would love to share our journey while filming this show as well as what the future of Career Technical Education looks like. (promo video)

2:15 p.m.

**Local Springfield Business Panel Discussion**

_Expo Center - Hall C_

Area business persons will form a panel discussion regarding what human resources is currently looking for in hiring and retaining personnel, as well as what we should be teaching to prepare students for the work force.

2:15 p.m.

**Web 2.0/Apps**

_Expo Center - Hall 1_

Learn about free Apps to use in the classroom such as Wordle, Motivator, Befunky, Popplet, Cacoo, Dropbox, and Evernote. Teachers will also learn about some Web 2.0 websites like Padlet, wheeldecide, kahoot, and time toast.

3:00 p.m.

**Adam Sáenz on Stress Management**

_Expo Center - Hall C_

Most of us are aware of the potential negative effects of stress, including physical and mental illness an eventual burnout. In worst-case scenarios, stress erodes not only our individual well-being, but also our ability to create healthy, effective relationships with our colleagues and the students on our campuses. We’ll discuss the source of stress in your vocation and explore various coping strategies based on the fight, flight or freeze response.

3:00 p.m.

**Dr. Dennis Hardin, DESE on CTE Rubric**

_Expo Center - Hall 1_

All CTE programs are required to be evaluated on an annual basis. DESE staff will discuss the revised Common Criteria and Quality Indicators for Career Education Programs and the accompanying evaluation and program improvement tool. These resources have been made available to assist CTE educators with program evaluation and improvement of their programs.
MoACTE
1st Annual
5k Walk/Run

Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015
Race Begins at 7:00 p.m.
Jordan Valley Park
Springfield, MO

Cost = $35 per person This includes: Event T-Shirt with Glow-in-the-Dark Ink
Shirt Sizes S-2XL, Ipico Chip System timing, & Post-Race Snack

Pre-Register Online:  https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Springfield/1STANNUALMoACTEWALKRUN

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Registration must be received by
July 1st to guarantee t-shirt & size!

Schedule
6:00 p.m. Onsite Registration
T-Shirt Pick-Up
7:00 p.m. 5k Race Begins
Walk begins after
8:30 p.m. Post-Race Snack
Awards

Awards:
Medals for the following divisions:
Overall Male, Overall Female
Ages 18 & Under, 19-29, 30-39
40-49, 50 & Up

All proceeds will support Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education
Political Action Committee to promote the development of career & technical education within
the state of Missouri.

View the course at:  http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rID=534737

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Meet the Candidates

Once again, we have two outstanding candidates for Missouri ACTE President-Elect. In addition to being members of the Missouri Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS) Division, these accomplished women have another thing in common -- they have invested their time and talents in their industry and are well respected by their peers. The lists below only “brush the surface” in describing the positions they have held and true leadership they have demonstrated.

Karen Mason
FACS Instructor
East Newton R-6 School District

- ACTE - National President
- ACTE Region III - Vice President
- ACTE FACS Division - Vice President
- ACTE Public Information Committee and Resolutions Committee - Member
- ACTE Nominating Committee - Chair
- Missouri ACTE - Policy Committee Chair
- Missouri ACTE - National Policy Seminar Delegate
- MoEFACS Board of Directors & President
- Served on multiple committees, New & Returning Teachers Workshop, Mentor, and Presenter at the Summer Conference
- MSTA - Member
- East Newton CTA - Holding office for several terms
- National FCCLA Board of Directors - Member
- Missouri Alumni and Associates FCCLA - Member
- FCCLA Representation on FCS Coalition
- FCCLA Roundtable Presenter for FCCLA Chapter Advisors
- NATFACS - Member, NATFACS Policy and Planning Committee - Serving on several committees: Chair Advocacy Committee, Financial Growth, Membership, Registration, Public Information, Scholarship, and Showcase Presenter

Kathy Nash
7-12 Family Consumer Science Department Chair
Pre-Professional Educator Cadet Coordinator
Lee's Summit School District

- Missouri Educators of Family Consumer Science Division - President
- Greater Kansas City Network for Women in Administration - Treasurer
- Missouri ACTE - Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences Division - Board Member
- Southeast Jackson County (MO) Suburban FACS Teachers Association - President
- Missouri ACTE Professional Development Committee
- Missouri ACTE Board of Directors
- ACTE Leadership Training
- MoEFACS Registration Committee Chair
- Co-Wrote Model Curriculum for Pre-Professional Cadet Educator for DESE
- DESE Leadership Academy
- LS District Reading Across Disciplines Team (RAD)
- LS Professional Development Council
- LS District PRAT Career Course Recommendation Team
- LSN Co-Chair of Site Goal - North Central Accreditation
- LSN Character Education Committee Member
- LS Middle School PRAT Team
- LSN Site-Based Team Representative
Cheryl Landers holds a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education from Central Missouri State University and a Master in Education in Family and Consumer Education from Iowa State University. Since 1994, she has been a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher for the Consolidated School District #4.

To summarize in one page all that Cheryl Landers has accomplished for her school district, students and community in her 20 years as a teacher in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences is, to put it simply, an impossible task. As Cheryl put it in her application “Without the contributions of those before me, I would not be the educator I am today, so it is my turn to give back.” And, “give back,” she has. Here are some comments from those who have benefited from Cheryl’s time and talents:

From a parent ~

As parents of three who have gone through Grandview C4 schools, please know that we have a fairly extensive experience in working with teachers. Just as kids fall onto a bell curve, so do teachers. Since our children span 10 years in age, we have gotten to know, much better than many, where most teachers fall on the curve.

Cheryl instills desire in kids to excel. She has been teaching for over 20 years, but her energy is nearly that of a new-hire. Her knowledge and expertise are witnessed by those within, and outside, the district. She continues to improve, expand, and promote the programs in her department.

From a colleague ~

I have observed Cheryl’s strengths and skills from the classroom transfer to her leadership abilities as: Practical Arts Department Chair, FCCLA Sponsor and ProStart Sponsor.

Cheryl has been in charge of the ProStart program since its inception at GHS during the 2004-2005 school year. The ProStart students, under her tutelage, have been recognized for their culinary skills in area competitions and at events they have catered throughout the school district.

Cheryl consistently puts students needs in the forefront and is always willing to assist in any capacity necessary.

In each of her leadership roles, Cheryl has gained additional experience and opportunity to: act as a liaison for student, parent and staff communication; review data; and provide input on program direction, planning and supervision.

Among Cheryl’s numerous strengths is her ability to manage and relate to a diverse group of people and situations. She has insight from experience to work collaboratively with a wide range of interests and skill levels. She is exceptionally professional, conscientious, solution-driven, analytical, practical and well versed in her area of content.

Cheryl Landers has the capability to lead and the willingness to accept responsibility.

From a student ~

Cheryl Landers is an outstanding teacher, mentor, and advisor. I have taken two foods classes with her and I have developed a deeper relationship with her through my time as an FCCLA member. Mrs. Landers is a hard working, dedicated teacher. She invests her time in the classroom, but is also an advisor for our local FCCLA chapter and the ProStart teacher. She spends many hours outside of the classroom working with students at various conferences, meetings, and competitions.

She deserves this award so much. Someone who is as passionate as she is when working with students deserves to be recognized for their hard work. She is one of the best teachers that I have ever had.

As you can see, Cheryl Landers is a very worthy recipient and we are proud to name her Missouri ACTE 2015 Teacher of the Year.
Outstanding New CTE Teacher of the Year

KATHRYN LAURENTIUS

Kathryn Laurentius is a Business & Marketing teacher and DECA advisor at Washington High School/Four Rivers Career Center in Washington, MO. In addition to all the activities her position requires, she is pursuing a Masters’ Degree at Lindenwood University. As you can see by the comments below, Mrs. Laurentius is a great addition to the field of career and technical education and well deserving of Missouri ACTE’s 2015 Outstanding New CTE Teacher of the Year!

From the Department Chair ...

As the Washington High School Business Department Chair, it has been a joy to watch Mrs. Laurentius develop as a business/marketing teacher. Mrs. Laurentius is deeply committed to business/marketing education and helps her students achieve success in the classroom, as well as in competitive events.

Mrs. Laurentius provides endless opportunities for her students to be involved in school and the local community. Some of the activities her students participate in include: Sink It for Pink, Children’s Relay for Life, food drives, tailgating/bbq for the high school football game, teacher appreciation and other charitable events. Mrs. Laurentius also prepares her students for DECA marketing competitions at the district, state and international level. Many students have participated in all levels of competition due to her guidance and dedication to the program.

In her classroom, Mrs. Laurentius uses engaging lessons and the best teaching strategies to help her students reach success. She helps in the writing of the business department curriculum and shares best practices with other teachers. Mrs. Laurentius is a professional who is dedicated to business/marketing education, demonstrates compassion for her students, is supporting of our local community, and strives to do her best every day in the classroom.

From a student ...

Mrs. Laurentius started here at Washington High School two years ago, and I can honestly say, she is one of the best teachers I have ever had. Before Mrs. Laurentius, DECA was known at our school as just the class that sold cookies between classes and not recognized for all the charity work and community service projects we do to help our community.

Now, because of Mrs. Laurentius, DECA at Washington, MO, is known for its unbelievable school store we have over at the Four Rivers Career Center, the amazing charity projects we do to help our small town, and has given students the opportunity to learn more about marketing and becoming an entrepreneur. Having Mrs. Laurentius as our DECA advisor has improved our DECA membership considerably and has truly left her students with the confidence that they can go out into the real world and conquer any task thrown at them. She is truly an amazing woman, teacher and friend that any student would be proud to say they have.

Mrs. Laurentius has truly changed Washington High School DECA forever. She was the first advisor to have students win at DECA Internationals, helping students raise over $1,700 for Shoot for A Cure, collecting goods for Loving Hearts and just changing the way students see DECA now. I personally can say that without Mrs. Laurentius being here I don’t know if I would have stayed at this school. She made me feel like I can be a part of something and that I can be who I am and not be ashamed for myself.

Mrs. Laurentius is an amazing teacher in how she teaches you things that you can use all through your life, and a friend that if you need help or someone to talk to is always there no matter what. She is so hardworking, dedicated, outgoing, personable, relatable, and a unique woman that will forever change our DECA program. Her legacy at this school will never be forgotten.
Special Awards

Outstanding Service Award
Mike Pantleo

The Outstanding Service Award is given to recognize educators who have made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of career and technical education ... and Mike Pantleo, Director of the Career and Technology Center of Fort Osage, certainly fits the bill. His letters of nomination and recommendation all refer to Mike's tremendous skills as a leader and mentor, both locally and at the state level.

Mike serves as Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Area Ad Hoc Director’s group and was recently nominated to serve as Vice President of the Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators. As one letter of recommendation put it ... “he was chosen for his knowledge, leadership qualities, and the success he has experienced at the CTC at Fort Osage. Under his leadership, teachers and students excel.”

CTE is lucky to count such a fine leader among our number.

Recognition Award
Sherry Struckhoff

Sherry Struckhoff is retiring this year, but not before we get a chance to thank her for all her contributions to CTE and Missouri ACTE. She has served as President of MHSE, President of Missouri ACTE, and Missouri ACTE’s Region III Representative. In addition to serving as a presenter on a variety of topics at the local, state, regional, and national levels, Sherry also continued to attend courses, so she could share what she’d learned with her students and colleagues.

One of her letters of nomination stated, “Sherry embodies what a CTE teacher should be – committed to service, full of energy, a life-long learner, and a great believer in the capabilities of students and her colleagues.” Another continued, “Sherry ... sets the bar high. Her empathy for her students and fellow educators is felt whenever you visit with her because she believes in education, she believes in her students, and she believes in Missouri ACTE.”

Thank you, Sherry!

Recognition Award
Wally Gray

Mrs. Wally Gray is the Administrator at Parkdale Manor in Maryille, MO. That title, however, doesn’t begin to describe all she has done for Health Science. To list just a few of her generous contributions, she has:

• opened her facility to help students achieve the required clinical training for the CNA certification;
• converted a room for post-clinical conferences and adjusted that room’s availability to meet the students’ ever-changing schedule;
• provided scholarships, financial assistance, and informal mentoring services to students and her employees to promote continued education; and
• provided shelter and even transportation during inclement weather.

As her letter of nomination states, “At the heart of her kindness is the belief that everyone deserves a chance to do well if given the opportunity.”

Recognition Award
Scott Gardner

Scott Gardner, FCS Financial Vice President of Sales and Marketing, isn’t one to rest on his laurels. Two years ago, Scott and FCS Financial recognized a need to advance agribusiness knowledge in the classroom. After working with the Agriculture Education Department at DESE and researching the needs of agriculture teachers across the state, FCS Financial, under Scott’s leadership, provided a $70,000 grant to the Missouri Vocational Agricultural Teacher’s Association in order to update the Ag Management and Economics curriculum. As his letter of nomination states, “Without the support from Mr. Gardner and FCS Financial, our curriculum in this area would have remained outdated and, realistically, rarely used.” Another recommendation letter adds, “Additionally, during Scott’s leadership, FCS Financial started their Ag Youth Program as a part of their commitment to Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers.”

The contributions of this tremendous CTE partner will be felt for generations to come.
Senator Romine has demonstrated support for career and technical education by working to raise the profile of student achievement in CTE through legislation in the 2015 legislative session. This is no surprise since his personal experience in career and technical education has impacted his career path throughout his life. Starting with being a member of DECA in high school, working in a skilled trade, to later teaching in the CTE field and pursuing a business enterprise. Senator Romine is a valued champion in the public policy arena for our cause. His advocacy with other lawmakers will no doubt strengthen the role of CTE through his leadership.

Senator Gary Romine was elected in November 2012 to serve Missouri’s 3rd Senatorial District, which includes Iron, Reynolds, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington counties and part of Jefferson County.

Senator Romine is a member of numerous committees, serving as chairman of the Joint Committee on Education; chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Transformation and Reform; and vice-chairman of the Committee on Education. He has received several legislative awards, including the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s 2014 Freshman of the Year Award, as well as the Missouri Community College Association’s Legislative Award of Distinction (2014).

In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Romine currently serves as President and CEO of Show-Me-Rent-To-Own, a business he founded more than 25 years ago. What began as a single store in Leadington, Mo., has grown to include nine stores throughout the state, employing many outstanding men and women from southeast Missouri. He has served as chairman of the board for the Ste. Genevieve-based MRV Banks since its opening in 2007 and was president of the Mineral Area College Board of Trustees, of which he had been a member for several years.

Senator Romine has been a member of the Association of Progressive Rental Organizations for 24 years, previously serving as president and public relations chairman. During this time, he participated in Federal Trade Commission and congressional hearings, an experience that gave him unique insight into navigating the federal legislative process.

He also has served as legislative liaison for the Missouri Rental Dealers Association and as a member of the Government Relations Committee for the Missouri Bankers Association.

After graduating from Poplar Bluff High School, Sen. Romine received his associate degree from Three Rivers Community College and his bachelor’s degree from Central Missouri State University in 1978. He taught high school in the Branson and Farmington school districts prior to starting his own business.

Senator Romine and his wife, Kathy, raised five children in the southeast Missouri area. They currently reside in Farmington, where they enjoy spending time with their 11 grandchildren and are active members of their church and community.

Jayla Smith has been named the new Missouri ACTE Region III Representative. Jayla will have some big shoes to fill with Sherry Struckhoff’s retirement but, as Sherry says, “Jayla is the perfect person for this job.”

The authors of Jayla’s many letters of support all agreed. One said, “Jayla is thoughtful in her decisions and articulate. She searches for resources to help in making decisions affecting co-workers and our industry. She is a well-respected member of her local community, her state and her profession.” Another stated, “Mrs. Smith will provide your group with a viewpoint steeped in experience and common sense.”

We look forward to all that Jayla will bring to her new position.
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