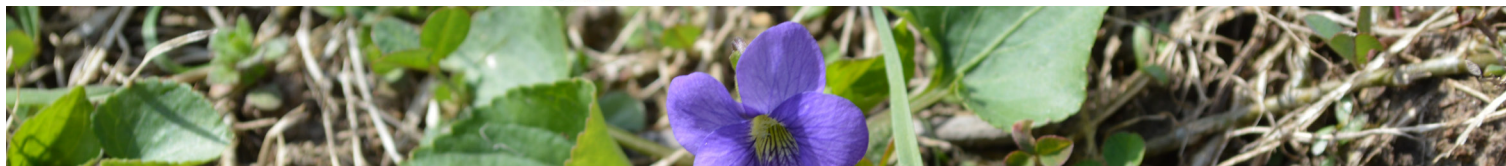


Iowa ACTE Mission Statement...to promote and support quality career and technical education for everyone through leadership, advocacy, communication, professional development and partnership.

The purpose of IACTE is to:

- Promote quality career and technical education within the State of Iowa
- Encourage greater interest in career and technical education at the local, state and national levels
- Inform the people of the state of Iowa of the strengths of career and technical education
- Serve as the coordinating organization for all career and technical educators of the State of Iowa
- Encourage membership in cooperating with the program of ACTE and its various divisions
- Encourage appropriate agencies/institutions to conduct surveys and/or studies to evaluate the effectiveness of career and technical education in Iowa
- Identify the educational offerings that are necessary to meet the needs of current business, industry and labor markets
- Assist in the promotion of all education
- Encourage programs, activities and services to meet the special interests of the membership
- Encourage involvement in and support of youth organizations



President's Message... **Hello and welcome spring!**

Advocacy Efforts

A huge thank you goes out to all of the Iowa CTE students and their teachers/mentors who took time out of their busy schedules this past year to "tell the CTE story" to school administrators, school counselors, school board members and state legislators. We will continue to build on our efforts and I would like to encourage you to volunteer to have you and your students advocate at an event next year starting with the School Administrators of Iowa Conference in August.

Professional Development

The IACTE has been offering FREE webinars to Iowa CTE teachers. These webinars provide timely professional development opportunities that can enhance student learning. The last webinar offered this spring, Grading for Learning in CTE, Standards-Based Grading 101 is scheduled for April 28, 2016 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. Presenter of this webinar is Matt Townsley, Director of Instruction & Technology, Solon Community School District, (319) 624-3401 x1352.

Check out the 2016 Iowa ACTE Annual Conference at <https://www.acteonline.org/iowa/#.Vxeyfvkrl2w>. The theme of this year's conference is "Best Practices". This professional development conference will be held on Thursday, September 29th at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center. Registration fee is \$100.

Leadership Opportunities in IACTE

I would like to encourage our IACTE members to step up and take a leadership position as a division affiliate or an officer in Iowa IACTE. There are training opportunities through ACTE and there are stipends associated with these trainings to help financially. Think about it...I have met many outstanding people, and I have learned a great deal about career and technical education outside of my division, agriculture - that's how Iowa ACTE Works!

Thank you!

Barb Lemmer





From Your Iowa ACTE Executive Director...It has been a great year for Iowa ACTE!

New Scholarship Announcement

The Iowa Association for Career and Technical Education is pleased to announce the **David Bunting Career & Technical Education Teacher Preparation Scholarship** for a student who is studying to be a CTE educator in the state of Iowa. Students should be juniors or seniors (not graduating this spring) majoring and getting their teaching license in one of the following CTE teacher education areas: Agriculture, Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, or Industrial Technology. The \$1,000 scholarship has been made possible by a generous donation from IACTE's past executive director and past ACTE Region III Vice President, Dr. David Bunting. Priority will be given to a student with previous CTE and CTSO experience while in high school or in an Applied Science program at a community college. The deadline for materials to be sent in is May 15, 2016 and the scholarship will be awarded at our annual meeting and conference on September 29th at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa. This scholarship will be in effect for at least 10 years thanks to Dave's generosity! For more information contact me (sandymiller1414@gmail.com) or Lisa Stange (lisa.stange@iowa.gov).

Webinars/Professional Development

During the months of March and April, Iowa ACTE offered four free webinars.

Instructional Strategies, offered twice (second was a repeat of the first) March 30 and April 14, Presenter Teresa Pinkston, Tulsa Tech.

Grading for Learning in CTE, Standards Based Grading 101, Part I, Introduction on April 12; Part II, Practical based implementation on April 28, Presenter Matt Townsley, Solon Community School District.

Showcasing High Quality CTE programs 2015-2016

School Administrators of Iowa Conference (SAIC) in Des Moines – August

Iowa School Counselor Association (ISCA) in Altoona – November

Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference in Des Moines – November

CTE Day at the Capitol – February 8

ACTE National Policy Seminar, In Arlington, VA. We provided financial support for four students to attend with the rotation for FCS, Health Science, Industrial Technology and Marketing this year. – Feb. 28 to March 2.

Region III Conference

Jefferson, Missouri is the site of the Region III Conference to be held June 15 – 17th. Registration is due June 1st. This is a great opportunity to network, create synergy and celebrate CTE. To learn more about the conference and register, go to www.acteonline.org and search for Region III Conference.

Iowa ACTE Conference

The FFA Enrichment Center will again be the host site for our state conference for 2016-2017. This will be a one day event, Thursday, September 29. Look for more information in the near future! Link to Conference Registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nmqUGLIQLBimkuMDpoU-wJL8F6_hZHT2qkdCQqxra6M/viewform

Leadership Opportunities/Needs

Iowa ACTE will be stronger if we have a 2nd Vice President for the 2016-2017 year. I would like to challenge you to utilize this opportunity to step up in a leadership role in our great organization. Contact me if you are interested. Can you be the leader we need? Be prepared for a rewarding experience if you volunteer!

Thank you to the 2015-2016 Board Members and Department of Education CTE staff. Dedication to work together for the improvement of CTE is evidenced in your teamwork, creativity, dedication and collaboration this past year. Thank you for helping to advance CTE in the state of Iowa.

Respectfully,

Sandra Miller, Iowa ACTE Executive Director

Iowa Department of Education Message:

PERKINS GRANTS MEETING: Once again, it's time to begin thinking about our spring, 2016 Statewide Perkins Grant Contacts Meeting and to update you on tentative developments at the state and national level. We have scheduled this informational session for Monday, April 18, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. We are extending invitations to all of our Perkins Grant Contacts. It will be held at Dejardin Hall at Marshalltown Community College. The link for registration is below:

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/event/cteperkins-update>

PERKINS APPLICATIONS: Perkins applications will be available as soon as the feds have approved our new state targets—hopefully by the end of April. We anticipate the due date being June 1 so we have plenty of time to review and negotiate targets with each of you prior to the start of the 2017 Fiscal year.

SECONDARY PERKINS INDICATORS: Data for your CTE programs that is normally sent via e-mail will soon be available on the Secondary CTE Reporting Application.

CTSO OFFICER TRAINING: All CTSO State Officers are invited to State Officer Training to be held June 10th at the Grimes State Office Building—room B100. Contact Pat Thieben for more information at pat.thieben@iowa.gov.

CTE BILL: Passed the House 96-0 and is currently in the Senate. Any questions regarding the bill should be directed to Pradeep Kotamraju (Pradeep.Kotamraju@iowa.gov) or Jeremy Varner (Jeremy.Varner@iowa.gov).

NATIONAL POLICY SEMINAR: Thank you to divisions who helped support student travel with your dues to IACTE as well as additional support. See the article in this newsletter for a summary of this year's trip! You should all be proud of the work the students put into the process. Next year, the following CTSO's will be up for attendance in the rotation: Agriculture (FFA), Business (BPA – Secondary), Family & Consumer Sciences (FCCLA), Health Science (HOSA). Please be sure your CTSO's have a way to identify the student who will be representing your group. We will conduct training webinars again next year prior to the trip.

Lisa Stange, IACTE DE Liason

Iowa Well Represented at National Policy Seminar

The 2016 National Policy Seminar (NPS), organized by the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE), was held in Washington DC February 29 - March 2, 2016. The National Policy Seminar is an opportunity for participants to: receive updates on ongoing reauthorization efforts regarding several federal programs including the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Higher Education Act (HEA), the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and most particularly, the Carl D. Perkins Act, known simply as Perkins IV, the law that funds many state and local career and technical education (CTE) programs. Attendees at the NPS also received the following information: how to effectively communicate with stakeholders about their local CTE programs and students enrolled in these programs; ways to connect with more than 400 CTE professionals; become an effective advocate for CTE programs at the national level; and meet one-on-one with their state's delegation to the US Congress.

Several Iowans attended the NPS, including teachers, staff from the Department of Education, and students from various Iowa high schools. Iowa was one of a handful of states that had students in their delegation. Four students were chosen to attend NPS:

- Jake Larson, Technology Students Association, President and high school senior at Waukee Community School District
- Jaedon Foreman, DECA, Vice President of Leadership and high school senior at Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District
- Blake Clausen, HOSA, State President and a senior at Missouri Valley High School
- Kendra Michael, FCCLA and a sophomore at West Lyon Community School District

Other members of the Iowa Delegation were:

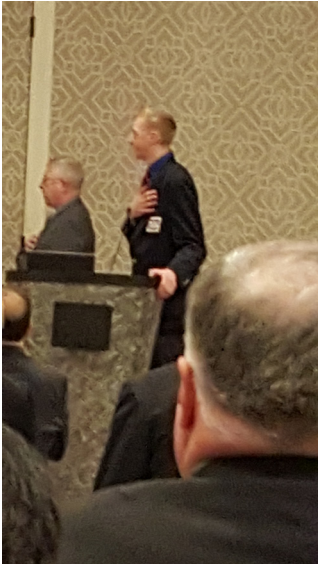
- Pradeep Kotamraju, Iowa Department of Education
- Kelli Diemer, Iowa Department of Education
- Lisa Stange, Iowa Department of Education
- Del Hoover, Trip Coordinator
- Barb Lemmer, IACTE President

The delegation had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with Iowa Senators Joni Ernst (R) and Charles Grassley (R); congressional aide for Rod Blum (R – 1st District), Congressman David Loebsack (D – 2nd District), Congressman David Young (R – 3rd District); and Congressman Steve King (R – 4th District).

The primary spokespersons for the delegation were the student attendees who spoke passionately about how CTE and career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) has helped in making them perform better in the classroom in both their academic courses such as Math and Science, as well as their CTE courses. In addition the students talked about how CTE has given them the confidence to effectively participate in co-curricular activities and led them to plan their postsecondary futures. The consistent message the Iowa NPS delegation left for their member of congress was the following: when the reauthorization discussions about the Carl D. Perkins law begin in earnest, the goal for each member should be to focus on enhancing and fine tuning, but not to overhaul, the law.

After attending the NPS, all members of the Iowa delegation left with a sense that they were now able to return to their own state with up-to-date information to be used for promoting secondary and postsecondary CTE within Iowa.

National Policy Seminar



Jake Larson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



In Congressman Lobsack's Office. Blake Clausen, Jake Larson, Joni Michael (parent), Kendra Michael, Jaedon Foreman, Pradeep Kotamraju, Congressman Lobsack, Kristen Clasen (Advisor).

Elisa Russ, Jake Larson, Congressman David Lobsack, Kendra Michael, Blake Clausen, Jaedon Foreman.



Jake Larson, Blake Clausen, Kendra Michael, Senator Joni Ernst, Elisa Russ and Jaedon Foreman.



Blake Clausen, Jaedon Foreman, Jake Larson, Elisa Russ, Congressman David Young and Kendra Michael.



Blake Clausen, Elisa Russ, Congressman Steve King, Jaedon Foreman and Jake Larson.



Jake Larson, Joni Michael (parent), Congressman Steve King, Blake Clausen, Elisa Russ and Jaedon Foreman.

Iowa ACTE Day at the Capitol 2016, February 8

Despite the inclement weather, we had our CTE Day at the Capitol on Monday, Feb 8th to celebrate CTE month. Students and educators engaged Iowa Senators, Representatives and the public in meaningful conversation regarding the value of CTE programs. Mark your calendars for CTE Day at the Capitol 2017...January 31st. Plan to showcase your program!



Paulette Horner, Maquoketa High School, with HOSA students, Taylor Casel, Abby Rubel and Jaci Garien.



Rep. Zach Nunn with SE Polk students.



Phillip Cronin, Southeast Polk High School, with Industrial Technology students, Becca Monghan, Devon Cruz and Jenna Wheeler explain their Industrial Technology Expo projects.



Indian Hills Community College laser technology MPEC Program Director, Frank Reed, I-AM Project Director, A.J. Gevock, along with students, Terria'anna Roberson and Christopher Deem exhibit laser technology skills.



Rep. David Maxwell at the Iowa ACTE display with Sandra Miller.



Des Moines Central Campus brought two Health programs to spotlight. Jenna Eppert, Career Opportunities in Health (COH) instructor with student Taylor Stover; Carrie-Anne Torgerson, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) instructor, with students, Han Doan, Yajaira Bolanos & Merrissa Peacock showcased their programs.

Iowa ACTE Day at the Capitol 2016, February 8



CTE Day at the Capitol, Feb 8, 2016 first floor of the Rotunda.