



# NEWSLETTER Summer Conference Edition



**From RUTH HUFF**  
NCACTE Executive Director

Welcome to Summer Conference! We are so glad you have traveled to Greensboro to the conference and to experience a week of renewing friendships, meeting new teachers, and obtaining loads of new information to be used in your school next year. What a great to get your new year started.

It has been a busy year and NCACTE made quite a few changes. We have 2 new member services to offer this year. First we have Legal Shield and Identity Theft insurance as a discounted rate. This service will help you write your will as well as help you with legal situations, and protecting your identity. Many of you have asked for this type of benefit for a long time. Visit the Exhibit Show to find out more. We also have the opportunity to purchase auto and home insurance at a 10% discount on premiums. See the Liberty Mutual booth this week in the Exhibit shows.

We have a new lobbyist, Brian Holloway, who will be working for us at the legislative building anytime the Legislature is in session.

Something new! Please visit the exhibit show and obtain tickets to win the 60 inch Smart TV. See the vendors to get more information and turn in your changes to win. The drawing will be held at 6PM on Tuesday. Good luck.

After many meetings, conference calls and emails we are ready to grow our membership and become a stronger organization. Please join us as we make changes to grow a more effective organization.

There will be 2 staff development seminars this year, both located at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. Please consider attending one or both of these to receive 1 CEU for each. There will be great workshops as well as NCACTE business. All members are invited to come and see what is happening in North Carolina. The Legislative Policy day was a big success this year, and plans are being to make for next year. Having students there was a plus for us and I even saw many legislators asking questions of our students. The students were the highlight of our day.

Please enjoy your time here and come by room 364 if you have any questions about your teacher organization.

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Exhibitors' Showcase, Division Booths

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Opening General Session  
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Birthday Party Celebration  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Vendors' Reception - Room 364 –  
\* OPEN TO EVERYONE !

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

7:15 am – 4:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase – Third Floor  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Program Area Sessions  
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm NCACTE Assembly of Delegates –  
\* OPEN TO EVERYONE !

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Exhibitors' Showcase – Third Floor  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Program Area Sessions



**From CAROL HARPER**  
NCACTE Past President

Welcome to Summer Conference which is time for reflection and rejuvenation, and renewing connections with Career and Technical Education colleagues.

This summer conference will give you the opportunity to make connections with fellow teachers, administrators, vendors and, other supporters of Career Technical Education. Take advantage of this time to make new friends, share innovative ideas, and learn updated information and strategies that will help you and your students have a successful school year. Where else will you find this many NC CTE teachers in one place? Many NC CTE professionals have worked diligently to make this conference possible by planning, preparing, and presenting. There is a wealth of knowledge to be shared through this event, so pick and choose your sessions carefully, and don't forget that some of the most valuable information can come from simply talking to people!

Most of those hard- working NC CTE professionals are members of NCACTE. Your own NCACTE membership including your division membership, allows you to maintain those professional connections that make you a more valuable employee and will help you train your students for future employment. NCACTE brings together ALL our CTE divisions for a common goal – to positively promote Career and Technical Education in as many ways as possible. *Continued on page 2*

## EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CTE TEACHERS

Sept 28 - 30, 2017:	ACTE Region II Conference—Jekyll Island, Georgia
Sept 14 - 16, 2017:	NCACTE Fall Professional Development Conference & Board of Directors' Meeting—Sheraton Imperial, RTP, NC
Dec 6 - 9, 2017:	CareerTech Vision 2017—Nashville, Tennessee
Feb 15 - 17, 2018:	NCACTE Spring Professional Development Conference & Board of Directors' Meeting—Sheraton Imperial, RTP, NC
TBD	Raleigh Legislative Seminar—Raleigh, NC

Check the websites regularly for information on these and other events.



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*The Numbers are In . . . . .  
For 2016 –*

# 85.8%

of North Carolina's students graduated from public high schools.

# 97.7%

of North Carolina's students graduated from public high schools when they completed a 4-credit **Career & Technical Education** pathway.

***Spread The Word!***

Source: NC Department of Public Instruction (June 2017)



**From RODNEY SMITH  
NCACTE President Elect**

Happy Summer and Happy Birthday CTE!!!

As I reflect on what it means to see CTE celebrating 100 years, I think about the history of CTE and how we have gotten to where we are today. At its inception with the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917, we have seen provisions for federal funding in support of vocational education. Throughout the past 100 years, there has been significant changes in employment options and career choices for students and CTE has and continues to rise to the challenge to meet industry needs and demands of an everchanging work force.

Currently, congress is working to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act with the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act*. This is CTE's primary source of funding for our programs and provides us the ability to offer our students education and training opportunities to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce demands. It is important that we maintain our voice and representation with our legislators in Raleigh and Washington to see that we continue to receive the support we need.

You can be a part of this by becoming involved in your local, state and national organizations. NCACTE and ACTE work hard on your behalf to make sure your voice is heard. As a member of these organizations, you are provided professional development opportunities second to none, the chance to collaborate with colleagues from across the state and country, and places to serve and lead CTE through the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I encourage you to visit with members of your division during Summer Conference and ask how you can become involved. Have a great conference and a great 2017-2018 school year.

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- ◆ Ask your Division Representatives
- ◆ Suite 364

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