

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

Iowa ACTE WORKS



President's Message... Hello and Happy Holidays!

News from New Orleans, LA - Home of Visions 2015

Iowa ACTE was awarded the 2014-2015 Quality Association Standards Award at Visions 2015. Receiving the award from ACTE Region III Vice President, Katrina Plese, was Lisa Stange, Iowa Representative on the Region III Policy Committee. This award is for state associations that meet the quality standards set by ACTE.

Celebrate Iowa CTE Professionals

Louis Beck, an agricultural science instructor/FFA chapter advisor at Union Community Schools in La Porte City, was named the 2015 ACTE Region III Teacher of the Year. Beck has served as the agricultural science instructor and FFA advisor at Union Community Schools in La Port City for the past 17 years. "Louis is not one to settle for just maintaining his pace in the classroom, within his school's FFA program or within the community in which he lives," says Ellen Doese, Wapsie Valley agricultural education instructor. By gathering input from stakeholders and advisory groups, tweaking curriculum offerings, and spearheading community improvement programs, Beck has customized his program to the school district, its students, and the community."

Heighten Awareness About Iowa ACTE Within Iowa

A big thank you goes out to our Iowa CTE students and their teachers/mentors who presented, demonstrated, and visited with school administrators at the School Administrators of Iowa Conference in August, school counselors at the Iowa School Counselors Conference and with school board members at the Iowa School Board Convention in November. If your Division has not participated in one of these advocacy events, fear not, another advocacy opportunity occurs on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Iowa Capitol.



Iowa Representative for Region III Policy Committee, Lisa Stange, receives Quality Association Standards award from ACTE Region III Vice President, Katrina Plese.



Improve Communication Among Divisions and Iowa ACTE

IACTE invites its members to join key leadership positions/committees for Iowa ACTE, and we encourage our members to invite their colleagues to join Iowa ACTE. To echo LeAnn Wilson, ACTE Executive Director, we believe in the power of collective voice of state and national working together to advance CTE across the country. Currently, the 1st and 2nd Vice President positions are open. We are looking for two members from each Division to serve on the Audit Review Committee, Awards and Scholarships Committee, Communications Committee, Conference Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Policy Development Committee, and Nominating Committee.

Barbara A. Lemmer, IACTE President

Meet Iowa ACTE's New Executive Director

Welcome Sandy!

As of July 2015, Sandra (Sandy) Miller was appointed as the Iowa ACTE part-time executive director. Sandy acknowledges that she has big shoes to fill after Dave Bunting's retirement from IACTE in June 2015. With that said, Sandy is ready to roll and has organized three of our advocacy events this fall.

In case you are wondering, here's a little background about Sandy:

- Education: B.S. Iowa State University, M ED Iowa State University
- Taught Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA at Williamsburg 28 years, Retired
- Taught at Benton Community prior
- FCS Division V.P., President, Past President 1998-2001
- Advisor to 10 FCCLA state officers including 3 State Presidents
- Advisor to numerous state and national STAR Event winners
- Attended ACTE National Policy Seminar
- National Board Certified Teacher 2002, Re-certified 2012-2022
- Iowa Association of FCS Teacher of the Year 2002

- Top Ten AAFCS Teacher of the Year 2003
- Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education 2011

Sandy is married and the mother of three daughters who graduated from ISU, a graphic designer, an elementary teacher and an industrial designer. Sandy is also grandma to five grandchildren. She and her husband live on a farm near Williamsburg.



Student members of ACTE and IACTE who attended Vision 2015:
Claire Christensen, Ashley Mehn,
Carli Kenyon & Laura Phillips.



From Your Iowa ACTE Executive Director...

It is with great honor and respect to Career and Technical Education and all educators that I serve as your Executive Director. I am very passionate about CTE and CTSO's. This passion was prompted by my H.S. FCS teachers, Bonnie Rohlena and Cecily Unruh at Benton Community, where they provided the opportunity for work experience in a CTE classroom through a work-study program as I worked in a FCS Junior High classroom. This passion was nurtured at ISU and from a plethora of professional growth experiences throughout the years.

Now it is my time to give back through Iowa ACTE. Great things are happening in CTE around the state through individual CTE programs and CTE leadership.

This year, Iowa ACTE has showcased high quality CTE programs at:

- **School Administrators of Iowa Conference (SAIC) in Des Moines - August**
- **Iowa School Counselor Association (ISCA) Conference in Altoona - November**
- **Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference in Des Moines - November**

I want to especially thank the teachers, Barb Lemmer, Linn Mar - Agricultural Science; Dawn Fitcher, Missouri Valley - Health Science; Kevin Wilkinson, Williamsburg - Industrial Technology; Laura Calvert, Waukee - Family and Consumer Sciences; Julie DeBower, Nashua-Plainfield - Family and Consumer Sciences; Becky Knowler, Saydel - Business; Phil Cronin, South East Polk - Industrial Technology and their students for the professional presentations they each brought to the above named conferences! Our booths were the happening places because we had students showing how CTE has impacted their lives and future.

Future Events:

- Feb. 8th, CTE Day at the Capitol, sponsored by Iowa ACTE, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We plan to have two tables from each content area. If you want to showcase your students please call me at 319-430-2233 or email me at sandymiller1414@gmail.com
- Feb. 29 - March 2, ACTE National Policy Seminar (NPS) in Arlington, VA. We will provide financial support for four students to attend with the rotation for FCS, Health Science, Industrial Technology and Marketing this year.

Many thanks go to Dave Bunting for his outstanding leadership for the past years and for his help in this transitional time.

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School Administrator's Conference

Ekta Nanda and Chase Krug volunteered to advocate for secondary CTE programs at the School Administrators of Iowa Conference. Ekta and Chase are each building a double helix and explaining to observers the importance of understanding corn genetics and plant breeding in helping feed a growing population. They also talked about the benefits of participating in the FFA organization. They also have gained premier leadership, personal growth and academic and career success skills.



Iowa School Board Conference - Agricultural Education Booth

Matt Eddy's Southeast Polk High School students, Austin, Gloria and Sami presented an activity from the CASE curriculum, and they talked about the value of their FFA experiences. They were very good ambassadors of Agricultural Education. Our booth was busy throughout the day with conference goers wanting to find out more about what these students were doing or speak to them about their strong Ag programs in their schools. Dan Pickar, agricultural educator from Alburnett, chaired the event.



Iowa Association of School Boards Conference, November 18-19, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines



Julie DeBower and students, Hailey Schmitz (state FCCLA officer), Makenna Weiss, Coral Fisher and Brenton Bathke, Nashua-Plainfield Family and Consumer Sciences students in Food and Wellness, shared how their Heart 'N Soul Cafe and FCCLA prepares students with real life skills and career readiness skills. They also treated attendees with delicious cookie samples.



Nashua-Plainfield students engage in school board members and administrators in CTE discussion.



Saydel business teacher, Becky Knowler, along with students Joshua Green and Cody Boozell told all about the new High School of Business course that is being piloted in a few schools across the state. They also shared their entrepreneurship endeavor of producing and selling their own energy drink powder mix.



South East Polk Industrial Technology instructor, Phil Cronin and students, Brandon Hedrick, Devon Cruz, and Rebecca Monaghan shared the myriad of opportunities and projects available through the Industrial Technology Iowa Expo program. They provided handouts and several other "goodies" in reusable monogrammed bags.



The IACTE booth involves attendees in captivating discussion about Iowa Expo projects and skills learned.

Iowa School Counselors Conference

Participating students from Waukee High School Family and Consumer Sciences Pro Start Culinary Program prepared individualized gourmet s'mores. While preparing s'mores, they visited about critical thinking, problem solving and workplace readiness skills learned through their program. Accompanying the students was Laura Calvert who equipped her students to be so competent and skillful.



Laura Calvert and students, Grace Buck, Cooper Nicodemus, Tyler Kubiak and Emily Slade, Waukee Family and Consumer Sciences students in ProStart, using a butane torch to make gourmet s'mores.



Williamsburg Industrial Technology students demonstrating the digital printer and robot.



Pictured are Dawn Fichter, and students, Jayde Guinan and Blake Clausen, Missouri Valley Health Science/HOSA, along with Kevin Wilkinson, and students, Sarah Miller, Hanna Jennings, Silas Harvey and John Lundberg, Williamsburg Industrial Tech and Sandy Miller, IACTE Executive Director.

Missouri Valley Health Science Students at Iowa School Counselor Conference (Nov. 1st) explaining the many skills they learn from their health sciences and HOSA experiences.

Dawn Fichter and students, Jayde Guinan and Blake Clausen, Missouri Valley Health Science/HOSA.

