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ACTE Announces Minnesota Director of Perkins and Dual Enrollment as National Award
Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Robert Arthur-Fleming Lowe, a director of perkins and dual enrollment at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the winner of the 2015 ACTE Region III Career Guidance Award. The ACTE Career Guidance Award recognizes guidance counselors and career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of CTE as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities.

Over the past 25 years, Robert Lowe has developed a reputation as an influential leader in career counseling. Lowe counseled 15 years at the secondary level with the St. Paul School System, and he has been at the postsecondary level at Normandale Community College since 2004. He has advised and counseled thousands of youth and adults in academic, career and personal domains—both individually and in groups. Additionally, he has worked with diverse populations the majority of whom were at-risk due to economic, educational or personal challenges.

Lowe stresses to students the importance of knowing yourself, the work environment and making good decisions. He also encourages students to take an honest look at themselves and not to overlook career and technical education options. As one student states, “Robb pointed me in the right direction and laid out what I had to do to reach my goals. He had my back every step of the way and he helped me graduate in two years.”

Today, Lowe serves as the coordinator of Perkins and dual enrollment. With his guidance, the programs he oversees have followed innovative pathways and have doubled from prior enrollment rates. His responsibilities in the Partnership Department include advising, concurrent enrollment, articulated high school to college agreements and postsecondary enrollment options. In addition, Lowe works with course equivalencies and prior learning assessment including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and College Level Examination Program . Robert Metz, superintendent at St. Louis Park Public Schools, says “Robb Lowe is an exceptional leader who is committed to career and college readiness for all students.”

Lowe is one of five finalists for the 2016 national title. The national winner will be announced at the [ACTE Awards Banquet](#), a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country. The event will take place on Thursday evening, November 19, during

ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Banquet is sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, Kuder, CareerSafe, Certiport, and Stratasy. For more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards, [visit our webpage](#).

About ACTE

The [Association for Career and Technical Education \(ACTE\)](#) is the nation's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others at all levels of education. ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development and leadership opportunities.

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