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ACTE Announces Oklahoma Instructor at DCHS as National Award Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Janet Harris, an instructor at Deer Creek High School at Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Edmond, Oklahoma, as the 2015 ACTE Region IV Teacher of the Year. The ACTE Teacher of the Year award, sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, recognizes the finest CTE teachers at the middle and secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Janet Harris teaches an infusion program of digital broadcasting, video editing and digital media courses for Francis Tuttle Technology Center at Deer Creek High School in Edmond, Oklahoma. Generating unique content motivates Harris' students to take ownership in their learning, which requires building skill sets, exercising critical thinking and creativity, and coping with the challenges of live broadcasts. Harris piloted a live broadcast service, for which she directs students in the production of more than 50 live sports events, leadership development and community service activities each year. The school's *AntlerVision* broadcast program was featured on Oklahoma Horizons, an international broadcast.

As an ACTE member, Harris has held numerous state and national committee positions serving her division. She has provided input on competitive events, helped revise and develop curriculum, has had media production tests endorsed by industry and aided the development of the Broadcast News Production Competition, which has given students across the state and nation more opportunities to compete. Harris' Business Professionals of America (BPA) students have been successful at state and national competitions, and over the last nine years she has coached 17 national winners. She works closely with numerous professional broadcast corporations to provide opportunities for her students, many of whom have gone on to acquire internships and jobs in the broadcast and video production industry. Joshua Stokes, founder and director of Gameview TV (GVTV), says, "There are teachers who take what is given to them. ... Then there are teachers like Janet Harris who will take what is given and turn it into five times what was expected in return."

Harris 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 Stratasys. 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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