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ACTE Announces Ohio Superintendent as National Award Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Nancy Luce, superintendent at Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, Ohio, as the 2015 ACTE Region I Administrator of the Year. The ACTE Administrator of the Year award recognizes CTE administrators, program specialists/coordinators, and other CTE personnel who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective CTE programs.

Currently serving as Upper Valley Career Center's (UVCC) superintendent, Nancy Luce has an extensive background in CTE. Previously, she served as the executive director of the Delaware Area Career Center from 1998–2008, and before that worked for Delaware City Schools as the director of student, parent and community services from 1995–1998; director of pupil services from 1994–1995; director of special education from 1987–1994; and coordinator of special education from 1984–1987. Luce is a strong advocate for CTE programs in the secondary and adult education arenas, and she consistently champions the value of CTE in preparing a highly skilled workforce to meet the region's employment needs.

Luce has successfully spearheaded several successful initiatives to provide opportunities to her students by working with program advisory committees, economic development partners and local two- and four-year colleges. Through her collaborative efforts, she has established apprenticeship programs for secondary and adult students, and partnered with economic development organizations to communicate the value of CTE programs in preparing a highly skilled workforce and bolstering the local economy. Luce is seen as an area leader in creating partnerships that help high school and adult students continue their education through the Career-Technical Credit Transfer process, articulation agreements and various unique partnerships with two- and four-year colleges. The UVCC's heating, ventilation and air conditioning program has been highlighted as a program of excellence by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium and recognized at the White House. Ohio ACTE Executive Director Christine Gardner says, "I highly recommend Nancy for the Administrator of the Year Award because of her values, quality leadership and innovative spirit."

Luce 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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