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ACTE Announces Ohio Veterinary Science Instructor as National Award Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Katie Stall, a veterinary science instructor at Grant Career Center in Bethel, Ohio, as the winner of the 2015 ACTE Region I Carl Perkins Community Service Award. The Carl Perkins Community Service Award is presented to ACTE members who have used CTE to make a significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. This award was named in honor of the late Congressman Perkins, and is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Congressman Perkins.

Registered veterinary technician Katie Stall came to CTE from a successful career in industry managing a busy surgery department and operations for three hospital corporations. When she became a full-time teacher of a new Veterinary Science program at Grant Career Center (GCC) in Bethel, Ohio, Stall sought a way to provide her students with hands-on experience in veterinary care without housing animals just for practice. By partnering with local rescue group Clermont Pets Alive, her students were able to work directly with animals in need, resulting in cost savings for the school. In addition to providing regular care and attention to the animals included in daily husbandry, her students have participated in live surgeries, procedures and treatments through a partnership with local veterinarians. The rigorous experience has helped students get a head start in their careers. Because of the close relationships fostered through the program, many of Stall's students have successfully placed in entry-level veterinarian positions upon graduation.

Clermont Pets Alive has been able to save more animals because of its relationship with GCC and Stall's program. Not only has the program provided Stall's students with real-world learning experiences, but it also has instilled in them a deep appreciation for their learned skills and the impact they have had in enriching the lives of rescue animals. Lisa Tuttle-Huff, superintendent of GCC, says, "Katie Stall has proven to be a capable and competent teacher; but more than that, she has proven to be an advocate for students and for the animals of our county."

Stall 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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