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### ACTE Announces Oklahoma Multimedia Instructor as National Award Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Lindsey Treadwell, a multimedia instructor at Great Plains Technology Center in Frederick, Oklahoma, as the winner of the 2015 ACTE Region IV 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.

As a multimedia instructor in rural Frederick, Oklahoma, Lindsey Treadwell believes that powerful learning experiences can change lives inside and outside the classroom. She emphasizes the importance of community service to foster community pride, citizenship and responsibility in her students. In addition to heading up campaigns for annual local fundraising activities like the Pay It Forward program, Treadwell's students are regularly tapped by local entities to assist in their promotional needs. As part of a fundraiser to maintain the town's historic Ramona Theater, her students volunteered to film and edit DVDs of a community live play for the Frederick Arts and Humanities Council. Her class was also approached by the Frederick Memorial Hospital to create a video campaign to inform the public about the unique assisted living opportunities the hospital offers and available services. In collaboration with the Frederick Chamber of Commerce, her students created a logo and promotional video for the Frederick Oyster Fry, the community's largest fundraiser. The event, which has been held annually for the last 25 years, is dubbed the "Pearl of the Plains," and it has also been highlighted on the state show, *Discover Oklahoma*, each year.

Treadwell has received awards from her community, and her students have been honored for their service by the local Frederick County Chamber of Commerce. "I have known Lindsey since she came to town almost seven years ago, and I have watched her become an integral part of this community," says Assistant Superintendent Gary Tyler.

Treadwell 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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