





# Advocacy, Awareness, Access



## **The State Perspective**

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACTE

The District of Columbia Association for Career and Technical Education (DCACTE) is an affiliate of ACTE. Founded in 1927, DCACTE is the professional association for all career and technical educators at the state level. ACTE is strategically divided in five Regions of operations. DCACTE is in Region I, along with Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachucettes, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

### PROFFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACTE and DCACTE provide several professional development opportunities throughout the year.

At the end of each year, thousands attend ACTE's Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo. It also supports the National Policy Seminar at which nearly 500 career and technical educators gather in Washington, D.C. to learn about what's happening with Perkins, receive tips on working with the media and voice their opinions with their federal representatives. Each spring, Region I hosts a regional professional development conference. The conference rotates around to all states in the Region.

### District of Columbia ACTE's Mission Statement

- To assume and maintain active local leadership in the promotion and extension of career and technical education.
- To render service to local communities in stabilizing, promoting and extending career and technical education.
- To provide an open forum for the discussion of all questions involved in career and technical education.

- To unite all the career and technical education interests of the District with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).
- To serve as a unifying agency for all career and technical personnel of the District by representation and participation of all DC career and technical services.
- To promote educational activities for DCACTE members.
- To promote educational opportunities for the youth of the District of Columbia.

### WHY JOIN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACTE?

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Leadership Opportunities
- Legislative Communication
- Link to the Department of Workforce Education
- Free Publications
- Awards Program

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACTE NEEDS YOU!

DCACTE can better support all career and technical educators if each of us is available to support DCACTE initiatives. Start getting connected today!

Form more information visit, us at www.acteonline.org/dc.aspx

or contact DCACTE, Deborah Powell, Executive Director, P.O. Box 70055, Washington, DC, 20024.

### District of Columbia ACTE needs you. Join Today!

### ACTE and District of Columbia ACTE: Working Together for CTE

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the District of Columbia Association for Career and Technical Education (DCACTE) invite you to join thousands of your colleagues in support of career and technical education.

By joining both of these dynamic associations, you will receive information from both national and state perspectives, have access to peers locally and across the country and benefit from local and national advocacy.

Working together, ACTE and DCACTE give you the tools, resources and information you need not only to be a successful educator, but also to help you guide America's future workforce and develop the next generation of CTE educators.

# The National Perspective ACTE

ACTE is the largest national association that is dedicated to and advocates for the entire CTE field. Founded in 1926, it is the largest national education association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Its mission is to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared and competitive workforce.

ACTE provides a number of services that benefit its members in the classroom, in the community and in legislative halls. If you have any questions about ACTE, please call 800-826-9972 or e-mail acte@acteonline. org. Here is how ACTE's services benefit you:

### Advocacy

ACTE is the largest national association that advocates for the entire CTE community. ACTE's dedicated public policy department constantly monitors activity on Capitol Hill, reports on that activity and enlists your help when needed. ACTE works hard to ensure Perkins and other education funding continue to directly benefit CTE, making this one of the most important benefits to you as a CTE educator.

### AWARENESS

Knowing the latest trends, practices and resources helps you become a better, and better informed, educator. ACTE makes its members aware of what's happening, what's available and what's on the horizon through its publications, conventions and meetings, and Web site.

As a member, you will receive *Techniques*, the 64-page magazine published eight times a year; *Career Tech Update*, ACTE's daily electronic newsletter; *ACTE News*, a monthly update on Association news; and Legislative Updates, which bring you breaking news and guidance for affecting change in federal education legislation, policy and funding. These valuable resources provide you with resources, case studies, trends and practical tips that keep you up to date and informed.

ACTE's Annual Convention and National Policy Seminar are high-quality professional development experiences that pull in expert speakers to provide the information you need to improve existing programs, create new ones and learn about what your colleagues are doing to help students succeed.

ACTE's Web site, **www.acteonline.org**, is a vast resource for any career and technical educator. In addition to the latest CTE news, this site has a library of lesson plans for teachers, updates on all legislative activity, and podcasts and Webcasts on unique and interesting topics.

### Access

ACTE provides its members with access to information and resources, access to each other and access to industry experts.

Members can tap into a vast pool of information and resources. The publications, Web site and electronic media provide members with what they need to know when they need to know it.

Members also have access to each other. Valuable networking occurs during the Association's Annual Convention and National Policy Seminar. These faceto-face events are ideal for sharing and gathering ideas and increasing your network of resources. In addition, ACTE has a dynamic online community environment where, at any time, you can interact with colleagues from around the country on a variety of topics.

Learning from industry experts is another way ACTE helps its members. From audio interviews to Convention speakers to magazine articles, ACTE taps into the experts' knowledge and shares that information with its members. Advancing your career is easy with the knowledge base ACTE provides.

### Extreme Value

The advocacy, awareness and access that ACTE members receive do come at a price, but the cost to join ACTE is negligible when you consider the value. In addition to the contacts, knowledge and information you will gain, ACTE membership easily pays for itself—attend one Annual Convention or buy a few books and you'll see how. What costs \$80 could result in more than \$400 in savings. Combine that with the offerings from your state association (\$10 plus Division dues), and you have a deal that can't be beat.

For a complete list of additional ACTE benefits and services, including the ACTE credit card, insurance and awards program, please visit **www.acteonline.org/join. aspx** or call 800-826-9972.

# Why Join?

ACTE and DCACTE are committed to your individual success and the promotion and support of CTE as a whole. Included in this brochure is a simple membership form so you can add yourself to the number of career and technical educators dedicated to ensuring CTE remains a valuable education pathway.

CTE educators in the District of Columbia are required to join both ACTE and DCACTE. If you prefer, you can join ACTE and DCACTE online at **www.acteonline. org/join.aspx.** Once there, you will be asked to create a profile. After saving your profile, you will be able to easily join and immediately start benefiting from your investment. To join ACTE and DCACTE, remit the completed form and payment to: DCACTE, P.O. Box 70055, Washington, DC 20024 or visit www.acteonline.org/join.aspx.

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