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IT'S CONFERENCE TIME!

It's that time of year again —

The school year winds down... Graduation lies ahead... End-of-year celebrations... Turn in your room keys...

But is it really over? Or do you reflect on the year's happenings and progress, as well as contemplate what changes will be in store for next year?

It's a cycle that veteran teachers have been used to for years, and that new teachers are developing as they build the mental and physical resources of their profession.

But there's one more event that for many dedicated and ambitious Career and Technical Education teachers is as ritualistic as the school year itself— CTE Summer Conference. Once a year, CTE teachers from across the state converge on Greensboro for 3 days of intense learning and participation, activities and fellowship.

So get to your checklist —

- Mark your calendar — July 22-25.
- Review Summer Conference information —
- http://www.ctenc.org/summer_conference/
- Seek prior approval from your CTE Director.
- Register online —
- http://www.ctenc.org/summer_conference/inc/register.php
- Make your hotel reservation at the Sheraton —
- http://www.ctenc.org/summer_conference/hotel-information.html
- Renew your NCACTE professional association dues —
- at the conference or online at www.nacteonline.org

That's it. Your plans for a fun-filled and exciting week of knowledge and fellowship with your fellow CTE teachers are complete.

We'll look for you in Greensboro July 22-25.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Tom Jones, NCACTE Executive Director



This has been a year for NCACTE to think outside of the box and to try doing a few things differently. In October we combined a state wide staff development workshop with our Board of Directors meeting and in February we combined our Board of Directors' meeting with our annual Raleigh Legislative Policy Seminar. Both of these activities proved to be quite successful, and we will certainly plan to use these meeting strategies again to meet the needs of our members.

Fifty-six people registered for this year's Policy Seminar that was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Raleigh. Our speakers included Dr. June Atkinson, Superintendent of N.C. Public Schools; Senator Jerry Tillman, and Representative James Langdon. In addition to learning about current legislative issues and how to present ourselves to the members of the state legislature, we dedicated staff development time to work with our CTE state consultants to help prepare for our Summer Conference. NC-DPI Career & Technical Education staff members were present and lead the curriculum update sessions and Summer Conference planning. During our annual Town hall meeting members were given an opportunity to express their views on current issues and concerns that our professional organization is facing. Membership recruitment, membership dues, and unification with ACTE were among the issues discussed.

ACTE's National Policy Seminar took place March 4-6, 2013, in Washington, D.C. Eight people attended from North Carolina including the following: Kristina Yarborough (NCACTE President), Aaron Fleming, Tom Jones (NCACTE Executive Director), Graham Yarborough (NCACTE Parliamentarian), Pamela Orbison (NCACTE Region II Policy

Committee Rep), Dr. Jim Flowers, Dr. Gary Moore (ACTE Immediate Past President), Rhonda Evans, and Cynthia McCorquodale.

Remember to register for the CTE Summer Conference, July 21-25, 2013, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. We had previously considered trying to have a special leadership training session on Friday, July 26th, for the purpose of providing our association leaders training and instructions immediately following the CTE Summer Conference. Circumstances have prevented us from being able to follow through with this plan so **the July 26th training will not be happening**. Instead, 2 hours of training will be provided for all state and division officers and committee chairs and members on Monday morning, July 22nd, 9:00-11:00 am. In addition, we will be adding a day to our Fall Professional Development and Board of Directors' Meeting for the purpose of further educating our new association leaders about their specific responsibilities and the general workings of our state association. The Fall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 thur Saturday, October 19, 2013. Registration information and a tentative agenda will be emailed by June 14th and will be available during Summer Conference.

This year's **CareerTech Vision 2013** will be in Las Vegas, Nevada December 4-7, 2013. The "Early Bird" registration fee is \$395, if your registration is received by July 12th. An additional 10% can be saved if your registration is included with a group of 10 or more people. You are invited to be included in NCACTE's group registration. The per-person

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registration rate is \$355.50. In order to be included in the group, contact me by email prior to July 1 to request a registration form, which must be returned with payment to me by July 8.

Just a reminder to make frequent visits to our NCACTE website at ncactonline.org Our website contains current information, weekly legislative newsletters, and our NCACTE Handbook.

**If you are not receiving the NCACTE Legislative Newsletter via email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send me an email requesting that you be added to the newsletter list. My email address is tomhjones@wildblue.net*

President's Message

Two weeks, the end of February and first of March, have been spent traveling to Raleigh, NC and Washington, DC to speak with legislators regarding the importance of Career and Technical Education in the lives of our students. Our state recently passed Senate Bill 14, initiated by Senator Jerry Tillman, which places an endorsement on the graduating diploma showing that the student is a CTE completer. It also encourages highly qualified individuals to become teachers through a simplified lateral entry process. These are major steps forward for CTE in our state. Major steps that other states are making other states envious.



We are all aware of the sequestration which was implemented at the national level March 1. We will be losing considerable teaching positions and educational funding in North Carolina, and across the nation, because of this act. It is hoped that later in the summer Perkins will once again be implemented with no additional cuts. This will not make up for loses implemented due to the sequestration, but will soften the blow.

Career and Technical education and educators are in a peculiar situation right now with the push for a qualified workforce and yet, expecting cuts in budgets preventing the update of resources necessary to accomplish the tasks for which we are being requested to complete. It is more important than ever to consider membership in NCACTE and ACTE. Without our lobbyist working diligently to keep us informed and to fight for our funding, we would be at considerable greater loss.

Summer Conference is a must this summer, as it is every summer, to stay up-to-date in our fields and continue to provide our students with the latest in information, resources, and technology experiences. If you have not received information through your local LEA, please check the DPI website or Moodle for registration information and plan to attend. Even if you have to spend out-of-pocket funds to attend, it is worth the money to benefit our students. That is the bottom line: doing what is best for our students. Without them, we would not have jobs.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kristina Yarborough

INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION



Hello, I am Stephen Kelley, your new Instructional Management Consultant. Many of you know me as the former Instructional Management Coordinator in the Southeast Region, or as past business educator in Cumberland County.

I am originally from Western Pennsylvania, but have now lived in North Carolina for over fifteen years—a place my wife and I now call home. I received my undergraduate degree from Robert Morris University in Business Administration and earned my master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in School Administration.

Working on challenges, manipulating data, and helping and working with others is what I enjoy. As your consultant, I look forward to working with each of you, as we enhance and continue the Instructional Management legacy. You may reach me by phone (919) 807-3880, or email stephen.kelley@dpi.nc.gov.

Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year

It is with great pleasure that the NCACTE Instructional Management Division has brought back the Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year. The Regional IMC of the Year selections recently took place this past April. Winners will compete for state level IMC of the Year at this year's CTE Summer Conference in Greensboro. Below are this year's regional winners. Congratulations!

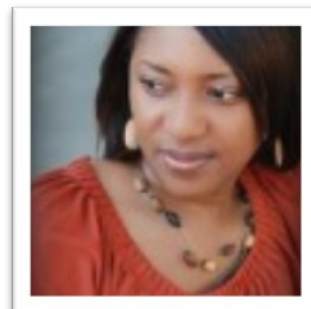
Central Region



Margaret Chase began her teaching career in 1973 in North Hampton County where she started the Culinary Arts program. After nine years, she moved to Wake County and has been with them in some capacity since then. Margaret directed the Consumer Homemaking Grants that were awarded in the early 90's to write curriculum and test items for the FACS courses. She has also served as a CDC. In 1996 she became an IMC in Wake County. Margaret has served as a mentor to many of the IMCs in the Central Region during her years as an IMC. She is always ready to help and has practical suggestions/solutions for other IMCs. Margaret has been described as a warm, friendly person who always has a smile and a positive outlook. She is very skilled at the interpretation of data and has given our group valuable tips on presenting data in a usable form. Margaret served as the Chair for the Central Region IMC group from 2004-2010.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region would like to congratulate Angie Jenkins of Northampton County on being selected Northeast Regional Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year. Mrs. Jenkins, a former business teacher, has been an educator for ten years, serving six years as an IMC. She also holds a Masters in Organizational Management. Mrs. Jenkins was also elected President of the Northeast IMC group for the 2013-14 school year. She will compete for state IMC of the Year on July 22 during Summer Conference. Congratulations to Mrs. Jenkins, a deserving candidate who will be an outstanding representative for the Northeast.



Northwest Region



Louise Cape began her teaching career in 1982 in Cleveland, Ohio, where she taught adult business education courses at MTI Business School. After one year, she moved to North Carolina and worked for Long, Haymes & Carr Advertising Agency as Personnel Manager and for Continental Airlines as Supervisor of Airport Services. After thirteen years, Louise returned to education and taught for one year in Forsyth County. She then moved to Stokes County in 1996. Louise taught business and marketing courses to middle and high school students and began the Computer Engineering program at North Stokes. She also taught evening computer and business courses for Forsyth Technical Community College in Stokes County and helped coordinate the distance learning program for the For-Stokes Career Academy. To help kick off the For-Stokes Career Academy distance learning program, Louise taught a computer programming course via interactive TV between three high schools.

In 2002, Louise became the Instructional Management Coordinator for Stokes County Schools and the network administrator for North Stokes High School. Louise has served as a mentor to many of the IMCs in the Northwest Region during her years as an IMC. She is always ready to help and has practical suggestions/solutions for other IMCs. Louise has been described as a self-motivated, methodical person who always has a smile and a positive outlook. She is very skilled at completing detailed tasks with efficiency and accuracy. Louise served as the Secretary for the Northwest Region IMC group, was group chair from 2011-2012, and is a member of NCACTE.

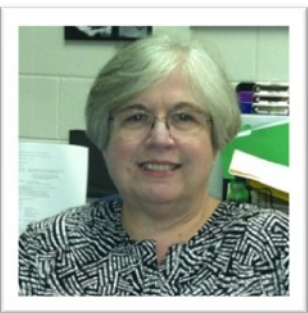
Southwest Region

Rusty Parker is the Instructional Management Coordinator for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Prior to his employment with CMS, Rusty was the IMC for Gaston County Schools. His time in the classroom was spent teaching Computer Applications 1, 2, and E-commerce at Ashbrook and East Gaston High Schools.

For the past three years, Rusty has served as the IMC chairman for the Southwest Region. In addition to his duties in CTE, he also serves on the CMS Superintendent's Central Office - Support Services Advisory Council. Rusty lives in Gastonia with his wife, Stephanie and their three children.



West Region



Sharon Lewis is well known in the state for being the "Queen of Cheat Sheets." She is a valuable asset to other IMCs in the Western Region and throughout the state because of her willingness to share with and mentor others. Sharon began her teaching career in private education in North Carolina in 1975. After joining public education in 1986, she served special population students (middle school), taught career development (middle school), with most of her experience as a high school business teacher. In 1996, she became the Henderson County VoCATS Coordinator and has continued in this position through the change to Instructional Management Coordinator. Over the years, Sharon has served as Western Region Chairperson, has delivered numerous presentations at CTE

Summer Conferences, CTE Administrative Internship Programs, and has been invited to do workshops and presentations in various counties statewide. For many years, Sharon was one of two primary trainers of New VoCATS Coordinators statewide. She is also currently serving on several advisory committees, including the Career and Technical State Advisory Council.

Southeast Region

Madeline Tucker is the Instructional Management Coordinator for Onslow County Schools. Madeline began her teaching career as a middle school business education teacher at Jacksonville Middle School where she also served as Advisor for the Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina (CECNC). In addition to middle school experience, Madeline's teaching experience includes teaching high school business education courses at Southwest Onslow High School, and teaching on a part-time basis community college business courses. Madeline also served as a high school FBLA Advisor and continues to serve as a judge for both state and national FBLA competitive events.



When Madeline transitioned from the classroom to the district office, she served as the CTE Technology Coordinator for four years. During her tenure as Technology Coordinator, she was instrumental in developing partnerships with the military and US Postal Service which resulted in donations of computer equipment and peripherals. As a result of the donations, the number of CTE computer labs increased at each middle and high school. In 2000 Madeline transitioned to the role of Instructional Management Coordinator for Onslow County Schools where she also is a member of the Division of Instruction and Continuous Improvement's Core Council.

Madeline serves as the Southeast User Group Chairperson where over the past few years she has mentored many new IMC's. She has coordinated and co-chaired several professional development opportunities for the IMC Fall Mini Conferences in Wilmington. Madeline has a Masters in Business Education from East Carolina University and will complete the EdS program at East Carolina University in June 2013. Madeline has served as president of North Carolina Business Education, and is the current National Business Education Membership Director. Madeline is an active member of ACTE and NCACTE. Madeline has served as President of New and Related Services Division of NCACTE and currently serves on the professional development committee for Instructional Management Division of NCACTE.

Madeline lives in Richlands with her husband, has two children, grandsons, lots of family, two horses, and one golden retriever. Madeline enjoys horse-back riding, the beach, reading for fun and gardening. Madeline is proud to represent the Southeast User Group as their IMC of the Year.

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OTHER IMC NEWS

Regional Concerns

If you are not already aware we have six regions, and each region has a chair. They are listed below for your convenience. The regional chairs meet via Go To Webinar monthly. If you have any issues you would like addressed, please contact your regional chair so we may put it on the agenda for discussion. The Instructional Management Coordinator Regional Chairs discuss and work to resolve any IMC issues.

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Southwestern: *Rusty Parker (Mecklenburg)*

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Western: *Deena Harris (Polk)*

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Tuesday Talks

Tuesday Talks is an internet based webinar forum, provided by DPI for the sole purpose of providing up-to-date statewide information on an interactive platform. Please check us out! Additionally, Local Educational Agency (LEA) IMCs may request future topics for upcoming webinars. Please contact your Instructional Management Regional Chair for more information. You can find the Tuesday Talks scheduled dates and links on the IMC Moodle.

IMC Moodle Changes

The IMC Moodle has been an invaluable tool for Instructional Coordinators, and we will continue to use it. But, due to the sensitivity of the information coming out of the IMC Moodle at times, the process for joining the IMC Moodle is now unique. If you are new to the position of the IMC, and it is your primary function, your CTE director will need to add you to the IMC Participants list. He/she will then need to email the state Instructional Management Consultant. CTE directors will be the gateway for adding and removing participants. There is no longer an open/public access key. If you have any questions please email stephen.kelley@dpi.nc.gov.

Summer Conference

Date: July 21 -25, 2013
 Location: Greensboro Sheraton
 Registration fee: \$150.00
 Hotel room rate: \$133.00

Please note the change for wireless internet access: complimentary for registered Sheraton hotel guests, \$10.00 per day, per user/computer for non-Sheraton hotel guests.

Summer Conference sessions, for IMCs, are currently posted on the IMC Moodle under Professional Development. Much of the training is planned to be hands-on and promises to be helpful with the new Elements roll-out, EVASS, Rubrics, the new LCO platform, PowerSchool, and Advanced Data Manipulation. You will definitely walk away with something new. Please check the NCDPI site for more details at <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/cte/>. See you there!

Newsletter Chair

It has been fun serving as your newsletter chair for the past several years. However, times have changed and I am calling on some other Instructional Management Coordinator to fill this position. The position of Instructional Management Newsletter Chair will be available for the 2013-2014 academic year. Please contact DebbieWhitford@craven.k12.nc.us if interested.

Submitted by: Stephen Kelley, Instructional Management Consultant

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North Carolina Association of Career and Technical Educators

“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want – oh, you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”

-Mark Twain

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Todd Williams, Division President

Yes, my friends, spring has indeed arrived –a time of new beginnings, fresh starts, and second chances. Second semester is in full swing, this school year is almost complete, and preparations have begun for the next school year. CTE administrators have been busy updating our LEA local plans, completing the annual concentrator surveys, and attending meetings conducted by our regional coordinators—along with many other LEA duties.

In early March, many CTE administrators from across the state met in Brunswick County for the 2013 Spring Director’s Conference. The agenda was full of updates from the state board, licensure, program areas, NCSSM STEM courses, and reflections on opportunities for “new beginnings and second chances.” JoAnne Honeycutt, NC CTE Director, shared several significant state board updates:

Policy GCS-M-001 Course for Credit, regarding Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM.) If you haven’t heard, CDM is the process by which LEAs shall, based upon a body-of-evidence, award a student credit in a particular course (including CTE courses) without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for a certain amount of seat time. We are looking to DPI to provide guidance for LEAs regarding such issues as scoring of assessments, local implementation, and establishing minimum scores.

Senate Bill 14, signed into law by Governor McCrory on February 18, 2013. It increases opportunities for high school students to enroll in high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs in areas with high employment need and gives students two educational pathways: vocational and higher education diploma endorsements. More discussion is currently being held to set criteria for endorsements to high school diplomas that reflect a students' focus.

CTE administrators from across the state also heard from Carol Short, Section Chief for Curriculum, and John Kirkman, Southeast Regional Director, who provided a summary of licensure updates. Sarah McManus, Director of Learning Systems at NCDPI, provided information and updates on Home Base, another “new beginning” that we will all be experiencing this spring and next year. Home Base is a statewide, instructional improvement (IIS) and student information system (SIS) for teachers, students, parents and administrators. Ms. McManus encouraged us to utilize the variety of resources available by exploring the Home Base website, joining a user group, registering for a monthly webinar, or following the biweekly updates at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/updates>

As always, our CTE consultants provided us with program area updates regarding proposed curriculum projects, teacher training opportunities, CTSO information, important dates, data updates, and contact information. In addition, Melissa Thibault, from the NC School of Science and Math gave us a STEM course offerings update.

Finally, we spent a great morning with our hosts for the day at Brunswick Community College learning about the school and touring the following programs offered at BCC: Aquaculture, Turf Grass Management/Horticulture program, Early Childhood, Biotechnology, Fitness and Aquatics. We were all impressed with how BCC is such an integral part of the community in Brunswick County, the friendliness of the staff, and the valuable programs offered at the college.

As we “spring forward,” embracing these new challenges and new opportunities, let us be diligent in continuing to carry out the mission of NC Career and Technical Education as we strive to empower all students to be successful citizens, workers and leaders in a global economy.

Please take note of the “Save the Date” invitation from President Elect, Christy Cheek, for the NCACTEA fall conference to be held in September in beautiful Asheville, NC. Until then, we look forward to seeing you all at the 2013 CTE Summer Conference held in Greensboro at the Koury Center this July!

Trina Williams, Newsletter Committee Chair

Save the Date:
NCACTEA Fall Conference
September 23-25, 2013



The NCACTEA Officers invite you to the Double Tree Hotel and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville for the 2013 NCACTEA Fall Administrators' Conference. More information to follow. We look forward to seeing you there.



Happy Spring and Summer, Guidance Division!!

We hope that you all are doing well and I know that you must be excited to be winding up the 2012-2013 school year. I don't know about you, but for me – this year has definitely FLOWN BY!!

CDC's and SPC's across the state have been participating in Regional Meetings during the months of March and April. The Southeast Region met in Surf City, NC in March and as you can from the picture it

was a beautiful day! We had an awesome breakfast and delicious lunch, as well as an amazing speaker. Jason Rogers from the Marine Technologies program at Cape Fear Community College spoke about the program and the new ship that was just purchased for "hands on learning." He was very entertaining and enthusiastic about his program. About a week after our meeting, he received news about the program's budget being cut in half. The following information was included on the moodle in regards to us helping to advocate for this program. Sue France from Topsail High wrote:

The new proposed state budget is going to cut in half the Marine Technologies program funding at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington. If you attended the March 15 meeting in Surf City, you heard Jason Rogers (jrogers@cfcc.edu) speak proudly about his program and the purchase of a new vessel for hands on learning. One week later, he received the news about the funding cut. He put out a plea to us to email our state representatives. PLEASE check out their website and respond if you can. This is the only program like it in the state to prepare students for careers in Marine sciences. Visit <http://www2.cfcc.edu/restoremartech/> There is a very good comment by the CFCC President and talking points to include in an email -- the contacts are also included. Please help save the Marine Tech program.

If you can email or contact your state representative to help save this program, please do so!!

Other events going on around the state are career activities, such as the one held at T. Wingate Andrews High School in Guilford County at the end of March. This event was a week-long activity where students learned employability and interviewing skills. They also incorporated career activities related to the "World of Work" and ended the week with a Career Expo. Another state-wide event, "Students @ Work" was held the last week in February. Employers and business people from around the state participated in this event by either conducting presentations at middle schools or having middle school students "job shadow" for a day. It looks like this was an extremely successful event as well. If you have other career development activities going on in your schools, please let us know so that they can be included in future newsletters!!

Article submitted by Audra DeSorbo

ACTE's CareerTech

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Adam Sáenz, author of *The Power of a Teacher*, will be the first to admit that his journey through life so far has been an amazing one, filled with tremendous highs and profound lows. At every important juncture there have been two common elements, lifesavers that appeared when

he really needed it: education and teachers. Along the way, this son of blue collar parents gained two doctorate degrees, with training at Harvard Medical School and Oxford University. Adam is not your ordinary school psychologist. His personal story will inspire you; his General Session will empower you!

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE DIVISION

Derrick Fogg

Greetings. I hope that you have found this school year to be enjoyable and now looking forward closing out this year with a bang!

I would like to take the time to thank all the teachers and facilitators that participated in the Spring Professional Development Workshop in Chapel Hill back in March. We had sessions that pertained to Reading and Understanding Data, FCCLA, EVAAS, Reading and Numeracy Strategies.

A special thank you goes out to our new state staff for their dedication of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Career and Technical Education. Summer conference is right around the corner and if you would like to present, please make sure that you have submitted your call for presenters form to Dr. Takeda LeGrand at DPI. This form can be found on the moodle under the heading Summer Conference 2013 Call for Presenters. (Takeda.LeGrand@dpi.nc.gov)



Currently we are in the process of preparing for summer conference 2013 Membership drive is on the way. Please be on the look out for letters to reactive and accumulate all persons that have let there membership lapse. Please make sure that you are encouraging your fellow CTE teachers and CTE Staff to make sure that they have joined their division. Our goal is to continue to see an increase in membership.

Congratulations NCFCCCLA on the State Leadership Conference on their student participation with over 70 events entered and 650 entries. Reality Check Special Recognition goes out to State Adviser, Janet Johnson and her team of Professionals for a wonderful State Leadership Conference get it with FCCLA and "Discover your voice!" Good Luck to all the advisers and students as you journey to Nashville, TN to compete at the national leadership conference.

We wish all of our members a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at CTE summer conference!!!

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION

Four North Carolina technology education teachers were recognized at the annual ITEEA Conference in Columbus, Ohio March 7-9, 2013. Thelma Kastl from Ashe County Middle School received the Teacher Excellence Award Middle School and Greg Norton from Richmond Senior High received the Teacher Excellence Award High School. Susan Kennedy from Clinton High School received the Program Excellence High School Award and Emily Quadrio from Culbreth Middle School received the Program Excellence Award Middle School. The Teacher Excellence and Program Excellence Awards are some of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering Education classroom teachers in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and their students. Congratulations to these outstanding teachers!



Business Education Division News

Middle School MSL's for CTE

NCDPI is in the process of creating MSL's for all middle school CTE courses. At the NCACTE fall and spring meetings, we had representatives from NCDPI to explain the MSL's (in general) and how they will fit into Standard 6 of the teacher evaluation instrument. The information presented was similar to the information found in this PowerPoint presentation:

www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/ready/resources/teacher-effect.ppt

The business division officers met with the business education consultants of DPI at the NCACTE spring meeting to assist in planning summer conference. We requested sessions on the MSL's for middle school teachers.

The MSL's are a work in progress. At this point, it is my understanding that we will offer a pretest and a posttest of the modules we teach. This is meant to allow us to show student growth.

Please plan to attend summer conference and the sessions NCDPI provides.

- NC FBLA SLC will be held April 17-19 at the Koury Convention Center, Greensboro. NCACTE-BE would like to congratulate every student who participated in Regional Competitive Events and those who are competing at the State level. Best wishes for success to all!
- Mark your calendar for the Business Division meeting at summer conference- July 23rd

April Is Financial Literacy Month

Governor Pat McCrory proclaimed April 2013 as Financial Literacy Month. According to the proclamation, the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction have been working since 2006 to educate the students and citizens of North Carolina in financial literacy.

This website link was recently shared on the BFIT moodle:

<http://smartblogs.com/education/2013/04/08/40-resources-to-celebrate-national-financial-capability-month/>

The North Carolina Council on Economic Education also provides teachers with classroom resources, contests, and more.
<http://nccee.org/>

New Membership Form Online!

The NCACTE has added a new membership form on the website. You may now renew your membership by completing the information online.

<http://ncactonline.org/membership.html>

Be sure to stop by the Business Division table at summer conference to register to win door prizes.

Would you like to learn more about ACTE and develop your leadership skills? Would you like to participate in the ACTE National Leadership Fellowship Program? Applications for the 2014 class are due Nov. 1.

<https://www.acteonline.org/fellowship/>



News Release from ACTE
February 21, 2103

The Association for Career and Technical Education Celebrates Achieve 100 Schools Across the Country During CTE Month

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA—During Career and Technical Education Month®, 77 schools and institutions were awarded the 2013 Achieve 100 Award by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).

The highly esteemed [Achieve 100 Award](#) is presented during CTE Month® in recognition of superior dedication to those who have helped raise the level of excellence in CTE. The award recognizes schools and institutions that have 100 percent ACTE membership participation from each and every member of their career and technical staff.

"ACTE is pleased to see an increase in the number of schools and institutions recognized this year through our Achieve 100 awards program," remarked Karen Mason, ACTE Board President, "As we celebrate CTE Month and spread the awareness that CTE works for students, schools and communities, it is also important to highlight the schools who are striving to provide an equally vigorous and challenging setting for the teachers as they do their students."

Achieve 100 schools demonstrate a high level of commitment to professional growth and maintaining the relevance of instruction to the evolving workplace. ACTE provides career and technical education professionals with professional development opportunities and other learning opportunities as a benefit of membership in the association.

2013 award winners will also be acknowledged in the May issue of [Techniques](#) and recognized at ACTE's [National Policy Seminar](#), March 4-6, 2013 in Washington, DC. For more information and a list of the 2013 Award winners, visit the [Achieve 100](#) Web page.

About ACTE

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest not-for-profit education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Founded in 1926, ACTE has more than 25,000 members; career and technical educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical education programs at the secondary, postsecondary and adult levels. ACTE provides advocacy, public awareness and access to information on career and technical education, professional development and tools that enable members to be successful and effective leaders.

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*This article was written during CTE month recognizing Achieve 100 Schools.
Congratulations to all who received this prestigious honor.*

Upcoming Events

July 21-25, 2013 CTE Summer Conference, Greensboro, NC

September 26-29, 2013 ACTE Region II Leadership Conference
Great Smoky Mountains at the Music Road Resort and Conference
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Fall 2013--NCACTE Fall Leadership Conference and Board of Director's Meeting

December 4-7, 2013 Career Tech Vision 2013



Spring 2014—NCACTE Spring Leadership Conference and Board of Director's Meeting

Catch up on the 2013 ACTE National Policy Seminar

<https://www.acteonline.org/nps/>



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2012-2013 NC Career and Technical Education Facts

In 2012, **94%** of North Carolina's students graduated from high school when they completed a 4-credit CTE pathway compared to **80.4%** for all graduates statewide.

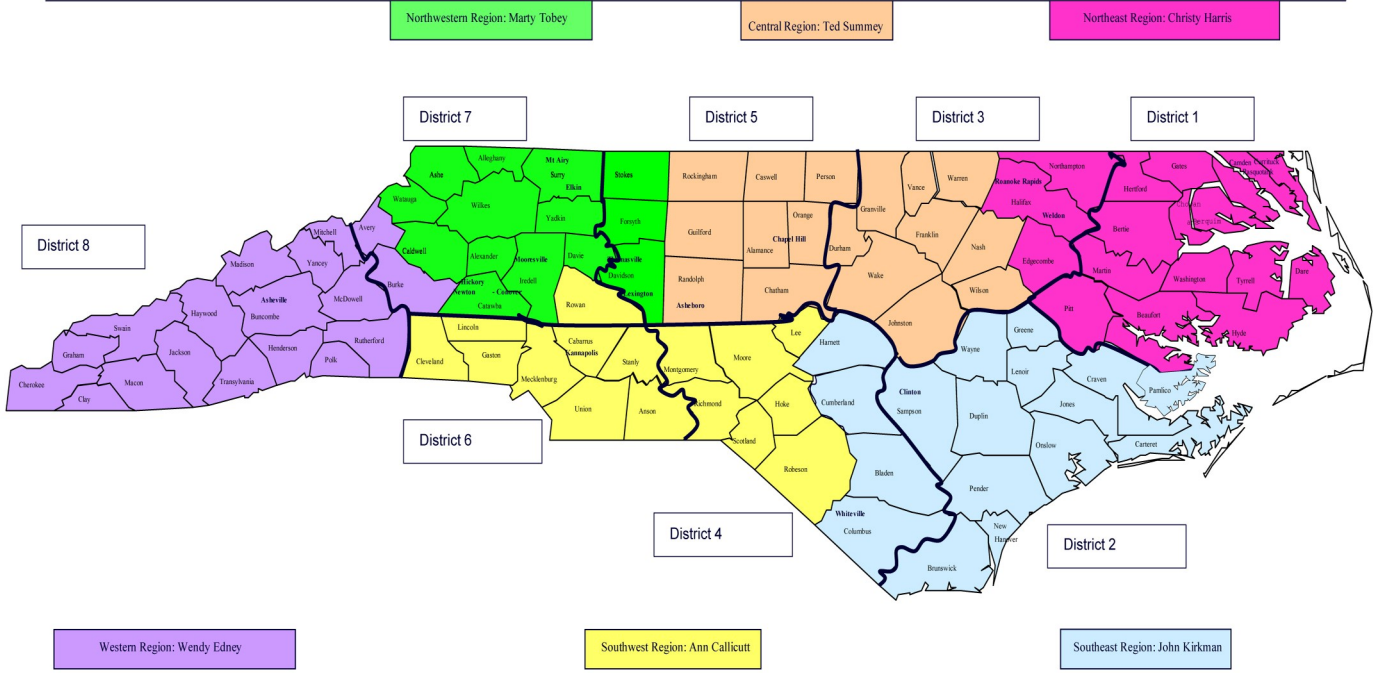
Nearly **800,000** seats are filled each day in CTE classes within North Carolina.

Over **48,000** students participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations

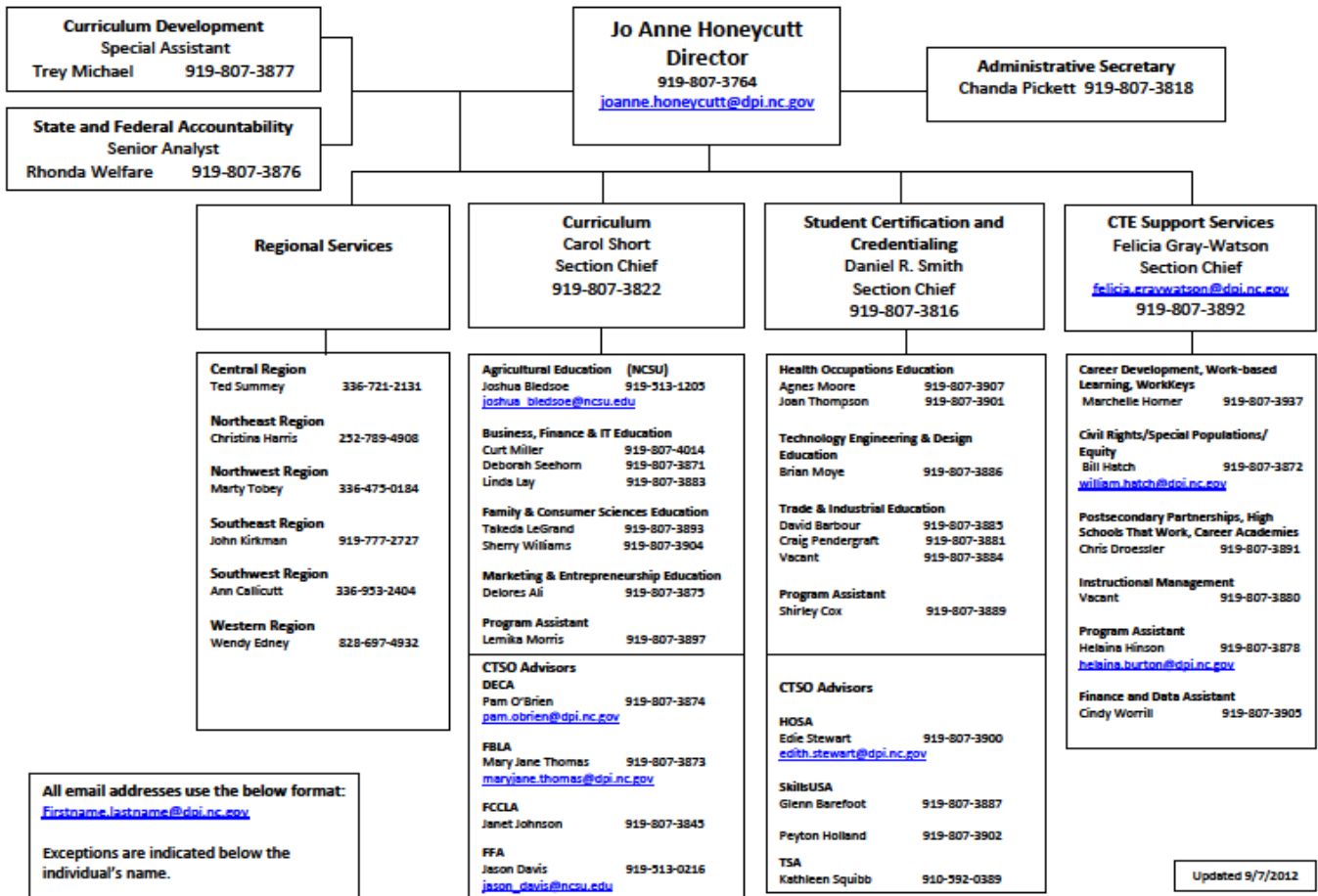
In 2011-2012, nearly **29,250** students earned **91,629 industry-recognized credentials** in varying areas, from Microsoft Office Specialist to Certified Nursing Assistant to automotive technology.

Career & Technical Education - Six Regions

State Board of Education - Eight Regions



Career and Technical Education Division



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No more paper forms !*

Follow this link to the membership site:
<http://ncacteonline.org/membership.html>

We will be implementing our new membership renewal and sign-up process at this year's CTE Summer Conference in Greensboro June 22-25.

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Check out the new look of the **ACTE** website! Don't forget the great resources offered by ACTE.



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