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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ruth Huff, NCACTE Executive Director



This year is passing rapidly. It has been a year of many changes and the Board of Directors and I are on the road to strengthen our association. Growth is a must for us to offer members more services. We must realize things do not happen overnight and this is a work in progress. As we work to grow we know that funds are always a ruling factor. Memberships need to be soaring, so please renew your membership and recruit others as well.

The Spring Leadership Workshop was held February 18-19, 2016 in Atlantic Beach. About 86 members attended this workshop where they had the opportunity to receive updates and planned Summer Conference with respective DPI division consultants. Alternative testing sights were also discussed as a testing resource for attendees. We have added a members only section to our website and snapshot recognitions. If you are a member access to these will happen soon. If you do not receive access it is because I do not have a correct email, or you have not paid your dues. Please send me an updated email as soon as possible so you will receive the legislative newsletter, be eligible for the members only section of our website called IHUB and be eligible to be recognized in the snapshot section of our website. Tony Bello is working hard to have this functioning and ready to be released to the membership. Your password will be connected to your email address, so be sure to give me an updated address.

March 1-3, 2016 ten members of NCACTE attended the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. We received information concerning Perkins funding as well as other congressional bills that are being discussed by congress at this time. We were able to visit our senators and many of our representatives. For the first time in 3 years we did not have snow for the visits. That was a nice change. Those

attending thought our visits were positive.

May 24, 2016 has been set for the Raleigh Legislative Day. Information has been sent to members and we hope many of you will join us in Raleigh to let our legislators know what we need to be better educators in North Carolina. We will meet for breakfast at the Brownstone Hotel for information then make legislative visits returning to the Brownstone for lunch. Please join us for a great legislative day.

Summer Conference will be held July 11-14, 2016 in Greensboro Koury Convention Center. Please be watching for the Conference registration to be coming soon. I cannot imagine starting a school year without attending summer conference. There is always so much information for you there and the networking with others is so beneficial. I look forward to seeing each of you there ready to learn and prepare yourselves for a new year. Remember it's the place to be in July. There will be loads of curriculum information provided and more information shared for NCACTE members. If you are interested in becoming active in the association, please plan to attend the board training to be held on Monday. Learn how you can become a leader in CTE. There is a NCACTE schedule below for you.

Our theme for NCACTE at this years summer conference is **"I am CTE, A CTE Super Hero"**. Booths will be decorated in the exhibit hall as well as many interesting opportunities for you. Be sure to visit our exhibitor's booths to see what they have for you. Don't forget to stop by the NCACTE booth to see what have in store for you.

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# From Your President

Christy Cheek



Where did the school year go?

During the meeting at Atlantic Beach, the Board made significant progress in identifying key business practices that will help guide the organization for years to come. As each division works to understand its structure, bylaws and responsibilities, the process of growth can be difficult sometimes but, beneficial to the overall organization. I am pleased with the progress that we have made this year as the Board and the members who have attended the winter and spring conferences have worked extremely hard to move their divisions forward. I thank each person for taking the time to attend and appreciate their dedication to our professional organization.

At the end of February, I was able to attend the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC, along with several other members. This was an outstanding conference and one that I would recommend to everyone. During the policy seminar, we learned about Perkins Reauthorization, the new Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA), how to market your programs, Career Pathways, and were able to visit members of Congress. We made our appointments before we went and timed them out so that we had time to visit and talk not only about Perkins Reauthorization, but what was going on in each of our districts.

Lisa Roberts and I were able to meet and speak with Congressman Mark Meadows, Todd Williams and Taylor Baldwin were able to speak with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx. Then, Lisa, Taylor, Todd, Jimmy Chancey and I were able to speak with Christopher Toppings from Senator Burr's Office and Kayla Dolan and Joe Nolan from Senator Tillis' Office. At the end of the day, Lisa, Taylor, Todd and I were able meet and speak with Congressman Patrick McHenry who serves as the Chief Deputy Whip. While this was a demanding schedule, it certainly was educational for me and I was so appreciative of everyone's time and the attention they gave us. Again, it is worth the time to go and represent NC and your school district.



The next big event for NCACTE is our Legislative Policy Day, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Just as our national Members of Congress liked to see and hear from their local constituents, so do our local state policy leaders. I encourage all members to attend and make appointments to visit with their legislators. This is a day to say thank you for all they do to support Career and Technical Education. While I know this is a hard time of year, I ask everyone who can attend to please come. I promise you will find it to be a very worthwhile event.



After Legislative Policy Day, the next event we will all be at together will be Summer Conference. Summer Conference will mark the end of my term as President and will be the beginning of Carol Harper's term. I know Carol will do a great job and will continue to lead and grow our organization. As we prepare to elect new leadership within the divisions at Summer Conference, be thinking already about who can serve in key positions for your division. Invite new people to be on committees. Ask someone new to join. See how you can foster change in your division. I also ask my fellow directors to support your teachers who are asked to serve in leadership positions. Our leaders need your support and it is important for them to see you at the meetings as well. I know they would appreciate you being there to see them in action.



For Summer Conference we will celebrate the Super Heroes of CTE. These Super Heroes make Career and Technical Education powerful and dynamic. They are our teachers, support staff, NCDPI staff and other professionals that work hard each day to impact the lives of others by showcasing the benefits of Career and Technical Education. I guarantee it will be a something you don't want to miss.



I thank each of you for all you do for your schools, students, and divisions. It is a pleasure to serve as your president this year. I look forward to seeing you in May. Take Care.

Photos: Selfie listening to policy updates; Congressman Patrick McHenry; Congressman Mark Meadows; The White House; A Day on the Hill



## **Free computers for students they get to keep – forever!**

High school drafting students are the future of North Carolina architecture. To prepare for a career in design requires a portfolio including designs using CAD software. Yet, up to 60% of students in rural counties don't have a computer at home powerful enough to run CAD. Classroom time at school is usually not enough to fully practice and master CAD, making advancement in the design field difficult or impossible.

**Project BauHow:** North Carolina Modernist Houses established Project BauHow to support the next generation of North Carolina architects. The program provides CAD-level computers and monitors to students to keep at home, does not require additional lesson plans, and runs a Modernist house design competition with scholarships to NC State University's Summer Design Camp. Teachers benefit from having nearly all students better equipped to work on assignments at home.

**Target Audience:** NCMH seeks teachers in high schools in rural North Carolina counties fostering a passion for architecture-based drafting.

**How it Works:** Drafting teachers apply online each spring. Selected schools receive CAD systems in the fall, delivered to the school. Then drafting teachers choose which deserving 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade students receive systems. Drafting teachers install their school's existing licensed software before students take systems home – to keep. There is no charge to the school, teachers, parents, or student. No home internet access is required for student participation; assignments are brought back and forth on USB sticks.

In return, drafting teachers agree to assign all drafting students a Modernist house design project. These designs are submitted to the Project BauHow competition each May which are juried by professional architects. One student at each selected school wins a scholarship to NC State's Summer Design Camp. Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a weeklong day camp. Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a weeklong overnight camp. Scholarship winners also receive special trophies.

Schools have already been selected for the 2015-2016 year. **Applications for 2016-2017 will be available spring 2016.** There is no cost to apply, and the application takes less than 15 minutes online.

For more information, contact the Director of Project BauHow, Leslie Glascock, at (919) 749.2470 or [leslieg@ncmodernist.org](mailto:leslieg@ncmodernist.org). Videos of Project BauHow past and present schools are online at [www.ncmodernist.org/bauhow.htm](http://www.ncmodernist.org/bauhow.htm).



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### NC ACTE 2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR MRS. MAZIE QUICK

**A**

special thank you to Mrs. Mazie Quick, NCACTE

Teacher of the Year for the State of

North Carolina. Mrs. Quick was invited to Raleigh on February 4, 2016 to join State Superintendent June Atkinson and executives at a State Board of Education Planning Meeting. Mrs. Quick is a Business teacher at West Hoke Middle School in Raeford, North Carolina.



#### Greetings Fellow Business Educators

Our NCACTE Spring Professional Workshop and Conference was held at the Doubletree by Hilton/Atlantic Beach Hotel on February 18 and 19, 2016. We had ten officers and committee chairs present at the workshop. We held several meetings to discuss proposed changes to our division and to the NCACTE organization. We are continuing to work on revisions to our by-laws.

We were introduced to OneHub and voted to add the new service for our NCACTE members:

Onehub- where lesson plans and other activities will be posted and shared by members.

The FBLA State Conference and Competitive Events will be held March 15-March 17 at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel and Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. I am personally extremely excited because I have a team that has placed in the top ten in Entrepreneurship. We have been busy preparing for the second part of this competition. Please say hello to me at this conference if you see me. *Cont'd on page 3*

I know everyone is anticipating the release of the unsecure test banks into School Net. Several have been released and all of them should be ready soon.

Sharon Bilbrey, Division President  
NCACTE Business Education

### SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP REPORT



**T**he Spring Professional Development Workshop was held February 18-19, 2016 at Atlantic Beach, NC.

The officers and committee chairs of NCACTE-BE met with NCDPI staff members Kimberley McDonald and Dennis Perks to discuss workshop and events for summer conference. Mr. Perks is new to DPI and we welcome him to his new position. He has been hard at work helping the other consultants create the unsecured test banks and assisting with the preparations for the CTE summer conference.

The Principles of Business & Finance Basic course will be rolled out at summer conference. It has been repacked with an MBNA guide.

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## The Cary High School Striving for Excellence! The Microsoft Imagine Academy ~ Ms. Taylor ~

At Cary, we believe in Student-Led activities to highlight the talents and aspirations of our students. In the picture below, Jaylen Haskin leads her fellow peers in a review in the Microsoft Imagine Academy in Ms. Taylor's class. The students are grouped into teams to create the review of standards for their tests. "Kahoots" for the review is out of the classroom. With several CTE classes in preparation for career. She is currently a trainer for an athletic sports group.

Jaylen is as committed in the class as she has taken her future academic career and nursing an athletic sports group. During a recent interview Jaylin states: "I am currently in the Microsoft Excel and Access course at Cary High. I have completed Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, making this my second year in the Microsoft Imagine Academy. I have earned certifications in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. I am currently striving for eight more MS certifications. These accomplishments will help me in my future career as a nurse. Being able to work with Microsoft-especially Excel and Access, will make recording data for patients' easier and more accurate. These certifications will account for college credit and look phenomenal on job and college applications! *Do yourself a favor, and get Microsoft certified!*"

*"I highly recommend other students wishing to go into any career path to take these foundational classes."*

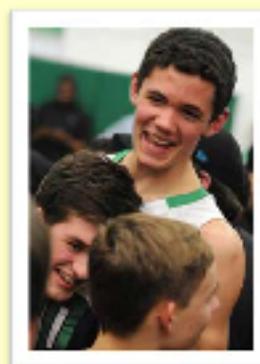
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**S**tudents Cory Gensler, Kyle Gensler, Sean Serge, Phillip King, Darrion Burnett, Elijah Idlett, Jonathan Schertz, and are as committed in the classroom as they are on the court.



All are a part of the Microsoft Imagine Academy have earned MS Certifications. They are currently the East Regional Champions and are headed for the Dean Dome! This team is uniting student body and community.

Jonathan Schertz, has joined NC State Class of 2020 Park Scholarship program. Jonathan was notified on this past week that he is one of approximately 35 Park Scholars selected from a record pool of over 2,000 applicants from across the nation. He will receive a full, four-year scholarship (tuition, room and board, books, travel, personal expenses) in addition to opportunities for professional and personal enrichment grants. A major accomplishment and honor!



To date, the students at Cary have earned 977 industry recognized MS Certifications. We are still growing the program!!

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## West Hoke Middle School's AYPYN



West Hoke Middle School's AYPYN students participate in the "Walk for Hunger and Homeless." The school contributed over 500 items in the form of food and non-perishable items. A special thank you to Principal Mary McLeod, Ms. Karen Jones, Mazie Quick and the West Hoke Middle School staff and students for their sacrifice and commitment to helping others. Pictured above is Superintendent, Dr. Freddie Williamson, West Hoke Middle School Students, Representative Garland Pierce and AYPYN Site Coordinator Mazie Quick.

## NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards submission deadline for 2016 is fast approaching. This year's portfolio submission window opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on May 18th.



We wish all NBCT candidates success in their pursuit of becoming National Board Certified.

Business teachers interested in becoming National Board Certified should visit the organization's Web Site [National Board Web Site](#).

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The following topics were discussed as possible workshops:

- Certifications in Microsoft will be offered
- A session on how to use School Net
- A session on to write test questions
- Soft skills
- Virtual Job shadowing for career Cruising
- AP Computer science and

Intro to Computer Science

Many additional workshops have been preplanned by the DPI staff. An exciting activity and guest speaker has been planned for our opening session. Begin to make plans for summer conference now. It will be held July 11-14, 2016 in Greensboro.

Sharon Bilbrey, Division President  
NCACTE Business Education



J.M. Alexander Middle School  
Celebrated FBLA Week

The Association of CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) conducts a public awareness campaign each February to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs. During this month the Association spotlights one of the CTSO'S (Career Technical Education Student Organizations). CTSO'S are encouraged to hold their own awareness campaign within their local schools and communities. J.M. Alexander MS, a relatively new chapter having been Chartered on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 commemorated FBLA WEEK 2016 with Daily Trivia's. A trivia was announced each morning, posted on around the school and on the FBLA Adviser's Wiki. Several students who submitted correct answers each day received bags of treats.



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# ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

## A Word from our 2015-2016 NCACTEA President, Anna Hair

Although I find it hard to believe, we are quickly approaching the end of the 2015-16 school year. It has been a busy, exciting year. We have seen CTE become nationally recognized for the benefits that are reaped by students having access to high quality educational programs that prepare students to successfully meet their post-secondary goals. We have had the experience of watching our students across the state gain valuable workplace and life skills in the classroom; be successful at local, regional, and national competitive events; and become overall better citizens for participating in CTE and CTSOs.



It has been a pleasure to serve as the NCACTEA President this year. I appreciate your trust in me, and I am very grateful for all of the support and help you have offered. It is very rewarding and an honor to have the opportunity to work alongside hard working educational leaders who make it their mission to make a difference for students every day. For the example that you set each day, I am truly grateful.

## Public Education in North Carolina; Let's Showcase Career Technical Education

NC Career Technical Education leads our state in many positive accomplishments; for example, the graduation rate of our CTE Concentrators significantly exceeds the state rate. In addition, our work with Career Pathways and Career Clusters allows CTE students to apply, assimilate, and adapt their learning and continue with post-secondary options to help close the skills gap in our state. CTE Students have opportunities for experiential learning through classroom activities, credentialing opportunities, internships, and Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). We are coming upon our CTSO State Conference season, so I urge you to capture the exciting moments where our students shine.

We have many examples to share about how these experiences transform the lives of our students and enhance our communities. However, when it comes to education policy reform in North Carolina, many of our teachers think that they don't have the ear of our state policy makers and tend to leave advocacy to community leaders and administrators. In fact, policymakers understand the impact of their decisions more fully when they hear the stories of the people from the areas they represent. Educators are directly connected to and influential in what goes on in their communities, so they are the most informed representatives to share our educational stories with those who are trusted with making important educational decisions.

We must advocate for our students and our programs by sharing our accomplishments with our community, county, and state lawmakers. They need to hear firsthand how CTE experiences transform the lives of our students for the betterment of our state and nation. We need to share the stories of the resilience of our students and demonstrate how much more they are capable of accomplishing if public education is a priority in our state. Our students deserve to be noticed for the positive things they are doing and it is our responsibility to let our policy makers know how their decisions impact those back home.

NCACTE sponsors an event dedicated to sharing with lawmakers the great things that are going on in CTE. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the NCACTE Raleigh Legislative Day. This one-day event allows educators the opportunity to work together to identify their legislator, hear legislative updates, gain talking points, and visit with legislators.



## Caught in the Act

Last month, several District CTE Administrators and NCACTEA Leaders met with State CTE Director, JoAnn Honeycutt, at the NCACTE Spring Profes-

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# TRADE & INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

Greetings to all!

I am so excited about your NCACTE involvement during the last few months. NCTIETA had a person in attendance for every committee during the 2016 NCACTE spring conference. This was a first for me and I was very pleased to witness the attendance and involvement. It is also exciting to meet colleagues with new ideas that possess this commitment and dedication. Please share your ideas with us. We want to know, that's how we grow.

Summer Conference is slowly approaching so be sure to watch for reservation and registration deadline dates. Tony Bello is our nominee for NCACTE president. Please give him your support! Voting will take place at Summer Conference and email links. Watch for them.

Some of our location and plans have changed since Fall Conference. We will have the T&I opening session on Tuesday, July 12 from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Koury Convention Center. This will include the announcement of your new NCTIETA Vice President elect, NCDPI updates, SkillsUSA updates and our business meeting. You don't want to miss it.

Our T&I bash will be on Wednesday, July 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Shriners Club. It will consist of a pig picking with all the fixings. This is a casual attire event, so please dress comfortable. Maps will be provided at the opening session.

Don't miss our closing session on Thursday July 14 from 10:30am until 2pm. Prizes (2 chrome books, 4 kindle fires and other prizes from our industry sponsors) will be drawn for those in attendance. If you or anyone you know wish to donate any prizes, please contact Dr. David Barbour at david.barbour@dpi.nc.gov.

As you can see, a lot is happening at Summer Conference. Please make your plans to attend this event. Remember, Summer Conference is focused on teaching methods for your students and Fall Conference is professional development for **YOU**, what you need: certifications, program updates, SkillsUSA advisory, etc..

Our 2016 Fall T&I conference has been confirmed at the Double Tree at Atlantic Beach on **November 17-18, 2016**. There will be a Golf Tournament on November 17<sup>th</sup>, hopefully without the monsoon. You will hear more about this at our opening session on July 12 and signups will begin during summer conference. Please let us know what your needs are for Fall conference and contact numbers, if you have them, and please be specific with your requests.

Steve Walker will be taking over the newsletter after Summer Conference; therefore, this will be my last newsletter but know that I am always here for YOU. Please give him your support! I believe in our professional organization and I hope you do too. **Power comes in numbers.**

Warmest regards:

Beth Alexander  
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# TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION

Spring Conference was successfully held in Kill Devil Hills May 11-13. While at the conference, participants got to tour the Cape Hatteras Light House, the Wright Brothers Museum, in addition to local community industries. During Thursday night's dinner, Captain Greg Mayer of Fishin' Frenzy and National Geographic's Wicked Tuna series presented to us the use, evolution, and impact of technology, engineering, and design in the fishing industry. During the discussion he highlighted the importance of teaching students to be problem solvers in addition to utilization of tools and materials. Following the inspirational presentation, teachers participated in presentations on a variety of topics including the following:

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| Resources from NC State's FREEDM Center | Introduction to Teaching TED              |
| EbD-BUZZ and the I-STEM Ed PLC          | TSA Integration into the curriculum       |

We also want to congratulate all winners of the TSA State Conference: <http://nctsa.org/the-results-are-in-the-2016-nc-tsa-state-conference/> as well as the winners of the Skills USA NC State Conference: <http://www.skillsusanc.org/#!/state-conference/cyrcr>.



Participants at the top of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse: Photo by David Sander

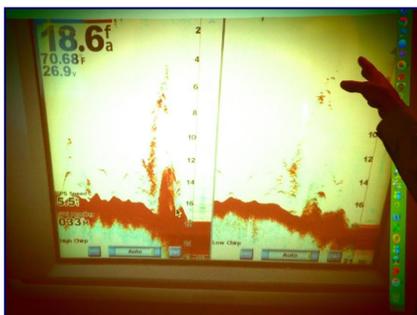
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(Left) Butler receiving a high five and Junior Park Ranger Badge for answering questions correctly as well as participating in helping the ranger discuss the principles of flight in addition to the history of the Wright Brothers.

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(Right) Captain Greg Mayer of Fishin' Frenzy and National Geographic's Wicked Tuna presenting on the technology used in the fishing industry.



(Left) Sonar technology used on the Fishin' Frenzy vessel



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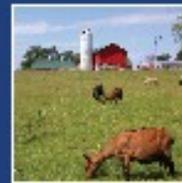


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# NC-ALIVE

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## GREETINGS

NC-ALIVE Division –President Message

Sandra Murphy - Spring, 2016

*NC-ALIVE: Our Purpose, Our Mission - Building Strong and Sustainable Partnerships*

*Like I said before, "Be sure to stick around, because you may miss out on a good thing".*

### Times Are Changing

I want to share a number of things with everyone in this newsletter in reference to the email from Public Schools First NC about teacher pipeline on the decline and also share the activities that went on during our NCACTE Spring Professional Development Workshop in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina in February.

The Public Schools first sent out a recent email about teacher enrollment on the decline due to low salaries and that enrollment across the UNC system is down 30% since 2010. All of the UNC system schools have reported declines in enrollment in their degree and licensure programs. The result is a severe shortage of math and science teachers and middle school teachers for all subjects. This is a critical problem. The state estimates needing at least 10,000 new teachers across North Carolina already in the next school year.

Our teacher pay is below every neighboring state, making our ability to recruit teachers from other states highly unlikely. When we were closer to the U.S. median in teacher pay, we had considerable success in recruiting teachers based on Public Schools First.

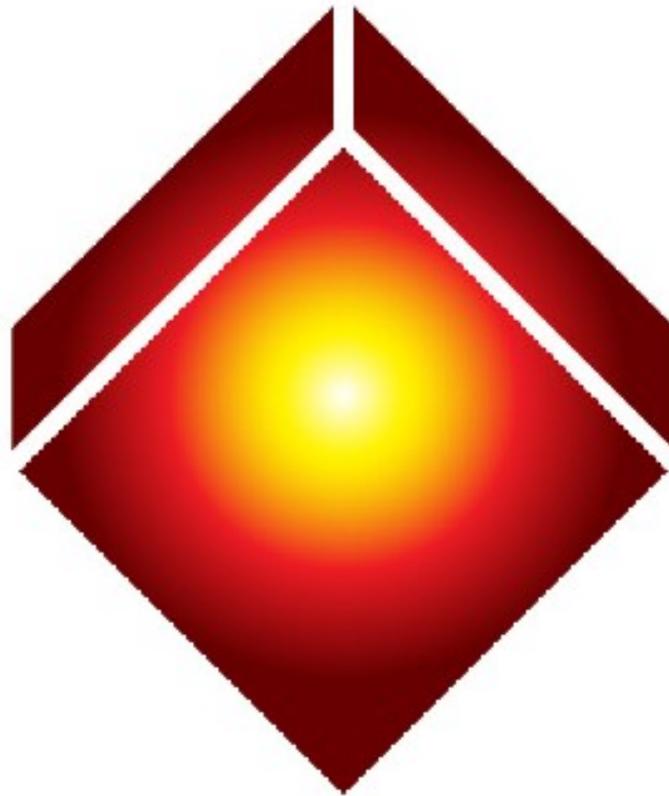
The UNC system is so concerned about teacher pipeline shortage that they have launched a new recruitment website called TEACHE NOW, which is used to reach out to high school juniors and seniors, community college students, undecided majors at all UNC schools and mid-career professionals. The effort even targets military personnel and their spouses.

State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson recently proposed a new effort to retain experienced teachers. She proposed a \$10,000 bonus for experienced teachers willing to work in low performing classrooms or in content areas with teacher deficits or they will coach new teachers. When we look at this from a broader perspective, teachers should use this as a tool to get salary increases for all teachers. If done the right way, we should be able to get a number of salary increases. Promoting what we do in a unified way and learning to band together as one is important if we are to remain in the classroom. We need people in office that have us and our families at heart.

A number of us have joined NCAE, but as a Career & Technical Educator, what you need to join is NC-ACTE. Ruth Huff is our new NC-ACTE Executive Director and Chrystal Cheek is the new NC-ACTE President. Their team is working really hard for NC-ACTE to increase membership in all divisions. We are happy to report that during the Spring Professional Development Workshop the Board of Directors voted to reinstate NC-ALIVE as a Division. We are in a probation year and have to get the qualifying number of members by August 2016 to keep our status as a Division, so please encourage your colleagues to become a member of NCACTE and our Division. NC-ACTE also has a lobbyist that rallies for CTE in the NC Legislature. We, as members, attend Legislative Day to talk to legislators about our jobs and programs. If we do not blow our own horn who will? You'll look up one day and your jobs will be gone. Some of you have experienced this change in your district already.

NC-ALIVE had its spring committee meeting during our NC-ACTE Workshop that was in Atlantic Beach in February. Most of our committee members attended and we finalized some activities for our professional development workshop, March 17-18, 2016. We also did some planning for the CTE Summer Conference that will be in Greensboro this summer. Our team is looking forward to seeing you at summer conference. For more information view NC-ALIVE'S website: [www.ncalivewebs.com](http://www.ncalivewebs.com)

For the past two years NC-ALIVE has been recruiting members and looking at how we can make our organization better. Having a leadership organization is important to NC-ACTE. We have helped to place a number of people in leadership roles at DPI. It is call networking with others outside of your district. You may meet the person that will help you make your next move into the career you have been wanting for a long time.



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**Spring Directors' and IMC Conference** was March 13 – 15, 2016 at the Greenville Convention Center in Greenville, NC. The Key Note speaker was Ben Dixon, local Chick-Fil-A manager. His main message was to share how a customer friendly team work guides his store and reveals his Chick-Fil- A support of CTE in NC. Thank you to Beth Ann Trueblood, CTE Director of Pitt County schools, as well as, Christy Cheek.



**TEAM CTE: Catch the Excitement**

Program Area Updates lead by section chiefs and/or state consultants

- \*Trades and Industrial Education
- \*Technology Engineering and Design Education
- \*Health Science Education
- \* Shannon Baker, Amy Schroeder, Cheryl Cox
- \*Marketing and Entrepreneurship Education
- \*Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- \*Agriculture Education



**TEAM CTE: Collecting Tools for Educators Homebase**  
 Resources for CTE

- \*Delores P. Ali

Presentation of resources found in SchoolNet was beneficial. Table Discussions of how to use resources encouraged collaboration. Time was provided for hands-on exploration of resources with tablemates.



**TEAM CTE: Come Take Examples**  
 home Roundtable Discussions

- \*Reports: the good, the bad, the ugly:  
 Facilitator: Angie Jenkins
- \*Quick Concentrator Identification:  
 Facilitator: Kim Mayo & Rebecca Leary
- \*Focused, sustainable PD for teachers:  
 Facilitator: Casey Atstupenas
- \*Addressing GOFI's:  
 Facilitator: Tammy Ward
- \*Accommodation Forms:  
 Facilitator: Tommy Old
- \*Teacher-Made Assessments:  
 Facilitator: Jan Tugwell



Our Instructional Management Division has been busy working on the IMCOY (Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year) Award information. In April, each User Group will nominate individuals for the annual award. The IMCOY for each Region will be recognized on July 11<sup>th</sup> at our IMCOY Awards Ceremony and Banquet at our CTE Summer Conference at the Koury Convention Center. Current members of our NCACTE IMC Division are eligible to attend the IMCOY Awards Ceremony and Banquet at no additional charge.



In order to be recognized as IMCOY for the Region the candidate must meet the following criteria. Only NCACTE IMC Division members are allowed to vote for the Regional Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year.

- \*Attend four or more User's Group Meetings from August-April (to include joint Directors/IMC User Group Meetings)
- \*Displays integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior
- \*Displays personal leadership and dedication to other IMCs
- \* Exemplary leader and advocate of the CTE
- \*Exemplifies knowledge in state and federal legislation and policies
- \*Exemplifies knowledge of the current CTE Essential Standards
- \* Exhibits an active role as a IMC in the User Group
- \*Exhibits leadership, communication, and teamwork skills that are inherent in providing high quality support
- \*Shares problem solving techniques with others
- \*Three years' experience as an IMC
- \*Member of NCACTE IMC Division
- \* The previous year Regional IMCOY is not eligible for nomination (example the 2015 Regional IMCOY is not eligible for nomination in 2016)



IMC's who are not members of our IMC Division may attend the IMCOY Awards Ceremony and Banquet by paying our NCACTE State and IMC Division dues of \$60.00 or paying for the meal. More information on meal cost for non-members will be coming soon. Non NCACTE IMC members may join online at <http://www.nacteonline.org/membership.html> or by downloading the printable form and mailing it to Ruth Huff at the address on the membership form.

In other news, the professional development committee has been busy planning for our Fall Mini Conference at the Crowne Plaza Gold and Tennis Resort in Asheville for November 14-16. . More information forthcoming. You may reserve rooms by calling [1-888-211-7755](tel:1-888-211-7755). Make sure you mention NC Association of Career and Technical Education for the special group rate.

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# GUIDANCE & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **CDC/SPC Scholarships**

**Almost 150 applicants**

**Available Online**

**Winners announced below**



CDCs, SPCs, and Directors have received on the Moodle the link to the online application for the 2016 CDC/SPC Scholarships. The Guidance and Career Development Scholarship Committee updated our application and made some changes from last year. We are excited to reach more students by offering six \$1000 scholarships this year, one from each region. We were able to offer more funding this year thanks to our successful Fall Mini Conference. The scholarships offered each year will be based on the availability of funds. Members please make sure your seniors are applying!! One additional scholarship will be awarded each year in the county of our G & CD President in appreciation of his/her tenure. Another great reason to join our Division and be a leader.

The purpose of the NCACTE Guidance & Career Development Scholarship is to assist the recipient in his/her education by subsidizing the cost of attending a community college or university. The scholarship is available on a competitive basis to graduating high school students who have taken Career and Technical Education courses and achieved the status of a CTE completer/concentrator. This scholarship application must be completed online and will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000.

#### Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a high school senior with a CTE concentration (completer status).
- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted into an accredited four-year college/university, community college, or technical school for Fall 2016 with a CTE related major.
- Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

### **2016 NCACTE Guidance & Career Development Scholarship Winners:**

**Central Region-Adam Davis, Randolph County**

**Northeast Region- Brianna Brockhouse, Tyrrell County**

**Southeast Region- Richard Baker, Pender County**

**Western Region- Melissa Akduman, Buncombe County**

**President's Award-Kaylee Joyner, Lenoir County**

## CDCs & SPCs Have A Strong Power Surge @ Spring Conference @ Atlantic Beach



(above) Sunset at Atlantic Beach, sorry if you missed it. Join us next time. (below) We had productive division meetings with great attendance and lots of networking.

Our Division was well represented at the Spring NCACTE Conference on February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. We had lots of opportunities to meet as a division and carry out our plan of work. We finalized our scholarship structure for this year and made the decision to add this committee responsibility to the duties of our President-Elect with the officers on the committee and volunteer members. Discussion about the Fall Mini Conference resulted in a decision to meet in New Bern in October 2016. Work will begin under the leadership of Holly Tolston and Bena Weires. Shannon Baker and Amy Schreoder, our fearless DPI Leaders, gave us a good report on summer conference plans. They want a strong presence of our Division at the Opening Day CDC/SPC Meeting. We have some great new plans for rewarding our members. Hope we see you at summer conference. We said farewell to Dan Shuping, our Past President, at the close of our conference with a recognition plaque for his many years of service to our organization. Dan will be retired by the time you receive this newsletter. We wish him all the best. We work hard and we play hard, and we want you to join us. It's rewarding.





(above & right) Happy Retirement,  
Past President Dan Shuping  
Thank you for your service to NCACTE  
Guidance & Career Development. I think we  
really surprised him.



Welcome Amy  
Schroeder! DPI  
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Please join us in welcoming  
Amy Policastro Schroeder as  
the state Career Development  
Consultant as of Tuesday,  
January 19, 2016. Amy is a  
veteran CDC from Wake County  
Schools. In her most recent  
CDC assignment, she started  
and built the Career  
Development program for Wake  
Young Men's Leadership  
Academy Early College program  
for middle and high school  
young men. Amy has been  
actively involved co-leading  
WCPSS CTE Career Events  
and served as the Central  
Region chair for CDCs & SPCs.  
She is a supportive member of  
the Guidance & CD Division.

## CAREER GUIDANCE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

We have a new process in place! We want to help NCACTE Guidance and Career Development Division bring CTE out into the spotlight by selecting a Career Guidance Professional of the Year Award. This award recognizes guidance counselors and career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of CTE as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities. Members employed as full-time school counselors and/or career development professionals are eligible recipients of this award. By the time you read this you will have voted on our Regional winners and they will be completing the application process to be our state winner to be announced at summer conference at our CDC/SPC Opening Session. The winner will submit by March 1 their application to move to the Regional and National awards.

### We do have a logo!

This is the ACTE Guidance & Career Development logo. We will use it more often in our future PR efforts. Visit ACTE website @ <http://www.acteonline.org/guidance/> for great resources and the national newsletters.



# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE DIVISION

## Teacher Spotlight: Stephanie Griffin – North Buncombe High

Stephanie Griffin began her career in education as a teacher's assistant. After several years at this position, colleagues convinced her to return to school for a degree in education. Married, and a mother of 3, she began college life. After graduation, Stephanie taught Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades for 11 years. Most of this time was spent at Barnardsville Elementary School, a small rural elementary school with less than 200 students. Later, Mrs. Griffin persuaded to take her PRAXIS in Family & Consumer Science. She then began her career as a High School teacher. She has taught Parenting, Interior Design (I & II), Teen Living and Foods I. At the high school level, Mrs. Griffin is able to see many of her former students now as high school students. Mrs. Griffin believes in the power of all students having a support system and is willing to be that person for many of her students. Stephanie Griffin has been married to her husband, Ron, for 31 years. Together, they have 3 children – Brandon, 39 (also a CTE teacher), Whitney, 27, and Todd, 21. She is also the proud Nana of Lyxi. Stephanie Griffin was nominated for the Teacher Spotlight by Michael Holman. Do you have someone you would like to nominate for a teacher spotlight? Email Amy White at [amy.white@bcsemail.org](mailto:amy.white@bcsemail.org)



Mrs. Griffin with two students that she taught in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and senior year.

## Spring Meeting Recap

The FACS division of NCACTE held their Spring meeting in New Bern North Carolina on Thursday, April 7 in conjunction with the NC AAFCS Spring meeting. Teachers heard from several speakers, were able to network with one another and had the opportunity to participate in the dining experience at *The Chef and the Farmer* in Kinston, NC. This restaurant is owned by Vivian Howard, Chef, Author and star of the PBS show, *A Chef's Life*. Chef Howard spoke with the group, took pictures and signed autographs. The food was amazing and the group had a private, all you can eat buffet. The fall meeting date and location will be confirmed soon, be sure to make plans to attend!

Newsletter Ideas – What would YOU like to see featured in the FACS Division newsletter? Please contact Amy White at [amy.white@bcsemail.org](mailto:amy.white@bcsemail.org) with ideas or suggestions!



## ***From Your President Elect***

Carol Harper



Happy Summer!

Hope you got to enjoy your time off for Spring Break. I hope everyone is ready for the race for the “finish line”- the end of the year. The next couple of months are going to be very busy. With tests, graduation and just end of year duties. End of the year can also be a very stressful time as well. Just remember with NCACTE you always have someone there for help!

After our NCACTE Legislative Day our thoughts should focus on Summer Conference. We need to make sure when we are making our Summer plans to be sure to include Summer Conference – July 10-14. Summer Conference is a special time for me. I enjoy meeting colleagues and making new ones as well. Conference is a time when I feel rejuvenated and get “pumped” for the new school year! I love visiting the vendors to see what new items they have.

The Opening meeting is a special time to see who is the best in our field and here all the data on how well CTE is helping students to be Career and School ready. I also like hearing about the Awards and how our colleagues have done their best for our students.

Then there is our CTSOs; is also a time to get excited about hearing how well our students did the past school year in Competitive Events, leadership roles. With out our Advisors, our Regional meetings and all the planning behind them is exciting to see how teachers collaborate for students to have the best experience.

And last Conference is an important time because it is when our Association starts a new year. A time to make plans within our Division for the coming year and a time to bond together to gain New members. It is always exciting to hear new officers ideas and plans for the coming year.

CTE teachers make a difference by making personal connections with students and colleagues. Networking is one of our major support systems. As important as it is to take some time off this summer, it is critical for your professional success to participate in the CTE Summer Conference. Do not be left out and wait for second – hand information. Make plans to be there!

## **Upcoming Events**

**July 11-14, 2016**

**CTE Summer Conference  
Greensboro, NC**

**September 30 - October 1, 2016**

**Region II Conference  
Tampa, Florida**

**November 30 - December 3, 2016**

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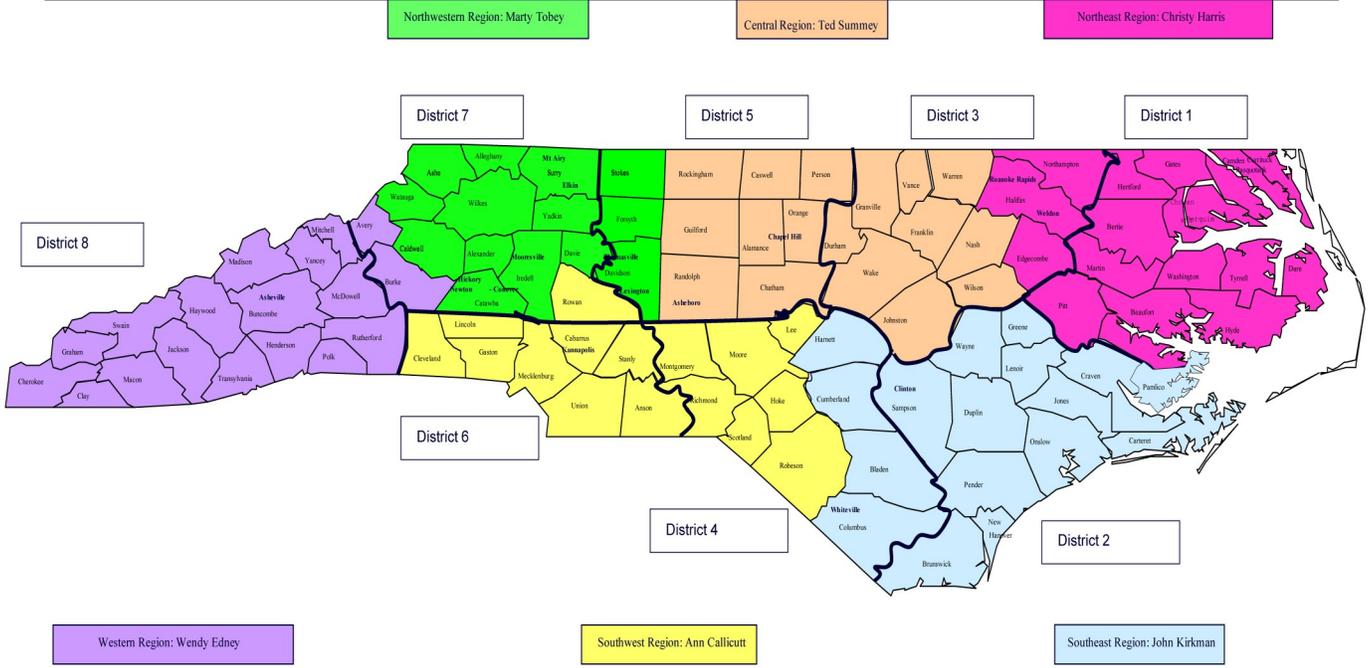
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