

## **ACTE Announces 2018 Region IV Excellence Award Winners, National Award Finalists**

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Region IV Excellence Awards:

ACTE Region IV Teacher of the Year—Liz Dinkins from Edmond, OK

ACTE Region IV Career Guidance Award—Gay Pettit from Alex, OK

ACTE Region IV Administrator of the Year—Starlinda R. Sanders from Bentonville, AR

ACTE Region IV Postsecondary Teacher of the Year—Dr. Linda Bean from Russellville, AR

ACTE Region IV New Teacher of the Year—Lauren Beard Emerson from Bunkie, LA

ACTE Region IV Carl Perkins Community Service Award—Bart Taylor from College Station, TX

ACTE Region IV Lifetime Achievement Award—Teri Holle from Enid, OK

The Region winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region IV conference in Albuquerque, NM on April 5, 2018.

The ACTE Excellence Awards promote merit in career and technical education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE. For more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards, please click [here](#).

The Region III winners will progress as national finalists in their categories. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on November 28, 2018 during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2018 in San Antonio, TX.

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*The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals and others at all levels of education. ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development and leadership opportunities.*