WHY JOIN ACTE?

Career and technical education has never been more important to building the workforce for the 21st century. As a CTE educator, you need to stay on top of your game, adjusting to new standards, trends and best practices, and you need to be able to fight for the funding your program needs. As the professional association for CTE educators, ACTE needs to add your expertise and voice—because together, we make it work!

You can see the value. Keep reading to learn more about ACTE and why this is the professional association for you.

For more information about ACTE benefits and services, and to join, visit www.acteonline.org/join.
ACTE builds connections among its members. Our conferences and seminars bring CTE educators face to face with each other, with policymakers and with business and institutional partners, and our social networks enable members to interact with us and each other without having to leave their desks.

We Have VISION
ACTE’s CareerTech VISION brings together more than 4,000 CTE professionals—educators, administrators, guidance professionals and others—for three days of educational sessions, meetings, workshops and networking opportunities designed to maximize program and classroom effectiveness. At the same time, ACTE’s CareerTech Expo hosts 200 educational vendors showcasing the very latest products and technologies. Visit www.careertechvision.com for more information.

We Lead in Public Policy
Every day, ACTE staff is hard at work to make sure that valuable federal dollars are being directed toward the development of high-quality CTE programs. Our legislative advocacy is at the very forefront of the field, and our research into CTE effectiveness has proven again and again that CTE works. We provide that support to our members and the field, but being an ACTE member means being empowered to join in the fight! Between our Legislative Updates and the CTE Policy Watch blog, you’ll always know what’s happening in the policy arena, and our periodic Legislative Action Alerts coordinate and direct activity around key federal policy and legislation. You can also get the resources you need to effectively advocate locally and in your state. Visit www.acteonline.org/policy to see everything we have to offer!

We Develop Advocates
If public policy is your thing, you won’t want to miss the National Policy Seminar, held every spring in Washington, D.C. You’ll hear about the policy environment straight from government representatives and ACTE staff and you’ll gain valuable training in advocacy skills, heading up to Capitol Hill to meet with congressional staff—and maybe even your elected representatives themselves—about the importance and value of CTE. See highlights at www.acteonline.org/npss.

We Build Leaders
Our National Leadership Fellowship Program brings together highly motivated members who want to learn the skills necessary to become more effective educators, and not just in the classroom. Similarly, the National Leadership Training Program develops the leadership and organizational skills necessary for members looking to play a role in the future of their state associations. Get started at www.acteonline.org/leadership.

We Reward Excellence
The very best members are showcased by our ACTE Excellence Awards, a unique program that rewards the best teachers, administrators and guidance professionals for exemplary work. Our members are leaders in community service, innovative in the classroom and dedicated to developing cutting-edge programs, and we strive to recognize that by extending the awards program to the states and regions, too. See highlights and deadline information at www.acteonline.org/awards.

We Get You Involved
Being involved with ACTE means prestige, but it also means service to students and the entire CTE community, and our members never lack for opportunities. Following a Legislative Action Alert means speaking out for CTE, but it’s just scratching the surface. The Ambassadors Network puts ACTE members at the forefront of CTE’s image by becoming contacts for media inquiries. You can also help govern and shape our community by serving as a committee member or task force. And highly motivated members can be elected to our Board of Directors. Get involved at www.acteonline.org/volunteer.

We Connect You Online
And don’t forget the social media! Join our groups and follow us to keep up with the very latest in CTE and ACTE, and use the power of the Internet to share the news with your colleagues.