

EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

Who or what originally inspired you to get involved as a volunteer with ACTE?

Originally Michael Connet is person who talked me into applying to be a fellow for ACTE. As a part of the fellowship, I was able to learn more about ACTE along with being involved as a volunteer.

What's one big issue you want to help resolve or improve (in your career, in the field or in ACTE)?

I am not sure I can solely resolve this issue but I can definitely help to improve and debunk the myths. The issue I struggle with on a daily basis is the stigma or misperception that goes along with CTE. The stigma that CTE is only for students that don't do well in the classroom or those students that are trouble makers.

What are some of the major challenges facing this issue?

Parents and students alike have a misperception of what CTE is and how far we have come since the days of Vocational Education of the seventies and eighties. It is hard to change someone's perception that they have had unless you show them the benefit, but it is hard to show them the benefit when they don't even want to try "those" classes.

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

I hope to help change people's perceptions about what CTE is and the benefit to taking CTE courses and being involved in CTSO's.

What's your greatest 'useless talent'?

I don't have a "greatest useless talent" but a useless fact about me is that I have no big toenails!

What are you reading right now?

I just finished Michelle Obama's "Becoming." Now I am reading "Every Breath" by Nicholas Sparks.

What's your favorite food?

My favorite food would probably have to be prime rib.

What's your favorite travel destination?

I live in North Dakota and we are currently in the dead of winter so my favorite travel place is anywhere warm! I love Cabo!

What's your favorite quote or motto?

My grandma always said "It is what it is." This helps to remind me that things are out of my control and sometimes I have to let things go!



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