

# EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

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

Winning the OkACTE Outstanding New Professional award and getting to go to my first ACTE Vision conference. The opportunities inspired me to get involved. It also helped that Gina Riggs kept encouraging to get involved at the state and national levels whenever I would see her at OkACTE August conference, HOSA events, and other Vision conferences.

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

Increase ACTE Special Populations membership.

## What are some of the major challenges facing this issue?

Communication, marketing, and spreading the word as the value of being a Special Populations member.

## What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

Increased knowledge of ACTE, advocacy, and networking.

## What's your greatest 'useless talent'?

5x champion of watermelon eating contest.

## What are you reading right now?

Sum It Up by Pat Summitt

## What's your favorite food?

Homemade strawberry cake.

## What's your favorite travel destination?

Nashville, Tennessee

## What's your favorite quote or motto?

Fair is everyone getting what they need NOT everyone getting the same by Rick Riordan.



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