

EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

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

My teacher educator in college paid for each of us to be members of ACTE and found funding for us to attend our division conferences and the state conference. She instilled the value of being a member and involved in our professional organization that has stuck with me throughout my career.

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

I hope to help change the image of CTE.

What are some of the major challenges facing this issue?

Many communities do not understand what CTE is or how we are different from vocational education. There is a perception of what CTE is among different generations and we need to reconcile them in order for all to understand the value of CTE.

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

I hope to build a strong network of CTE professionals that will help support my professional practice and allow me to gain a more global perspective of CTE.

What's your greatest 'useless talent'?

My greatest useless talent is I can curl my tongue.

What are you reading right now?

Leading Change by John Kotter

What's your favorite food?

Chips and salsa

What's your favorite travel destination?

I enjoy both Disney parks and anywhere with a beach.

What's your favorite quote or motto?

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change we seek." Barack Obama



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