

# EDUCATORS in ACTION SPOTLIGHT

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

Colleague who was active told me it was a great organization. He was right!

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

The perception of CTE as “less than”, a consolation prize, or only for kids who aren't academically successful enough for a 4 year university. That is not the case—not by a longshot.

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

Misperceptions about job opportunities, earnings and trajectory. The “4 year university for all” mentality which is happily starting to change.

## What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

Help to make connections and share information.

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

I'm good at pointless trivia as long as it isn't sports or music after 1990.

## What are you reading right now?

Educated by Tara Westover

## What's your favorite food?

Red Velvet Cake

## What's your favorite travel destination?

Spain—great history and good food

## What's your favorite quote or motto?

To lead people, walk behind them –Lao Tzu



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