



# NEWS SHEET

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## EVENTS AROUND THE STATE –

**NJBTEA Mini-Conference**, Fall 2019, Friday, October 18th, 8:30AM to 3:00PM at Mercer County Vocational Technical, Sypek Center, 129 Bull Run Road, Pennington, NJ – Google classroom training by Rachael Yuhasz from NJBTEA staff. Contact Rob Carson

**NJCEA and Structured Learning General Membership Luncheon Meeting** – Thursday, October 24, 2019, NJCEA and Structured Learning at Pennco Tech, 99 Erial Road, Blackwood, NJ. Lunch at 12:30PM meeting at 1:00PM. Speakers D.Gehrke, NJCOE Structured Learning and Dr. D. Shendell, Rutgers University School of Public Health. Contact John Hillard at 856-220-8457 or [jvhillard74@yahoo.com](mailto:jvhillard74@yahoo.com) for further details.

**Curriculum Connections Conference** –Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Sponsored by EFACS-NJ and NJAFCS at Pines Manor, Route 27, Edison, NJ Greetings from Kathy Goldenberg, President, NJ State BOE – National Partnership for Recruiting, Preparing, and Supporting FCS Education.

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**NJEA Convention** – November 7 & 8 – Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ

November 7<sup>th</sup> –  
Instructional Strategies/Best Practices, J. Hillard, F. Morelli, R. Seel, H. Barr L. Tisdale, R. Carson – Panel of CTE educators sharing best plans, practices and policies in CTE to prepare students for Career Readiness 1:00-2:30  
Financial Fitness for Life: Financial Literacy, Kevin Morgan, Financial literacy content and activities for middle schoolers 1:15-2:45  
Junior Achievement of New Jersey – Next Generation Tech Series – Middle School, A. Fusco and C. Hardrick present technology literacy developed by students for students (computer science, cybersecurity, coding, etc.) 1:15-2:45

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Follow the Leader, S. Stinson, Integrate CTE student organizations into your curriculum to build leaders. 1:00-2:30

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of Career and Technical Education Association of New Jersey (CTEANJ) I would like to welcome you to our newsletter. This is an exciting time for Career and Technical Education in New Jersey and across the country. Students, parents, employers, legislators and public officials are realizing what we in CTE have known, Career and Technical Education works! “CTE prepares youth and adults for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers in established and emerging industries.”

CTEANJ/ACTE Updates:

- Vision 2019 is Dec. 4-7 in Anaheim California <https://www.careertechvision.com/>
- Congratulations to all the ACTE Excellence Award winners. A special shout out to New Jersey's Region I "New Teacher of the Year" winner Jenny Allen [https://www.acteonline.org/press-releases/jenny\\_allen/](https://www.acteonline.org/press-releases/jenny_allen/)
- The 2020 Region I Leadership Conference will be in New York, New York, March 11-13 <https://www.acteonline.org/region-page/2020-region-i-conference/>
- Learn policy and advocacy strategies at the National Policy Seminar 2020 <https://www.acteonline.org/nps/>
- Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) was signed into law. It went into effect on July 1, 2019. What do I need to know? <https://www.nj.gov/education/cte/perkins/>

John Neyhart  
President CTEANJ

**Collaborative Professional Development-** On October 14, 2019 educators from three counties – Morris, Sussex & Warren - came together to collaborate on best practices related to Career Technical Education. The day kicked off with keynote speaker, Ms. Jane Oates from WorkingNation, with a discussion on the future of work and how to prepare our students for success.

The remainder of the day consisted of over 30 unconference sessions which focused on topics such as cross-curricular projects, Google tools for educators, virtual reality for career exploration, work-based learning, developing authentic assessments, employer partnerships, assessing career ready practices and much more. The majority of the sessions were led by teachers and encouraged discussion and sharing of ideas. Time was also devoted to roundtable discussions for specific CTE teachers such as cosmetology, automotive, culinary and arts/AV technology. The tri-county event received excellent feedback from the staff at all three districts.

Stacy Crosson, Sussex County Technical School  
Kerry Eberhardt, Morris County Vocational School District



**New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators and Office of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources** – Cohosted Fall Conference on Friday, September 27, themed "Getting Back to Basics," at Rutgers Eco-complex. The focus centered on the three components of a complete agricultural education program- classroom instruction, leadership, and structured learning experience as well as providing content and strategies to use. Guest speakers - Secretary of Agriculture, Doug Fisher, Department of Education staff, David McNair, and a panel of industry representatives shared trends in agricultural. Dr. Thomas Luestek, Rutgers, provided an update on the revitalization of their Agriculture Teacher Prep program. Updates on New Jersey and National FFA were provided. Keynote speaker was Andrew McPeak. Afternoon sessions on instructional materials were hosted by CASE Online, MyCAERT, and LabAids.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Carolyn Reynolds recognized as a "Legend" for her long career and many contributions to Family and Consumer Sciences. She was first recognized in 2016 at the AAFCS Conference in Belview, Washington and at the recent 2019 - Reunion Gathering held in St. Louis.

Jennifer Skomial, Morris County School of Technology, named 2019 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Annie Marie McNamara, Union County Vocational Technical School, selected as ACTE's 2019 Region I Teacher of the Year and 2019 Teacher of the Year National Finalist.

## **CTEANJ Meeting Dates – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

October 22, 2019 - Tuesday Executive Committee work session – Location Burlington Township School District, 610 Fountain Ave. Burlington, NJ starting at 3:30PM

November 7 & 8 2019 - See you at the NJEA Convention, Atlantic City, NJ – Workshops on Thursday, November 7th and one on November 8th (Sessions listed on front of News Sheet)

December 10, 2019 - Tuesday - Location and Time TBA

January 14, 2020 - Tuesday – Location and Time TBA

February 25, 2020 - Tuesday – Location and Time TBA

March 10, 2020 - Tuesday – Location and Time TBA

April 1, 2020 - Wednesday – Location and Time TBA

May 5, 2020 - Tuesday – Location and Time TBA

June, 2020 - No meeting

### **CTEANJ Current Officers:**

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