Time is too precious. Students are too precious. Life is too precious. I love my students; as I am sure you all do. (I loved my summer too...but all good things must come to an end.) As I prepared for the first days of school, I couldn't help but think how the children I once knew are now going to be seniors. That is crazy! Time flies! These children that once walked through my classroom door as timid 8th graders, not knowing what was going to happen or who I was, now getting ready to enter my classroom as strong-willed, determined seniors, that often need clarifications when calling them “my kids” instead of “my students”. While I don’t want my summer to end, I can’t wait to see what this year has in store for them (and the juniors, sophomores, freshmen, and 8th graders too). Isn’t that how it always goes?

We make such strong connections with our students that we hurt when they hurt, and we jump with joy for them when they do. And every now and then, a little prayer is said. We have the opportunity to see these children turn into strong adults, and what’s more we’ve helped with that process. That’s amazing (and depending on that loving devilish child...scary). No other profession has that ability.

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Every child, every day

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I constantly am striving to grow in my profession. I really am an Olympian teacher in the making...since my swimming career never really took off. I love to attend workshops and conferences to try to get that edge, to become better than the best in Katie Ledecky fashion. This summer each conference that I went to seemed to have one constant theme: “Every student, every day.” While this theme is not exactly rocket science, it is very humbling to me. Elementary teachers have it easy. They see the importance of every student from the minute the student walks into the door. They care! Career and Technical Education teachers have it easy too. We get to learn the student’s biggest fears as we push them to reach for the greatness deep inside. We get to see them make future choices based off of information and experiences we’ve given them.

What we can’t do is just let the day go by. We can’t sit idly by without getting the students to think. They need to think deeper thoughts than just the run of the mill one worded answers. They need to think that we enjoy what we are doing, because then they will enjoy it too. Finally, they need to think that we care. And we do. We care about who they are, where they are coming from, and what their dreams are. And we care about helping them to reach those dreams.

I challenge you to make this year a year of “Every student, every day.”

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ACTE Announces 2016 Region V Excellence Award Winners, National Award Finalists

ALEXANDRIA, VA - The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Region V Excellence Awards:

- ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year—Wendy Frazier-Snyder, American Fork, Utah
- ACTE Region V Career Guidance Award winner—Tina Boone, Billings, Montana
- ACTE Region V Administrator of the Year—DeLayne Havlovic, Omaha, Nebraska
- ACTE Region V Postsecondary Teacher of the Year—Dr. Carol Werhan, Pittsburg, Kansas
- ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year—Chad Eichenlaub, St. Regis, Montana
- ACTE Region V Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner—John Rist, Viborg, South Dakota
- ACTE Region V Lifetime Achievement Award—Beverly Rieck, Dell Rapids, South Dakota

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ACTE Announces 2016 Award Winners

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The Region winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region V conference in San Diego, California on April 23, 2016. Region winners were selected from among state award winners in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The ACTE Excellence Awards promote merit in career and technical education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE.

The Region V winners will progress as national finalists in their categories. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on November 30, 2016 during ACTE’s CareerTech VISION 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ACTE Region V Outstanding Administrator of the Year
DeLayne Havlovic, Omaha Public Schools

DeLayne Havlovic currently serves as the Curriculum Supervisor in the Omaha Public Schools for business, marketing, information technology, and health sciences. He is responsible for district wide implementation and continual development of curriculum and career pathways for these disciplines. He provides instructional coaching, curriculum support, evaluation, and professional development for 125 BMIT and Health Sciences teachers. He assists with staff development, coordination of Perkins funds, chairs many committees, supports CSO advisers, and the list goes on. He is a member of a variety of professional organizations. In these professional organizations he has served as president-elect, president, past president, treasurer, and newsletter editor.

He has served on a variety of committees at the national level including, but not limited to the program director for the 2014 National Business Education Association Convention and the chair of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee for NBEA. He has attended and served as a presenter for numerous conventions. As a fellow board member writes, “DeLayne epitomizes quality leadership and dedicated service in his daily responsibilities within Omaha Public Schools and especially in his service to ACTEN and career education in Nebraska.”
2016 ACTEN Award Winners

During the 2016 Nebraska Career Education Conference in Kearney seven very deserving individuals received recognition for their support and involvement in Career Education in Nebraska.

**ACTEN Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year**

**Sheree Moser, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Sheree Moser is an Assistant Professor of Practice at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She teaches within the department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies. Her lifelong passion has been to improve the lives of all individuals and families and working with future teachers. Prior to teaching at UNL, Sheree was a curriculum specialist for Lincoln Public Schools. This experience gave her a unique perspective related to learning styles, designing curriculum, and exposure to a level of diversity not common within most secondary teaching. Her student teachers have commented that they appreciate the way she helps them navigate curriculum, share ideas for implementing lessons, and provide networking experiences within the FCS professional community. Sheree has been a member of ACTE and FCSTN since 1985. She has served as the president-elect, president, and past president of the Nebraska Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers of Nebraska. She is currently serving as the Newsletter Chair and Student Unit Chair of the organization. Sheree has published several articles, presented at many conferences, and served on a variety of committees for these organizations as well. A colleague writes, “Professor Moser continues to impress me with her dedication to empower children with the skills they will need to succeed in their personal and profession lives alike through her earnest and superior training of teachers.”
Outstanding Career and Technical Teacher of the Year
Cathy Kloch, Alliance Public Schools

Cathy Kloch is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and FCCLA advisor at Alliance Public Schools. Cathy started the FCCLA chapter at Alliance in 1977. Her teaching philosophy is based on the fact that teachers need to treat every child with respect and the expectation that every student will live up to his/her potential. As an FCCLA adviser, she is constantly working to help her FCCLA members develop leadership and life skills, make decisions, become productive members of the community, and work together as a team. During those 39 years as an adviser, she has had many state officers and national competitors. Cathy has served on the State FCCLA board, is the FCS representative to the ACTEN board, and is the CTE Department Chair at Alliance High School. While on the ACTEN board, she has served on the Public Relations, Membership, Nominating, and Awards Committees. As department chair, she works with other teachers to identify needs that can be met by the Perkins Grant, possible class offerings, and keeping them apprised of decisions made in the DLT meetings. Cathy’s principal writes, “It is clear that Cathy is a champion of kids. Cathy has been, and will continue to be devoted to being the best kind of teacher.”

ACTEN Outstanding Business Teacher of the Year
Tennille Allison, Kearney High School

Tennille Allison is a business instructor at Kearney High School. In her current position, she teaches business and technology classes, is an FBLA adviser, National Honor Society Sponsor, Carl D. Perkins Grant Manager, Microsoft IT Academy Program Administrator, and Business Department Head. Tennille is a member of ACTE and the Nebraska State Business Education Association. In these professional organizations, she has served as the Business Representative to the ACTEN board and currently serves as the newsletter editor of NSBEA. As an FBLA adviser, she has served on the Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors. Tennille is a 10-year winner of the BEST Award for NSBEA. In 2007 she received the ACTEN New teacher of the Year Award. As an FBLA adviser, she facilitates and coaches the Nebraska FBLA Parliamentary Procedure Team. In her own local chapter, she has had numerous students qualify for national competition. On the state level, Tennille has been part of two standards writing teams for NDE. The courses she contributed to were Entrepreneurship and Information Technology. In the classroom, she works strongly to support career and technical education. Her school underwent a school improvement analysis for CTE. As a result, there is a new high school being built centered on a career field model. Tennille has been involved in the transition process by helping design the building, participating in planning committees, and assisting with professional development. Her principal writes,”Tennille is the prototype of what a career and technical educator/advisor should look like. She commits countless hours to students to ensure their success and her resume proves this.”
ACTEN Outstanding New Teacher of the Year
Kelsey Kummer, Millard Public Schools

Kelsey Kummer's path to a career as a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher began when she stepped into her first introduction course in 7th grade. Her high school education lead her to achieve success through FCCLA and eventually serving as a state officer. With these positive experiences in FCS, Kelsey decided a career in FCS Education would encompass her ideal career. Before her first teaching job, she attended the NCE Conference to earn her ServSafe Certification and participate in professional development to prepare her for the strenuous year ahead. While at the conference, another FCS teacher took her under her wing and encouraged her to be involved in her professional organizations. Kelsey now serves as the membership chair for FCSTN. Kelsey is always looking for ways to improve her teaching skills. She attended the Nebraska Food Project Conference, the Beginning Teacher Institute sponsored by NDE, and was a participant in NEXUS. As an educator, she has started two chapters of FCCLA. Since FCCLA was a huge part of her academic success, she wanted to provide this opportunity for her own students. Kelsey also serves on numerous committees for her school district. Kelsey says the best way to define her qualifications for this award is through her Gallup Strengths. Her top strength is WOO which stands for Winning Over Others. As the FCSTN membership chair, she gets to use her WOO to encourage others to join the organization.

ACTEN Carl Perkins Community Service Award
Janelle Stansberry, Cedar Bluffs Public Schools

Janelle Stansberry has been at Cedar Bluffs Public Schools for thirty years. She serves as the business instructor, career readiness counselor, technology coordinator, assistant track coach, and head volleyball coach. When she began her career at Cedar Bluffs, the district had six Apple II computers. Under her leadership and vision, the entire school is now in a 1:1 environment. Because of her outstanding instructional practices, she has received many awards including the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, the NSBEA Secondary Teacher of the Year, and the ACTEN Teacher of the Year. Janelle is a member of ACTE/ACTEN, the Nebraska State Business Education Association, and Delta Pi Epsilon. While in these organizations, she has held many leadership positions including serving as the Business Education Representative to the ACTEN board. Nine years ago, Ms. Stansberry encouraged the administration to allow her to charter a Future Business Leaders of America Chapter. Soon after chartering the FBLA Chapter, she began looking for opportunities for her members to perform service-oriented projects. They started with small projects such as community clean up days and raking leaves. Once the community knew of their willingness to help the community, the Chapter members were approached to help out in a variety of ways. Those activities include hosting a Halloween Carnival, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, organizing an Easter Egg Hunt, painting house numbers on curbs, and so much more. On average the FBLA Chapter gives over one thousand hours of time yearly to the school and community. Her community service goes beyond FBLA. She served as an Awana Group leader, is a non-paid technology consultant for a local parochial school, a volunteer instructor for adult computer education classes, and a YMCA coach. A colleague writes “Janelle has a passion to show our children that helping out those who are in need or just providing an extra service that brightens someone's day is important.”
ACTEN Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year
Janine Krohn, Norfolk Public Schools

Janine Krohn began teaching in 1991 and has introduced Career Education to over 7000 students. With her passion for teaching and career education, she plans to continue the mission of providing quality career education for all students. Professional development is very important to Janine. She is a member of ACTE/ACTEN, FCSTN, and the Nebraska Education Association. She has attended the NCE Conference each year, the ACTE CareerTech Vision conference, FACS workshops, and the Nebraska Association of Family and Consumer Sciences conferences. She currently serves on the FCSTN Advisory Board and heads the Bucket Auction fundraising committee. Janine was the 2015 recipient of the FCSTN Teacher of the Year award. As an FCS teacher, Janine has designed her classes to allow students to use technology to explore and learn life skills that are essential for success in school, career, and family life. Janine continually updates, differentiates, and adjusts curriculum to ensure all students experience projects that encourage them to think about their future careers and the importance of preparing for their future. Ms. Krohn works with the CTE educators at Norfolk Public Schools to ensure the continued development of their Career Academies and plays a key role in aligning curriculum to meet the needs of the district initiative allowing all students exposure to career clusters and an opportunity to enroll in a Career Academy. As a middle school teacher, her principal recognizes her ability to connect with middle schools students, her innovative classroom instructions methods, and her strong knowledge of state and local curriculum.

2016 ACTEN Member of the Year
Beverly Newton, Retired Nebraska Department of Education

Beverly Newton is a face nearly every regular NCE Conference attendee has come to know well. Last June, Bev retired from the Nebraska Department of Education as the Career Field Specialist for Communications and Information Systems and as the State Chairperson for Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America. The Association for Career and Technical Education of Nebraska recognizes Beverly Newton for her years as a committed member of our organization and for her contributions to Career and Technical Education across the state of Nebraska.

Beverly Newton served Nebraska Career Education at the Nebraska Department of Education for 23 years. Prior to joining NDE, she taught at Waverly and Milford. In 1976, Bev started an FBLA chapter at Waverly. Over the next 39 years, Beverly devoted time, energy, and made Nebraska a national FBLA stand-out.

Beverly has been recognized as an Outstanding Administrator/Supervisor for the Nebraska State Business Education and for the Mountain-Plains Business Education Association. Beverly was also recognized by Delta Pi Epsilon as an Outstanding Educator and by IBM and Technology and Learning Magazine as a Teacher of the Year. Beverly also served multiple terms with National Future Business Leaders of America as a member of and chair of the national awards committee.

Beverly Newton, congratulations on your retirement. Your commitment to Career and Technical Education has made a lasting impact on our state.
Welcome to New Members

New and Reactivating Members for 2015-2016
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ACTEN Career and Technical Awards

Do you know someone that is an outstanding Career and Technical educator?

Do you know someone that is innovative in the classroom?

Do you know someone who is a leader in Career and Technical Education?

Consider nominating a colleague for a 2017 Career and Technical Award of Outstanding Contributions.

The ACTE Member Awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among ACTE members. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of CTE through the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community.

There are seven Member Awards presented:

**ACTEN Teacher of the Year and ACTEN Outstanding Teacher by Division**

**ACTEN Postsecondary Teacher of the Year**

**ACTEN New Teacher of the Year**

**ACTEN Administrator of the Year**

**ACTEN Carl Perkins Community Service Award**

**ACTEN Outstanding Member Award**

All candidates are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Accomplishments and innovations that exhibit the quality of the candidate for the award
- Contributions to the CTE community (can include activities within their institutions, communities, ACTE and other organizations)

For more information on how applications are scored, please see the national [ACTE Member Awards Scoring Rubric](http://www.acteonline.org) at [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

**Application Process**

Candidates begin the application process by nominating themselves (or being nominated by a peer) for their state award. Candidates must hold the appropriate position at the time of initial nomination (e.g., be a secondary school CTE teacher if applying for the Teacher of the Year.)

Candidates should submit their applications on the [ACTE Awards Portal](http://www.acteonline.org) by March 1, 2017.

For more information, contact Murleen Bellinger, ACTEN Executive Director, at actenebraska@gmail.com or call 402-480-9577.
Register today for ACTE’s CareerTech VISION 2016

Advance your profession, inspire your students and celebrate “I am CTE” at ACTE’s CareerTech VISION 1016 this November 30-December 3 (Wednesday-Saturday) in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's agenda features:

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- 250+ CTE sessions
- A comprehensive CareerTech Expo
- A larger-than-ever Career Pavilion
- The elegant ACTE Awards Banquet
- Wednesday workshops and tours
- Numerous opportunities to forge new CTE connections

Visit www.careetechvision.com/attendees.cfm for the latest agenda and register today.

CTE and Senate Priorities Determined by ACTE

The Association for Career and Technical Education has shared the following priorities in regards to CTE legislation.

ACTE/Advance CTE Priorities

- Increase equitable access to high quality CTE
- Require greater coordination between planning, spending, and accountability
- Prioritize and strengthen connections between secondary and postsecondary education
- Emphasize increased engagements with employers
- Streamline the law to increase clarity and consistency
- Align the law, to the extent appropriate, with other federal education and workforce development legislation

Senate Priorities

- Support the expansion of public/private collaborations with secondary and post-secondary programs, including alignment with state or locally-determined in-demand industries and occupations
- Support efforts to integrate into and strengthen career pathways at the state and local levels
- Address unfunded programs
- Improve evaluation and research to support innovation and best practices
- Make it easier for states and locals to run their CTE programs to serve all students who desire to gain access to CTE coursework, including students with disabilities
- Increase access to, and support of, career counseling or all CTE students
- Maintain CTE as a formula program
FCCLA National Leadership Conference Draws
Record Number of Youth Leaders from Across the Country

More than 8,500 students and advisers converged for inspiration, training and opportunities to make a difference locally and across the country

August 3, 2016 – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) brought more than 8,000 of its student leaders, members and advisers to San Diego, California July 3rd-7th to participate in its National Leadership Conference. Nebraska was well represented by over 300 students, advisers, and guests.

The conference provided opportunities for students and advisers to come together to learn about new initiatives in the organization, hear from inspiring speakers, as well as to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents and explore career pathways. The theme of this year’s conference was “EMPOWER MEPOWER” and attendees were challenged to discover and grow their potential to make change in their local communities, schools, and families.

In addition to the many learning and networking experiences offered at the conference, more than 35 Family and Consumer Sciences competitive events, also known as STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events were offered to more than 5,100 event participants. Nebraska members came home with 100 Gold medals, 58 Silver Medals, and 4 Bronze medals and had multiple individuals and teams score in the top 10 nationally.

National Top 3 Award Winners

1st Place
Jose Dominguez; Nebraska City High School; Digital Stories for Change Junior
Andrew Hale, Kearney High School; Fashion Construction Senior*
Brooklynn Burrell and Kyra Farewell; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Focus on Children Junior
Brooke Ehlers and Mary Walnofer; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Food Innovations Junior
Tyra Reardon; Saint Edward Jr/Sr High School; Food Innovations Senior
Addy Vinton and Liddy Vinton; Mullen High School; Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation Senior*
Janet Ahlers, Kelsey Sextro, and Layne Swanson; West Boyd High School; Interior Design Senior*
Allie Bauer, Lauren Moes, and Taylor Moes; Elm Creek Jr/Sr High School; National Programs in Action Junior
*Indicates students awarded scholarships to post-secondary institution(s).

2nd Place
Megan Jenkins; Minden High School; Chapter Service Project Portfolio Senior
Sabra Schmidt; Medicine Valley Jr/Sr High School; FCCLA Chapter Website Junior
Rachel Hartgerink and Katie Patton; Milford Jr/Sr High School; Focus on Children Junior
Elsie Magwire and Kiersten Wheeler; West Boyd High School; Illustrated Talk Junior
Molly Lambert; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Nutrition and Wellness Senior
Aaliya Summerville; Sutton Jr/Sr High School; Promote and Publicize FCCLA! Senior

*Indicates students awarded scholarships to post-secondary institution(s).
FCCLA National Leadership Conference

3rd Place
Anna Hoffman, Sydney Hubbard, and Audrey Worthing; Elm Creek Jr/Sr High School; Advocacy Junior
Alexis Butterfield; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Career Investigation Junior
Jessica Hollist and Tatum Vondra; Milford Jr/Sr High School; Chapter Service Project Display Junior
Amanda Pischel; O’Neill Jr/Sr High School; Leadership Senior

In addition to the outstanding representation of Nebraska in STAR Events, Carter Bracht, a Senior from Howells-Dodge Jr/Sr High School was elected as a member of the National Executive Council. He will serve as the Vice President of Finance and in that role will also be a representative on the National FCCLA Board of Directors. Carter joins 9 other high school students elected to serve in this capacity for the upcoming school year. Another recognition of Nebraska excellence took place when University of Nebraska professor Sheree Moser was recognized as a Distinguished Service Award winner. This award is given to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the local, state, and national organization. Mrs. Moser’s work to prepare future advisers as well as working to support FCCLA initiatives and conferences has been vital to the State Association.

Nebraska was also recognized for their membership increase over the last year. Overall the conference was an excellent learning opportunity as well as being a celebration of the excellence attained by FCCLA members representing Nebraska.

ACTE’s Video PSA Contest for Career and Technical Education Month

ACTE’s Video PSA Contest for Career and Technical Education Month® 2017 is now open!

Before Career and Technical Education Month each year, ACTE offers schools from all over the country the chance to submit a 30-second public service announcement video informing viewers of the value of CTE and providing a glimpse of their school’s excellent CTE students and programs. We are now accepting submissions for this year’s contest!

The deadline for entry is November 4th, 2016. Winners will be selected by ACTE’s Board of Directors, announced at our VISION conference in November 2016, and have their videos posted on ACTE’s website and promoted during CTE Month in February 2017. The winning school will receive $500 and the second place school will receive $250.


We encourage you to visit our PSA Contest page www.acteonline.org/ctemonth_videocontest as well as our complete CTE Month page www.acteonline.org/ctemonth to find more information about the contest and learn about other ways to get involved during CTE Month 2017!”
4 Questions Nebraska Educators Should Ask Before Retiring

If you are a veteran educator, 50+ years of age, OR within 5 years of retirement, there are 4 questions you should address:

1. What pension option is right for me?

2. What does my retirement plan look like with my Pension, Social Security, and my own investments?

3. Which of the pension’s Service Purchase options are available to me and what would those options mean to my pension?

4. What are the variables of my retirement decision?

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The Communiqué

Highlights of NCE Conference 2016

Split the Pot a Success this year. Mona Schoenrock received over $360!

President Stephanie Miller received President plaque

Past President Kelly Means recognized for her service on the ACTEN Board. Her term ends in October.

Kelsey Kummer, ACTEN Outstanding New Teacher of the Year

Denise McNeel recognized for her service on the ACTEN Board. Her term ends in October.

Beverly Newton 2016 ACTEN Member of the Year
Highlights of NCE Conference 2016

Stephanie Miller passes the gavel to Anne Schmall.

Cathy Kloch Outstanding Career and Technical Teacher of the Year

Tennille Allison ACTEN Outstanding Business Teacher of the Year

Kelly Christensen is recognized for his service on the ACTEN Board. His term ends in October.

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