



# News & Notes

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## **Decisions on 2020 Summer Program, Preparations for 20-21 Highlight Summary of KACTE Activities in 2019-2020 Year**

Awaiting guidance from public health and approved meeting protocols, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) is continuing preparations for the 2020 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Program, now scheduled for the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, July 26-29. Whatever decision is made -- go forward, cancel, virtual, or hybrid -- it will be announced as soon as possible. KACTE is ready to provide meeting logistics, and the educational program has been set; however, discussion with officials, facilities, and services is on-going regarding what may be possible as the Commonwealth confronts the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

Regardless, KACTE must determine how to present the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau CTE Awards and to conduct the required annual meeting. Under the leadership of President Margo Bruce, a bylaw amendment is proposed to permit the association to conduct its annual meeting virtually if necessary. There is no provision to allow that to occur now, although KACTE is contacting parliamentary experts to determine what might be possible in an emergency situation.

**THE ASSOCIATION MUST ELECT** 2020-21 officers, and Past-President Wayne King, Nominations Committee Chair, announced at the April 23 KACTE Board meeting the candidates for three offices, including the first contested election for president-elect in more than 20 years. Presented alphabetically, the president-elect candidates are J.R. Drummond and Lisa Slaven.

Drummond is work-based learning coordinator for Jefferson County Public Schools and leads the Tech and Design Academy at Doss High School. He has served two years on the KACTE Board as Leadership Committee Chair, and in 2019-20 also served as chair of the Carl Perkins Assistanceship Committee.

Slaven is transition readiness facilitator at North Hardin High School. She served on the KACTE Board as Service Area Vice President for Family and Consumer Sciences and in 2019-20 as Resolutions Committee Chair.

Mark Hobbs, a manufacturing instructor at Harrison County Area Technology Center, is a past KACTE president who has served the last two years as Membership Committee Chair. He is running to succeed Treasurer Elizabeth Bullock.

Dexter Knight, principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, is seeking re-election to a three-year term as KACTE's representative to the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region 2 Policy Committee.

Current President Margo Bruce, agriculture teacher, Webster County High School, will complete the 2020-21 officer corps as Past-President under the leadership of President Kelli Dickson, family and consumer sciences teacher, Monroe County High School. The association year begins July 1.

**TWO RESOLUTIONS** will be presented at the Annual Meeting by Slaven and recommended by the KACTE Board. Resolution One urges increased professional development opportunities for CTE teachers. Resolutions Two seeks advocacy and legislative support for CTE.

The text of the bylaw amendment and the two resolutions are on a separate sheet in this mailing.

### **2020-21 Budget, KACTE Actions**

2020-21 KACTE contingency budgets were approved at the April 23 KACTE Board meeting. One approved budget balances on \$186,420 based on a typical year including a traditional CTE Summer Program. It continues KACTE's efforts to fulfill the challenges of the 2020 Strategic Doing Plan. The Board also approved a contingency budget should the 2020 CTE Summer Program be cancelled. It projects a more than \$20,000 decrease in income and a deficit of \$18,148. In approving the budget, the Board noted if the contingency budget is required, the Board will re-open discussion on using the accumulated reserve funds to balance the budget.

Since the previous **News and Notes** was distributed in late November, KACTE and its members recorded significant achievements.

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**KACTE's WEBSITE**, [www.kyacte.org](http://www.kyacte.org), now is managed by ACTE at no cost to the association due to its unified membership status. The updated website required changing the web address from [www.kacteonline.org](http://www.kacteonline.org). The new address, [www.kyacte.org](http://www.kyacte.org), aligns the web address with the association's social media addresses, @kyacte on Facebook and #kyacte on Twitter.

KACTE and its members collected numerous awards at the ACTE Career Tech Vision conference in December. Please see the Awards summary included in this all-member mailing. Subsequently, KACTE learned Jason Simon, AMTEC Director, Owensboro Community and Technical College, was named an ACTE Postsecondary Leadership Success Fellow and will participate in leadership development activities over the next year.

**ADVOCACY** was a major focus of KACTE activity prior to the impact of COVID-19. The association released *Starving*, a white paper based on survey data collected from principals at Area Technology Centers (ATCs), Locally Operated Career and Technical Centers (CTCs), and comprehensive high schools. The data and anecdotes stressed the need for adequate funding for equipment and supplies to deliver effective instruction. The paper and an accompanying one-page summary are available in the issues section of the KACTE website, [www.kyacte.org](http://www.kyacte.org).

KACTE and its contract legislative agent, McCarthy Strategic Solutions, monitored the appropriations process and urged additional funding for CTE. There was continual involvement with legislative proposals arising from the 2019 General Assembly CTE Task Force. No stand-alone legislation was approved to move Kentucky CTE to a regional structure, and appropriations decisions did not significantly increase CTE funding. When COVID-19 impacted the revenue projection, the legislature passed an unprecedented one-year budget with reduced appropriations. KACTE will maintain its position for adequate funding when the 2021 General Assembly convenes in January, and it will consider a white paper regarding regionalization of CTE delivery.

KACTE's 2020 advocacy did result in a gubernatorial proclamation declaring February CTE Month. Both the Kentucky House and Senate passed resolutions noting CTE Month and Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) Leadership Day.

At the federal level, KACTE maintained contact with Kentucky's congressional delegation. One result was increased fiscal year 2020 appropriations for CTE basic state activities under the Carl Perkins Act. KACTE also participated with colleague organizations in urging Congress to include funding for state and local education initiatives in COVID-19 emergency appropriations.

**CTSO STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY** was held in Frankfort on Feb. 11. About 300 students and advisers participated in the program and Capitol visits. Separately, the CTSO state officers made more than 40 visits with individual

legislators. Justin Newton, SkillsUSA national officer from Webster County, addressed the House Education Committee, and Dalton Green, DECA national officer from Green County, addressed the Senate Education Committee. Both presentations were well received.

**THE TALENTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** held its second session in Georgetown in January, pointing toward a capstone project at the CTE Summer Program. The KACTE Board voted to continue *TALENTS*. The next cohort will be formed during the spring and summer, with the first session scheduled for Sept. 11-12 in Bowling Green.

KACTE debuted *Surviving to Thriving* in January in Georgetown in conjunction with the *TALENTS* second session. The program was designed for teachers in years one-three who may be questioning whether they want to continue a teaching career. Although lightly attended, both attendees and presenters agreed it was a worthwhile program with promise and should be continued. The Board voted to conduct a second *Surviving to Thriving* program in Georgetown Jan. 16, 2021.

**KACTE FACILITATED** a series of eight regional meetings, *Make Every Credit Count*, working with the Office of Career and Technical Education and Student Transition (OCTEST) and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Approximately 700 CTE teachers and administrators attended the programs on dual credit and other CTE initiatives in Kentucky.

**KACTE MEMBERSHIP** remains constant around 600. Membership Committee Chair Mark Hobbs related options for a recruitment campaign at the 2020 CTE Summer Program; however, the exact plans are on hold depending on what decisions are made on whether or what type of CTE Summer Program will be held this year.

One change to membership approved by the Board is to discontinue offering payroll deduction for KCTCS faculty. The KCTCS administrative fee to process the payroll deduction of dues was not sustainable. Members who were on KCTCS payroll deduction were asked to pay annually by cash, check or credit card.

**DURING THE COVID-19** crisis, KACTE has been distributing information regarding free or reduced fee professional development opportunities pertaining to non-traditional instruction, specifically how to deliver on-line teaching. KACTE's commitment to professional development will continue in this manner as needed to provide resources for teachers during the school closures.

KACTE is planning for the 2020-21 administrative year that begins July 1. Incoming President Kelli Dickson is working to assemble the Board, and she would welcome volunteers. You may contact her at [kelli.dickson@monroe.kschools.us](mailto:kelli.dickson@monroe.kschools.us). Final decisions on meeting plans and projects will await directions and protocols established by public health and executive orders. Information will be distributed as soon as available.