

2020 Region II Virtual Leadership Conference

Agenda

October 2, 2020

All times Eastern

Friday, October 2

9:00-10:00am – **Opening GS**

10:00-10:30 – **Visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall**

10:30-11:00am – **Breakout Session 1**

- **FCPS/AWC Teachers in Industry-The Ultimate Teacher Externship**

Would immersing educators in industry help them understand the skills necessary for student success in the workforce? We think, yes! Learn how Frederick County Public Schools and American Woodmark Corporation team up to provide a unique experience to guide educator practice in preparing students for jobs of today and tomorrow.

Speakers: Mary Beth Echeverria, Leslie Knotts, Mike Mills

- **Strengthening CTE Through Successful Community Collaboration**

Discover how one small school district leverages resources through successful collaboration with community stakeholders. Carteret County Public Schools and Carteret Community College have partnered with local businesses to implement district level career awareness opportunities: CTExpo, Manufacturing Days, Health Science Academy, C.L.A.S.S. and others. These interactive and innovative activities assist in creating excitement in Career and Technical Education while increasing student enrollment.

Speakers: Kelly Hoff, Bena Weires, Allison Dees

- **Virtual World of Distant Learning**

We're living in a virtual world, and companies are Zoom-ing around a little differently. While our online course management system NCCERconnect, Pearson eTexts, and training webinars have always been key players in our virtual training game, we're making some serious moves to offer the most comprehensive and accessible training possible.

Speakers: Nicole Kitler and Craig T. Pendergraft

11:15am-11:45pm – **Breakout Session 2**

- **Credentialing and Careers in the Bioscience Industry**

Careers in the bioscience industry include a diverse range of opportunities at multiple levels of employment. To address the industry's workforce needs, Florida established a program of study, making use of blended academic/CTE secondary programs and a statewide articulation agreement to postsecondary programs, incorporating a nationally recognized industry credential (Biotechnician Assistant Credentialing Exam, or BACE). Come learn about bioscience industry careers, the national involvement of the industry, and a strategy for preparing instructors to teach within these rigorous, hybrid programs.

Speakers: Tamara Mandell

- **Changing Culture & Climate of Your School**

The culture and climate of a school directly affect teachers and students. Toxic environments affect performance. Learn how to transition to a collaborative work environment that benefits the student, faculty, school, and community. CTE professionals learn to build partnerships to sustain and build quality CTE programs in successful schools.

Speaker: Kimberly Mitchell

- **Enhancing Kentucky ACTE's Brand**

COVID-19 and its impact on schools is but one challenge facing the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE). The Kentucky General Assembly is continuing to debate organizational restructuring of Career and Technical Education (CTE) secondary delivery. A new Commissioner of Education with little background in CTE took office in August. The General Assembly again will adopt a budget impacted by COVID-19 created shortfalls while KACTE demonstrated the need for additional funding to achieve equity and access. A cancelled CTE Summer Program changed the focus both of KACTE's professional development efforts and how it must recruit and retain members. KACTE held an abbreviated strategic planning session and identified actions to address the challenges, and will share the process, the plans and known results at the session. For example, an MOU with ACTE to implement CTE Learn! has provided a new professional development outreach and a new source of income.

Presenters: KACTE Officers

11:45-12:15pm – **Lunch Break/Exhibit Time**

12:30-1:00pm – **Breakout Session 3**

- **NOCTI Innovation and Resources and the COVID Pandemic**

COVID-19 upended learning last spring and sent educators scrambling for resources to support student learning outside of the classroom. As a result, NOCTI put numerous projects including new CTE teacher and administrator credentials, foundational certifications (targeted toward younger CTE students), study guides, diagnostic reports, and resources for determining academic content in technical areas. The collaboration with the JTOTC to develop a credential was jump started, remote proctoring options were put in place so students don't miss out on credentialing, and the new Teacher Resource Center was launched in order to provide teachers more access to scoring data and much more. This session will spark ideas for any program – Join us!

Speaker: Heide Speese, NOCTI

- **Soft Skills Scores Success**

Technical Skills will help you get a job, Soft Skills will help you keep it! Teamwork is critical on the playing field, in the classroom, and throughout the work place. Discover seven key elements of a winning team to help ensure your students score success. You will experience firsthand, scenario-based activities that lead to building stronger teams, provide ways to work through conflict, and demonstrate why strong soft skills are vital to employers. The presentation provides examples of creating team accountability through self, teacher and team evaluations. Participants will leave with lesson plans and activities to use in their classroom.

Speaker: Rebecca Bazzle

- **Member & CTE Educator Engagement in the Time of COVID-19**

Hear about the latest member engagement strategies via national Association for Career and Technical Education activities, including webinars focused on CTE in the time of COVID-19, virtual learning, and professional development resources. n

Speaker: Cherisa Martin

1:15-1:45pm – **Breakout Session 4**

- **John de la Howe**

School for Agriculture is a state-funded, public, residential high school focused on providing a unique and challenging agricultural education program. Our school, the first statewide program of its kind in the nation, will allow students to receive hands-on training in the fields of agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, land management, food science, and more - all aimed at assessing the needs of modern farms.

Speaker: John de la Howe

- **Middle School Counts in CTE**

Growing evidence suggests that middle school years are essential to preparing college and career-ready students. This session blends findings from the latest research with examples of best practices to paint a picture of what middle grade career exploration could, would, and should look like. Bring your ideas and wish lists!

Speaker: Diane Lindsey Reeves

- **ACTE Policy Update: The Federal Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Moving Forward with Perkins V**

Get the latest updates on federal policy and CTE, including details on legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, FY 21 appropriations bills, and the congressional agenda for the rest of the year. Early information on Perkins V implementation will also be shared, including how the pandemic is likely to impact state and local plans.

Speaker: Alisha Hylsop

- **The FIVE Network: No Cost Virtual Mentoring & Career Prep Platform for High School Students**

The FIVE Network connects talented high school students to a team of 5 mentors and daily learning content digitally through the FIVE mobile app. FIVE mentors are experienced business professionals who help students to develop life & workforce skills, expose them to career pathways, expand their professional networks, and serve as a positive and consistent presence in their lives for 5 years starting in the 9th grade. This is a FREE resource for high school students thanks to FIVE's corporate partners. FIVE is already partnering with CTE departments and community organizations across the U.S. and has availability for more students to apply this school year. Join this session to gain access to this free resource for your students and to discuss the benefits of virtual mentoring in our new digital world. You can learn more about The FIVE Network at www.thefivenetwork.com.

Speaker: Rob Lake, Co-Founder & President of The FIVE Network

2:00 pm – **Closing Remarks/Awards Announcement**