Region IV Virtual Leadership Conference
April 14-15, 2021
Virtual Schedule at a Glance
**All times listed are Central**
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Wednesday, April 14, 2021

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Opening General Session with Kevin Fleming
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  Break/Expo Time
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  Breakout Sessions - #1

1. Administrator Strand Session
2. ACTE Legislative Update
   Presenter: Alisha Hyslop, Senior Director, Public Policy—The Association for Career and Technical Education
   Description: This session will provide an in-depth look at federal policy impacting CTE, including the priorities of the new Administration, the latest on congressional activity and federal funding, and the COVID-19 pandemic-related federal response. This session will also share resources and tips for getting more involved in the federal policy process and sharing your programs’ successes and challenges with policymakers.
3. WINning for Students & Educators: Virtual Industry Tours & Stakeholder Meetings
   Presenter: Emilee Tucker (O.U.R. Educational Service Cooperative) and Wilson Marseilles (Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce)
   Description: Come learn about a synergetic, digital, and efficient way to meet the needs of your students, teachers, stakeholders, and Perkins V requirements! We will walk step-by-step through our process of facilitating virtual industry tours and Q & A sessions with 17 local businesses and 21+ local schools.

12:00 - 12:45 p.m.  Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions - #2

1. Self Care STAT: Teaching in the age of stress!
   Presenter: Linda Romano
   As a teacher, stress is inevitable from grading to remote learning, from hybrid to homework, and everything in between! In this interactive session, you will learn the importance of self-care, learn techniques to use for yourself and students, mindful lessons to bring to your classroom, and creative ways to include mindfulness in your day-to-day activities. Join me and take this time to take care of yourself!
2. Why Online Professional Development? CTE Learn and You
Presenter: Michael Connet, Associate Deputy Executive Director - Outreach & Partnerships – The Association for Career and Technical Education
Description: Now, more than ever, CTE professionals need to sharpen their skills to address the rapidly changing conditions for teaching, leading and advising learners. Online professional development provides a wide array of opportunities to build your skills and on your own time. Discover the new online professional development platform brought to you by ACTE. With a rich catalog of more than 150 courses and 50 free learning modules this is the place for career and technical educators – teachers, administrators and school counselors / career and guidance professionals to grow their skills and expand their expertise. The highly engaging design of the courses and many of the free resources, keep you engaged while learning the latest techniques from classroom management to transitioning to high-quality online teaching.

3. **Admi Strand - Connecting Students with Industry**
   Presenter: Ross White
   The Siloam Springs School District has developed a six year program that connects students with local industry. Starting in the 7th grade through 12th grade students are introduced to the 16 career clusters and made aware of local industry through various intentional activities. Middle School students are exposed to different industries through industry tours, job shadowing and a Hands on Career Fair. In high school students are exposed through industry tours, lunch with industry, internships, and a Reverse Career Fair.

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions - #3
   1. Admin. Strand - Perkins V
   2. Panel Discussion with Perkins Directors

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions - #4
   1. Grant Writing
   2. Digital Notebooks in the CTE Classroom
      Presenter: Lindsey Harlan (Springdale High School)
      Description: Incorporating digital notebooks into the classroom is a challenge! This PD will help solve issues for classroom teachers and help them take their digital lessons to the next level.

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  Breakout Sessions - #5
   1. Admin Strand - Ready for Life
   2. Financial Focus: Prepare for the Unexpected
Presenter: Jackie Morgan and Claire Loup (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - Nashville Branch)
Description: Gain insights into and understanding of the key personal finance behaviors and actions necessary to prepare for unexpected events that can lead to financial emergencies. The presentation will highlight strategies for preparing for the unexpected. We will explore tried-and-true approaches to financial stability as well as strategies that emerged in response to pandemic and its economic impact. Additionally, free classroom-ready materials, including activities and lessons from the new infographics booklet, infographic posters, and additional resources, will be shared.
Participants will receive (electronically and by mail) the infographic posters and the new booklet of lessons and activities to support the infographic posters.

3. Membership Update
Presenter: Kelli Diem (ACTE)

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions - #6

1. Admin. Strand Session
2. Facilitating Hybrid/Remote Learning in the CTE Classroom: Lessons Learned
Presenter: Sheri Deaton and Vinson Carter (University of Arkansas)
Description: Using research based practices, teachers engaged in this session will uncover key teaching strategies designed to promote student engagement in hybrid/remote formats. Participants will explore digital resources CTE teachers can use to promote access to instruction and equity for all learners. Additionally, participants in this session will uncover formative assessment tools that are designed to give the teacher and students feedback on the knowledge and skills they have obtained.

3. Launch Your Career in Engineering
Presenter: Donna McKethan (Waco ISD) and Dr Christine Holecek (University High School)
Description: Do you remember how your heart stopped beating the first time you saw a shuttle launch? Students involved in the University High School Rocketry program experience much the same as they launch their student-designed and student-built rocket. This program which is endorsed by local industry encompasses all aspects of engineering. Engineering Principles covered in the class include testability, maintainability, integrity, external integration is well defined, ethics, management and problem solving.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Closing Session (Awards)