



## COUNSELING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



*Connecting Education and Careers*

Dear Counseling & Career Development Members,

It's hard to believe it's already August and time to welcome back students to our campuses. The COVID-19 pandemic has completely upended nearly every aspect of how we teach and provide counseling and career supports to students. In just six short months, we have reexamined and adjusted all that we had relied upon in our professional and personal lives. The pandemic and increased societal unrest is an enormous challenge that none of us anticipated, and one for which we never would have hoped. And yet, it carries enormous opportunities for innovation, expansion and personal growth. As counselors and career development specialists we understand — perhaps better than anyone — the hard work that goes into shaping student aspirations, and the power our vision can have once fully realized. At this pivotal time in history, each one of us must be prepared to step up and do our part. Now is our time to set an example for our community.

I am especially proud of the way ACTE has stepped up as a leader in CTE. They came out boldly in support of our Black community and condemned institutional racism in all of its forms. ACTE is actively committed to issues of social justice and civil rights. It has been inspiring to see the many webinars and online resources ACTE has provided to encourage, support and celebrate the diversity of the CTE community. They also have a robust library of resources, including recorded webinars, lesson plans and other publications to help us start our school year strong. Of course, my favorite webinar was on student career development; it focused on career advisement, planning and exploration in remote, blended and socially distanced learning environments, including virtual career exploration, transition and job placement services, and adjusting individual academic and career plans for new education and economic realities. If you missed this one or any of the other webinar offerings, I hope you will take the time to watch the recordings.

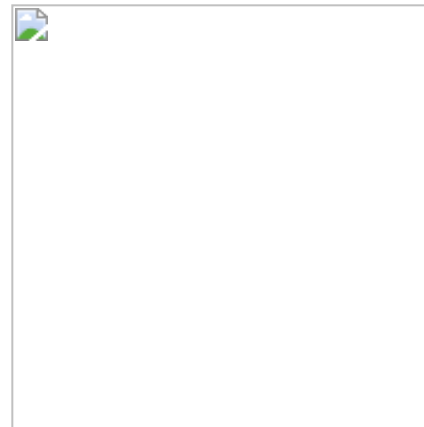
ACTE also recently announced that VISION 2020 will be going virtual this year! Although I am going to miss getting to see all of you in person, I know ACTE has an amazing conference

planned for all of us! You will have the opportunity to participate in a mix of prerecorded professional development sessions, live workshops and many, many opportunities to network live with our division leaders. I know you are going to love the dynamic virtual platform. It is easy to navigate and will transport you off your couch to my wonderful hometown and conference host city of Nashville, Tennessee! 🎧🎤

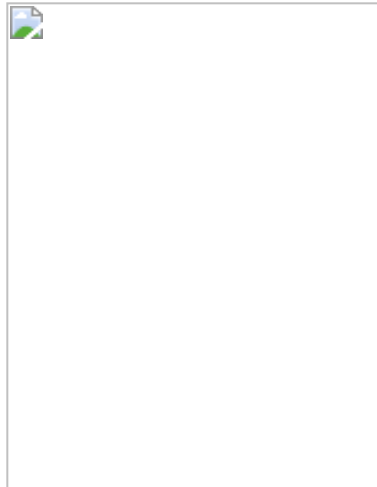
I hope you all have a wonderful start to your school year. I look forward to “virtually” seeing you **Nov. 30–Dec. 4** at VISION 2020!

## VISION Now Virtual — The Show Must Go On!

After thoughtful consideration, ACTE is excited to host, for the first time ever, CareerTech VISION 2020 as a fully online, virtual event, happening **Nov. 30–Dec. 4!** We at ACTE believe this is the safest approach for our attendees and look forward to offering you, from the comfort and convenience of your own home, school or office, an immersive professional development experience that addresses timely topics impacting career and technical education (CTE)!



[Learn more and register](#)



## New Guide Covers COVID-19 Implications for CTE Programs

*High-quality CTE: Planning for a COVID-19-impacted School Year* is a guide for helping CTE stakeholders identify the key considerations, guiding questions and emerging best practices that should shape future planning. The guide is accompanied by a [webinar series](#) (with archived recordings available to members), exploring issues and sharing ideas from the field about CTE planning for the 2020-21 school year.

[Read the report](#)

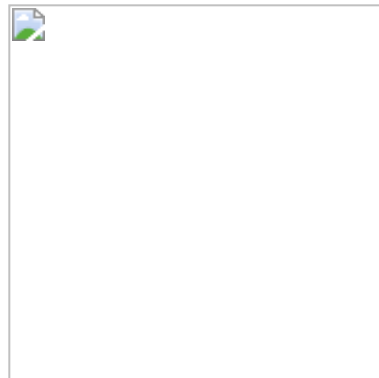
**Apply to the New IAED Mentorship Program!**

ACTE's new mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for CTE educators, seeks to support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who want to be leaders in these efforts and those who wish to support existing leadership. Applications are due **Nov. 1**. [Learn more and register](#)



### ACTE Seeking IAED Mentors

ACTE's new IAED Mentorship Program is looking for mentors! Applications are due **Sept. 15**. [Learn more](#)



## Call for Access & Equity Content

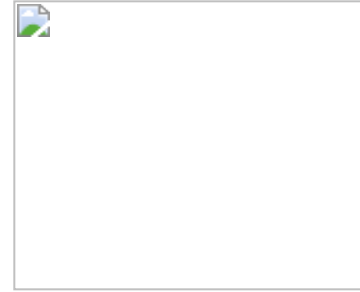
ACTE continues to seek content on IAED in CTE by:

- Recommending ideas for the IAED column that will be included in all future issues of *Techniques*
- Contributing resources to the ACTE IAED website
- Submitting recommended IAED speaker names
- Signing up to be a part of ACTE's IAED Advisory Group

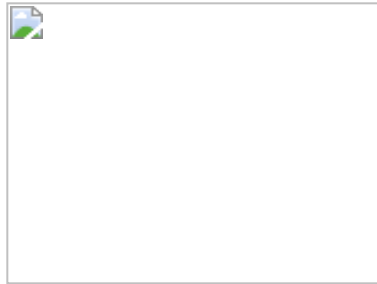
**Contribute your ideas**

**Signature Event for CTE  
Administrators Going Virtual**

The world is asking for change, and it is vital for your CTE programs to be optimized to reach and support a diversified student body. Happening virtually **Oct. 8–9**, the Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference will offer content-rich programming and networking to strengthen the field for CTE administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. This year's event is once again hosted by ACTE, the ACTE Administration Division and the National Council of Local Administrators.



[Learn more](#)



## Splash into Techniques in 2021

Hold on tight to the final days of summer — but also plan ahead! *Techniques* is now accepting proposal submissions for issues dated January, February and March 2021, on the following themes:

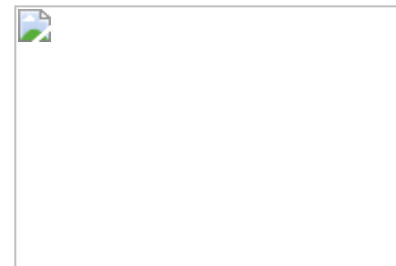
- Techniques Turns 25
- Inspiring Facilities & Innovative Equipment
- It's All Fun & Games

Review the editorial calendar and submit a proposal.

For questions, please contact [Lia Milgram](#).

## Write for PAGES

The official blog of ACTE's *Techniques* magazine, PAGES seeks to foster a community of collaboration among CTE educators. Let your voice be heard. Share [Member Connected News](#) or get an answer to CTE's most pressing



questions when you ask [Dear Linda](#). Have a better idea?  
Contact [Lia Milgram](#).



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