



Welcome Spring Region V Members – Farewell and Best Regards!

As I write this final message for the Region V newsletter as your Region V vice president, I do so with pride as well as sadness. My term will end on **June 30**. This experience has been a privilege and an honor of a lifetime. I believe during my terms — both serving on the Policy Committee two terms and then as Region V vice president — that the members of the Policy Committees whom I have had the privilege of serving with that we moved the Association forward. We implemented many new programs and gave guidance to improve the programs that were in place. I so appreciate all the Region V Policy Committee members whom I've had the pleasure to work with as well as all the friendships established in Region V over the years. Little did this shy boy know growing up on a small ranch in South Central Montana that one day he would serve in a leadership role in one of the most important organizations in education. I will treasure the friendships established over the years and hope that during my term I have helped lay a strong foundation that will keep the organization solid and moving forward into the future.

Congratulations to Shani Watkins, your new Region V vice president-elect. Having known and worked with Shani over the years, I leave you in good hands. I need to personally also thank the past Region V vice presidents who not only encouraged me to run for this position but helped me along the way. Thanks go to Doug Meyer, Chuck Gallagher and Dodie Bemis. Their support and encouragement was and is immeasurable. To all of you, my Region V CTE family, THANK YOU! I value and treasure your friendship. In the classic movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, Clarence left a message for George that stated, "No man is a failure who has friends." With that, I consider myself a success. Thanks for the wings! It's not goodbye, its see you later!

Thanks to the Nevada Region V Conference Planning Team for their efforts in providing a fantastic virtual professional development experience last week. More than 130 paid registrants were able to participate in 40 breakout sessions, panel discussions, and excellent keynote speakers (Ken Shelton and Gerry Brooks) as well as the ACTE and NDOE update. Remember

that the sessions are available for up to six months after the conference for all attendees to go back and view. Thanks to all those who participated and made this time together memorable.

Make plans to attend next year's ACTE Region V Leadership Conference to be held **April 6–9, 2022**, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Farewell and God Bless You All! 😊

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On **Saturday, April 17**, 60 state award winners from 14 states vied for the title of ACTE Region V Excellence Award winner.

These awards recognize members for their contributions to career and technical education (CTE). The following people were chosen as award recipients for 2021:



- **Miranda Bright** was presented with the ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes teachers who have made a significant contribution toward innovative CTE programs and have shown accomplishments early in their professional career. Miranda is a Family and Consumer Science educator from Crete, Nebraska.
- **Ben Hamlett** was presented the ACTE Region V Postsecondary Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes the accomplishments and innovations contributed to the CTE community by a postsecondary teacher/educator. Ben Hamlett is a professor in Twin Falls, Idaho.

- **Natalie Hancock** was presented the ACTE Region V Teacher Educator of the Year award. This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high-quality CTE programs. Natalie Hancock is an assistant teaching professor in Provo, Utah.
- **Laura Miller** was presented the ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes teachers who have provided outstanding CTE programs in their respective fields and communities. Laura Miller is an Agricultural Education educator from Junction City, Kansas.
- **Shani Watkins** was presented the ACTE Region V Administrator of the Year award. This award recognizes an administrator who has made significant contributions to CTE programs in their communities and/or state. Shani Watkins is the director of West Sound Technical Skills Center in Bremerton, Washington.
- **Richard McPherson** was presented the ACTE Region V Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes a CTE professional who has made significant accomplishments and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote community service. Richard is an Agricultural Education educator in Rio Rico, Arizona.
- **Heather Webb** was presented the ACTE Region V Counseling and Career Development Professional Award. This award recognizes a school counselor or career development professional who has made significant contributions to CTE programs in his/her communities and/or state. Heather Webb is a professional school counselor in Surprise, Arizona.
- **John Mulcahy** was presented the ACTE Region V Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes

contributions and distinguished accomplishments of individuals who have been identified with the work and vision of ACTE. John Mulcahy is an assistant superintendent in Glendale, Arizona. Also recognized for Lifetime Achievement from Region V were Julie Felt Snowball (UT), Cindy Brace (SD), Tina Statucki (NV), and Stella Tharp (KS).

The ACTE Region V Excellence Award winners will advance to the national level where they compete against the other four regions at ACTE's Hybrid CareerTech VISION 2021 to be named the ACTE Excellence Award winner of the year. VISION 2021 will be held **Dec. 1-4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Communications/Innovations Recognized

The Communication Awards and Innovative Program Awards were presented at the Region V Leadership Conference virtually. The following states received ACTE Region V Communication Awards and a digital badge to display on future publications:

- Newsletter — Washington, e-News Blast Update December 2020
- Membership Recruitment — Washington ACTE
- Conference Publication — Arizona, *Midwinter Conference*
- Advocacy Publication — Montana, *Fast Track to Your Career*
- Website Publication — Montana, www.montanaacte.org

The Innovative Program Awards recognize innovative CTE programs from each Region V state that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of CTE. Receiving Innovative Program Awards this year were:

- Deer Valley High School Marketing and Hospitality Program — Arizona
- MCPS District Automotive — Montana

- Harrisburg High School Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management — South Dakota
- Toppenish Middle School STEM Academy — Washington

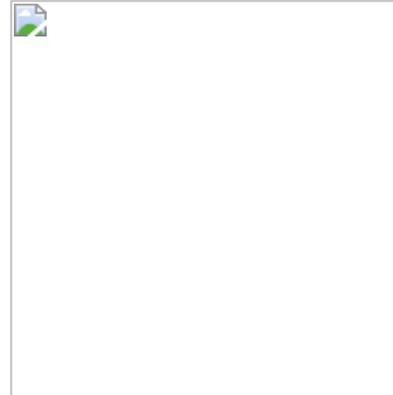
Policy Committee Openings

The terms of Eric Ripley (North Dakota) and Trish Zugg (Alaska) on the Region V Policy Committee will be ending on **June 30**. Thank you to Eric and Trish for your years of service to Region V. Also, thank you to Diane Walker, who has served previously on the Policy Committee and has recently served as the Region V secretary for the last three years. Thank you, Diane, for your years of service and for your attention to detail and excellence in recording the minutes. With open positions on the Region V Policy Committee, here's your opportunity to become involved in a leadership role. Serving as Region V Policy Committee is a three-year term, beginning **July 1**. The expectation is to participate in monthly conference calls and attend ACTE's CareerTech VISION and the Region V Leadership Conference. In order to have broader representation among the Region V states, individuals from Utah, Oregon, South Dakota, Nevada, North Dakota and Alaska may not apply this cycle, as these states are already represented by the current Policy Committee members or have just served in this last term. Check out the [website](#) or contact [Dodie Bemis](#), Region V Nominating Committee chair, for an application form.

Application forms need to be submitted to Dodie by **May 15**.

Region V Opportunity Funds Recipients Announced

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Opportunity Fund Grant: Alaska, Arizona, Nevada and Washington! Although we were unable to recognize these outstanding organizations in



person, we were thrilled to share with our Region V members at our recent 2021 Region V Conference and through this electronic communication. Each of these state organizations submitted detailed plans to use these funds for advocacy and growth.

Alaska ACTE is creating a public accessible website which will serve as a clearinghouse for online CTE curriculum and resources. They are awarded \$2,000 to assist in their efforts to develop this new website and resource repository. Alaska is working with their State Department of Education and Early Development as well as their own association to co-fund this project.

Arizona ACTE is furthering an advocacy program by using their \$2,000 award to co-fund the development of the Premier Series Brochures. Stakeholders, such as industry and new teachers and retiring teachers, will be targeted for dissemination of these CTE advocacy brochures.

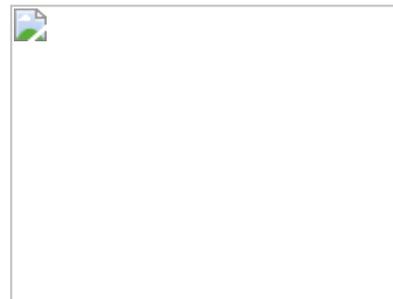
Nevada ACTE is creating advertising materials to also use in advocating for CTE. They are awarded \$2,000 for their efforts.

Washington ACTE is following in the advocacy theme and producing seven separate 30-second video spots branded to the Washington ACTE. They are awarded \$2,000 for their advocacy efforts, and they will match our award with their own funds to complete the production of these videos.

Please join us in congratulating them and celebrating the exciting work that is happening in all our states to move CTE forward.

Apply to be a Region V Fellow

Region V is pleased to announce the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program. The purpose of the Fellowship Program is to grow leaders in Region V. Fellows will have the opportunity to meet aspiring leaders from other states in the region and country. Two fellows will serve from **July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022**. The application can be found on the [ACTE Region V website](#). The deadline for applying is **May 1**. Email [Coleen Keffeler](#) with any questions.



For the National Region V Fellows, ACTE is surveying the 2021 Fellows who were already selected to see if they are still willing and able to participate in the program in 2022. If ACTE does not receive enough "yes" replies, then they will open the portal up to solicit more applications.

Region V Hall of Fame

Purpose: Recognize the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of those persons who have been identified with the work and purposes of Region V.

Please consider nominating a worthy individual from your state for the Region V Hall of Fame. Contact [Mark Branger](#) with questions. Nominations are due **Feb. 1, 2022**. More information can be accessed [here](#).

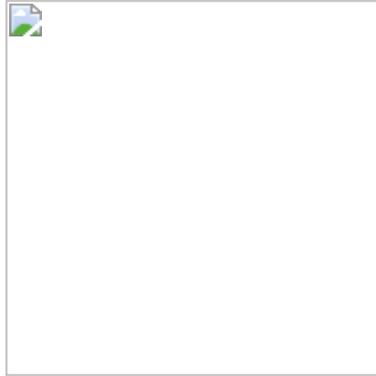
Future Region V Conference Location and Dates

- **2022** – Rapid City, South Dakota, **April 6-9**
- **2023** – Fargo, North Dakota, **April 14-17**
- **2024** – Honolulu, Hawaii, **TBD**

We will be accepting bids for the 2025 Region V Conference with the membership choosing the location at the Region V Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota in April 2022. Please consider being the next state to host the Region V Leadership Conference.

Join Us in New Orleans

**Early Bird Registration for Hybrid VISION
is Open**



The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech Hybrid VISION happens **Dec. 1–4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana. Featuring keynote speakers Kevin Brown, author of *The Hero Effect: Being Your Best When It Matters the Most*, and Anne Grady, entrepreneur and author of *Mind Over Moment: Harness the Power of Resilience*, VISION will provide unparalleled networking and concurrent program sessions covering best practices in remote, hybrid and in-person programming.

[Learn more and register](#)

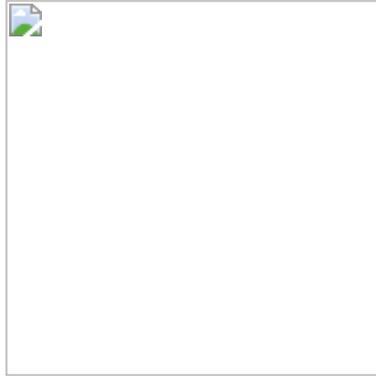


Contribute to a New National Career Clusters Framework

ACTE is pleased to share that Advance CTE is launching a crowdsourcing [portal](#) to modernize The Career Clusters Framework! Through **May 7**, Advance CTE invites you to complete a set of idea challenges to ensure The National Career Clusters Framework bridges education and work, empowering each learner to explore, decide and prepare for dynamic and evolving careers.

[Learn more](#)

CTE Innovation Summit Set for June 1



Are you ready to prepare your learners for the rapidly changing workplace with cutting-edge tools and techniques? Attend the CTE Innovation Summit taking place virtually on **Tuesday, June 1**. Presenters from the Consumer Technology Association, Microsoft, Google, Brookings Institution and a host of others will share their insights on the new innovations that will change the way you teach and how your students learn.

[Learn more and register](#)



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