



Greetings and Happy New Year Region V Members!

The first ACTE CareerTech Virtual VISION was a great success. I hope that those of you who were able to attend found valuable and useful information to use in your classroom. And, you will have access to all sessions for a full year. One of the highlights of VISION each year is the recognition of the states who are recognized with the Quality Association Standards (QAS) Award. Once again, this year Region V continued to lead in the number of states selected to receive the Quality Association Standards Award with eleven of the 27 states recognized. These include Arizona, California, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. **Congratulations** to all states who received the QAS Award.

The next big event for Region V is the 2021 Region V Leadership Conference on **April 15-17**, which will be virtual and hosted by Nevada. Hopefully, you have already registered. If not, here is the [link to register](#) for the 2021 Region V Leadership Conference. You have until **April 1** to receive the early discount. This conference is a great time to network with fellow Region V members, learn something new and innovative, *and* we get the privilege of recognizing the Region's best CTE individuals during the Awards Session on Saturday morning.

The Nevada Planning Team has been working to continue the great professional development that happens each year at the Region V Leadership Conference. It is an opportunity you will not want to miss. Read below for more information.

2021 Region V Leadership Conference: Pioneers of Change

Nevada ACTE is excited to host the 2021 ACTE Region V Leadership Conference in the virtual world from **April 15–17**. Early registration at \$199 for members ends on **April 1**. Advanced registration runs from **April 2–14**, for \$299 for members. Attendees can [register here](#).

We have some exciting speakers lined up, including Ken Sheldon and Gerry Brooks. There will also be a separate student conference on **Saturday, April 17**. Please encourage your students to attend and learn about leadership and other fun topics.

We are excited to "see" everyone online and catch up. As always if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact [Jennifer Fisk](#).

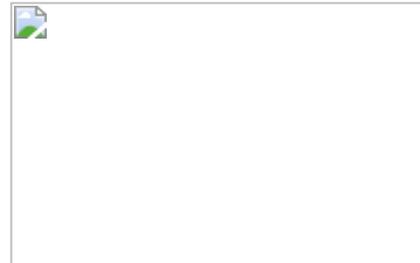
Registration Due Dates:

Early Registration – **April 1**

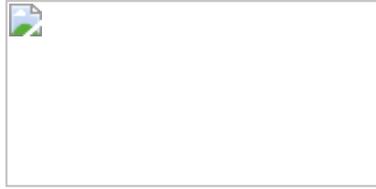
Advance Registration – **April 14**

2020 Region V Innovative Program Recognition

SOUTH DAKOTA — SDACTE Past President Josh Christiansen congratulates Brookings Business/Technology instructor Dan Berg on his award-winning apprenticeship program as the Region V Innovative Program from South Dakota. Others in the picture include Brookings High School Principal Paul Von Fischer and CTE Director Joline Dunbar. Brookings High School, in partnership with the Brookings Manufacturing Consortium (Daktronics, Falcon Plastics, Larson Manufacturing, and Counterpart, Inc.), developed the first registered apprenticeship program in SD (Brookings Production Technologist Registered Apprenticeship) specifically for 16- and 17-year-old participants.



MONTANA – The Innovative Program from Montana this year is from the Twin Bridges business education



program, headed by Jody Sandru consists of students from grades seven–12. Some innovative features among this program are teaching students to run state-of-the-art digital cameras to produce a quality yearbook. Within her program, students started a weekly Falcon News show that interviewed staff and students, told stories and covered the latest happenings using a newsroom, sound equipment and the latest software. The news stories were posted online and shown to the school weekly. Last year, the chapter received the prestigious Chapter of Excellence National Award and Montana’s Spirit of Professionalism Trophy.

ARIZONA – The Arizona Innovative Program is the AZ CTE Curriculum Consortium, which is a unique program that works in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education and CTE teachers statewide to develop curriculum resources to prepare students for college and career success. Universal access to high-quality instructional materials and collaborative work with ACTEAZ to provide professional development opportunities remain the foundation of the program serving 95% of Arizona School Districts. AZ CTE Curriculum Consortium (Daktronics, Falcon Plastics, Larson Manufacturing, and Counterpart, Inc.), developed the first registered apprenticeship program in SD (Brookings Production Technologist Registered Apprenticeship) specifically for 16- and 17-year-old participants.



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(Curriculum Writer), Jennifer
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Deborah MacKinney
(Curriculum Writer) Middle
Row: Julie Girtten (Editor),
Lacey Peebles (Editor) Bottom
Row: Shanika Peplinski
(Administrative Assistant,
Tammy Bonner (Director)

NORTH DAKOTA – This Innovative Program in North Dakota provides career exploration

through job-site visits and work-based learning experiences including: job shadowing, informational interviews, service learning, student-led enterprises, unpaid and paid work experiences, career mentorship and college visits. Students are involved in helping run the Valley City Community Closet, which is a free service providing clothing and other household items to needy families. Through this, the student will demonstrate an understanding of volunteer service work vs. paid positions. Students demonstrate sorting and laundry skills when organizing items for the Valley City Community Closet.

Students are also involved in running and managing a small service shop having various items for sale. They run the store on Fridays during the school year. The skills the students learn from this service are advertising for the service, understanding needed inventory, organizational and marketing skills, a variety of appropriate customer relations skills, and general bookkeeping and accounting.



Instructor: Geoff Anderson,
Selah School District, Selah
High School

WASHINGTON — The purpose of this innovative program from Washington is to help prepare students for careers in the field of STEM and others. Students who exit this pathway will ensure they have skills necessary for future success. The success of the program starts with students being hands-on with materials as well as focusing on problem solving and leadership. Students are encouraged to find real-world problems to design and solve.

Recently, a group of students designed and built an exterior sign for the Selah Fire Department. Students work in a team using the design process to communicate with others and complete the project. Engaged creators are intrinsically motivated through innovative instruction centered around student engagement and applying their learning in new and deeper ways.

Interested in Becoming a Region V Fellow?

You should have already received notification in early December about Region V continuing the opportunity to participate in a Region V Fellowship Program to promote the image of career and technical education, and to provide an understanding of policies related to CTE in Region V. Region V will select a maximum of two fellows for the next two years. Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$1,000 for each year of the two-year period. This stipend is to help offset some of the expenses of being a fellow.

If you haven't already, check the [Region V website](#) for information on the goals, objectives and responsibilities of the Region V Fellows.

All requirements of the application must be completed in order to be considered. Please submit your application by the deadline of **Monday, March 1**. Successful applicants will be notified by **Tuesday, March 30**.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing your application, please contact [Coleen Keffeler](#).

Awards Committee Update

It's that time again. Submit your state's best of the best for recognition at the Region V Conference taking place **April 15–17**.

Region V Member Awards of Excellence:

Once again, the Region V Awards Committee would like to interview all state award winners advancing to the regional level! In order to complete this task in a timely manner, we are asking each state award winner to create a video interview. No face-to-face interviews will be given at the conference. Please encourage your candidates to register early and attend the Region V Conference to receive the recognition they deserve. The deadline is **March 1**. Awards of Excellence will be presented during the Awards Session on **Saturday, April 17**.

Guidelines, Tips & YouTube Instructions are available on the [ACTE Region V Awards Website](#).

Region V Innovative Program Awards:

Recognize innovative CTE programs that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of CTE. Deadline to nominate an [Innovative Program](#) from your state is **March 1**. If you have any questions about Member Awards or the Innovative Award, please contact [Shani Watkins](#), ACTE Region V Awards Chair.

Region V Communication Awards:

Submit your state communications for an [award](#)! Communications must have been created and completed between **Jan. 1–Dec. 31** of the current award year. Communication categories include newsletter, membership recruitment, conference publication, advocacy publication and website publication. Communication Awards applications must be postmarked by **March 1**.

If you have any questions about the Communication Awards, please contact [Coleen Keffeler](#).

Region V Opportunity Fund Grant

The Region V Policy Committee will offer Opportunity Fund Grants for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Region V Policy Committee has authorized the use of up to \$12,000, in increments of up to \$2,000 per grant. The grant should focus on at least one of the purposes of Region V:

- Member Value and Engagement
- Professional and Leadership Development
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Strategic Partnerships
- Innovation

States interested in applying for the Opportunity Fund Grants will find an application [HERE](#). If you have any questions or difficulty with the application, please contact Region V Policy Committee Member – Opportunity Fund Grant Chair, [Trish Zugg](#). Remember that applications are due by **March 15**.

Winning states will be notified at the business meeting at the April 2021 Region V Leadership Conference. Funds will be disbursed upon completion of the grant year which will be at the 2022 Region V Leadership Conference Business Meeting.

The following requirements need to be met before funds are reimbursed:

1. Applications submitted by **March 15**. Application should be submitted by the state association president and/or executive director (if applicable) with budget narrative and specific goal(s) and objective(s) of the program.
2. Applications submission by state president will suffice as electronic signature asking for consideration of request.
3. Itemized grant budget, including matching of funds.
4. Brief reports (x3):
 - a. Status update to grant committee chair by end of October 2021.
 - b. Written completion summary including documentation of how funds were spent and the outcomes, due 14 days prior to the 2022 Region V Leadership Conference Business Meeting.
 - c. Brief oral report on the project outcomes at the Region V Leadership Conference 2022 Business Meeting, to share exemplars with other states in attendance.

Seeking State to Host Region V Conference in 2024

The Region V Policy Committee is soliciting states to [submit proposals](#) to host the Region V Leadership Conference in 2024. This is a great opportunity to showcase what is happening in your state as well as receive funds to aide in your state's projects. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Mark Branger](#) for more information.

Let's Get Social with #ACTERegionV!

Social media is a powerful tool for building your professional network, promoting what's happening in your programs, connecting with business and industry, and for making the work that is happening in CTE visible, while elevating our profession. We want to build the ACTE Region V

community and keep track of all of the amazing things that are happening. When sharing out on Twitter, Instagram, or LinkedIn, use the Region V hashtag #ACTERRegionV and connect with others who are using this hashtag. The ACTE Policy Committee will be sharing our updates for conferences and opportunities using this hashtag on social media, so follow this hashtag and join the conversation! Other popular hashtags to include in your CTE posts are:

#Careerteched

#CTEWorks

#IamCTE

#CTEStrong

Be sure to follow ACTE's new Instagram account @regionV_acte and tag them in your posts, with the #ACTERRegionV hashtag of course!

Region V Deadlines

Region V Leadership Conference Early Bird Registration — **Feb. 1**

Region V First Time Conference Attendee Stipend — **Feb. 1**

Region V Fellows Applications — **March 1**

State Award Winners Advancement to Region — **March 1**

Region V Innovative Program Awards — **March 1**

Region V Communication Awards — **March 1**

Region V Opportunity Fund Grants — **March 15**

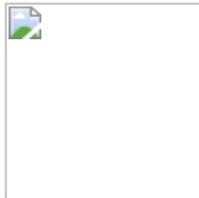
Region V State of the States Report — **March 15**

Region V Leadership Conference Advance Registration — **April 1**

Region V Leadership Conference Late Registration — **April 14**



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