Hello,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am an auto service instructor from Area 31 Career Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am fortunate enough to be able to work in my dream career (teaching in the same program I graduated from). As a father of five, I am a very busy person, and with that being said, I couldn't keep up without the help of my wife of 21 years, Ryann. I enjoy working in my garage and spending time in the outdoors. I am honored to be the new vice president of the Trade and Industrial Division. I would like to take a moment to thank all of you whom I will be working with in advance for the support of our division. These are trying times, and I plan on leading with a spirit of innovation. I appreciate all feedback that I have received thus far and hope that it continues as I settle into this position. As a division, we are only as strong as our member support, and it is my hope that our members will rally to our cause for advocacy. I look forward to meeting all of you at Virtual VISION 2020 this year. I am excited to announce Kyle Holt, president of SP2 as our keynote speaker at our opening session. Again, thank you in advance for your continued support.

# Indiana Association of Transportation Technology Instructors Hold 20 Hours of Summer Training Despite COVID-19

As I am sure you are aware, we are in the middle of a change about how we approach learning. This includes the opportunities we have as teachers and instructors to stay current on the latest innovations in our particular industry. Meetings and conferences and the like have been cancelled and moved to a virtual setting. This has caused colleges, schools, industry partners and organizations to change how they deliver content.

The Indiana Association of Transportation Technology Instructors (IATTI) hosts a yearly conference to update training to our members. The training is college accredited through IVY Tech State College and is typically held on their campus. We would usually send 30 hours over four days to receive this training. The majority of our members are instructors of NATEF Certified programs, and this allows them to receive the 20 hours of training necessary to retain certification. Our members are mostly from Automotive Service programs, but we also have Diesel and Auto Collision programs, as well. Obviously, this year we had to move to virtual meetings using Zoom. As an organization, we decided to meet every Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. over the course of 10 weeks. We met with industry partners like Mitchell ProDemand, O'Reilly Auto Parts, CDX Learning System, SP/2 Safety and Pollution Training, Hunter Equipment, and Carvana. IVY Tech provided training on General Motors, Toyota and Advanced Diagnostics. We then wrapped up the training by learning about project-based learning from one of our own members. In the end, I feel that it was somewhat of a blessing to move to virtual training. While we missed being able to meet in person and have that comradery, it enabled other instructors to participate who normally would not. As we progress through these ever-changing times, it is my hope that next year, we will be able to meet in person and include an online presence for those who are not able to be there to participate.

Steve Owen IATTI President

## 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)!







# 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. 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 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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