Happy October!

I hope this finds all of you healthy and doing well. The school year is in full-swing, and ACTE has been working hard to provide us with some amazing professional development. The highlight is going to be **Virtual VISION** in December.

I’m so excited for Virtual VISION and the things ACTE are planning. There are going to be so many sessions and opportunities for networking. On **Tuesday, Dec. 1** we will have our Business Division live opening session where we are going to celebrate the combining of business and marketing divisions. There also will be business specific sessions that day and some networking opportunities.

What I consider to be the best part of Virtual VISION is the ability to go back and watch sessions you didn’t have a chance to see when they first aired. With a paid registration for Virtual VISION, you will be able to access all the sessions of VISION for a year! We know that life is crazy in the classroom right now, so having to opportunity watch them later is so valuable.

Be on the lookout for more information about the specifics of our Business Division happenings!
Watch as Kimberly Wilson, ACTE’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, and this year’s ACTE Excellence Award Finalists share their love of CTE! Love this video?! Watch ACTE’s social media channels — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — from now through Oct. 23 and share this happy video (along with another one!) on your social media to be entered into a drawing for 10 $15 gift cards! Bring your virtual glitz and glam to the ACTE Awards Gala at Virtual VISION, happening Nov. 30–Dec. 4, to help us recognize those individuals and organizations, who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Don’t forget, the member advance rate of only $250 ends Oct. 23!

Engage, Gather & Learn at VISION

ACTE is excited to offer Virtual VISION 2020 on a dynamic virtual platform, bringing you hundreds of sessions in a mixture of live-streamed, simulive and on-demand formats, all of which you will be able to access post-event! Happening Nov. 30–Dec. 4, Virtual VISION will offer immersive and expanded programming that addresses cutting-edge CTE issues during these unprecedented times. Be sure to register by Oct. 23 to secure the advance rate of $250 for members.
Tune in for Virtual VISION

RSVP for Business Division Business Meeting

All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings but require an RSVP in order to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs are required by Friday, Nov. 6. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than Friday, Nov. 13.

Questions? Contact member services at ACTE.

Verify Your Membership by Nov. 4 to Vote!

The 2021 ACTE board of directors election will be held this year Dec. 4–Jan. 4! Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:

- You must be an ACTE member by Nov. 4 to vote
- Voting will open during Virtual VISION on Dec. 4 and run through Jan. 4
- Winners will be announced in early January 2021

Learn more
ACTE Announces 2021 National Award Finalists
The ACTE Excellence Awards recognize those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to advance CTE programs. All ACTE Excellence Awards are presented at the ACTE Awards Gala in conjunction with Virtual VISION. Meet our finalists

SynED Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner
ACTE recently announced synED as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award winner. SynED’s work in conjunction with Canyon Springs High School at Moreno Valley Unified School District in Moreno Valley, California to help build a skilled and prepared workforce of high school students was a driving factor and example of their exemplary work that led to their award recognition. Read more

Joseph P. Dragone Named Champion for CTE Winner
ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D., senior executive officer at Capital Region BOCES in Albany, New York. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders, business and industry executives, and thought leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce. Read more

Michigan Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest
ACTE recently announced Sara Tatreau, a Kent Career Tech Center recent graduate, as the national student trophy design winner in its fifth annual student
trophy design contest. In addition to having her design used to create this year’s trophies, Tatreau will receive a $1,000 scholarship and Kent Career Tech Center will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of Stratasys, Ltd. Meet Sara Tatreau

New Resource for CTSO Students
Rachael Mann, author of The CTSO Competition Companion, offers CTSO students specific components of winning strategies and approaches in this easy-to-read book, covering such topics as:

- How to excel in competitions and win at life
- Building skills that will open doors and opportunities
- How to prepare for unknown variables and predict worst-case scenarios

The complementary book launch webinar, featuring the author and some of the book’s guest voices, can be viewed here. Member price is $19.95.

Purchase your copy

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