



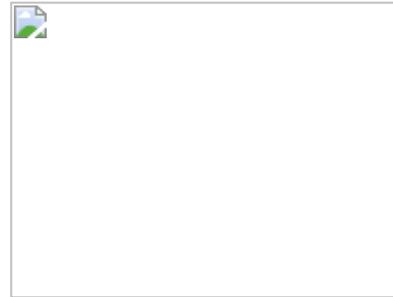
COUNSELING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Connecting Education and Careers

Happy New Year! I hope each of you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break. I can't wait to embark on 2020 with you!

I really enjoyed getting to meet and talk with so many of you at VISION 2019! The work you are doing on behalf of students across the country is truly inspiring. As I reflect on the past year and decade, I think about how far we have come in career and technical education (CTE). No longer do people think of CTE as simply an alternative pathway but as a way for all students to get ahead. I was talking to a high school student last week who is trying to decide where to go to college. She already has multiple scholarship offers from top universities across the country. She shared that what she thinks has made her competitive at these institutions is that she was part of a career academy all four years of high school. She specifically pointed to her summer internship where she was exposed to working in a medical lab, measuring blood pressure and practicing what she would be doing one day in a health sciences career. These internships coupled with rigorous coursework have made her a well-rounded, interesting young woman with a clear direction for her future. As we look ahead to the next decade, how do we ensure that all students have access to high quality CTE programming no matter where they go to school? I believe each of you are the key to making this dream a reality.



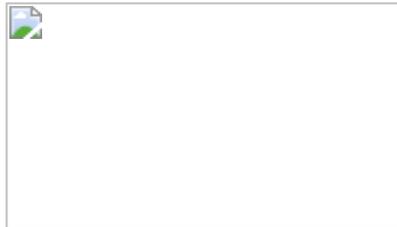
Meet Your Vice President-elect

The results are in! Your Counseling and Career Development Vice President-elect is Teresa "Gibby" Gibbons. She is very honored and excited to serve each of you in this position. You will be hearing from her soon with ways to become more involved in our division. She is also our social media chair. Be sure to check out our Facebook page: ACTE Counseling and Career Development Division and follow us on Instagram at ACTEcareercounseling.



I am also happy to share that Shelly Thome, who also ran for Vice President-elect, will be joining our division leadership team. Her experience, expertise and positive energy are just what we need as we embark on this new decade!

[Learn more](#)



Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Advocate on behalf of the CTE profession and amplify our collective voice by participating in ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) this **March 29–April 1** in Arlington, Virginia.

Whether you're a seasoned advocate or a first-timer to Capitol Hill, now is an essential time to communicate your CTE success stories, programming priorities and local education needs with your legislators to help advance your programs. NPS will offer an all-new CTE Innovation Summit as well as Perkins V implementation guidance and CTE advocacy tools to deliver a strong message to your policymakers and to take back home to your communities. Register by **Feb. 21** to secure early bird rates.

[View agenda and register](#)



Present at VISION

We invite you to participate as a presenter at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2020, the premier event for career and technical educators, business leaders and industry professionals, **Dec. 2-5** at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville,

Tennessee. We are seeking presentation proposals that cover a wide variety of high-quality secondary and postsecondary CTE in all program areas along with stories of successful education and business collaborations. Sessions are typically 60 minutes in length, and presenters receive a speaker discount on the VISION early bird registration rate.

Submit your proposal by Feb. 29

Explore the Full Spectrum of WBL Experiences

ACTE's new National Work-based Learning Conference, co-hosted with the Iowa Work-based Learning Organization, is focused on supporting the delivery of quality experiences that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Happening April 22-23 at the Des Moines Area Community College FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Io-wa, this event features Dr. Casey Sacks, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges in the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, as the keynote speaker.



Learn more

CTE Month & NASA HUNCH Student Video Challenge

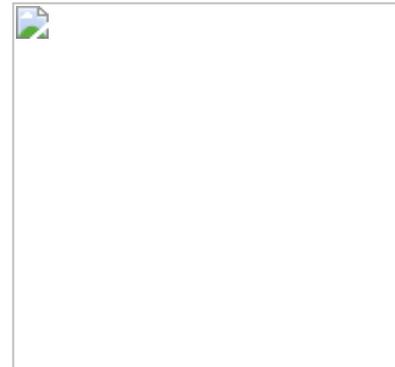
ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the student video challenge, celebrating CTE and project-based learning programs. This year's theme is *Living and Working on the Moon and Beyond* and calls on middle school, high school and postsecondary students to produce a video two minutes or less in length. The deadline to submit videos is **March 2**. Visit the CTE Month webpage to learn more about ways to celebrate your CTE programs, download the CTE Month logo, purchase CTE Month products and more!



Celebrate CTE Month

New Conference Revolutionizes CTE

Bridging the gap between ideation and implementation, Leading the Education Revolution Conference shifts attendees' participation from consuming information to solving problems and addressing challenges at national, state and district levels. This new event, taking place **June 9-12** at Butler Tech in Cincinnati, Ohio, will dive into implementation of second-order changes that will revolutionize a student's career and technical education experience.



Learn more

I am so grateful to have the most wonderful policy committee, leadership team and division members in all of ACTE! Thank you for all of your support this year. I hope to see you in March at ACTE's National Policy Seminar in Arlington, Virginia.



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