Happy fall y’all,

As I watch the landscape change around me, I am reminded of how this year has been a season of change for us all. Seeing the colors change and feeling the cooler temperatures reminds me that change can be beautiful when we focus on the positives. Hopefully, this finds you settling in and finding a way to manage the new demands of teaching in these ever-changing times.

One of the biggest changes will be the Virtual VISION 2020 Conference.

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.

Mark your calendars now for the eTED division opening session and live presentations on Tuesday, Dec. 1, followed by virtual networking opportunities Wednesday, Dec. 2. I will be hosting a "Casual Conversations" session for attendees to share best practices and to brainstorm solutions for problems you are continuing to navigate. We are offering a "Speed Dating with Corporate Partners" session to introduce you to
resources (many of them free) who are interested in connecting with you. And, we have scheduled some “fun” sessions, such as virtual bingo and a trivia contest, to encourage us to take care of ourselves during these ever-changing times.

Prizes will be given away to several lucky participants who join the conversations. I hope you will join us for Virtual VISION 2020 as I am looking forward to connecting with each of you to determine how the eTED division can support you. More information will be posted on the website and sent through email as details become finalized. You won’t want to miss it. Early bird registration ends Oct. 23. The best part is all of the 300+ sessions will be available to registrants for 365 days after the conference. You can access the sessions on your time when you need them.

Tune in for Virtual VISION
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!

RSVP for eTED 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.
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

ACTE Seeking Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity Mentees
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 are interested in serving as mentees in ACTE’s IAED Mentorship Program should apply by Nov. 1.

Learn more

Innovation in CTE
ACTE is looking for innovation at the forefront of CTE. The innovation definition for the purpose of ACTE’s work on this project is: Something new or unique utilized at the CTE program level which improves
conditions for student learning, teacher practice or other facets of the CTE experience. Please submit any innovative concepts for ACTE to develop into best practices content to Megan Kmiotek.

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

New Student Video Contest: Advancing Space Exploration
Through Manufacturing

ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to once again collaborate on the 2020–21 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on earth and in space. This year’s theme is "Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing" and encompasses multiple CTE sectors, including health care, transportation, family and consumer sciences, energy, robotics and more! The deadline to submit a video is April 1.

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

There are several leadership opportunities available within the eTED division. Please contact me to learn how you can contribute to the development of division activities.
I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as eTED Vice President, and I hope to connect with you during Vision 2020. Take care and be well.

Sincerely,
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