



Fall is here, FCS education colleagues! I hope you find the color change of the leaves, the farm equipment in the fields, and the anticipation of frost to decrease allergies as exciting as I do!

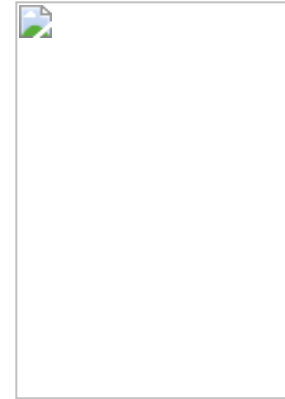
Please take some time to review all the award winners listed in this edition of the newsletter. You will see several of “your FCS people” being honored for their creativity, hard work, and dedication to students.

Speaking of “your people,” have you registered for Virtual VISION 2020 yet? We are quickly approaching the deadline of **Oct. 23** for the best rates. This is the perfect time to attend a national conference and attend any or all of the sessions (FCS or other Divisions) from the comfort of your desk or comfy sofa. **Dec. 1–2** will be key days for you as an FCS education professional. **Dec. 1** will be the FCS focused day with our Opening Session featuring Dr. Tracy Noerper, titled: "Vision 2020: The Stage is Set for FCS." Dr. Noerper is ready to inspire you using the perspective of the Nashville big stage. Immediately after our FCS opening session, several concurrent sessions will be open for your attendance. Check out the ACTE website for the latest list of sessions! At the end of the day, let’s get together for a coffee or cocktail and celebrate all of our FCS award winners at the FCS Awards celebration. But wait, there's more!

Dec. 2 will be your opportunity to connect with other FCS folks in the Information Center, which will be open from 1:30 to 6:30 for engagement, fun, and entrance to more than 20 FCS Best Practices sessions! Let’s make this Virtual VISION lots of fun until we all can meet again in New Orleans, December 2021!

Tracy Noerper, PhD, RD, LDN, is a Registered and Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist in the state of Tennessee. Noerper is currently an Assistant Professor and Assistant Dietetic

Internship Director at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her bachelor's degree in Nutrition from Abilene Christian University and her master's degree in Nutrition from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). Noerper also received her PhD in Health and Human Performance from MTSU. She has served as president and past-president of both the Nashville and Tennessee Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics associations. Her research interests are food security and post-secondary education.



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**.

[Learn more](#)

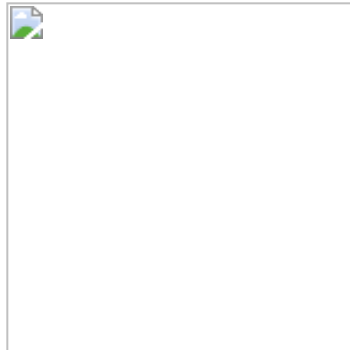
[ACTE Seeking Inclusion, Access,](#)

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](#)



RSVP for FCS 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.

RSVP

Verify Your Membership by Nov. 4 to Vote!

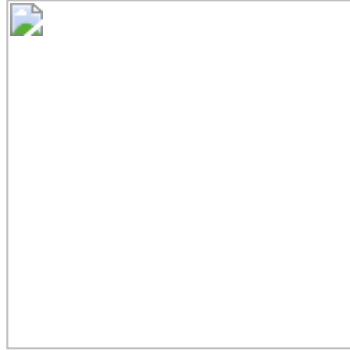
The 2021 ACTE board of directors election will be held this year **Dec. 4–Jan. 4!** Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:

- 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



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](#).

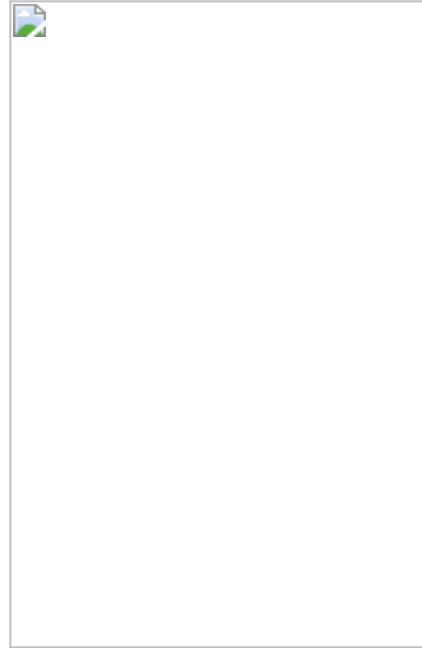
New Resource for CTSO Students

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

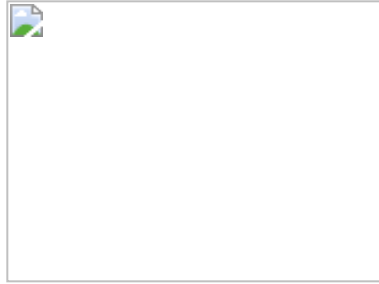
The complementary book launch webinar, featuring the author and some of the book's guest voices, can be viewed [here](#).
Member price is \$19.95.

Purchase your copy



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!**



[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](#)



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