



Greetings Health Science Educators!

Spring is blooming all around us. I live in Northeastern Pennsylvania and work in New York, and spring is just starting around here. I watch as my delicate crocuses are blooming purple and white, the tulips are sprouted and I await their blooms, and the daffodils are just about ready to flower. I also eagerly await my favorite springtime visitor: the hummingbird. Those sweet feathered friends remind me of all that is wonderful about life. Spring has a way of telling us that life is beautiful, and we are about to experience a fresh start, a fresh season filled with joy and sunshine. We get to sit outside in the fresh air, hopefully shedding our masks to bask in the sunshine and breathe the fresh air.

As you can see, I am so grateful for the renewal. Self-care is so important, and part of self-care is gratitude. I am a faithful servant, and I am so grateful for the beauty all around us. I am grateful for my time serving as vice president of ACTE Health Science Division, and I appreciate all of you as members. I hope to continue to serve ACTE in the future because I truly believe that this professional organization is a family and you as members are important members of this family. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our community, students and healthcare. Thank you all for supporting me as your vice president — I was so proud to serve all of you and ACTE.

New Starts

Congratulations again to our new division vice president-elect, Holly Strand-Rysgaard. Strand-Rysgaard is a Health Sciences instructor at West Fargo Public Schools in West Fargo, North Dakota. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 2021.

She will soon take the role and begin her new start serving as your VP of the Health Science Division.

Opportunities

Catherine B. Junge Award Deadline Approaching

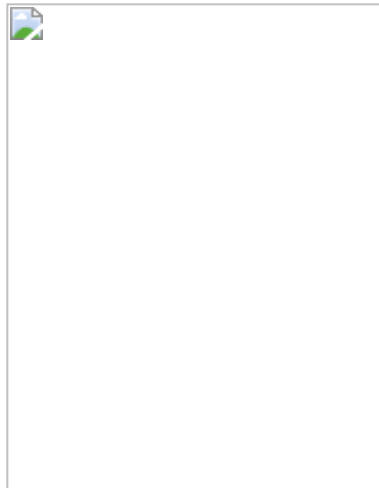
Just a quick reminder to get your nominations in for the Catherine B Junge Scholarship by **May 7**.

All Health Science Education Division ACTE members are welcome to apply for the scholarship. For more information about the scholarship opportunity and to apply, please visit our [website](#).

Innovation

ACTE is looking for innovation at the forefront of career and technical education (CTE) from Health Science Education members. Innovation for the purpose of ACTE's work can be defined as: 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. ACTE will then construct content from the innovative suggestion (i.e., a webinar, *Techniques* article, blog posting or recording) for other ACTE members to utilize.

Please submit any innovative concepts to [Megan Kmiotek](#) to develop into best practices content.



ACTE Releases Report on CTE During and After COVID-19

While COVID-19 has led to many challenges for career and technical education (CTE), the pandemic has also created opportunities for innovation in CTE program delivery. ACTE's latest publication, *High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations*, generously sponsored by [MajorClarity](#), describes these challenges, shares examples of innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-

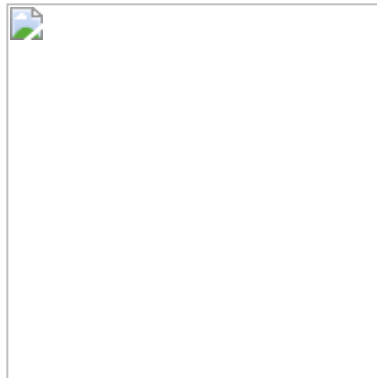
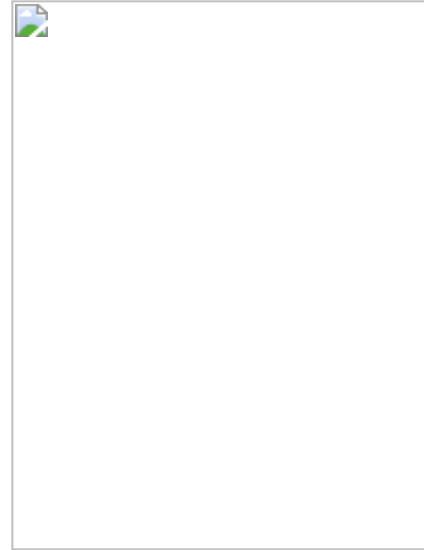
COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.

[Read more](#)

New Brief: Connecting SEL Learning to Career Success

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is gaining traction within schools, particularly as research demonstrates an increase in overall well-being and lifelong benefits. Fortunately, social-emotional skills can be learned, taught, interwoven and prioritized in CTE programs. This Xello-sponsored brief, the latest in its Student Career Development series, written by Dr. Angela Smith, School of Education, North Carolina State University, is now available.

[Read more](#)



Early Bird Registration for Hybrid VISION is Open

The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech Hybrid VISION happens **Dec. 1–4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana. Featuring keynote speakers Kevin Brown, author of *The Hero Effect: Being Your Best When It Matters the Most*, and Anne Grady, entrepreneur and author of *Mind Over Moment: Harness the Power of Resilience*, VISION will provide unparalleled networking and concurrent program sessions covering

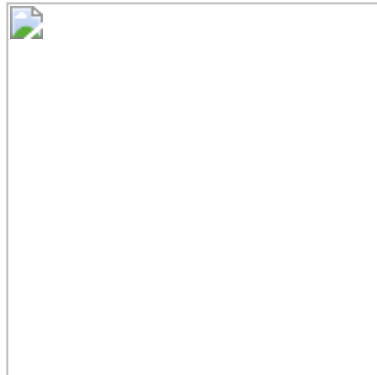
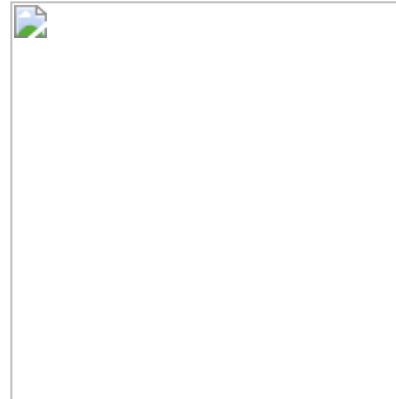
best practices in remote, hybrid and in-person programming.

[Learn more and register](#)

Board of Directors Election — Accepting Applications

Interested in serving the association as a member of the board of directors? Applications for open positions are due **June 15**. For more information, please see the guidelines for the board of directors nominations.

[Learn more](#)



Upcoming Webinars

Plan to attend these free webinars, covering innovative best practices in CTE.

- **Confronting Isms in the Classroom, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. EST**
- **Innovative Connections: STEM + CTE at Home or School, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. ET**
- **Equity for Remote Learning, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- **Ensuring your classroom is providing equity for all CTE Students, Aug. 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET**
- **Pivoting to Practice: Making Your Work-based Learning Experiences Meaningful, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET**

- Empowering Girls and Women in CTE, **July (date TBD)**

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New CTE Learn Advocacy and Perkins Courses

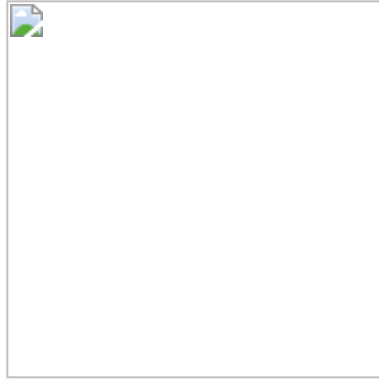
ACTE is pleased to announce two new courses available via CTE Learn:



- *Spending and Managing Carl D. Perkins Grant Funds* introduces participants to the federal rules that govern the spending and management of Perkins funds. [LEARN MORE](#)
- *CTE Advocacy: Policymakers and the Press* provides education professionals with the background, skills and know-how to successfully advocate and promote their CTE programs to both the press and policymakers at the local, state and federal levels. [LEARN MORE](#)

ACTE Impact Awards — Call for Nominations

The ACTE Impact Awards recognize groups and individuals from the education, business and industry communities who contribute to the improvement, promotion and development of CTE. Individuals or entities making a positive impact on the image of CTE

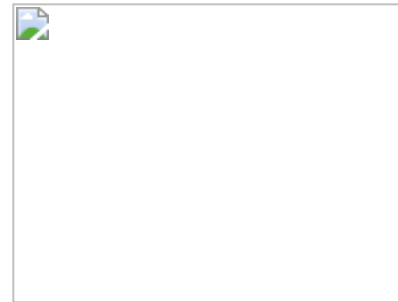


are eligible recipients of these awards. The deadline to apply for these two awards, the Business-Education Partnership Award and the Champion for CTE Award, is **May 1**.

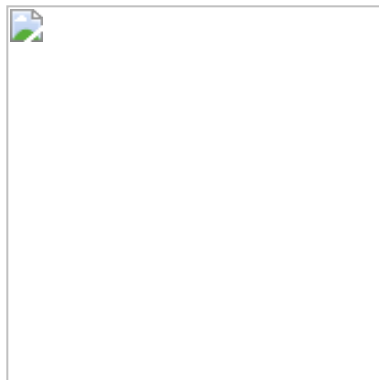
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ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest Returns

ACTE is excited to announce our sixth annual student contest to redesign the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2021 ACTE Virtual Awards Gala on **Nov. 30**. We highly encourage you, your peers and students to participate in this year's contest — the deadline for design submissions is **May 1**.



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WBL Conference is Now Fully Virtual

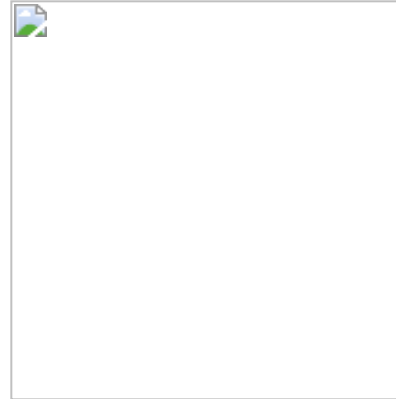
All sessions at ACTE's and Iowa's Work-based Learning (WBL) Conference this **April 29–30** will now be live-streamed. Next week's event will include more than 40 WBL topics presented live over Zoom to virtual participants. The ACTE WBL policy meeting, committee meetings and regional WBL receptions will also be hosted virtually. Check out the [schedule-at-a-glance](#), and join us

to learn about best practices in WBL from across the country.

[Learn more](#)

Signature Event for CTE Administrators

Save the date for The Best Practices and Innovations in Career and Technical Education Conference, hosted by the ACTE Administration Division and NCLA and happening **Sept. 29–Oct. 1** in Austin, Texas. This annual conference is specifically focused on the professional development for administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions.



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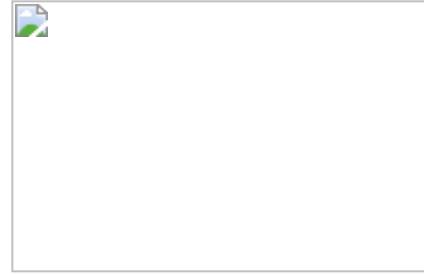
Contribute to a New National Career Clusters Framework

ACTE is pleased to share that Advance CTE is launching a crowdsourcing [portal](#) to modernize The Career Clusters Framework! Through **May 7**, Advance CTE invites you to complete a set of idea challenges to ensure The National Career Clusters Framework bridges education and work, empowering each learner to explore, decide and prepare for dynamic and evolving careers.

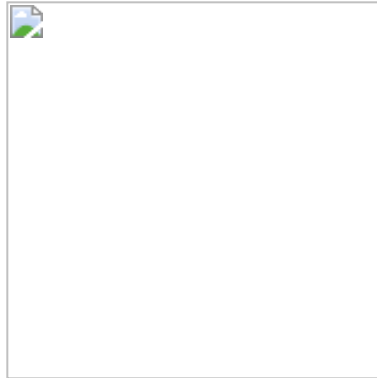
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Applications Are Open!

Now in its fifth year, the 2021 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence will award \$1 million in prizes to public high school skilled trades teachers and programs in the U.S. Apply by May 21, or share this opportunity with a deserving teacher.



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CTE Innovation Summit Set for June 1

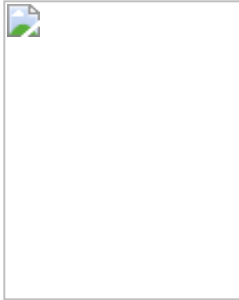
Are you ready to prepare your learners for the rapidly changing workplace with cutting-edge tools and techniques? Attend the CTE Innovation Summit taking place virtually on **Tuesday, June 1**. Presenters from the Consumer Technology Association, Microsoft, Google, Brookings Institution and a host of others will share their insights on the new innovations that will change the way you teach and how your students learn.

[Learn more and register](#)

Thank you for all you do. You are amazing teachers, and ACTE is always here to offer you support and encouragement as well as professional growth and development.

Remember: Self care is important, express your gratitude daily and know that there is a place in my heart and prayers for each member of the ACTE Health Science Division.

With gratitude,



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