Greetings Health Science Educators!

I am so excited to kick off my term as your vice president of the Health Science Education (HSE) Division! I am humbled to serve this group and look forward to meeting many of you virtually or in person at upcoming conferences. I have big shoes to fill replacing Linda Romano and cannot start my term without thanking her for her service and continuing leadership within the division.

The 2021-2022 school year has started for many of us, and some will see it start soon. I don’t know about you, but I needed this summer to regroup and recoup, and I am ready to return. My goal with this newsletter is to provide you important information, upcoming events and some words of wisdom.

In the words of Abraham Maslow, “In any given moment, we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety.” I hope you are all willing to jump headfirst into growth with me. I look forward to helping us all deliver and maintain high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs that ensure all students are positioned for career success.

I wish you all the best this school year and beyond! Please know my inbox is always open for input and conversation. Whether you are in year 1 or year 30, I am passionate about getting our members involved. If you have any questions on how you can get started in HSE leadership or even leadership within ACTE, please don’t hesitate to reach out! One of ACTE’s strategic themes encompasses Leadership Development, and I would love to share my journey that brought me to the honor of being your vice president.

Early Bird Rates Extended to
Aug. 31
The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE’s CareerTech VISION will provide unparalleled networking, inspiring keynote speakers, hundreds of concurrent program sessions covering multiple CTE sectors and timely equity and access topics and innovations in CTE, an in-person Expo, and more. This year’s event happens in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dec. 1–4 and in-person rates include access to both in-person and virtual programming. Please note, the early bird rates have been extended to Aug. 31, so there’s still time to secure the most affordable way to attend VISION! Not able to attend in-person? Join us virtually for a dynamic and specially curated content.

Event Especially for CTE Leaders
Don’t miss the gathering of CTE leaders at ACTE’s and NCLA’s Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference, taking place Sept. 29–Oct. 1 in Austin, Texas. This year’s event features an information-packed agenda of 28 sessions and 16 roundtables along with distinguished keynote speakers Rachael Mann, Joyce Malyn-Smith and Michael Bettersworth.

New Resource for CTE Administrators
This third and final book in the popular CTE Administrative Leadership series shares practical advice, insights and tips from dozens of successful CTE administrators from around the country. Other topics include evaluating your CTE programs of study for high-quality delivery, supporting special needs learners, integrating academic and CTE concepts and student credentialing. Member price is only $19.95.

**Purchase your copy**

**Upcoming Webinars**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices and inclusion, access, equity and diversity in CTE.

- Designing a College and Career Pathways System, sponsored by NC3T, on **Aug. 27 at 11:00 a.m. ET**
- Teaching Innovative CTE: Bringing Industry into Your Classroom with Real-world Projects & Skills on **Sept. 1 at noon ET**
- Making CTE Classrooms More Inclusive for LGBTQ+ Students on **Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. ET**
- Part 2: Confronting Isms in the Classroom on **Oct. 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET**

**Learn more**
ACTE Seeking IAED Mentors & Mentees

ACTE’s mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, seeks to support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who are interested in becoming a mentor in ACTE’s IAED Mentorship Program should apply by Aug. 31, or a mentee by Sept. 30. The IAED Mentorship Program is generously sponsored by IMAGO.

Learn more

New CTE Learn Courses

Be sure to check out the following latest additions to the growing collection of 170+ CTE Learn courses at www.ctelearn.org:

- Creating Work-Based Learning Programs
- HQ101— CTE High-quality Framework: Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum
- Integrating Career Readiness Into Your Courses: Part II
- Introduction to Positive Psychology for Educators
- Leveraging Community Resources to Energize CTE Programs

Learn more
Secondary schools and colleges are preparing to open their doors for the fall semester while navigating shifting guidelines for COVID-19. Refresh your plans and strategies for this school year with ACTE’s COVID-19 resources:

- **High-Quality CTE: Planning for a COVID-19-impacted School Year**: This guide, published in summer 2020, helps CTE stakeholders identify the key considerations, guiding questions and emerging best practices for delivering CTE during COVID-19 across all the elements of high-quality CTE. It was accompanied by a webinar series sharing ideas from the field.

- **High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations**: This report, published in March 2021, describes challenges for delivering CTE during COVID-19, 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.

- **High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Leveraging Federal Relief Funds at the Local Level**: Published in May 2021, this paper provides an overview of federal relief funds and suggests how CTE programs can benefit from these critical resources.

- **CTE Distance Learning Lesson Plans**: These publications from the California Department of Education's Career and College Transition Division, CTEOnline.org, the San Diego County Office of Education's Office of College and Career Readiness, and ACTE highlight lesson plans, webinars and resources for remote learning across multiple sectors.
Warm Regards from North Dakota,

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