



Greetings Health Science educators!

I hope and pray that you and your families continue to be well. I am writing this newsletter with a feeling of “hope” in mind. If you are like me, you may be feeling overwhelmed alternating with sparks of “I think I can” and then back to overwhelmed again.

We are learning new ways to be flexible, and we are digging deep into our hearts to make it work. We are putting pressure on ourselves to make it the same as it has always been so that our “pride and joy” (the students) can be successful and know that we love them so much. Your heart is breaking some days as you try with “every fiber of your being” to help a student understand the directions and then you break down into tears of joy when they finally get it and show progress. You are a great teacher and no one could ever predict it would be like this. You are strong, you are doing all you can, and your students are going to be successful! Please remember that.

My heart wants to come to each of you and give a hug because I know you are neglecting yourself trying to do all you can.....but who is doing something for you?

Allow me to introduce the “ Linda Romano prescription of HOPE and JOY”:

I offer you hope that there is an “Oasis” ahead of you. This Oasis has others that understand and can offer support. You don’t need a plane ticket, you don’t need to drive, all you have to do is [REGISTER](#) and everything will come to you. Where is this Oasis of Hope and Joy?

Look no further, it is [ACTE's Virtual VISION 2020!](#)

The Health Science Division will help you improve your vision to “20/20,” and you don’t even have to get an eye exam or get glasses. Simply REGiSTER for the conference and take part of the

following:

- ACTE keynote speakers, workshops and networking events
- Health Science Division “Hospitality Rooms aka OASIS” where you will have a place to:
 - network
 - share and learn best practices
 - participate in meditation or a yoga stretch
- Have cocktails or coffee with the HSE Division VP Candidates
- Participate in activities hosted by HOSA
- Network and participate in activities by NCHSE
- And more!

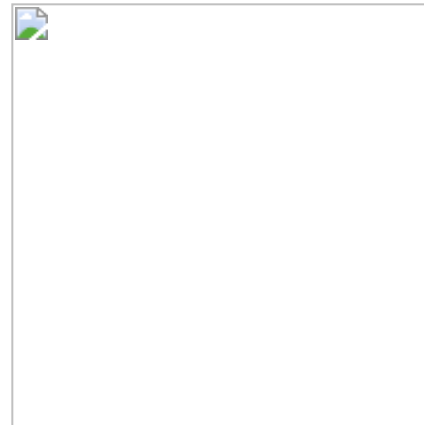
Hope is on it’s way at [ACTE's Virtual VISION 2020!](#) I am looking forward to it. We all need to vent and network, share our hearts, share our failures and our successes, and be there together. I hope you will join me at the conference!

Health Science Awards Call for Nominations is Officially Open!

Deadline for submission will be **Oct. 31 at 5:00 p.m.** Please follow this [link](#) for directions to submit your nominations.

Alternatively, go to the [ACTE's website](#), go to About>Structure>Divisions, scroll to locate Health Science Division. Once on the division web page, scroll down to the Health Science Division Resources, you will find a link for the HSE Division Awards.

Award Categories and Submission Rules are listed on the [page](#).



You can [download](#) the award packet and read the details for each award.

Award Packet includes:

- HSE Award of Merit
- HSE Outstanding New Teacher
- HSE Outstanding Service Award
- HSE Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
- HSE Teacher of the Year

The deadline is **Oct. 31** at 5:00 p.m. Please complete a nomination form and supportive materials and email to [Mark Grigsby](#).

You do not have to win at the state level to compete in these awards at the national level.

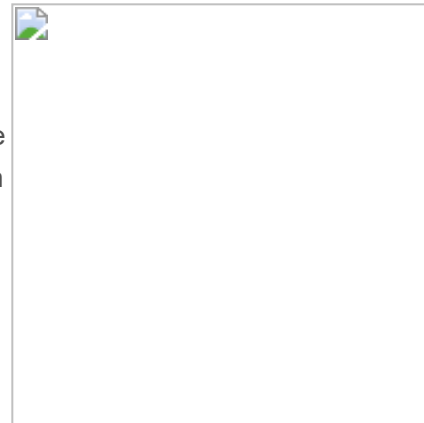
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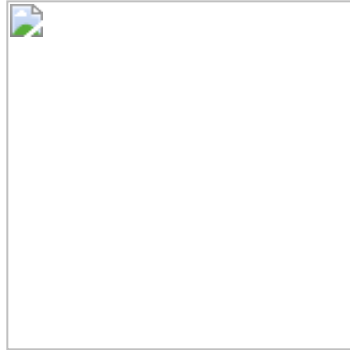
Watch as Kimberly Wilson, ACTE’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, and this year’s ACTE Excellence Award Finalists share their love of CTE! Love this video?! Watch ACTE’s social media channels — [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) — from now through **Oct. 23** and share this happy video (along with 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!**

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, simulative 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.



Tune in for Virtual VISION

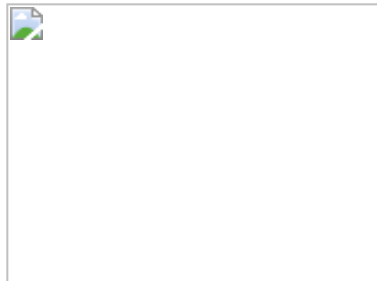


RSVP for Health Science Division Business Meeting

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



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

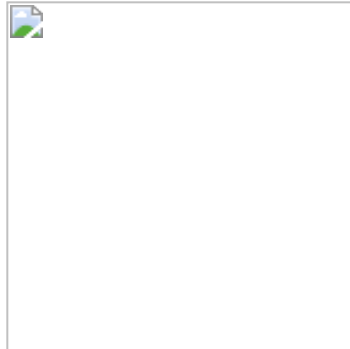
ACTE recently announced Sara Tatreau, a Kent Career Tech Center recent graduate, as the national student trophy design winner in its fifth annual student trophy design contest. In addition to having her design used to create this year's trophies, Tatreau will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and Kent Career 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](#).

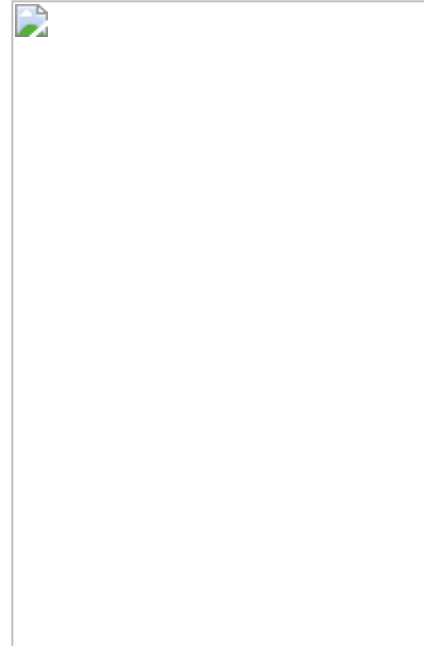
New Resource for CTSO Students

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

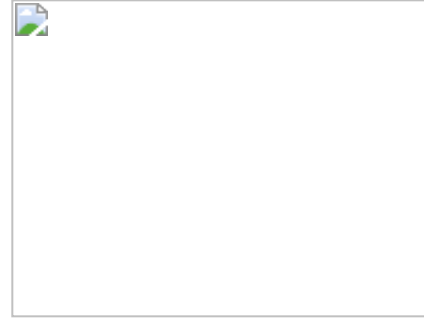
ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to once again collaborate on the 2020–21 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on earth and in space. This year's theme is "Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing" and encompasses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

Learn more

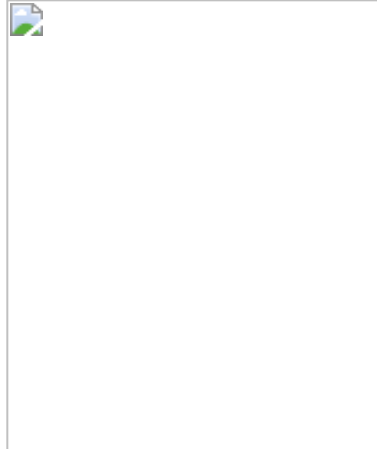
Verify Your Membership by Nov. 4 to Vote!

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



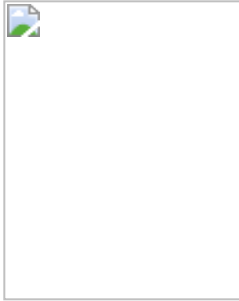
Learn more



I will continue to pray and send you warmest wishes from my heart. I look forward to seeing you at ACTE Virtual VISION 2020.

As always, I want to leave you with a quote of inspiration:

See you very soon,
[Linda Romano](#) BSN,RN
VP, Health Science Division



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