



Hello, Career Academy Section members,

Welcome to the Quarterly Career Academy Newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to find some time to see family, friends and relax a bit. While we are certainly not out of the woods yet with COVID, most of you are likely anticipating being back in the classroom and are excited to see your students in person and possibly also anxious about how to keep you and your students COVID free.

What I can imagine is that you are coming back with an innovation mindset as you know that things could change on a dime should things get worse. What is clear to me is that you are all the Unsung Heroes of 2020-21 and I encourage you to read the blog on our appreciation for all you have done throughout the COVID crisis.

[Read more here.](#)

**What is a career academy?** Listen to representatives from two Ford NGL communities as they share what career academies are all about. Hear from students as they describe the positive impact the career academy experience has had on their learning and their future. These are stories that are sure to inspire!

- [The College and Career Academies of Akron Overview](#)
- [What are the Academies of Nashville? An Overview](#)

**Articles of Importance**

- [Blog: Trusting Leaders and Distributing Ownership](#), Jennifer Edge, Director, Innovation & Product Management, Ford NGL

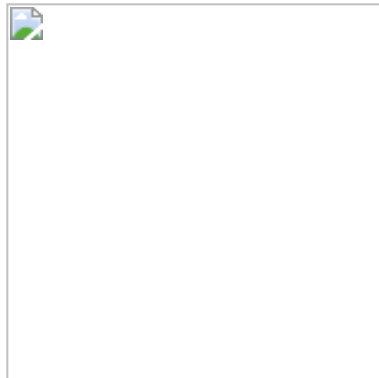
## Resources

- [Get this book!](#) Ken Kay and Suzie Boss are celebrating the release of “Redefining Student Success”. It’s an inspiring read which urges leaders in education to be bold in defining student outcomes that matter & focuses on self-directed creative problem-solving.

[Get the book here.](#)

- Also, check out this related podcast from the Game Changer Series (which we shared with you on the last newsletter). We believe you will find this both compelling and bold- a piece that is sure to create some wonderful dialogue with your administration and colleagues.

[Listen to the podcast here.](#)



## New and Related Services Awards

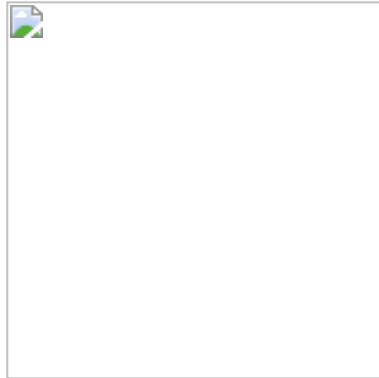
The ACTE New and Related Service Division is currently accepting nominations for the NRS Awards. [Learn more and submit your nominations here.](#)

Awards will be presented for:

1. NRS Support Staff Person of the Year
2. NRS Teacher of the Year
3. NRS Administrator of the Year
4. NRS Partner of the Year

The awards will be given out during the NRS Opening Session at ACTE's Career Tech Vision 2021 on **Dec. 2** in New Orleans, Louisiana.

[Learn more](#)



## 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](#)



## Upcoming Events

- **September 23, 2021, Career Academy Chat — Reverse Job Shadowing hosted by the Ford NGL U**  
[Register here](#) to join Ford NGL Coach and retired Academies of Nashville, director, Donna Gilley, for the Ford NGL U's 60-minute session where participants will explore the reverse job shadow opportunity. We'll dig into how engaging business partners in the classroom of one or more of your academy/pathway teachers can bring relevance to students and how this experience helps to develop trusting relationships between employer partners and academy/pathway teachers. Donna will be joined by business partners who will share their experiences and bring the reverse job shadow to life.
- **Oct. 25-26 — Academies of Nashville Virtual Study Visit**  
Join us virtually to learn about a fully functioning

wall-to-wall career academy model that has sustained leadership changes and continued to grow and improve due to meaningful community support.

- **Sept. 29–Oct. 1 — 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. If you are interested in learning about career academies, please join the Ford NGL team for a presentation on Friday, October 1st at 8:45 a.m.

- **Dec. 1-4, ACTE's CareerTech VISION**

Join Us in New Orleans, Louisiana, in person or virtually! 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, and in-person rates include access to both in-person and virtual programming. Not able to attend in-person? Join us virtually for a dynamic and specially curated content.

If you are attending in person, please prioritize the four career academy presentations that will take place that week. You will hear from

communities who are using this transformation model to ensure all students have access to CTE and are learning their academics through the lens of their pathway. Once we have the schedule, we will share the exact dates and times.

- **March, 2022 — Academies of Nashville In-Person Study Visit**

Join us in Nashville to hear from students, teachers, administrators, employers, career academy coaches on how they built an impressive, fully functioning career academy community. This will certainly address interests on how to scale and sustain your career academy model.

## National Career Academy Organizations

- [Ford Next Generation Learning](#) (Ford NGL) and [Ford NGL U](#)
- [Nashville Hub](#): Ford NGL Hub
- [Linked Learning Alliance](#)
- [NAF](#)
- [National Career Academy Coalition](#)



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