Greetings New and Related Services (NRS) members,

I hope you are enjoying the cooler temperatures and the change of seasons. As much as I enjoy the fall weather here in Arizona, I am even more excited to close out the autumn season with my career and technical education (CTE) family at VISION 2021 in New Orleans, Lousiana! We are just a little over a month away from THE PREMIER CTE event of the year, CareerTech VISION 2021. Join like-minded peers from across the country for the largest annual gathering of CTE professionals, in-person or virtually, for our first every hybrid CareerTech VISION this Dec. 1–4.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the New and Related Services sessions:

- **Monday, Nov. 22 at noon ET: New and Related Services Policy Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- **Monday, Nov. 22 at 3:00 p.m. ET: New and Related Services Business Meeting (Virtual)**
- **Thursday, Dec. 2 7:00–8:00 a.m. CST: First Time Attendee Orientation and Breakfast:** If this is your first time attending Vision, come meet your policy committee members and section representatives while learning how to make the most of your time at Vision 2021!
- **Thursday, Dec. 2 11:00–12:30 p.m. CST: New and Related Services Opening Session:** Learn about what is happening in each section and hear from our fantastic guest speaker, Dr. Kevin Fleming and enjoy a light brunch sponsored by FordNGL
- **Friday, Dec. 3 5:30–6:30 p.m. CST: New and Related Services Networking Hour Session:** Join your New and Related Services peers for a complimentary networking session with light hors d’oeuvres and beverages.

Please note, the city of New Orleans requires any participants attending a meeting with food and/or alcohol to show:
Hello from the VP Elect

Hello NRS Division!

I am Susan Leon, your Division VP-elect. This year, I will be focusing on learning from Rachael and all of our wonderful section leads. Thank you for your participation in ACTE and your dedication to advancing CTE across the nation. I am in awe of what you all accomplish in your roles, both for ACTE and beyond. I look forward to visiting with you at VISION!

Welcome to our New Policy Committee Member for the Integration of Academics and CTE Section

We are excited to announce that Dr. Jill Ranucci, Ph.D. has joined our policy committee as the Integration of Academics and Career & Technical Education section. Dr. Jill Ranucci is a College and Career Readiness advocate and has an extensive background in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as an administrator and teacher. Dr. Ranucci has held district positions in CTE in Arizona and Texas, as well as, serving as an Assistant Principal in Arizona. Additionally, Dr. Ranucci taught for 7 years at the University of Northern Iowa and 3 years at the University of Akron. Recently, Dr. Ranucci has been consulting for several CTE companies to help them align resources to state standards, state initiatives, industry-recognized credentials/certifications and academic integration. Jill believes every CTE course must provide premiere curricular resources to promote successful student outcomes.

She earned a Ph.D. in Teaching and Teacher Education/Curriculum and Instruction and Education Leadership from the University of Arizona, a MS in Sport Physiology, and a BS in Education with K-12 certifications in several core and CTE content areas.
Jill is currently planning a series of ACTE webinars “Why is Academic Integration a Necessity in CTE Programs” and will highlight perspectives from industry, educators, and students. Please watch for further information and webinar links from ACTE!

Please reach out to Dr. Ranucci with any questions or ideas for future content in this section.

NRS Awards Program: The Deadline is Almost Here!
Please nominate a teacher, administrator, community partner or support staff from the New & Related Services Division! We're accepting nominations until Oct. 24. Award recipients will be judged, and NRS ACTE award winners will be announced at the NRS Division meeting at VISION 2021!

Submit a nomination

Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Section
The WBL/YAP Section has been busy connecting with members across the nation. In August we hosted a webinar focused on collaborating as work-based learning professionals. In September, we met as a section and looked at the strategic plan and program of work for the upcoming year. It was great to connect and share ideas. The monthly WBL Webinar in September provided information on promoting your WBL program. The Monthly WBL Webinar Series will continue throughout the school year. Here are some of our upcoming topics:
If you have webinar ideas or would like to be part of a future panel, contact the WBL Section Professional Development Chair, Dana Wilson.

If you are interested in getting involved with the WBL Section, email Jan Jardine, WBL Section chair.

Register to attend webinar

Join the Ford NGL U on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, for a 90-minute session on the ins and outs of cultivating business partnerships.

REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Successful employer relationships are an essential key in providing authentic and meaningful experiences for our students so that they can ultimately thrive in our communities but now that the pandemic has changed the way employer outreach is conducted, how are workforce and education providers supposed to move forward?

Lean on your network to set your business partnerships up for success.

We’ve invited our industry colleagues, renowned communications expert, Celina Shands, M.S. Founder/CEO – Full Capacity Marketing, Inc and Jeffrey Roth President, The Learning Strategy to share how to create an employer engagement strategy leveraging
Innovation and Inspiration at CareerTech VISION 2021

Join career and technical educators for our largest event of the year at ACTE’s CareerTech VISION, happening Dec. 1–4 in-person in New Orleans, Louisiana, or virtually for dynamic, specially curated content. Featuring inspiring keynote speakers Kevin
Brown and Anne Grady, VISION will provide unparalleled networking, concurrent program sessions covering best practices in multiple learning environments, an Expo featuring the latest career and technical education (CTE) products, and more!

COVID-19 Protocols in New Orleans
ACTE has been working very closely with our partners in New Orleans as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting safety protocols and want to share an update. Please note, these protocols are not ACTE’s but are the requirements of the city of New Orleans.

INDOOR MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT IN NEW ORLEANS
Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors when with people who are not in their immediate household. This means, all attendees must wear a mask while indoors at all venues, restaurants, etc. at all times. While eating, your mask can be off but must be put back on immediately after eating.

VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST REQUIRED in order to gain access to the following areas in New Orleans:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Breweries, microbreweries, distilleries and micro-distilleries
- Event spaces such as hotel ballrooms, event venues and reception halls
- Casinos, racetracks and video poker establishments
Anyone 12 years of age and older must provide the following, if attending any of the above listed events in New Orleans:

Proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine -- original, digital photograph, or photocopy of CDC Vaccination Card (both sides) or;
Negative PCR test within 72 hours -- physical or electronic test results from a PCR COVID-19 test indicating negative results within the past 72 hours. Antigen tests will not be accepted. For more information on testing sites, please click the New Orleans Testing Sites.

For the latest and addition COVID-19 information and guidelines in New Orleans to ensure your safety as a VISION attendee, please visit the New Orleans Ready site.

Learn more

ACTE Region and Division Meeting Schedule is Now Live!

All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings (with no registration fee) but require an RSVP to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs are required by Friday, Nov. 5. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than Friday, Nov. 12. Questions? Contact memberservices@acteonline.org.

View the meeting agenda
Congratulations to ACTE’s 2022 National Award Finalists!
ACTE is delighted to announce the 2022 National Award finalists, individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE and serve as inspirational leaders in the field. Finalists are recognized in the following categories: Teacher of the Year, Postsecondary Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, Teacher Educator of the Year, Counseling and Career Development Professional Award, Lifetime Achievement and Carl Perkins Community Service Awards. Meet the finalists

Georgia Power Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner
ACTE is pleased to announce Georgia Power as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award Winner. Georgia Power’s investments locally and regionally strengthen their position as a statewide partner for Georgia Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE). From developing opportunities within a variety of advisory boards to working with career and technical student organizations, Georgia Power is always at the table to help improve CTAE. Read more about this excellent partnership

Patrick Biggerstaff Named Champion for CTE Winner
ACTE is pleased to announce Patrick Biggerstaff, Indiana CTE Director at Area 31 Career Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. This past year, Biggerstaff represented Indiana CTE Directors on the Indiana Governor’s Workforce Cabinet CTE “Back on Track” working group to help develop the guidance for reopening facilities and returning to in-person instruction after COVID-19 and actively contributed to the ACTE High-quality CTE Planning for a COVID-19 Impacted School Year publication. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a
Mississippi Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest

ACTE is excited to announce a St. Martin High School student Nathaniel Bryan as the winner in its sixth annual student trophy design contest. He is taught by Richard Humphreys, an instructor at St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. In addition to having his design used to create this year’s trophies, Nathaniel will receive a $1,000 scholarship and St. Martin High School will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of Stratasys, Ltd, a manufacturer of 3D printers and production systems and generous sponsor of the contest. Meet Nathaniel Bryan

ACTE Awards Gala

The ACTE Awards winners will be presented at the ACTE Awards Gala on Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. CT in conjunction with ACTE’s CareerTech VISION, happening this Dec. 1–4 virtually and in person in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Gala is free to everyone to attend and generously sponsored by CareerSafe, Express Employment Professionals, Goodheart-Willcox and Stratasys Ltd.

Sign up to attend!

Verify Your Membership by Nov. 3 to
Vote!

The 2022 ACTE board of directors’ election will be held this year Dec. 3–Jan. 3! Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:

- You must be an ACTE member by Nov. 3 to vote
- Voting will open during VISION on Dec. 3 and run through Jan. 3
- Winners will be announced in January 2022

Learn more

Upcoming Webinars

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

- Taking Business to School Series: West-MEC’s Partnership with Palo Verde Generating Station on Oct. 25 at noon ET
- How Space Exploration Can Solve Climate Change on Oct. 27 at noon ET
- How Virtual Patients are Reshaping Health Education on Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ET
- IGNITE Worldwide: Closing the Gender Gap in STEM on Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET
- Transforming the Middle School Experience: A Community Approach to College and Career Readiness for Students in Grades 6-8 on Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET
Apply to Be a Mentee in ACTE’s IAED Mentorship Program

ACTE’s Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) Mentorship Program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, is open to all ACTE members. Those who are interested in becoming a mentee in ACTE’s IAED Mentorship Program should apply by Oct. 31.

Newly Updated Sector Sheet Series

ACTE has recently updated its Sector Sheet series on CTE’s role in developing the workforce for several industries, including law, military and veterans, energy, health care, transportation and many others. Each sector sheet includes up-to-date labor market information, descriptions of how CTE prepares the workforce for this sector, and examples of exemplary programs, and is generously supported by Pearson.
New Student Video Contest

ACTE, host of CTE Month, and NASA HUNCH are excited to announce the 2021–22 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 “How Can Space Exploration Solve Climate Change?” Students are asked to showcase CTE courses and careers to help us understand and provide solutions to global warming and climate change. The deadline to submit a two-minute video is April 1.

Learn more

Rachael Mann
VP, ACTE New and Related Services
Manage Preferences to unsubscribe from specific types of ACTE communications