



New and Related Services Division Members,

Greetings, and Happy New Year! 2020 was filled with challenges and opportunities to grow and push our limits to overcome the obstacles presented in navigating a global pandemic — something that none of us have ever experienced in our lifetime. Although it has impacted each of us in different ways, it is something that we have all gone through together and continue to find ways to make the most out of the circumstances in order to merge as a stronger society in the future.

As you continue to innovate and find the silver linings, we encourage you to share your stories and the lessons learned so that we can learn from one another. On behalf of the NRS Policy Committee, we wish you the best in the year ahead!

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ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2021 Election Results

ACTE is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for several spots on its Board of Directors. The election was open to ACTE's membership of roughly 25,000 educators, administrators and other CTE professionals. The following members were elected:

- Scott Stone, President-elect
- Shani Watkins, Region V Vice President

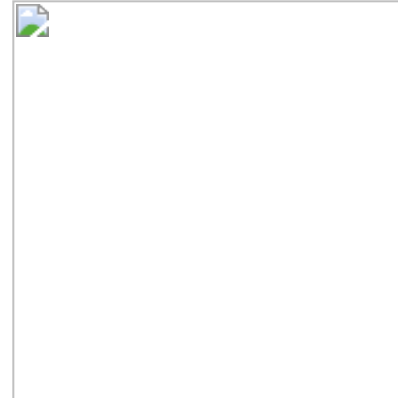
- Robert Torres, Agricultural Education Division
Vice President
- Holly Strand-Rysgaard, Health Science
Education Division Vice President
- Beth Parks, Region II Vice President-elect
- Brandon Russell, Region III Vice President-elect
- Susan Leon, New and Related Services Division
Vice President-elect

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ACTE – Iowa Work-Based Learning Conference

Call for Proposals – Feb. 5

Presentation proposals will be accepted through **Feb. 5**. You do not need to attend in person to present at the conference, but presenters do need to register for the conference. All presentations will be run through zoom for all attendees (F2F and virtual). Presentations will not be pre-recorded but shown live for a maximum of **30 minutes**. Additional time will be available for live interaction with participants. [Go here to submit a presentation proposal.](#)



ACTE – Iowa Work-Based Learning Conference

Hybrid Event (F2F and Virtual)

Thursday, April 29, & Friday, April 30

Des Moines Area Community College – FFA Enrichment
Center

- Over 40 WBL topics presented live over zoom to virtual participants.
- Conference will include the ACTE WBL Policy meeting, Committee meetings, and Regional Work-Based Learning Receptions
- [2021 Schedule at a Glance](#)

Conference Registration Options

Conference registration is open through **April 26**. [Click here to register](#).

ACTE Member \$250 / Non-Member \$300

ACTE Member Speaker \$200 / Non-Member Speaker \$250

ACTE Member — Virtual Only \$150 / Non-Member — Virtual Only \$200

For more information: [2021 National Work-based Learning Conference | ACTE \(acteonline.org\)](#)

[Learn more and register](#)

Special Populations: Add lunch with Emily and Marta to your calendar for February 17th!

At the VISION 2020 Special Populations networking event, some of our colleagues suggested we offer a time to just talk to each other and find out and share what is going on in the Special Populations world. As a result of this conversation, we (Emily Sherwood and Marta Osuna, co-chairs of the Special Populations section of NRS) would like to start offering once-a-month informal times to talk and share concerns, successes and answer questions during these unusual times. Our first lunch gathering will be **Feb. 17 at noon MST**. Some possible topics we thought we could talk about are:

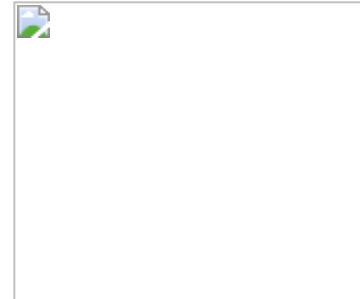
- professional development ideas

- best ways to use social media
- how to develop a checklist for Special Populations
- any ideas/concerns you may have

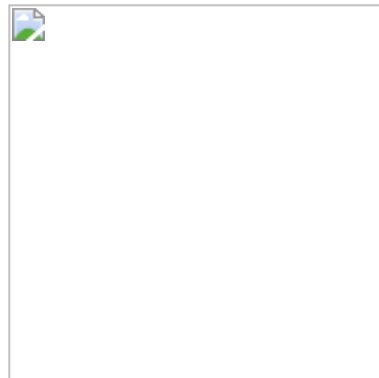
Here is the link to RSVP for this event [RSVP to Lunch with Emily and Marta](#). Once you RSVP, you will receive the Zoom link information. Hope you can join us! (If you would like to suggest a better time for these informal gatherings, please let us know [Emily Sherwood](#) or [Marta Osuna](#).)

Influence CTE Federal Policy Priorities at NPS!

Voice your CTE needs to help shape education policy priorities under the new administration, learn about strategies for influencing federal policy related to CTE advocacy and messaging, and participate in virtual Capitol Hill and school visits. Happening the week of **Feb. 22**, in concert with your CTE Month awareness-building activities, ACTE's virtual National Policy Seminar 2021 will feature an official welcome from the new administration.



[Learn more and register](#)



Missed Virtual VISION 2020?

ACTE's CareerTech Virtual VISION 2020 featured live keynote presentations and hundreds of sessions, covering CTE innovations, timely topics and specific CTE subject-matter areas. Conference materials and sessions are now available for 24/7 on-demand viewing at your convenience at regular attendee rates. Enjoy premier professional development via full access to all Virtual VISION sessions! [Register now](#)

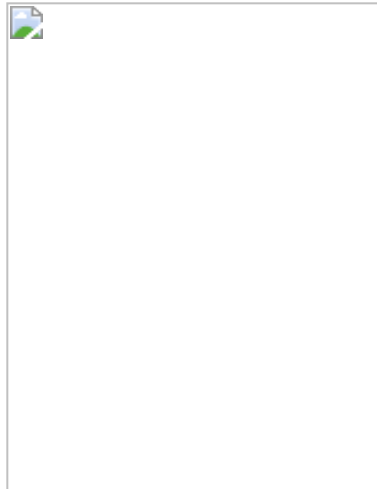
Mark your calendars for VISION 2021, a hybrid event with programming available online and on-site, **Dec. 1–4** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Call for presentation proposals will open in February.

New CTE Learning Webinar Series

Beginning this month, join us as we showcase some of the best professional learning opportunities for CTE personnel. Each free webinar is 30 minutes and will feature experts covering topics, such as professional learning communities, developing employability skills in CTE and more.



Learn more and join us



Raise Awareness for CTE

Join us in February to celebrate and spread awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy with several outreach opportunities:

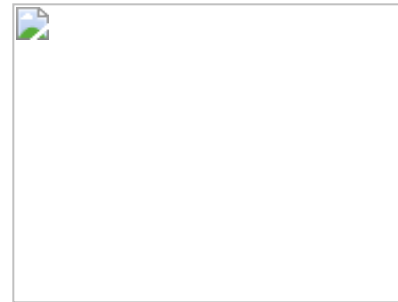
- Encourage your students to participate in this year's CTE Month-NASA HUNCH student video challenge, "[Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing](#)." The deadline to submit videos is **April 1**.
- Share our social media messages all month long or your own success stories on social media via **#CTEMonth**.

- Gear up with festive CTE Month merchandise at shopacte.com to show your support for CTE.
- [Advocate for CTE](#) — use ACTE tools to assist you in your advocacy activities, keep you informed and promote ongoing support for CTE.
- [Download the CTE Month logo](#) for use with any of your print and digital outreach.

[Learn more](#)

Seamless WBL Professional of the Year Award Nominations Open

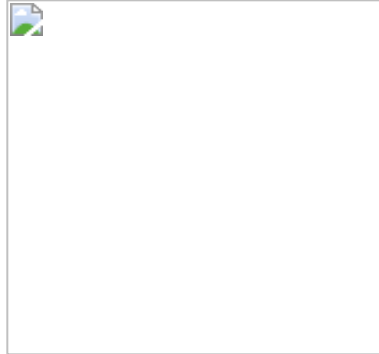
ACTE's WBL Section is conducting a statewide search for excellence in CTE to highlight outstanding educators as part of our annual awards program. We are seeking nominations from the WBL section — the awards deadline for WBL professionals is **March 1**, for the following award:



The Seamless Work-Based Learning Professional of the Year Award

Deserving candidates for this award have demonstrated their commitment to CTE through their innovation, accomplishments and contributions to the WBL community. We are accepting nominations until **March 1**. Award recipients will then be judged, and WBL award winners will be announced at the National Work-based Learning Conference **April 29–30**. Learn more about the nomination guidelines and how to submit a nomination [online here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Deana Patterson](#) or [Jan Jardine](#).

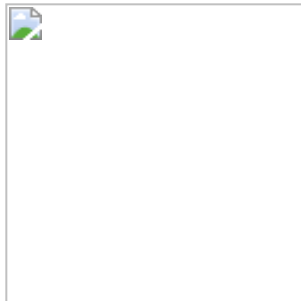
Learn more and submit a nomination



Apply for ACTE's Achieve 100 Award

Showcase your institution's dedication and commitment to CTE! Schools and institutions that achieve 100% ACTE membership across their CTE staff and faculty will receive this distinguished award. Complete the online application by **Feb. 1** to participate and recognize your educators!

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