Dear PACE Division members,

I hope you are as excited as I am to attend Virtual VISION 2020! ACTE has a wonderful program planned with a combination of live, simulive, and recorded sessions and many opportunities to network with colleagues.

Our PACE VISION Committee has been working hard to bring you quality sessions that are focused on postsecondary education. As we develop the content for these sessions, we will keep you up to date with periodic e-blasts.

Here are some reminders of upcoming ACTE activities and deadlines:

- **Oct. 23** — Advance Deadline for Virtual VISION
- **Nov. 1** — IAED Mentorship Program application deadline for mentees
- **Nov. 4** — Membership deadline to vote in 2021 Board of Directors Election
- **Dec. 14** — Applications due for 2021-22 PLSP-ECMC Foundation Fellows

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (EST)**
PACE Division Business and Policy Meetings (reminder: policy meeting will be for PACE policy committee members only.)

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1:30–2:30 p.m. (EST)**
PACE Division Opening Session

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2:45–3:15 p.m. (EST)**
Equity and CTE Enrollment Strategies: A Social Justice Approach
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2:45–3:15 p.m. (EST)  
Reimagining Dual Credit

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 3:45–4:15 p.m. (EST)  
Expanding Equity in Access and Outcomes: Lessons from the Aspen Institute

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 3:45–4:15 p.m. (EST)  
Building Alternative Healthcare Career Pathways

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 4:30–5:00 p.m. (EST)  
Capturing Lost Opportunities: Creating Pathways from Continuing Education to Credit Programs

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (EST)  
PACE World Café - Hospitality Room Part 1

Thursday, Dec. 3, 4:00–5:00 p.m. (EST)  
PACE World Café – Hospitality Room Part 2

As you are settling into your school year, I hope you can find time for solace and perhaps a little self-care. A few of you might also be taking advantage of this time to grow both professionally as well as personally.

Regardless, I do believe, and I would hope most would agree, that the outcome will ultimately result in a more resilient and resourceful society. Therefore, I hope we are all excited to see how the future landscape in education will develop.

I look forward to virtually connecting with all of you at Virtual VISION 2020!
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, simulive 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.
RSVP for PACE 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.

ACTE Supports Community College Workforce Education Study

Opportunity America and Lumina Foundation are partnering with Wilder Research to conduct a national research study of community college credit and noncredit occupational education and relationships with employers. The study will be in the field from October 2020 through January 2021 and is seeking a strong representation of community college workforce education. Institutions that take part will be entered in a drawing, and three will receive donations of up to $10,000 to fund scholarships for noncredit workforce students.

Learn more and participate in the study
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 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.

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.

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

Yours in Education,
Kristina Ropos
VP, PACE