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*Connecting Education and Careers*

Dear Region II ACTE members,

The fall season offers a lot of enjoyment thanks to the hard work of employees representing the [National Career Clusters](#)! The hospitality industry provides us with pumpkin spice lattes. From farmers, we get corn stalks and hay bales and pumpkins. Our A/V technology colleagues provide creepy movies in October and [Hallmark specials](#) in November and December. Business owners and marketing specialists plan for the upcoming holiday season while law enforcements professionals prepare to settle arguments between shoppers vying for the last hot ticket item of the year. The fall is also an exciting time for ACTE!

In Region II, we held our conference and announced our regional award winners. At the national level, we gear up for ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2021! All the while, there are professional development opportunities, webinars, and other activities for members. Keep reading and see what piques your interest!



## Region II Conference Update

Congratulations goes out to Tennessee ACTE for executing a wonderful hybrid conference! Here's a list of our Region II Award Winners:

- **Teacher of the Year** – Debbie Rowell, South Carolina

- **New Teacher of the Year** – Ashley Rogers, Kentucky
- **Counseling and Career Development Professional of the Year** – Kelli Lancaster, South Carolina
- **Administrator of the Year** – Daryle Adams, North Carolina
- **Postsecondary Teacher of the Year** – Kemaly Parr, Kentucky
- **Teacher Educator of the Year** – Kimberley Bellah, Kentucky
- **Carl Perkins Community Service Award** – Lauren Williams, Kentucky
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Bena Weires, North Carolina

In addition to these ACTE Awards, Georgia ACTE was recognized for having the highest percentage increase in membership last year with 5% growth! Also, the following four first-time attendees were selected to receive a registration to this year's Region II conference: Matthew Detloff – Florida; Ashleigh VanHoose – Kentucky; Angela Rigney – Virginia; and Jessica Bowlinn – Alabama.

If the school year has you dreaming about travel this time next year, Virginia is in the planning process for the Region II conference. More information will be shared at the next Region II Business meeting which will occur virtually so that all Region II members can attend and participate!

**Learn more and register**

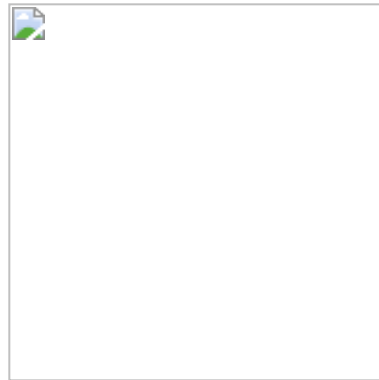
## Region II on Social Media

To join and engage, click this [link](#).

Region II is also on Twitter, so give us a follow @ACTERegionII and be sure to tag us with exciting and creative things from your program or state so we can retweet and spread the word!



### Join and engage



## 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!

[Learn more and register](#)

## 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

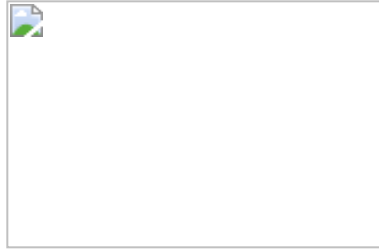
Anyone 12 years of age and older must provide the following, if attending any of the above listed events in New Orleans:

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](#).

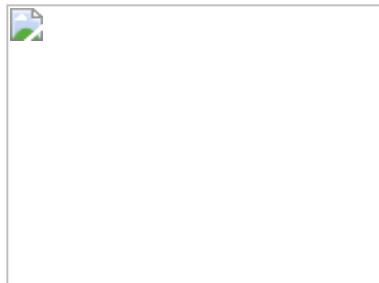
Learn more



## Region II Reception During VISION

We're trying something new this year! Since our business meeting will be virtual, we are creating an opportunity for members who attending ACTE's CareerTech VISION in New Orleans, Louisiana. On Thursday evening, **Dec. 2**, we'll host a networking reception. Our Membership Committee will be planning something fun to get the networking going, and we'll have some refreshments as well.

[View the meeting agenda](#)



## Region II Business Meeting

Once again, Region II will hold our annual business meeting virtually this year. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 18, from 3:30–5:00 p.m. CT / 4:30–6:00 p.m. ET**. Advance registration will be required so that you have access to the electronic voting procedures, as we will be considering many updates to our regional policy manual this year. I hope you will join us to hear reports from our National and Regional Committees, receive membership and

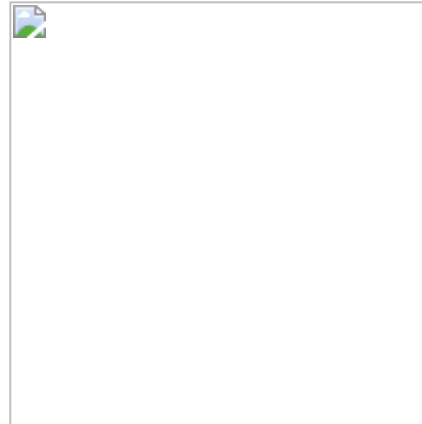
budgetary updates, and learn about progress on our strategic plan!

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](mailto:memberservices@acteonline.org).

[View the meeting agenda](#)

### **Congratulations to ACTE's 2022 National Award Finalists!**

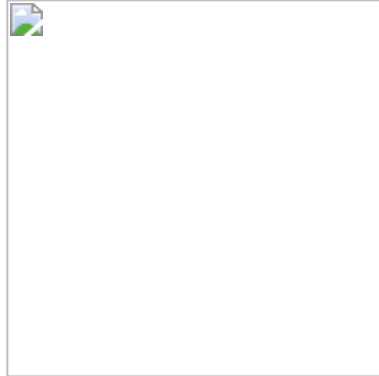
ACTE is delighted to announce the 2022 National Award finalists, individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE and serve as inspirational leaders in the field. Finalists are recognized in the following categories: Teacher of the Year, Postsecondary Teacher of the Year, Administrator of 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](#)



## 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!**

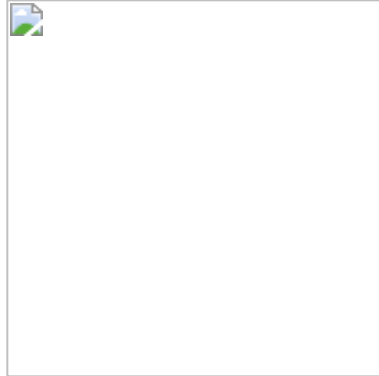
## Verify Your Membership by Nov. 3 to Vote!

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**
- Reclaiming Humanity: Services to Individuals who are Justice-involved or Incarcerated on **Jan. 13, 2022 at noon ET**

[Learn more](#)

[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**.



[Learn more](#)

## 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](#).

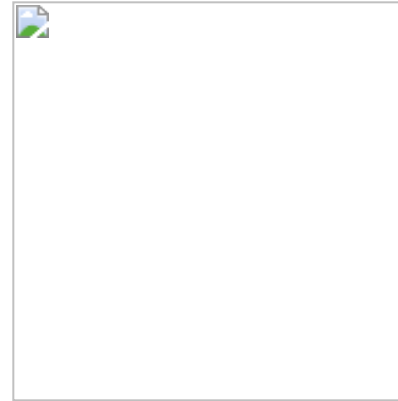
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## New Student Video Contest

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**



I look forward to seeing many of you during the Region II business meeting that will occur a few weeks before ACTE's CareerTech VISION. Watch for updates on the [Region II Facebook page](#) and on our [Twitter page](#)!



Sincerely,

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