Dear Region II ACTE Members,

Happy New Year! A new year brings resolutions but also offers a wonderful opportunity for reflecting on the past. As we enter a new decade, I recall being in 3rd grade (circa 1986) when our teacher challenged us to draw a picture of the world in the future. With thoughts shaped by the cartoon some of you will remember, *The Jetsons*, many of our drawings included robot housekeepers, flying cars, and conveyor belts where you stood and rode to get from one point to another. I remember this assignment well because it was fun to think about possibilities. I doubt that Mrs. Hill had any inkling that our drawings would actually come to be reality in our lifetimes, but, here we are. **Moving walkways** in airports, **housekeeping robots** in hotels, and **prototypes for flying taxis** all exist!

These innovations align with multiple career and technical education (CTE) career clusters! Check out some of the hyperlinks above and you’ll find connections with digital arts and communications, transportation and logistics, engineering, automotive technology, and hospitality and tourism among others. Perhaps some of this information can serve as valuable text in your classroom or fodder for inspiration. Take a look below for some other information that might interest you.

**Region II on Social Media Committee**

We have finally assembled our Region II Social Media Committee! This committee will be charged with generating content for the Region II ACTE Social Media platforms including Facebook and Twitter. Committee members are listed below:

- Audrey Marshall (Alabama)
Amanda Forstater (Florida)  
Matthew White (Georgia)  
Christi Hack (Kentucky)  
Barbara Lee (North Carolina)  
Monica Brisbon (South Carolina)  
Ulla Carr (Tennessee)  
Justin Roerink (Virginia)

If you'd like to join the private Facebook group, you'll need to request membership.

You can also follow us on Twitter @ACTERegionII and be sure to tag us with exciting things from your program or state so we can retweet and spread the word!

ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2019 Update

I hope all who attended CareerTech VISION 2019 in Anaheim, California, had a wonderful experience. I enjoyed meeting many of you during the Region II meetings held during this time. It was an exciting time for Region II, as many of our region award winners were also named national award winners. Congratulations to the members below who received the national award:

- **Teacher of the Year Award**  
  Kimberly Wilson — Alexandria, Virginia

- **Administrator of the Year Award**  
  Laura Arnold — Bardstown, Kentucky

- **New Teacher of the Year Award**  
  Beth Brumley — Tuscumbia, Alabama

Additionally, the following states received the National Quality Association Standards Award. The purpose of the
Quality Association Standards (QAS) is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members. States who meet these standards as evidenced by submission of an annual report receive this recognition. From Region II, these included:

- Georgia
- Kentucky
- North Carolina
- Virginia

Region II Awards Deadline is Approaching

The Region II 2020 deadline for states to submit their award nominees for the regional competition is fast approaching — March 1!

Marcia Day from Alabama represents Region II on the National Awards Committee and will work with the Region II Awards Committee to organize and execute the interviews and recipient selection process. If you have questions about the process, you can check with your state leadership, visit the Region II awards process document on the ACTE website, or contact Marcia Day.

We hope to have more national award winners next year!

National Policy Seminar 2020
Advocate on behalf of the CTE profession and increase our collective impact by participating in ACTE's National Policy Seminar this March 29–April 1 in Arlington, Virginia. This year’s event features:

- Dedicated time on Capitol Hill to meet with legislators and advocate for your CTE programs
- Sessions on policy and advocacy strategies to help you strengthen support for CTE
- Updates on legislation and policies impacting CTE
- Guidance to aid in Perkins V implementation
- An all new Innovation Summit on April 1

Early bird registration ends Feb. 21

ACTE CareerTech VISION 2020

ACTE’s CareerTech VISION 2020 will be held Dec. 2–5 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Are you interested in presenting a session at the conference? The call for proposals has been released. The deadline for presentation proposal submissions is Feb. 29.

Submit your proposals

Stay warm as we move through winter and into spring. The next newsletter will include updates about our Region II Conference which will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this year on October 1–3 at the Embassy Suites, Kingston Plantation.
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