



Dear Region III Members,

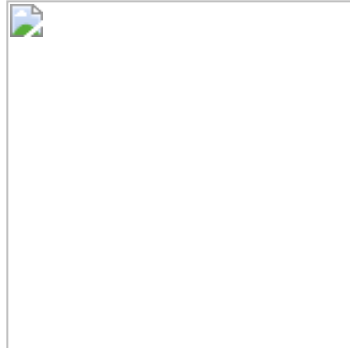
Even though my husband and I are both retirees, we have found that COVID-19 has “held us captive” and limited our trips outside of the house. Online meetings have become a regular part of almost every organization we are members of or volunteer with. We have even held family and friends zoom “events” in order to stay in touch with our personal networks. I know that all of you are doing this in addition to the countless hours that you are spending preparing for online and hybrid classes and staff meetings. COVID-19 and doing education differently has put stress on teachers, administrators, students, families and the community alike.

I recently returned from a quick fishing getaway with my husband in North Dakota. Our nine-plus hour drive took us to beautiful parts of the country as the leaves were starting to turn. We were able to spend two full days outside on the lake relaxing and fishing (a tradition that brings great memories of family times at my parent’s lake cabin when my Dad was still with us). I even caught the largest fish I’ve ever hooked! My husband said the smile on my face those few days made it all worth the effort it took to get away but also be safe.

I share this to remind you all to take time to do some self-care during this crazy time. Evenings and weekends get “scrunched” with all of the online work you are doing, so be thoughtful in how you give yourself time in the mornings and midday to renew yourself! Even your drive can be renewing time if you turn up the radio and sing to your favorite tunes (or relax to a restful song)!

I am so looking forward to connecting with you all at [VISION](#) this year, albeit virtually. I know it can seem overwhelming to spend additional screen time when you may already be glued to a computer most of the day. ACTE staff have done a wonderful job of scheduling a mix of sessions that include live, simulive and on-demand that are presented in an abbreviated daily time frame from about noon – 5:00 p.m. EST each day of the conference. In addition, you will have access to all sessions past the close of the virtual conference! If you check out the [program schedule](#), you’ll

find that there is a certain day where specific division sessions are offered. This will allow you to be more flexible in how you spend your time away from work to attend those sessions you find most relevant to you. *And* there are some fun and opportunities built in with the ACTE Awards Gala and evening networking events.



RSVP for Region III Business Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend the Region III Business meeting. This year we are holding the meeting the week prior to VISION on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. CT. We will hear from our candidates for ACTE President as well as our candidates for Region III VP Elect during this time. In addition, we will be voting on our [Operating Policy updates](#) that the committee has been working on the past couple of years. The Agenda and information will be posted on our Region III website in the near future!

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.

RSVP

[Apply to the New IAED Mentorship](#)

Program!

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 leaders in these efforts and those who wish to support existing leadership in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Nov. 1**.



Learn more

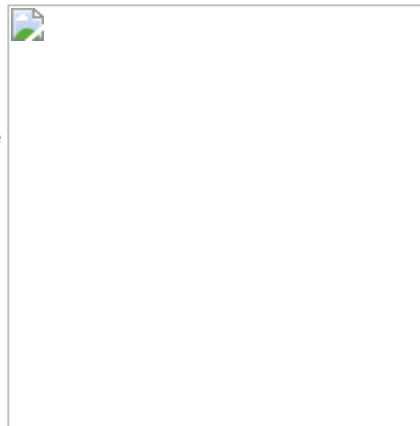


Watch as Kimberly Wilson, ACTE's 2020 Teacher of the Year, and this year's ACTE Excellence Award Finalists share their love of CTE! Love this video?! Watch ACTE's social media channels — [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) — from now through **Oct. 23** and share this happy video (along with 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–**

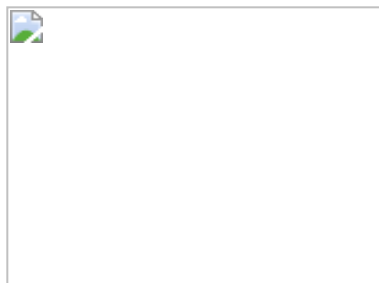
Dec. 4, to help us recognize those individuals and organizations, who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Don't forget, the member advance rate of only \$250 ends **Oct. 23!**

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.



Tune in for Virtual VISION



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

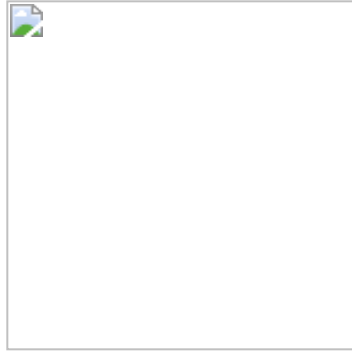
ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D., senior executive officer at Capital Region BOCES in Albany, New York. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders, business and industry executives, and thought leaders who support and champion CTE programs 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](#)

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

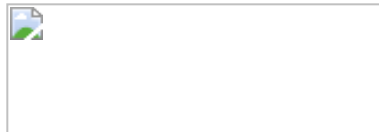
Rachael Mann, author of *The CTSO Competition Companion*, offers CTSO students specific components of winning strategies and approaches in this easy-to-read book, covering such topics as:

- 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

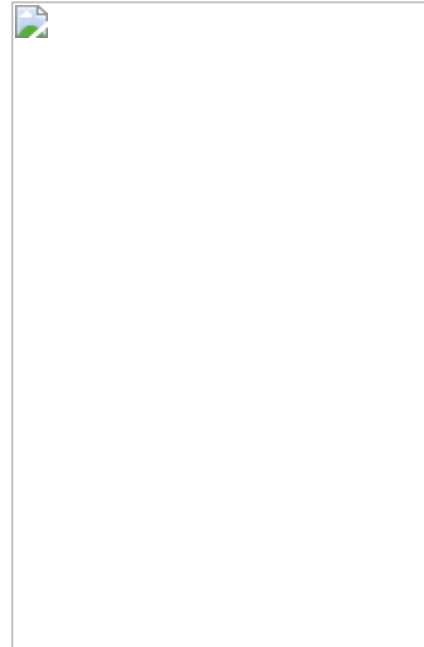
The complementary book launch webinar, featuring the author and some of the book's guest voices, can be viewed [here](#).

Member price is \$19.95.

Purchase your copy



New Student Video Contest: Advancing Space Exploration



Through Manufacturing

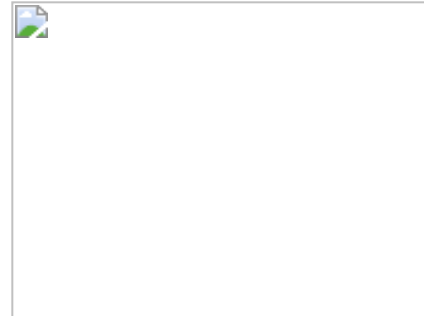
ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to once again collaborate on the 2020–21 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on earth and in space. This year's theme is "Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing" and encompasses multiple CTE sectors, including health care, transportation, family and consumer sciences, energy, robotics and more! The deadline to submit a video is **April 1**.

[Learn more](#)

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



[Learn more](#)

Many thanks for all you do for CTE on a daily basis!

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