Hello Region III ACTE members!

I trust this finds you all safe and well. Much like most of you, I am writing this from my home office and am coming up on a month of completing mostly normal work duties in a different way. I am reminded how lucky I am to be able to continue working with teachers and administrators, albeit virtually rather than traveling for face-to-face meetings. It certainly has been an interesting time in education and CTE in particular with the move to virtual learning at most of the secondary and postsecondary level programs. ACTE continues to update its compilation of online and distance learning resources that can supplement your school’s official guidance and also includes information on how to access six free courses to prepare educators to teach online via CTE Learn. Read more.

This situation has definitely made us think about stretching our boundaries, which can add stress not only to our work day but also our everyday lives. Don’t forget about that all-important piece of self-care! I have been enjoying virtual coffee breaks with my colleagues and the occasional virtual lunch dates where we are able to take some time to forget work and share some fun.

Region III 2020 Conference Cancelled

Our Region III Policy Committee met last week and decided to go with the recommendation from Minnesota ACTE in determining how to move forward with this year’s Region III Conference after sharing thoughts from Policy Committee members. That being said, Minnesota has decided to cancel our Region III conference slated for 2020. However, we are pleased to announce that Minnesota will be hosting the conference in 2021. (We will then follow the same hosting order with Iowa hosting in 2022.)
Minnesota anticipates the dates will be similar in 2021 and the venue unchanged. Any registration fees that have been received will be refunded.

Business Meeting and Awards Event to Go Virtual

We will still need to hold a business meeting and celebrate award winners sometime in June. We are working on the details, so please stay tuned, and I will be sending out an e-blast to members once we determine what that will look like!

Now Accepting Board Election Nominations – Region III VP-Elect position open!

Interested in serving ACTE as a member of the Board of Directors? This year, Region III will be holding an election for the Region III Vice President-Elect. The Regional Vice President-Elect will serve on the Policy Committee but not on the ACTE Board of Directors. The Vice President-Elect will shadow the Vice President and will be invited to attend ACTE Board of Director meetings. The one-year VP-elect term begins July 2021 and is followed by a three-year term as Region III Vice President. Please consider serving CTE at this national level! Applications for positions are open and are due June 15. For more information, please see the guidelines for the Board of Directors nominations. Learn more
Deadline Extended for Student Trophy Design Contest
With many teachers adjusting to delivering instruction in an online environment, we have extended the deadline for the student trophy design contest to June 30. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2020 ACTE Awards Gala on Dec. 2 in Nashville, Tennessee. Learn more

Impact Awards — Deadline Extended
The ACTE Impact Awards recognize groups and individuals from the education, business and industry communities who contribute to the improvement, promotion and development of CTE. The deadline to apply for these two awards, the Business-Education Partnership Award and the Champion for CTE Award, has also been extended to June 30. Read more

Special Populations Programming Survey
As states implement their new Perkins V plans and with the legislation’s expanded definition of special populations, the Special Population Section of ACTE’s New & Related Services Division is requesting your feedback on your professional development needs. Please complete this brief 8 question survey or contact Emily Sherwood or Marta Osuna, co-chairs of the Special Populations Section, with your ideas.

Complete the Special Populations survey
Access & Equity Ideas & Resources

ACTE is calling for content and your participation to showcase our collective dedication to Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) by:

- Contributing resources to and submitting IAED speaker names for inclusion on the ACTE IAED website
- Recommending ideas for the IAED column that will be included in the 2020-2021 Techniques editorial cycle
- Referencing the Access and Equity element in the Quality CTE Program of Study Framework and encouraging your CTE colleagues to follow suit
- Signing up to be a part of ACTE’s IAED Advisory Group

Read more

Boutique Event for CTE Administrators

Happening Oct. 7–9 in Cape Cod, North Falmouth, Massachusetts, ACTE’s and NCLA’s Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference will offer content-rich programming and networking to strengthen the field for CTE administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. Learn more

Early Bird Registration for CareerTech VISION 2020 is Open

The premier event for CTE professionals, ACTE’s CareerTech VISION offers unparalleled professional development, comprehensive CTE secondary and postsecondary programming, and stories of successful education and business collaborations. This year’s event happens Dec. 2–5 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Register today
Please take care of yourself, stay safe and healthy. If ACTE or I can be of assistance, please contact us.

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