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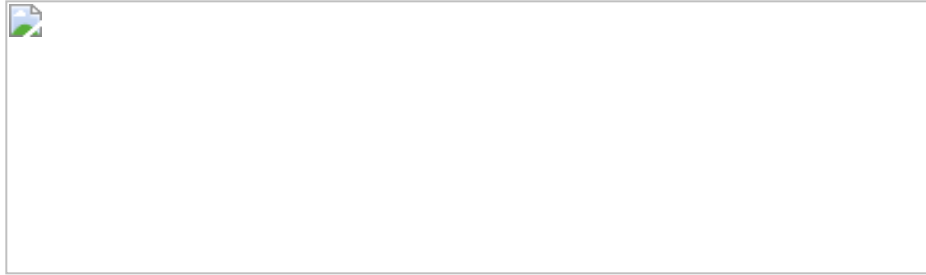
How wonderful it was to connect in person as well as virtually with many of you at VISION in December! There was definitely a lot to celebrate in our Region at the Awards Gala as professionals in our Region won four of the eight national awards! Congratulations to

- Teacher of the Year Award winner: [Luke Becker](#)—Braham, Minnesota
- Postsecondary Teacher of the Year Award winner: [Sarah LaRose](#)—West Lafayette, Indiana
- Teacher Educator of the Year Award winner: [Brad Greiman](#)—St. Paul, Minnesota
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner: [Jeff Maierhofer](#)—Seneca, Illinois

We also want to congratulate ACTE's Champion for CTE, Patrick Biggerstaff- Indianapolis, IN. as well as [Robert Arthur-Fleming Lowe](#)—St. Paul, MN, Lifetime Achievement national finalist for his induction into the ACTE Hall of Fame!

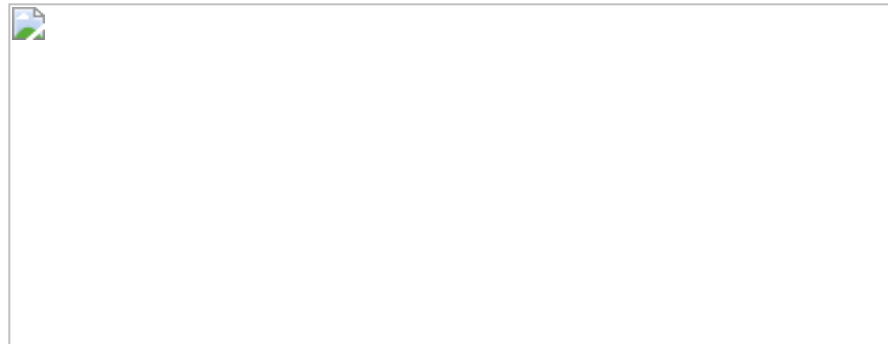
As a reminder, here's an important message from our Region Awards Chair, Debbie Belfry:

*It's not too early to get your nominating process started for the next (2022) state applicant process! The designated state applicant will compete against other Region III state winners in each award category. The Region III winners will be announced in Iowa during the Region III conference. Those 2022 Region III winners will represent Region III as 2023 national finalists. The deadline to upload your designated state application is **March 1**. Many of your states will have a timeline for state judging before the **March 1**, ACTE deadline. Debbie will send more timeline reminders out in the new year.*



AND finally, I have some exciting news to share! Our Region TEACH CTE PSA contest winning submissions will be sent to all of our Region state media outlets for airing to start in February during CTE month! As of this writing, the winners have not been announced. Be looking for (and listening) to hear our region pitches to “Teach CTE! Be a part of that investment!”

Looking forward to seeing many of you at NPS and then in my home state for our Region III conference in June!



## It's not too Late to Register for our Region III Conference!

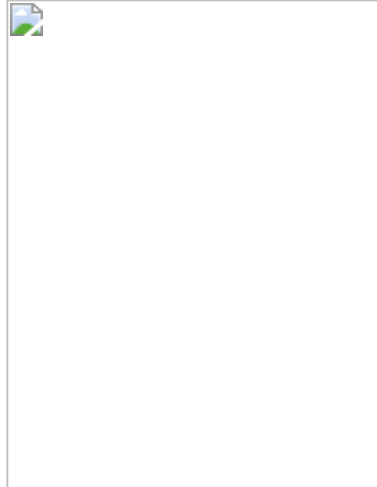
**Region III Conference Registration is posted on the website! [Registration can be found here.](#)**

Early Registration by **May 15** will be \$225. After May 15 Registration will be \$250.

Registration includes special Region III Wednesday evening reception and networking activity (beginning at 5:30 PM), all conference meals and tours on Thursday (including an evening activity) and Friday luncheon. Draft schedule to be posted on the [Region III website](#) soon!

**Please go to the [Region III Conference link](#) for hotel reservation information!**

Conference Location and Hotel:  
Embassy Suites  
101 E. Locust Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309



## Celebrate CTE Month®!

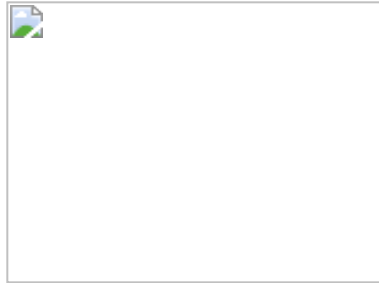
***Generously sponsored by NAHB***

Join us as we celebrate CTE Month, generously sponsored in 2022 by the National Association of Home Builders. Share with the world how much you love CTE! Raise awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy and have fun doing it!

- Share ACTE's 28 days of CTE social media messages by following us [@actecareertech](#) on Twitter or Facebook. You can also share your own success stories on social media by using **#CTEMonth**. Be sure to tag us!
- Encourage your students to participate in this year's [CTE Month-NASA HUNCH student video](#) challenge to showcase the importance of CTE and/or project-based learning. This year's theme: **How Can Space Exploration Solve Climate Change?** Submit videos, two minutes or less in length, by **April 1**.
- [Gear up](#) with mood pens, pencils and other festive CTE Month merchandise.
- [Engage](#) members of your community or the media to learn about your school's strong CTE programs firsthand.

- [Reach out](#) to business and industry leaders in your area to create valuable partnerships.
- [Download the CTE Month logo](#) for use with any of your print and digital outreach.

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## Announcing the Board of Directors 2022 Election Results

ACTE is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for spots on its Board of Directors.

- Chaney Mosley, President-elect: Mosley is an Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- Michael Culwell, Region IV Vice President-elect: Culwell is the Campus Director at Kiamichi Tech-Poteau in Poteau, Oklahoma.
- Sean Crevier, Business Education Division Vice President: Appointed by the board of directors Mr. Crevier is Teacher at Vernon Hills High School in Vernon Hills, Illinois.
- Katy Blatnick-Gagne, Family and Consumer Sciences Education Division Vice President: Appointed by the board of directors, Ms. Blatnick-Gagne is an Education Consultant at the Iowa Department of Education in Des Moines, Iowa.

Additionally, the vice president-elects whose election occurred last year will join the Board as vice president in July 2022. Susan Leon will assume the position of New & Related Services Division Vice President, Brandon Russel will assume the position of Region III Vice President, and Beth Parks will assume the position of Region II Vice President.

ACTE congratulates the winners, and thanks all of the candidates for their willingness to serve and their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the association. ACTE also thanks its members who had their voices heard by voting in the election.

[Read more](#)

## Voice Your CTE Priorities at NPS!

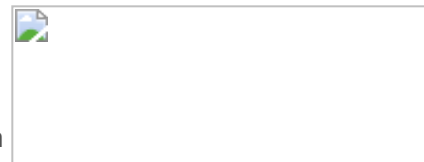
Join CTE professionals at ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) to engage on key education policy topics, hear best practices for influencing federal policy related to CTE advocacy and messaging, and participate in Capitol Hill visits. This year's NPS will be offered as a hybrid event and happens both virtually and in person at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, **March 21–23**. We will follow a similar schedule to past years but may have to make some COVID-19-related tweaks.

[Learn more](#)



## Present at CareerTech VISION 2022!

Share your expertise at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening **Nov. 30–Dec. 3** in Las Vegas, Nevada, by being an esteemed presenter. Won't you consider submitting a proposal



to lead an educational program session? We're looking for innovations and insights on the most pressing issues in the field today. Accepted session topics may also address current and emerging trends to help career and technical educators thrive in their careers. VISION offers unparalleled networking, hundreds of concurrent program sessions covering high-quality CTE and stories of successful education and business collaborations. Call for presentations will open in late January and close **March 31**.

[Learn more](#)



## Check Out New, Free Resources on CTE Learn

The CTE Research Network Training Modules, designed for CTE practitioners and state agency staff, will strengthen your capacity to access, understand, and use CTE data and research as well as conduct your own research — particularly causal research. This new series seeks to expand the evidence base on the impact of CTE and to bring CTE practitioners and researchers together in collaboration.

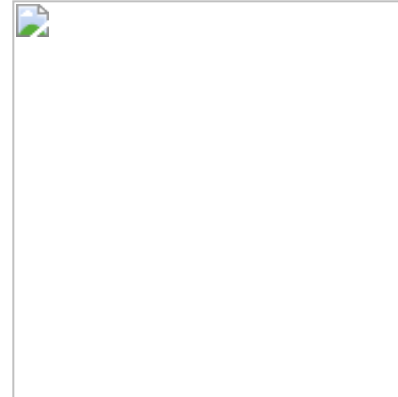
- Understanding CTE Data and Why It Matters
- Using Data and Research to Improve CTE Programs
- CTE Program Evaluation: Why It Matters to Practitioners
- Using State Data to Partner with Researchers
- Using Research to Design Your CTE Program for Equity
- How to Communicate About Your CTE Program Using Research

[Learn more](#)

## Upcoming Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices in CTE.

- Why is Academic Integration a Necessity in CTE Programs: A Discussion with Educators (Part 2) on **Feb. 16 at 4:00 p.m. ET**
- Why is Academic Integration a Necessity in CTE Programs: A Discussion with Students (Part 3) on **April 12 at 4:00 p.m. ET**



[Learn more and sign up to attend](#)



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