



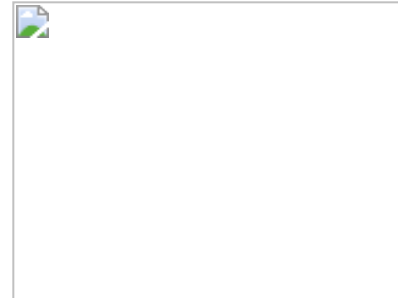
It was great to see so many Region III participants in Anaheim, California, for ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2019! I'm sure you'll agree that our numbers were "out of this world!" The conference meetings, keynotes, sessions, and pre-conferences had so many great things to learn from and bring home to share and implement!

One of the most exciting parts of the conference is the annual ACTE Excellence Awards Gala where ACTE recognizes the best of the best! ACTE Region III is pleased to announce that two of our Region III members were national award winners! **Congratulations to Jessica Daberkow (Minnesota), ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award and Chris Merrill (Illinois), ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year!**

Region III is very proud of all of our Region III nominees and national award winners!

State Awards — Indiana Rises to the Top!

During the Region III Business Meeting at CareerTech VISION 2019, Indiana won the Region III Membership Awards with a sweep of both a membership and percentage increase from June 2019–November 2019. For this achievement, Indiana ACTE received two traveling membership paperweights which they will get to keep until the Region III Conference in June 2020. Membership is a challenge for all states, so our hats go off to Indiana ACTE for this achievement. State Membership Awards will be given again at the Region III Conference. Can your state surpass Indiana? Your State could be eligible for a free CareerTech VISION 2020 registration and a \$500 CareerTech VISION travel stipend.

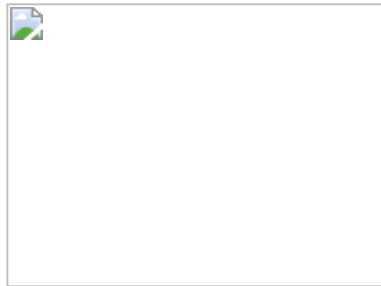


At our State breakfast on the Saturday morning of CareerTech VISION 2019, four of our six states were recognized as Quality State Associations. Congratulations to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri for attaining this level of achievement for your state associations! This is a great way to recognize the hard work your executive directors and board members do every day for career and technical education (CTE).

2020 Awards Deadline

States must submit their award nominees for the ACTE Region III Awards by **March 1**. If you have any questions about awards, please contact the Region III Award Chair, [Debbie Belfry](#).

Submit your nominations today



ACTE Election Results

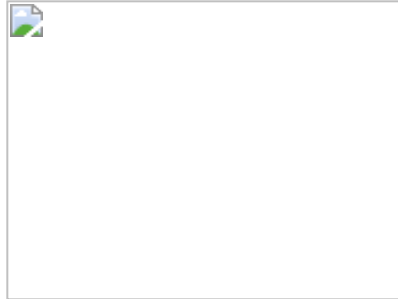
Congratulations to those recently elected to ACTE Board positions:

- Brian Law, President-elect
- Richelle Krumsiek, Engineering and Technology Education Division Vice President
- Eric Ripley, Administration Division Vice President-elect
- Teresa "Gibby" Gibbons, Counseling and Career Development Division Vice President-elect
- Kristina Ropos, Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education Division Vice President-elect
- Also welcome Region III's Danny Camden, (Indiana) Trade and Industrial Education Division Vice President

Region III Fellows

Region III is happy to announce that we have three new Fellows! The ACTE Fellowship Program is an instrument to provide professional development, policy knowledge and

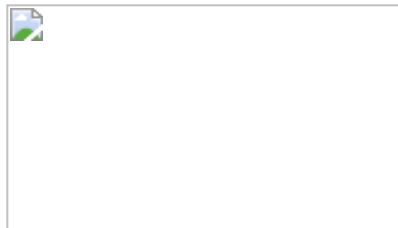
leadership development. Our own Cindy Stover (Illinois), Executive Director and past Region III Vice President is serving as ACTE's Fellowship Coordinator for 2020. Sarah Shanley (Minnesota), will be joining as New Professional Fellow (2–5 years CTE experience) along with Joseph Sieczkowski (Illinois), and Laura Van Waardhuizen (Iowa), as Experienced Fellows (+5 years). Thanks to our 2019 Fellows, John Kugler and Angie Koontz, both of Illinois for their work this past year.



ACTE Region III Conference

Save the date for the 2020 Region III Conference Prior Lake, Minnesota, June 17–19. Registration will be posted soon.

[Learn more](#)



Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Advocate on behalf of CTE profession and amplify our collective voice by participating in ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) this **March 29–April 1** in Arlington, Virginia.

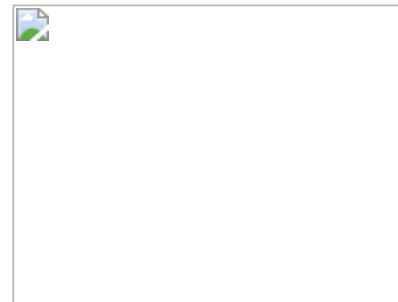
Whether you're a seasoned advocate or a first-timer to Capitol Hill, now is an essential time to communicate your CTE success stories, programming priorities and local education needs with your legislators to help advance your programs. NPS will offer an all-new CTE Innovation Summit as well as Perkins V implementation guidance and CTE advocacy tools to deliver a strong message to your policy-makers and to take back home to your communities. Register by **Feb. 21** to secure early bird rates.

[View agenda and register](#)

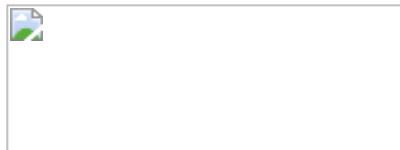
CTE Month & NASA HUNCH Student Video Challenge

ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the student video challenge, celebrating CTE and project-based learning programs. This year's theme is Living and Working on the Moon and Beyond and calls on middle school, high school and postsecondary students to produce a video two minutes or less in length. The deadline to submit videos is

March 2. Visit the CTE Month webpage to learn more about ways to celebrate your CTE programs, download the CTE Month logo, purchase CTE Month products and more!



Celebrate CTE Month



Present at VISION

We invite you to participate as a presenter at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2020, the premier event for career and technical educators, business leaders and industry professionals, **Dec. 2-5** at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville,

Tennessee. We are seeking presentation proposals that cover a wide variety of high-quality secondary and postsecondary CTE in all program areas along with stories of successful education and business collaborations. Sessions are typically 60 minutes in length, and presenters receive a speaker discount on the VISION early bird registration rate.

Submit your proposal by Feb. 29

Explore the Full Spectrum of WBL Experiences



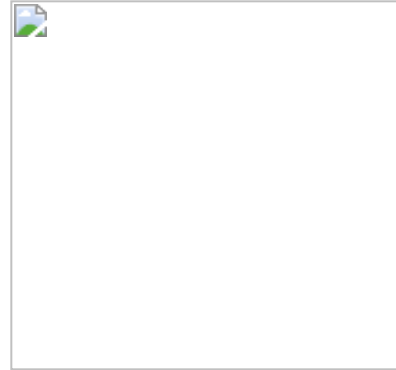
ACTE's new National Work-based Learning conference, co-hosted with the Iowa Work-based Learning Organization, is focused on supporting the delivery of quality experiences that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Happening **April 22–23** at the Des Moines Area Community College FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa, this event features Dr. Casey Sacks, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges in the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, as the keynote speaker.

Learn more

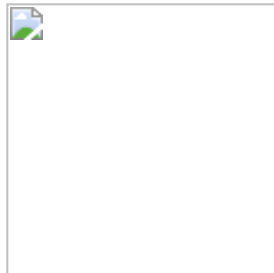
New Conference Revolutionizes CTE

Bridging the gap between ideation and implementation, Leading the Education Revolution Conference shifts attendees' participation from consuming information to solving problems and addressing challenges at national,

state and district levels. This new event, taking place **June 9-12** at Butler Tech in Cincinnati, Ohio, will dive into implementation of second-order changes that will revolutionize a student's career and technical education experience.



Learn more



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