Greetings and Happy New Year Region V Members!

What a great experience at this year’s ACTE CareerTech VISION in Anaheim, California. One of the highlights is always the Leadership Breakfast and the recognition of the Quality Association Standards. Once again Region V continued to lead in the number of states selected to receive the Quality Association Standards (QAS) Award with 11 of the 27 states recognized. These include Arizona, California, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Congratulations to all states who received the QAS Award.

The next big event for Region V is the 2020 Region V Leadership Conference on April 22–25 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Hopefully, you have already registered. If not, here is the link to register for the 2020 Region V Leadership Conference. You still have until Feb. 1 to receive the early discount. This is an event that I look forward to each year. It is a great time to network with fellow Region V members, learn something new and innovative, and we get the privilege of recognizing the region’s best CTE individuals at the Awards Brunch on Saturday morning.

The Nevada Planning Team has been working to continue the great professional development that happens each year at the Region V Leadership Conference. It is an opportunity you won’t want to miss. Read below for more information on tours and social events.

2020 Region V Leadership Conference: 20/20 Perfect Vision for CTE

Nevada ACTE is excited to host the 2020 ACTE Region V Leadership Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada April 22–25.
This year, our opening keynote speaker is Ken Shelton. Ken regularly gives keynotes, presentations and leads workshops covering a variety of educational technology, technology integration, equity and inclusion, multimedia literacy, visual learning, visual storytelling, and instructional design topics. In addition to speaking as our keynote, Ken is also going to present during a breakout session on April 24. Our second keynote speaker is Corinne Hoisington. Corinne is a full-time professor of Information Systems Technology at Central Virginia Community College and a previous keynote speaker at ACTE’s CareerTech VISION. Corinne’s keynote will focus on future-ready emerging career trends. Nevada ACTE is looking forward to having these two dynamic speakers at the Region V Leadership Conference.

Early registration at $425 for members ends Feb. 1. Advanced registration runs from Feb. 2–March 20, for $475 for members. REGISTER TODAY

Harvey’s Lake Tahoe will be hosting the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference. Attendees must reserve their hotel rooms by March 22, to be included in the room-block pricing.

This year is the 45th Anniversary of the Region V Conference. If you have stories or pictures that you would like to share from previous Region V Conferences, please share those by completing this form.

We are excited to see everyone in Lake Tahoe!

Registration Due Dates:
Early Registration – Feb. 1
Advance Registration – March 20
Late Registration – April 10

Attention First-time Region V Leadership Conference Attendees!

If the 2020 conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada will be the first time you’ve attended a Region V Conference, be sure to apply for one of the first-timer stipends that are available. Up to 10 $500 stipends will be awarded for the 2020 Conference in Lake Tahoe and the 2021 Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. Awardees receive $250 per conference, paid upon
attendance at each conference. Applications can be found on the Region V website. The deadline for submission is Feb 1. You will be notified by Feb. 15 if you are receiving one of the stipends.

Leadership 101: Putting the Pieces Together

The Region V Policy Committee is once again sponsoring an opportunity to learn more about career and technical education (CTE) and our professional organization that supports CTE. This workshop will be offered Wednesday, April 22 from 2:00–5:00 p.m. at the Region V Leadership Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. What participants will gain are strategies for:

- **Leadership**: Understand and learn the role of being a CTE leader
- **Marketing/Social Media**: Understand the role of marketing and selling your CTE programs with up-to-date communication practices
- **Advocacy**: Understand the importance of effective advocacy to secure the future of CTE
- **Region V**: Understand the connection between state, region and national affiliation with ACTE

There’s no charge for the workshop, and the first 40 to register will receive a copy of Make Your Bed by William H. McRaven or Your Leadership Legacy by Brooks, Stark and Caverhill. You can register for Leadership 101 by emailing Dodie Bemis.
Interested in Becoming a Region V Fellow

You should have received notification in early December about Region V continuing the opportunity to participate in a Region V Fellowship Program to promote the image of CTE and to provide an understanding of policies related to CTE in Region V. Region V will select a maximum of two fellows for the next two years. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of $1,000 for the two-year period. This stipend is to help offset some of the expenses of being a fellow.

If you haven’t already, check the Region V website for information on the goals, objectives and responsibilities of the Region V Fellows.

All requirements of the application must be completed in order to be considered. Please submit your application by the deadline of Sunday, March 1. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, March 30.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing your application, please contact Coleen Keffeler.

Region V Hall of Fame

Who is the individual in your state that comes to mind when ACTE Region V is mentioned? That person can be nominated for the Region V Hall of Fame. Please take the time to complete and submit the Region V Hall of Fame Nomination form for the qualified individual.

Send the completed nomination packet to Dodie Bemis by Feb. 1. It would be great to have a nominee from each state in Region V!
Awards Committee Update

It’s that time again. Submit your state’s best of the best for recognition at the Region V Conference taking place in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, April 22–25.

Region V Member Awards of Excellence
Once again, the Region V Awards Committee would like to interview all state award winners advancing to the regional level! In order to complete this task in a timely manner, we are asking each state award winner to create a video interview. No face-to-face interviews will be given at the conference. Please encourage your candidates to register early and attend the Region V Conference to receive the recognition they deserve. The deadline is March 1. Awards of Excellence will be presented during the Awards Brunch on Saturday, April 25. Guidelines, Tips & YouTube Instructions are available on the ACTE Region V Awards Website.

Region V Innovative Program Awards: What’s new taking place in your state?
Recognize innovative career and technical programs that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of CTE. Deadline to nominate an Innovative Program from your state is March 1.

If you have any questions about Member Awards or the Innovative Award, please contact Shelley Goerdt, ACTE Region V Awards Chair.

Region V Communication Awards:
Submit your state communications for an award. Communications must have been created and completed between Jan. 1–Dec. 31 of the current award year. Communication categories include newsletter, membership recruitment, conference publication, advocacy publication and website publication. Communication award applications must be postmarked by March 1.

If you have any questions about the Communication Awards, please contact Coleen Keffeler.
Region V Awards Chair Position Open

Are you passionate about awards? Have you judged or served on an awards committee? This may be the job for you! One of the most rewarding committees to serve, Award Committee Chair has the opportunity to:

- Emerge themselves in high-quality award applications
- Collaborate with Judges from all over the Nation
- Organize and manage incredible Region V Judges
- Keep the Region V Awards Website updated
- Support the Region V Board in creating and maintaining policies and procedures for Awards

To learn more, contact Shelley Goerdt or Mark Branger.

Region V Opportunity Fund Grant

It’s back! Formerly called Mini-grants, The Opportunity Fund Grant will be offered again for the 2020-2021 school year. The Region V Policy Committee has authorized the use of up to $6,000 in increments of up to $2,000 per grant for the purpose of increasing member value and engagement, professional and leadership development, advocacy and awareness, strategic partnerships, or innovation. Interested in applying? Click here for more details. The deadline is March 15. Contact Rachael Mann for questions or more information.

Seeking State to Host Region V Conference in 2023

The Region V Policy Committee is soliciting states to submit proposals to host the Region V Leadership Conference in 2023. What a great opportunity to showcase what is happening in your state as well as receive funds to aide in your state’s projects. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mark Branger for more information.
Let's Get Social with #ACTERegionV!

Social media is a powerful tool for building your professional network, promoting what’s happening in your programs, connecting with business and industry, and for making the work that is happening in CTE visible, while elevating our profession. We want to build the ACTE Region V community and keep track of all of the amazing things that are happening. When sharing out on Twitter, Instagram, or LinkedIn, use the Region V hashtag #ACTERegionV and connect with others who are using this hashtag. The ACTE Policy Committee will be sharing out updates for conferences and opportunities using this hashtag on social media, so follow this hashtag and join the conversation! Other popular hashtags to include in your career and technical education posts are:

#Careerteched  
#CTEWorks  
#IamCTE  
#CTEStrong

Be sure to follow ACTE’s new Instagram account @actecareertech1 and tag them in your posts, with the #ACTERegionV hashtag of course!

Region V Deadlines

- Region V Leadership Conference Early Bird Registration — Feb. 1
- Region V First Time Conference Attendee Stipend — Feb. 1
- Region V Hall of Fame Applications — Feb. 1
- Region V Fellows Applications — March 1
- State Award Winners Advancement to Region — March 1
- Region V Innovative Program Awards — March 1
- Region V Communication Awards — March 1
- Region V Opportunity Fund Grants — March 15
- Region V State of the States Report — March 15
Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Advocate on behalf of the 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.

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.
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 CTE experience.

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