Hello ACTE T/I members!

I hope you all had a joy-filled holiday season. I was excited to meet a lot of you at VISION this year, and we had a couple of great division meetings. Out of those meetings, I got to meet with some awesome groups of people and a few of those are featured in this newsletter so be sure and read the entire newsletter this month.

**NCCER:** One of the groups that partners with our division is the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) — they are an awesome group who specializes in developing curriculum, certification and accreditation. Here is a small intro for them and a link for a survey:

"Here at NCCER, we are striving to better understand instructor challenges and what resources we could provide to be most impactful to support their training programs. Let your voice be heard by participating in our short survey. It should take less than five minutes to complete."

Here is the link to the survey again for your convenience:

[Craft Instructor Engagement Survey](#)

**NC3:** Another group whom I was honored to attend a couple of their meetings at VISION was the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), and here is a feature about them and their conference:

In partnership with ACTE, NC3 proudly hosted an Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathways Conference on **Dec. 1, 2021**, at the ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
During this unique one-day conference, CTE administrators and instructors from secondary and postsecondary institutions nationwide explored how to grow and/or evolve their trade and industrial education programs into high-performing advanced manufacturing pathways.

Conference attendees:

- Experienced the power of hands-on CTE learning first-hand by becoming students for the day during special hands-on workshops where they experienced curriculum and equipment that is actually used in today’s manufacturing facilities as well as in NC3 schools to teach tomorrow’s technologies
- Learned how to create effective multi-industry partnerships during a panel discussion with NC3’s Executive Director and several of NC3’s world-class global industry partners
- Explored industry’s perspective on the changing dynamics of the workplace/workforce, how industry is responding to the changes, and their thoughts on how to work in collaboration with education to provide solutions
- Learned how employers are recruiting, hiring, and training employees, and how they’re engaging with schools in CTE through the issuance and recognition of industry-recognized certifications for students
- Participated in five different topic-driven breakout sessions to better understand the importance of students obtaining high-demand skills and industry-recognized certifications earlier in their educational careers, how to develop relevant CTE pathways from K-12 into post-secondary, how to work with local and national industry partners to develop employability pathways that benefit both schools and industry, and more

When asked about the event, Barrett Crane, the National Sales Manager for Snap-on Industrial Education, said, “It was encouraging to take part in such a critical event. Manufacturing jobs bring life-changing opportunities to many who struggle to find a career. This event introduced to participants the open dialog that is possible when education and industry make time to communicate. Further understanding the needs of employers, while learning about actionable programs that align and support these needs, was powerful. I hope that this kind of collaboration will continue and look forward to the opportunity to meet again next year.”

Tony Oran, the vice president of sales for Festo Didactic, Inc., added, “The only way to close the skills gap and fill the skills shortage is to bring industry and education together and attack this critical issue. Today’s event was just that. We brought several major industries together with
many educators to clearly show there is a path to success. Festo has been dedicated to this mission since 1965 and we will continue to support CTE through opportunities like this."

Dr. Jason Scales, the Business Manager of Education for Lincoln Electric, said he felt inspired by the strength and solidarity shown among NC3’s industry partners at the event. “Lincoln Electric is proud to be a partner with other industry-leading companies that share a renowned interest in addressing the skills gap. Collaboratively working together through NC3 to provide industry-recognized certificates that lead to meaningful jobs and careers is why we do what we do. Being here and working together at ACTE to deliver meaningful sessions to educators has been a tremendous experience for all involved,” he said.

In addition to sharing a plethora of valuable information with attendees at the event, Ben Stahl, the Service Operations Leader of the Gulf Coast for Commercial HVAC at Trane Technologies, mentioned that he’s also looking forward to sharing what he learned at the event with his colleagues throughout the Southeast. “The focus on building and supporting an education system to support technical careers is a huge step in building a sustainable technical workforce. The emphasis on specific trades and specialized skillsets definitely adds to the value NC3 brings to the college system."

NC3’s executive team, program managers, and world-class industry partners were honored they had this opportunity to showcase how they successfully support schools in the NC3 Network and that they had the opportunity to extend that same support to schools that attended the event as they look to launch new manufacturing programs and/or restructure their already existing manufacturing programs.

“Our team is looking forward to hosting an annual manufacturing-focused event at ACTE CareerTech VISION moving forward,” Roger Tadajewski, the Executive Director of NC3, said. “If you weren’t able to attend our event this year, be sure to save the date for next year!”

ACTE CareerTech VISION 2022 is going to be held from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

About NC3
NC3 was established to help build a workforce prepared to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's industries by connecting employers and educational institutions in synergistic partnerships that foster effective training, the elevation of skilled careers, and employment opportunities. In fulfilling its mission, NC3 builds deep industry-educational partnerships and develops, implements, and sustains industry-recognized portable certifications built on national skills standards. We envision an industrial labor market where all workers have jobs they need to thrive and all companies have well-trained employees they need to operate and grow. Learn more at www.nc3.net.

About ACTE

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals and others at all levels of education. ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development and leadership opportunities.

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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.

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

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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.

New Publication Features Grand Forks Public Schools and Northrup
Grumman Partnership

Xello is pleased to support ACTE and CTE practitioners through the production of a series of publication briefs to delve deeper on topics within ACTE’s Quality CTE Program of Study Framework: Business and Community Partnerships. The third publication in the Taking Business to School Series focuses on the Grand Forks Public Schools and Northrop Grumman partnership that resulted in a new robotics engineering program that also helps fuel the local region’s growing unmanned aerial systems industry.

Read more

New Resource on Expanding Access to Short-term Postsecondary CTE Programs

Recently, ACTE released a fact sheet: Pell Grants and Short-term Programs: Unlocking Careers and Educational Opportunities. These high-quality, short-term postsecondary programs can help individuals earn credentials at an affordable cost and enter the workforce in high-wage, high-demand CTE industries.

Read more

Help Us Define Inclusion and Access

What does inclusion mean to you? What about access? ACTE seeks to define these terms in the context of CTE, and we need your help. As educators, you advance the ideals of
inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) through the
development of high-quality CTE programs of study that serve
all students. Read *Techniques* this spring for additional
opportunities to contribute on the meaning of IAED in CTE.

Read more about IAED in CTE in *Techniques*

**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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