Greetings Trade and Industrial Members!

I am very excited to announce our keynote speaker at CareerTech Virtual VISON's T/I opening session as Kyle Holt from SP2. He will be presenting information on “The Validity of Virtual Learning.”

**Introduction to Kyle Holt and SP2:**  
Kyle Holt is the president and co-founder of S/P2 (sp2.org). S/P2’s online training is used by more than 250,000 students and employees every year, across 4,000 career and technical education (CTE) programs and 2,700 businesses. S/P2’s training is industry-specific, covering topics like safety, environmental, ethics, soft skills and human resources.

S/P2 also provides S/P2 Careers – a recruiting platform allowing employers to find, recruit and hire from more than 80,000 entry-level candidates who are either currently enrolled in or recently graduated from their CTE programs. Holt is passionate about helping the next generation of technicians find the right first employer, so when they enter the industry, they stay in the industry.

I am looking forward to meeting and planning with all of you. There also are four gift cards given away at random during the opening session. I am working on putting together a hospitality room for us all to get together and have some networking time.

Secondly, I am currently looking for any innovations in our industry that we could possibly turn into content (webinar/news articles, etc.). Please submit them via email. Submit as many as you want as often as you want. The more ideas and choices we have, the better.

Get Noticed at VISION
The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is seeking nominations for the National Trade and Industrial Education Division Awards, to be presented during their annual conference **Nov. 30–Dec. 4**. The deadline is **Nov. 2**. Qualified individuals may be nominated in the following categories, and you may nominate yourself. (If you nominate someone else, please inform that person.)

- Lifetime Service
- Outstanding New Teacher Award
- Outstanding Teacher Award

For Virtual VISION conference information, visit the [website](#).

**Submit a nomination**

NCCER is asking ACTE to make a dedicated effort to connect with students during the week of **Oct. 19–23**. By signing the pledge, you are showing your commitment to use either virtual or in-person classroom visits to share BYF resources and help students explore careers in construction.

Together, we can spread the word about the wide range of construction career paths to success and shift the public's perception of careers in our industry.

Thank you for your support.
Watch as Kimberly Wilson, ACTE’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, and this year’s ACTE Excellence Award Finalists share their love of CTE! Love this video?! Watch ACTE’s social media channels — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — from now through Oct. 23 and share this happy video (along with another one!) on your social media to be entered into a drawing for 10 $15 gift cards!

Bring your virtual glitz and glam to the ACTE Awards Gala at Virtual VISION, happening Nov. 30–Dec. 4, to help us recognize those individuals and organizations, who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Don’t forget, the member advance rate of only $250 ends Oct. 23!

Engage, Gather & Learn at VISION

ACTE is excited to offer Virtual VISION 2020 on a dynamic virtual platform, bringing you hundreds of sessions in a mixture of live-streamed, simulive and on-demand formats, all of which you will be able to access post-event! Happening Nov. 30–Dec. 4, Virtual VISION will offer immersive and expanded programming that addresses cutting-edge CTE issues during these unprecedented times. Be sure to register by Oct. 23 to secure the advance rate of $250 for members.
Tune in for Virtual VISION

RSVP for Trade & Industry Business Meeting

All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings but require an RSVP in order to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs are required by Friday, Nov. 6. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than Friday, Nov. 13.

Questions? Contact member services at ACTE.

ACTE Announces 2021 National Award Finalists

The ACTE Excellence Awards recognize those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to advance CTE programs. All ACTE Excellence Awards are presented at the ACTE Awards Gala in conjunction with Virtual VISION. Meet our finalists

SynED Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner

ACTE recently announced SynED as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award winner. SynED’s work in conjunction with Canyon Springs High School at Moreno Valley Unified School District in...
Moreno Valley, California to help build a skilled and prepared workforce of high school students was a driving factor and example of their exemplary work that led to their award recognition. Read more

Joseph P. Dragone Named Champion for CTE Winner
ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D., senior executive officer at Capital Region BOCES in Albany, New York. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders, business and industry executives, and thought leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce. Read more

Michigan Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest
ACTE recently announced Sara Tatreau, a Kent Career Tech Center recent graduate, as the national student trophy design winner in its fifth annual student trophy design contest. In addition to having her design used to create this year's trophies, Tatreau will receive a $1,000 scholarship and Kent Career Tech Center will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of Stratasys, Ltd. Meet Sara Tatreau

ACTE Seeking Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity Mentees
ACTE's new mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for CTE educators, seeks to
support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who are interested in serving as mentees in ACTE’s IAED Mentorship Program should apply by Nov. 1.

Learn more

Innovation in CTE

ACTE is looking for innovation at the forefront of CTE. The innovation definition for the purpose of ACTE’s work on this project is: Something new or unique utilized at the CTE program level which improves conditions for student learning, teacher practice or other facets of the CTE experience. Please submit any innovative concepts for ACTE to develop into best practices content to Megan Kmiotek.

New Resource for CTSO Students

Rachael Mann, author of The CTSO Competition Companion, offers CTSO students specific components of winning strategies and approaches in this easy-to-read book, covering such topics as:

- How to excel in competitions and win at life
- Building skills that will open doors and opportunities
- How to prepare for unknown variables and predict worst-case scenarios
The complementary book launch webinar, featuring the author and some of the book’s guest voices, can be viewed here. Member price is $19.95.

New Student Video Contest: Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing

ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to once again collaborate on the 2020–21 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on earth and in space. This year’s theme is "Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing" and encompasses multiple CTE sectors, including health care, transportation, family and consumer sciences, energy, robotics and more! The deadline to submit a video is April 1.
Verify Your Membership by Nov. 4 to Vote!

The 2021 ACTE board of directors election will be held this year Dec. 4–Jan. 4! Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:

- You must be an ACTE member by Nov. 4 to vote
- Voting will open during Virtual VISION on Dec. 4 and run through Jan. 4
- Winners will be announced in early January 2021

Learn more

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