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Under the leadership of President Kelli Dickson, family and consumer sciences teacher, Monroe County High School, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) successfully pursued several initiatives to further Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Kentucky and the professional development of CTE educators statewide.

Following the year’s theme -- CTE: Connecting Kentucky, the KACTE Board addressed three presidential goals:

• **Together, We Are Kentucky** -- KACTE, with support from its contract legislative agent, McCarthy Strategic Solutions, and the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE), was successful in advocating for increased CTE state funding. The Kentucky General Assembly doubled secondary CTE funding and increased postsecondary CTE funding. Dickson noted the increased funding will help CTE become stronger and more unified.

• **Kentucky CTE: Make Your Mark** -- KACTE expanded its professional development efforts, maintaining logistic management of the annual CTE Summer Program.

**KACTE Scores Legislative Success**

Jeff Busick, principal, McCarthy Strategic Solutions, KACTE’s contract legislative agent, addressed the KACTE Board at its April 28 meeting. He called the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly session good for CTE. He advised all KACTE members to reach out to their senators and representatives and say thank you for their effort, especially for increasing CTE funding.

Busick singled out Reps. Bart Rowland, Ed Massie, Jason Petrie and Steve Riley, and Sen. David Givens for their legislative leadership in achieving the biennial budget increases. “The budget essentially doubled CTE funding. It provided $155 million for LAVEC (Local Area Vocational Education Center) construction,” Busick explained as he also credited OCTE Associate Commission David Horseman and OCTE Policy Adviser Leslie Slaughter for their diligence.

BUSICK SAID THERE was some disappointment the budget did not specify teacher raises, but he added the budget provided sufficient funds for local boards of education to make decisions on how best to use the funds, which may be used for raises. The budget did fully fund teacher retirement, including retiree health insurance. The SEEK formula was increased by $100 each year of the biennium (to $4,100 in 22-23 and $4,200 in 23-24), full-day kindergarten was approved and funded, and transportation funding was increased.

The General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1, which gives the superintendent and the local school board more authority in principal selection and curriculum approval. SB1 incorporated the provisions of SB138 to mandate teaching of certain historical documents, such as the Declaration of Independence. House Bill 9 established pilot charter schools in Louisville and Northern Kentucky.

Busick suggested the next advocacy steps for KACTE are to monitor how the new Full Time Equivalent funding model will work, then assess whether the association can or should recommend any adjustments that would benefit CTE instruction.

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developing a stipend incentive to create Kentucky-specific CTE Learn online courses, and restructuring the KACTE Fellows Leadership Academy (formerly TALENTS).

- **Enhancing Connections in CTE** -- KACTE created and released CTE Connections, a monthly (during the school year) e-newsletter featuring classroom tips, success profiles, and information for teacher success. KACTE enhanced its website (www.kyacte.org) and social media platforms (#kyacte on Twitter and @kyacte on Meta/Facebook). Dickson said connecting CTE professionals through KACTE membership enhances both communication and organizational strength.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT action taken at the April 28 KACTE Board meeting was a unanimous vote to eliminate the virtual portion of the 2022 CTE Summer Program. Following discussion including input from OCTE Liaison Beth Hargis and Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) Liaison Ben Williams, the Board cited lack of interest for cancelling the virtual elements. Almost 1,500 teachers and administrators are registered to attend, and less than 50 chose the virtual option, making it too costly to produce for such few numbers. KACTE and the CTE Summer Program Planning Committee will consider adding program enhancements for all attendees using the funds budgeted for virtual programming.

Additional actions taken at the Board Meeting reaffirmed the $99 first-year, new-member dues and endorsed Guidance Vice President Mitzi Holland’s (Monroe County High School) recommendation to communicate with career counselors. After discussion, the Board approved Teacher Educator Vice President Angela Gott’s (Western Kentucky University) recommendation to financially support pre-service teachers attendance at the CTE Summer Program. Students paying a $50 registration fee are eligible to apply for a $100 professional development grant to cover the full registration fee.

CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION was given to preparation for 2022-23 association year and the 2022 CTE Summer Program to be held at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, July 19-22. (Please see CTE Summer Program page in this News & Notes for more information on the professional development program and registration and housing reservation information and links.)

The KACTE Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, at the Galt House Hotel beginning at 5:15 p.m. Membership Committee Chair Ashleigh VanHoose, family and consumer sciences teacher, Scott County High School, recommended expanding the Annual Meeting to provide a members’ reception including door prize drawings of a television, i-Pad and gift baskets. President Dickson appointed an ad-hoc committee to plan the added elements, including a way to incorporate non-members into the event.

Resolutions Committee Chair Christi Hack, assistant principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, proposed two resolutions the Board forwarded to the Annual Meeting for vote by the membership. Bylaws Committee Chair Steve Stubbs, Morehead State University, advised there will be no bylaw amendments proposed. A president-elect and a secretary will be elected at the Annual Meeting, but no candidates had been nominated by May 19.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, J.R. Drummond, work-based learning coordinator, Tech and Design Academy, Doss High School, will be installed as
KACTE’s 2022-23 President. Dickson will serve as Immediate Past-President. Mark Hobbs, manufacturing instructor, Harrison County Area Technology Center, will begin the second year of a two-year term, and Dexter Knight, principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, will begin the third year of his three-year term as KACTE’s Representative to the ACTE Region 2 Policy Committee. Drummond’s theme will be **CTE: Education that Works!** *(Please see page in this News & Notes for more information on his goals, continuing programs and member benefits.)*

Kentucky Farm Bureau Career and Technical Education Awards will be presented in five categories at the 2022 CTE Summer Program: Teacher of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, Guidance, Carl Perkins Community Service, and Lifetime Achievement.

Perhaps the most significant 2022-23 impact will be from the KACTE annual operational budget passed at the meeting. Based on 675 members supplemented by income from grants and the 2022 CTE Summer Program, the budget that runs from July 1-June 30 is balanced on $184,420. It maintains staff, overhead and officer travel, as well as the legislative agent, Student Leadership Day, the Fellows Leadership Academy, and a strategic planning retreat.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** remains a goal of the association as specified in the KACTE 2022 Strategic Doing Plan. Under the leadership of Chair Jodi Adams, New Teacher Institute director, Office of Career and Technical Education, and Co-chair Christi Hack, Leadership Committee is rebranding the TALENTS Leadership Academy into the **KACTE Fellows Leadership Academy.** A new cohort will be formed following the 2022 CTE Summer Program. The Leadership Committee also established an e-newsletter, **The CTE Connection,** to support teacher retention by providing classroom suggestions and teacher and student profiles.

The association again serves as the logistics manager of the **CTE Summer Program,** and it partners with OCTE on leadership and professional development presentations for teachers and administrators. **CTE Learn** is KACTE’s on-line learning portal, https://ky.ctelearn.org. Included in this issue of **New & Notes** are details about an

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**Resolutions to be Presented for Vote at the KACTE Annual Meeting**

**Resolution One**

**INCREASED EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*WHEREAS,* Career and Technical Education is recognized as an integral function of Kentucky education and a majority of high school students plus many middle school students participate in one or more CTE courses; and

*WHEREAS,* participation in Career and Technical Education impacts high school graduation rates and is also economically relevant; and

*WHEREAS,* funding allocations are not sufficient to meet the needs and rising costs of high-skill programs; and

*WHEREAS,* the distribution of current state funds for state and local CTE centers are determined through different formulas and protocols creating inequities;

*WHEREAS,* the Kentucky General Assembly has passed **HB1,** which funds high-quality CTE programs rather than schools and doubles CTE funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** KACTE supports the model provided in **HB1**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** KACTE urges the General Assembly and OCTE to implement the new funding formula that will equitably distribute funds to all CTE programs in Kentucky to benefit all students.

**Resolution Two**

**COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS**

*WHEREAS,* methods of disseminating information have evolved; and

*WHEREAS,* The association wishes to meet the needs of all members; and

*WHEREAS,* KACTE values providing timely, quality information to all members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) will continue to utilize a variety of communication methods to get information to members in a timely manner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** KACTE will continue to focus efforts on email blasts such as **Issues Updates** and **The CTE Connection**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** KACTE will continue to utilize social media to both disseminate information and engage members.
opportunity to earn $500 for authoring an on-line professional development course for the Kentucky CTE Learn portal, as well as information on free professional development resources available at CTE Learn.

LIAISON COMMITTEE Chair Mike Miller, principal, Mayfield/Graves County Area Technology Center (ATC), was credited with guiding the development of CTE: A Relevant Education, a white paper that was referenced by members of the Kentucky General Assembly as helpful in deciding to increase CTE funding and adjust the funding formula to recognize and fund any high-quality secondary CTE program regardless of its location at a high school, Area Technology Center or Locally Operated Career Technology Center.

In March, Past-President Margo Bruce, agriculture teacher, Webster County High School, Secretary Sharon Collins, family and consumer sciences teacher, Warren East Middle School, and Knight led a delegation attending the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Crystal City, Va. Visits to the offices of Sens. Paul and McConnell and Reps., Comer, Guthrie, Rogers, Barr and Yarmuth urged increased appropriations for the Carl Perkins Act basic CTE grant.

In an administrative action, the Board approved a $5,000 annual expenditure to use the MemberClicks association management program. MemberClicks will improve management of the membership database, increase sorting options, serve a registration site, and facilitate member e-blasts.

KACTE Members:
Don’t Miss Members-Only Summer Program Benefits

KACTE Membership Committee Chair Ashleigh VanHoos and an ad-hoc committee appointed by President Kelli Dickson are developing several KACTE member-only benefits that will be available at the 2022 CTE Summer Program.

Before the Summer Program

VanHoos and Dickson sent a membership advisory to all 2021 and 2022 CTE Summer Program registrants urging them to join KACTE. The letter emphasized the success KACTE achieved in advocating for increased CTE funding and its professional development efforts. They wrote:

“KACTE delivered for you. Its advocacy efforts benefitted ALL of CTE, not just KACTE and its members. It benefitted you. This is an appeal to give back a little -- 33 cents a day -- to help KACTE sustain the momentum propelling CTE toward further achievement. A larger membership lets KACTE do more for CTE and its members, not just in advocacy, but also in professional development, communication and member benefits such as insurance and classroom supplies.”

The ad-hoc committee is considering ideas to reward members with a gift for recruiting new members.

At the Summer Program

A KACTE members-only event will be a highlight of the CTE Summer Program, but it will not be the only action. There will be give-aways of various items at the KACTE booth in The CTE Meeting Place. A KACTE members-only reception will follow the KACTE Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 20. Members, even those who join at the Summer Program prior to the Annual Meeting, will be eligible to win a flat-screen television, an i-Pad, or gift baskets. The committee is considering how non-members seeking to learn more about KACTE can be included in the reception, with a separate set of door prizes available specifically for non-members.

Details about the reception, such as food and beverages available, have not been finalized. VanHoos and Dickson promise it will be a fun event every KACTE member will be glad to attend and remember.

A membership application is included in this News & Notes, and it can be shared now with non-
Get Informed. How Will You Be Impacted by CTE Funding Increases? Find Out at the 2022 CTE Summer Program, July 19-22

2022 CTE Virtual Program Cancelled

Due to lack of registrations to support a virtual program, the 2022 CTE Summer Program will be an in-person conference only. Individuals who registered for any virtual programming may request a refund or attend the conference in person at no additional fee.

Plans remain to live stream the Opening Session and to record some breakout sessions that will be available through the KACTE website, www.kyacte.org, but viewing will not earn professional development certificates.

Attendee Benefits Enhanced

With cancellation of the virtual programming, the CTE Summer Program Planning Committee will re-direct some funds budgeted to pay for the virtual program to enhance attendee benefits. Several options are under consideration, including increased food options at the Wednesday, July 20, afternoon refreshment break.

KACTE Member-Only Event

The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) Board approved a Membership Committee proposal for a KACTE members-only special event to be held during and after the KACTE Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday evening, July 20. Watch for details of the event, which will include refreshments and give-aways of a television, i-Pad and gift baskets.

Brooks Harper to Present Opening Session Keynote

Why should we hire your students? Turning Learning into Earning! is the title of the Keynote Address to be presented by Brooks Harper at the 2022 Kentucky CTE Summer Program Opening Session, Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Harper also will present a breakout session, Impassioned in Your Profession, which will be repeated on Wednesday, July 20, at 4 p.m., and Thursday, July 21, at 10 a.m.

Harper is a noted author and speaker who has addressed hundreds of education conferences. His style is to offer words of encouragement that hit the head, heart and funny bone. He inspires educators to help students discover, develop and sell their talents, skills and abilities.

The Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters is sponsoring the Opening Session.

Programs for All Areas

Regardless of your teaching or administrative pathway, there are educational programs for you.

- Learn from colleagues who developed successful curriculum for their classrooms.
- Receive suggestions from featured pathway presenters who will contribute to professional development with their expertise and insights.
- Obtain information on the latest vendor products and services in breakout sessions and at exhibits in the CTE Meeting Place.

Registration and Housing Reservation Deadline June 17.
Go to http://kyacte.org on the Summer Program Page.
Obtain Program-Specific Continuing Education Online This Summer

Comprehensive Professional Development Opportunities for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teachers and Administrators Are Available Through CTE Learn, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) Online Learning Center -- https://ky.ctelearn.org.

★ More Than 180 Self-Paced Online Courses
★ Each Course Provides 4 Hours of Continuing Education
★ Digital Badge & Certificate of Completion
★ Opportunity to Apply for College Credit

Please visit the KACTE Online Learning Portal -- https://ky.ctelearn.org -- to learn more about the Professional Development opportunities available for all CTE professionals at all levels of CTE instruction. Discounts for KACTE members and organizational/school groups are available, as well as free resources.

Watch a 1-Minute Video on CTE Learn’s Kentucky Professional Development Portal

https://youtu.be/AXeRYl_6Idl
CTE: Education that Works!

CTE Works for Kentucky -- Career and Technical Education provides the critical skills education needed to prepare the workforce that will propel Kentucky’s economic development.

CTE Works for Society -- Career and Technical Education gives students a foundation to increase individual standard of living, and CTE programs educate future staff for green energy and environmental initiatives, as well as two-thirds of ALL jobs supporting the economy.

CTE Works for Students -- Career and Technical Education concentrating students graduate high school at more than 98 percent, compared to the 89 percent overall high school graduation rate. A higher percentage also enroll in college compared to all graduates.

Under 2022-23 Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education President J.R. Drummond, work-based learning coordinator, Tech and Design Academy, Doss High School, KACTE will work to spread the message that CTE Is Education that Works! KACTE will build on its existing professional development efforts to help CTE teachers and administrators excel in their positions to meet the challenge of providing high-quality and relevant education expected following the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly and Gov. Andy Beshear’s doubling of CTE funding. Communication will emphasize the importance of incorporating workforce readiness and employability skills across all pathways to meet employers’ needs for a skilled workforce that will drive economic development. Now, it is time to show and tell CTE’s achievements in fulfilling the promise.

Please consider adding to KACTE’s strength to further CTE’s image and understanding of its critical role in Kentucky. Please join KACTE as it extols CTE: Education that Works!

2022-2023 KACTE Sustaining Projects

✓ Legislative Advocacy on behalf of CTE classroom teachers
✓ KACTE Fellows Leadership Academy (formerly TALENTS)
✓ Student Leadership Day in Frankfort February 7, 2023
✓ Logistic management of 2023 CTE Summer Program in Louisville July 18-21
✓ Michael A. McMillen Scholarship for pre-service CTE student teachers
✓ Donnalie Stratton Stipend for middle school teachers’ CTE Summer Program participation
✓ Carl D. Perkins Assistanceship Grants for students pursuing CTE programs of study
✓ Stratton-Tipton Scholarship for exceptional students
✓ www.kyacte.org -- a communication tool for CTE

KACTE Member Benefits

❖ Legislative Advocacy -- KACTE is the only Kentucky association representing all CTE levels and pathways before both the U.S. Congress and the Kentucky General Assembly. A contract with a Kentucky Legislative Agent helps educate legislators.
❖ Professional Learning opportunities, including $60 reduction in CTE Summer Program registration fee, and member rates for on-line professional development through CTE Learn.
❖ Leadership Skills development, including the KACTE Fellows Leadership Academy (formerly TALENTS) for CTE classroom teachers.
❖ Teaching Resources and access to ACTE’s best practices database, podcasts and more.
❖ Information sharing at conferences, by e-mail blasts, and through mailed communication to members.
❖ Recognition and Awards for outstanding effort at work or for contributions to Career and Technical Education and the community.
❖ Support of Student Organizations, including the annual Student Leadership Day in Frankfort.
❖ KACTE’s Website, www.kyacte.org; Facebook page, @kyacte; and on Twitter, #kyacte.
❖ Insurance, including optional professional liability insurance at $99/year for $1 million in coverage.
❖ ACTE’s Techniques Magazine, the premier CTE publication.
Membership Application
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Position Title:
☐ Administrator/Supervisor    ☐ Student
☐ Teacher Supervisor        ☐ Counselor
☐ Teacher                 ☐ Teacher Educator
☐ Retired

Institution Type:
☐ Junior High/Middle School
☐ Comprehensive High School
☐ Secondary Vocational/Technical School
☐ Local School System
☐ Two Year Postsecondary Institution
☐ Four Year College or University
☐ Federal, State or Local Education Agency

Name of Institution:______________________________________

Association Membership
Professional Membership
($80 ACTE, $40 KACTE)
Includes one division $120

Additional Divisions ($10 each) $________

Retired Membership
($31 ACTE, $15 KACTE) $ 46

Full-time Student Membership
($0 ACTE + $0 KACTE) – Please use the online application form at www.acteonline.org/join_students

Total $________

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