

# CAREER TECH

A newsletter for Alaska ACTE Members

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## It's Fall, it's fast, it's furious, it's a new school year!

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Looking for professional development opportunities? [Click here](#) to check out the Alaska CTE 2022 Professional Development Conference October 16-19

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Greetings AK ACTE Members and Happy New School Year!

This is a super busy time and I hope that your school year is off to a great start. Alaska ACTE has been actively coordinating the 2022 Professional Development Conference. We are excited to be back in person and we are bringing back our teaching and learning pre and post conference activities on Sunday October 16th and Wednesday October 19th. Our kickoff keynote speaker is Mark Perna who will provide a dynamic presentation titled Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations. The conference will also feature breakout sessions, workshops, panel presentations, plenary sessions, networking opportunities, and vendor showcases. This year we are focusing our breakout areas on the following five career clusters: Architecture & Construction; Manufacturing; Education & Training; Government & Public Administration; and Hospitality & Tourism. We look forward to future years where we will cover all sixteen career clusters. The closing plenary session will feature a panel of three experts in workforce and economic development, research and analysis who will help you excite your students about the possibilities of great high paying jobs in Alaska!



## ACTE National CareerTech VISION 2022

If you have never been to the national conference, it is well worth the time.

### Professional Development:

REGISTER NOW: [Alaska ACTE Professional Development Conference](#) will be held in person at the Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage October 16th-18th! Watch for more information and registration links.

Looking for professional development or great new CTE resources? Alaska ACTE is pleased to announce the official launch of Alaska Education Exchange (AKEE), previously known as Alaska ACTE Clearinghouse. On this site, you will be able to stay up-to-date with PD, what's happening around the state, and share or find great new lesson ideas. Do you have resources to share with your fellow CTE colleagues across Alaska? It's an easy submission process! Just follow the instructions here. (More information on Page 4)

### Legislative:

For the last legislative session, Alaska CTE board of directors wrote a letter of support to the state for expanding support of apprenticeship programs as a part of the larger Work Based Learning system for students statewide. We submitted a signed federal letter of support in conjunction with other ACTE chapters for expanding Pell Grant opportunities to shorter-term education and training programs. We are tracking the progress of our support and we will continue to update you as we learn more from our state and federal legislators.

### Coming up:

The AK ACTE board will continue working with other state ACTE chapters as well as local state departments and school districts to help identify issues in WBL policy in Alaska. Students should be able to explore job opportunities through internships and apprenticeships. The barrier to providing access to skilled labor training and jobs are tight age restrictions for students who are under 18 years of age. The AK ACTE will continue working hard on bringing key players and stakeholders back to the (zoom) table and bring in support from states that have been successful to see how we can help change the future of WBL across Alaska.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work across CTE, we look forward to seeing you in person in October at the ACTE Conference.



# EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Celebrate the Best in CTE

## **Nomination Portal Closes October 5th**

Each year, the Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Board of Directors recognizes the outstanding work of the career and technical education (CTE) professionals in Alaska through the annual award nomination process.

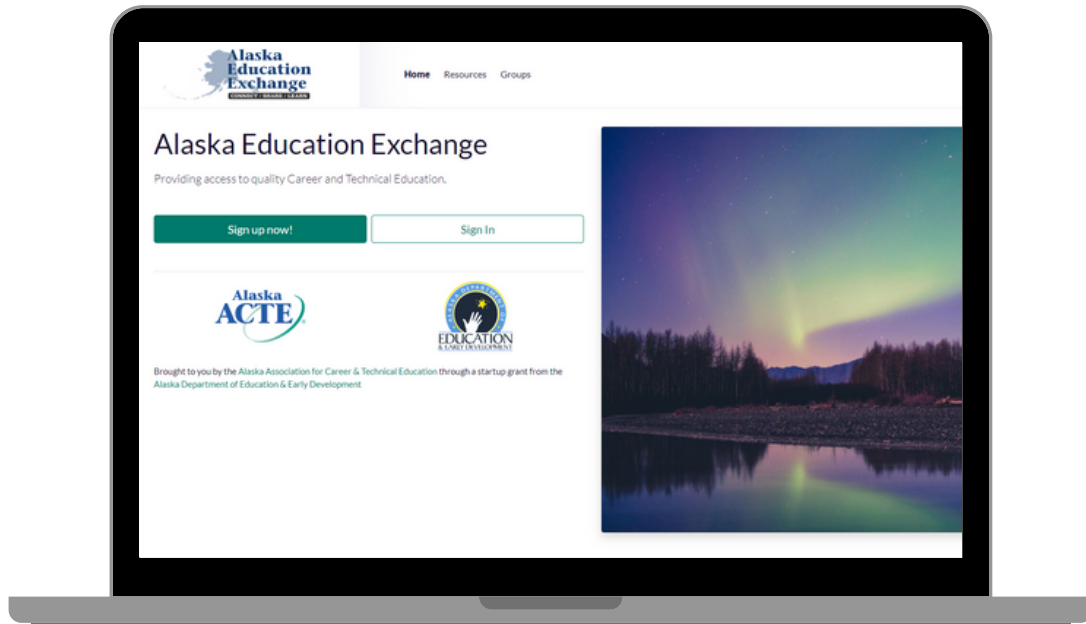
Nominated by their peers, the recipients will be announced and celebrated at the Alaska ACTE State Professional Development Conference to be held in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook on Oct. 17–18.

[Click here to submit nominations by October 5th.](#)

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# Update: Alaska Education Exchange (AKEE)



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Alaska ACTE is pleased to announce the official launch of Alaska Education Exchange (AKEE), previously known as Alaska ACTE Clearinghouse. AKEE is a robust digital learning resource for Alaskan educators and administrators from all over the state to collaborate and share resources. There is no fee to sign up, and all registered users can access and share high-quality content including lesson plans and course outlines. Alaska ACTE recognizes that many CTE educators and administrators roles extend beyond CTE. To be inclusive, while keeping CTE at the forefront of the AK ACTE mission, AKEE also includes resources on academic content to meet the needs of educators and administrators who wear multiple hats within their schools and districts. Creating an account and user profile is simple and easy. Instructions can be found [here](#),

We recommend signing up and actively engaging with the resources and groups as soon as possible. Show your support for AKEE by becoming an early user today and spread the word to your colleagues about this resource designed by educators for educators!

Several AKEE trainings are scheduled for the upcoming months, including a plenary and a breakout session at Alaska ACTE's Professional Development Conference (PDC). If you're interested in scheduling a training session at your school or organization, please contact us at [akee@alaskaacte.org](mailto:akee@alaskaacte.org). Alaska Education Exchange is brought to you by the Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education through a startup grant from the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

