



# ATTENDEES GAVE ACTE'S CAREERTECH VISION 2022 A BIG THUMBS-UP

wo thumbs up! ACTE celebrated its largest gathering of career and technical education (CTE) stakeholders in more than two decades. CareerTech VISION 2022 took place Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and we're already looking forward to VISION 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, this fall. But for now, if you'll indulge us through these long winter months, let's remember the warm sense of community we shared.

"There were many memorable moments... the Awards Gala, the CareerTech Expo, the Friday morning MEGA Sessions. And the concurrent sessions were so popular. Many were standing room only!" said Michael Connet, ACTE's associate deputy executive director of outreach and partnerships. "But my favorite part of VISION is getting to see so many longtime friends from across the country and making many new ones."

We are so grateful for each of you who chose to share your time with us. This event and this organization wouldn't be possible without you, our devoted and tireless members. Thank you for everything you did to get through the last three years and everything you did before and everything you will do for the future of CTE.



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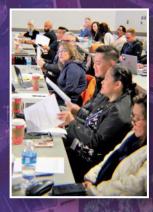








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Celebrate the Best in CTE

The ACTE Excellence Awards recognize those individuals who make extraordinary contributions to CTE. Truly, we know that's all of you. (Consider nominating a colleague next year!) Awards given at the region and national levels exemplify the highest standards in education and celebrate the stakeholders who work to promote and expand high-quality CTE programs.

Award winners demonstrate a commitment to service.

The national winners were announced at the sold-out Awards Gala in Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov. 30, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2022. The Awards Gala was sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, CareerSafe, Goodheart-Willcox, and Stratasys. Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us from near and afar.



Teacher of the Year Barbara Comer (Region II)

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Postsecondary Professional of the Year James A. Egenrieder (Region II)



Administrator of the Year Jenny Geno (Region I)



**New Teacher** of the Year Sammi Jo Sims (Region V)



**Teacher Educator** of the Year **Lindsey Criss** (Region II)



**Counseling and Career Development Professional Award** 

Angela K. Sparks (Region II)





Lifetime **Achievement** Award Lisa Stange (Region III)



**Carl Perkins** Community Service Award Linda Romano (Region I)

#### Introducing yet another group of fantastic educators: Please meet the 2023 national finalists.

#### **Teacher of the Year**

Debra Walker (Region I) Mary Hoffmann (Region III) Leslie Powell (Region IV) Geary Page (Region V)

#### **Postsecondary Professional of the Year**

Nicole Clarke (Region I) Mike Eddy (Region III) Nancy Howell (Region IV) Eric Knoll (Region V)

#### Administrator of the Year

Cynthia Clanton (Region II) Lynne Benson (Region III) Joyce McClellan (Region IV) Cindy Arnold (Region V)

#### **New Teacher of the Year**

Michael Refsnider (Region I) Tara Wolfenbarger Poe (Region II) Derek Grahn (Region III) Jenny Marroquin (Region IV)

#### **Teacher Educator of the Year**

Regina Spruill (Region I) Jay Solomonson (Region III) Lucinda Francis (Region IV) Dawn Mallette (Region V)

#### **Counseling and Career Development Professional Award**

Laura Saline (Region I) Molly Bonnett (Region III) Misty Bible (Region IV) Kellie Meyer (Region V)

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

Brenda Dingus Long (Region II) Bobbi Eichhorst (Region IV) Dan Rood (Region V)

Each year, the national winner and all finalists for the Lifetime **Achievement Award are inducted** into ACTE's Hall of Fame.

#### **Carl Perkins Community Service** Award

Frank Yesalavich (Region II) Bena Weires (Region III) Robert Arthur-Fleming Lowe (Region IV) Saundra Grimshaw-Castillo (Region V)

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