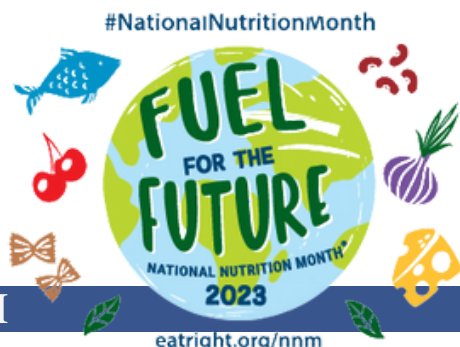


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## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

2023 celebrates 50 years of National Nutrition Month.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics created the annual campaign in 1973. The Academy represents more than 112, 000 credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners and is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy was founded by a group of women (what a great way to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8th) who were dedicated to helping the government conserve food and improve the public’s health and nutrition during World War I. This year’s theme is “Fuel for the Future.” The focus is on eating with sustainability in mind, while finding delicious ways to nourish ourselves and protect the environment. National Nutrition Month is a great opportunity for CTE classes such as Culinary Arts and Medical Science to collaborate and explore career opportunities in the field of nutrition and dietetics. Visit [Eatright.org](https://eatright.org) for resources and ideas on how to celebrate National Nutrition Month with your students.

Jenny Bravo-Gonzalez [Mojave HS], VP Family Consumer Sciences



## Summer Conference July 18-21, 2023

[Registration](#) is now open!

For lodging and other information, visit the [Summer Conference](#) webpage.

NACTE is currently accepting:

- [Awards Applications](#)
- [Presentation Proposals](#)
- [Silent Auction Items](#)
- [Trophy Competition Entries](#)
- [Vendor/Sponsor Applications](#)

## GET INVOLVED

Nevada's 82nd Legislative Session started this month (ends June 5, 2023), and there are a number of issues that directly impact CTE educators. Region V is also hosting monthly [Advocacy Huddles](#) to help members understand the tools and processes to best advocate and promote CTE in your school, community, state, and nation by engaging and sharing what is happening around Region V. Check out the link above for more information.

NACTE is seeking a [Treasurer](#) to oversee the financial administration of the organization, review procedures and financial reporting, advise the board on fundraising, chair the scholarship committee, and prepare and submit monthly financial reports. This voluntary member of the Executive Board should have a background in business/accounting, demonstrate responsibility and attention to detail, and be able to participate virtually in monthly board meetings. If you are interested or would like more information, email [NACTEdirector@gmail.com](mailto:NACTEdirector@gmail.com).



### The Belle of the (Butter)Ball!

Turkey processing is a strong tradition at Smith Valley. Students of the Smith Valley FFA Program take on the task of ordering, raising, and processing turkeys for Thanksgiving Dinner. The process begins with students interested in becoming the manager of the turkey business completing a job application, resume, and participating in a job interview. Once a student manager has been identified, they will work with their agriculture teacher to order turkey poults. The poults are delivered in June, and this is when the fun begins. Students will spend countless hours making sure the poults are warm, fed, and in good health. Like most poultry at a young age, some do not survive. Once they are large enough, the poults are moved to a larger pen where they have a constant flow of feed and water to help them grow to their potential.

*The day before Thanksgiving break, members of the FFA Chapter come together to harvest, clean, and wrap the turkeys for someone's Thanksgiving Dinner. (The lucky guy pictured right received a pardon!)*



The purpose of this program, like other student-led businesses at Smith Valley, is to give students experience running a business while gaining career readiness skills through project-based learning. Students are able to apply the skills and information they learn in the classroom to a hands-on project, which deepens their knowledge and understanding. Students run and manage a business while learning the importance of hard work, dedication, responsibility, and reliability. In addition to all the successes the students have had with the Turkey Business, they have also had to overcome diseases and losses with their poults and turkeys.

The Smith Valley Turkey Business has had the same student manager for the past 3 years, and was only a 7th grader her first year as a manager. Her first year as a manager, she was able to raise 34 turkeys; however due to the lessons learned over the past several years, she was able to process 61 in 2022. Prior to every turkey being processed, she thanks the turkey for its sacrifice.

Smith Valley Schools has huge community support for all the achievements they have made with their FFA Chapter and Turkey Business, including several families who rely on Smith Valley Schools for their turkey every year. All students who are in agricultural classes at Smith Valley are encouraged to participate in the turkey processing. Students who participated in previous years have gone on to start their own leather goods business, floral business, livestock businesses, and mobile mechanics. The Turkey Business has assisted countless students in realizing that their goals are attainable when they apply themselves.

Want to put a spotlight on an outstanding person, practice, or program in next month's newsletter?

Fill out the [CTE Spotlight](#) form.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- [National Policy Seminar](#)
  - March 19-22, 2023 in Arlington, VA
- [Region V Conference](#)
  - April 12-15, 2023 in Fargo, ND
- [Work-Based Learning Conference](#)
  - April 26-28, 2023 in Atlanta, GA
- [Teach CTE Conference](#)
  - June 27-29, 2023 in St. Paul, MN
- [NACTE Summer Conference](#)
  - July 18-21, 2023 in Lake Tahoe
- [National Postsecondary CTE Summit](#)
  - September 20-22, 2023 in Denver, CO
- [Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference](#)
  - September 27-29, 2023 in Salt Lake City, UT
- [ACTE's CareerTech Vision](#)
  - November 19-December 2, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ



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