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## EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2023

Earth Day this year is April 22, 2023, and the theme is Invest In Our Planet — because a green future is a prosperous future. Founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, it is now a global celebration that sometimes extends into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living and addressing climate change issues. The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day began as a “national teach-in on the environment.” By raising public awareness of pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

The National FFA Organization is holding an Earth Day Service Challenge to encourage local FFA chapters to engage community volunteers to carry out reforestation and conservation projects during the month of April.

Project Learning Tree teamed up with Earth Day Network, Project WET, and Project WILD to produce an up-to-date guide that lists available education resources to teach about climate science and the impacts of climate change. The “Teaching About Climate Change: Water, Trees, and Wildlife” guide includes a series of lessons to teach about the impacts of climate change on water, forests, and biodiversity.

Kristina Carey, Education Programs Professional (NDE - CRALEO)



## Summer Conference July 18-21, 2023



NACTE is currently accepting:

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

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

## NATIONAL POLICY SEMINAR (NPS) RECAP

Dear NACTE Colleagues,

I recently attended the National Policy Seminar along with several other NACTE members, and I must say that it was an incredibly enriching experience. The seminar provided an opportunity for me to gain new insights into the latest policies affecting CTE education in America and to connect with educators from all over the country.

Throughout the seminar, I attended informative workshops and heard from expert speakers who provided valuable insights into the latest developments in education. I was particularly struck by the importance of advocating for policies that support teacher recruitment and retention, especially considering the challenges that educators have faced over the past few years. The presenters were very knowledgeable and had vast knowledge of how to be an effective communicator when meeting with our representatives.

Attending the National Policy Seminar and meeting with Nevada representatives was an empowering experience that reminded me of the importance of advocacy and engagement in shaping policies that impact our students and communities. I encourage all educators to take advantage of opportunities like these to share their voices and contribute to the ongoing dialogue around education policy.

Best regards,  
Adam Shoda, NACTE President-Elect



In photo above, from left to right: Fran Bromley-Norwood (NACTE Membership Chair), Frank Messina (Region V Fellow), Senator Jacky Rosen, Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto, Tina Statucki (NACTE Executive Director), Amy Dockter - Rozar (NACTE President)

## CTE ADVOCACY

Nevada's 82nd Legislative Session is in full swing (ends June 5, 2023) and there are a number of bills that could impact CTE educators. To find out about specific legislation, check out NACTE's [Legislative Tracker 2023](#) (updated weekly). View the [Legislative Process](#) chart to learn more about Nevada's legislative process.



In addition, Region V hosts monthly [Advocacy Huddles](#) to help members understand the tools and processes to best advocate and promote CTE in your school, community, state, and nation.

## CTE SPOTLIGHT

### Mojave CTE Culinary Program Launches Teacher Cafe



The culinary program at Mojave High school has found a way to showcase the skills students learn in the program while providing a valuable service to the faculty and staff of the school. To celebrate CTE Month, Mojave launched it's Teacher Cafe located in the teachers lounge. Through a generous donation from the Cal Ripkin Foundation, the teachers' lounge received a makeover, including a new color scheme, new furniture, and a custom sandwich/salad prep station where students serve a variety of menu items including a hot potato bar, fresh salads, sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, and even grab-n-go protein boxes.

The new program provides students with the opportunity participate in all aspects of running a food establishment to include developing, preparing, and serving menu items that serve a variety of dietary needs including vegetarian and gluten free options, creating marketing materials, and seeking feedback from staff and faculty to improve the service.

Auleilani, a senior in the Culinary program explains, “It’s really nice to be able to provide lunches or different options to the teachers when it comes to “school food.” Not only are we utilizing our skills we’ve learned throughout all four years, but we’re interacting with the staff and engaging with them.”

Just like any other enterprise, there is a learning curve and growing pains. Chanale, another senior in the program, acknowledged, “Sometimes it gets a little overwhelming - if we don’t have a ton of stuff prepped one day or if we have so many leftovers on other days that create waste.” These situations provide students with unique opportunities to problem solve realistic scenarios that the traditional culinary lab does not.



Mojave faculty and staff are able to purchase fresh quality food items at affordable prices which saves them time and money. The response from facility and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. According to Mr. Corwyn Evans-Klock, a chemistry teacher at Mojave, “I absolutely love the Teacher Cafe! Students can show off what they are learning to the staff and everyone can feel like they are part of the community. It’s amazing to be able to support students growth while getting an affordable and delicious meal out of it.”



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

- [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 29-December 2, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ



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