## Recognition and Inspiration

## FOR CTE PROFESSIONALS

## **Recognize Excellence in Career and Technical Education**

Nominate a colleague — or yourself — for excellent service to students and advancing CTE in Kentucky. Your nominee — or yourself — could join the long list of Kentucky CTE professionals who have received Kentucky Farm Bureau CTE Award recognition at the Annual CTE Summer Program as well as recognition at Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) regional and national conferences. In 2023, Angela Gott, teacher educator at Western Kentucky University, was a finalist for national Postsecondary Teacher of the Year.

The list of awards can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.acteonline.org/professional-development/acte-awards/">https://www.acteonline.org/professional-development/acte-awards/</a>.



Use the QR code at the left to submit a nomination. The deadline is April 1, 2024, for the new, easier award nomination process. The awards presented at the 2024 CTE Summer Program, July 8-11, at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, will not require the old "short form." Please fill out a separate form for each nomination. Anyone may nominate themselves or another member of KACTE. The nomination period is open January 1-April 1 each year. If you would like KACTE to send an email to a colleague encouraging him or her to apply, please email: <a href="mailto:laura.spiegelhalter@jefferson.kyschools.us">laura.spiegelhalter@jefferson.kyschools.us</a>.

## John O'Leary's Inspirational Message Keynotes Summer Program

John O'Leary will keynote the Opening Session of the Annual CTE Summer Program at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 8 a.m. Please note that due to large conventions in Louisville, the Summer Program will be earlier than usual. Mark your calendars because you will not want to miss John's inspiring message. Again in 2024, the CTE Summer Program will be the most comprehensive professional development event for CTE professionals. *Registration for the July 7-11 event will open February 1, 2024*.

In 1987, John O'Leary was a curious nine-year-old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, John created a massive explosion in his home and was burned on 100% of his body. He was given less than a 1% chance to live. This epic story of survival (first showcased in 2008 with his parents' acclaimed book *Overwhelming Odds*) has never felt more relevant.



John is the author of the #1 National Bestselling books *ON FIRE* and *IN AWE*. John is the host of the top-rated Live Inspired Podcast and a live and virtual event speaker teaching more than 50,000 people around the world each year how to live inspired. Consistently described as "the best speaker we've ever had" John's emotional story-telling, unexpected humor and authenticity make each presentation unforgettable. His keynote moves from inspirational to transformational, with clients saying their teams are more focused, collaborative and engaged than ever. Plan to hear John's message next July at the CTE Summer Program.

