2024 NPS TENTATIVE AGENDA
Updated March 14, 2024

Pre-Event Orientation Webinar: https://youtu.be/ZOwgc_wWlTI

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  State Leadership Training Program
Alexandria Room
*Separate registration required

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Onsite Registration
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  NEDA Meeting
McLean Room

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  First Timer’s Q and A
Salons V
If this is your first time at NPS, or you have questions about the conference or Hill visits, stop by this informal question and answer session with ACTE’s policy staff. We’ll provide you with all the information you need to navigate the new environment on Capitol Hill and make the most of your interactions with policymakers. Please note: This is a discussion session only, there will be no formal presentation during this time.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  CTE Administrators Reception
Skyview
Presented by the ACTE Administration Division and NCLA
Generously sponsored by Microburst Learning
Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Onsite Registration
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast and Networking
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Opening General Session with Keynote Speaker
Salons III and IV
The 2024 National Policy Seminar officially kicks off with an update from ACTE Executive Director LeAnn Wilson and an overview of the current political climate by keynote speaker Christina Hamilton, Senior Vice President with Gephardt Group Government Affairs.

ACTE Update: LeAnn Wilson, Executive Director, ACTE
Pledge of Allegiance: Josephine Kelly, Iowa FFA North Central State Vice President
Keynote Speaker: Christina Hamilton, Senior Vice President, Gephardt Group Government Affairs

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  General Session: Overview of Key Federal Education and Workforce Policy Issues
Salons III and IV
This panel will provide an overview of key education and workforce development legislation and regulatory proposals under consideration by Congress and the Administration, including how the rest of the year is likely to unfold and which issues are most likely to see action.

Della Cronin, Principal, Bose Public Affairs
Steve Voytek, Policy Advisor, Advance CTE
Beth Antunez, Deputy Director of Government Relations, AFT
Lindsey Fryer, Founder/CEO, Lodestone DC
Moderator: Alisha Hyslop; Chief Policy, Research and Content Officer; ACTE

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  Deep Dive Legislative Breakout Sessions
Salon I
WIOA & Apprenticeships
This session will provide a deep dive into workforce development related policy, including potential reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the National Apprenticeship Act. It will also cover efforts by the Administration to issue new regulations on apprenticeships and new CTE apprenticeships.

Kyle Marinelli, Director of Government Relations, Prism Group
David Bradley, Senior Director, Jobs for the Future
Salon II  
**Short-term Postsecondary CTE Programs**
This session will cover policy issues specific to short-term postsecondary CTE programs, including the latest efforts to expand Pell Grants to short-term programs and new gainful employment regulations affecting certificate programs.

*Jennifer Stiddard, Senior Fellow, National Skills Coalition  
Jose Miranda, Director of Government Relations, Association of Community College Trustees*

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Salon V  
**Educator Pipeline**
This session will focus on efforts at the federal level to address the educator shortage, including key legislation and Administration activities. It will also focus on how you can get involved and educate policymakers about the unique issues relevant to recruiting and retaining CTE teachers.

*Zach Curtis; Senior Manager, Policy; National Board for Professional Teaching Standards  
Tara Thomas; Policy Analyst; AASA, The School Superintendents Association*

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Salon VI  
**Advocacy in Agricultural Education**
The session, led by NAAE, will provide you time to learn and share strategies to advocate for agricultural education in your community, state, and nationally. Come prepared to share some of your successes and challenges!

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11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **General Session: Administration’s Activities**
While we traditionally focus on activities within the Department of Education that impact CTE, the Biden Administration has launched a number of new programs and initiatives across federal agencies that have the potential to impact CTE students, programs and institutions. In this session, you’ll hear from leaders across the Administration about key opportunities for CTE.

*Amy Loyd; Assistant Secretary; Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education; U.S. Department of Education  
Scott Jensen, Director of Workforce; Strategy Office; U.S. Department of Commerce  
Manny Lamarre; Senior Advisor; Employment and Training Administration; U.S. Department of Labor  
**Moderator:** Steve DeWitt, Deputy Executive Director, ACTE*

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2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **General Session: Telling the CTE Story – The Science of Storytelling**
Salons III and IV

Storytelling is one of the most powerful tools to persuade and motivate—and to make the case for CTE! Unleash the power of stories by learning why they work and how to create them based on your goal: establishing credibility, understanding the value of an idea, or compelling audiences to take a specific action. Beyond learning why stories change minds and incentivize audiences to act, you'll learn about the three kinds of stories that will move your ideas and career forward.

*Meghan Dotter, Founder and CEO, Portico PR*

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Drink Break**  
Arlington Ballroom Foyer  
*Generously sponsored by Forrest T. Jones*

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
**ACTE Legislative Agenda/Hill Visit Overview**  
Salons III and IV  
ACTE policy staff will provide an overview of goals for Hill visits, review key messages and legislative priorities, and relay last minute tips for getting the CTE message heard on Capitol Hill.

*ACTE Public Policy Staff*  
*Sponsor Highlight: Fred Wheeler, Forrest T. Jones*

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**State Planning Roundtables**  
Salons III and IV  
Work with others from your state to finalize Hill visit logistics and details. Leave-behind folders will be distributed during this time, and ACTE Public Policy staff will be available to answer any remaining questions. Larger state delegations will be dismissed to meet in separate rooms.

Salon I – Minnesota  
Salon II – Ohio  
Salon V – Oklahoma  
Salon VI – Indiana  
Alexandria – Mississippi  
Rosslyn – Missouri
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Congressional Staff Panel on Capitol Hill (325 Russell Senate Office Building)
Staff working on CTE issues for key committees, Caucuses and Members of Congress will share the latest news from Capitol Hill and their outlook for the rest of this congressional session.

Marek Laco, House Education and the Workforce Committee, Majority Staff
Scott Estrada, House Education and the Workforce Committee, Minority Staff
Jose Garcia, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Majority Staff
Jake Easter, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Minority Staff (invited)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Reception (325 Russell Senate Office Building)
The evening reception will feature CTE students as they share the leadership and skill-building opportunities they gain through high-quality CTE and participation in their respective student organizations. The reception is sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders and the eight National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organization (NCC-CTSO) members. The following Members of Congress are scheduled to provide remarks during the reception:

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**This special event is included in your NPS registration, no additional registration is required!**

Join the CTE Research Network for a full-day convening as we discuss the latest evidence on the impact of CTE, including implications for research, practice and policy. You’ll hear from researchers, policymakers and national leaders during this special event! Attendance is free.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  CTE Research Network Convening: Expanding the Evidence Base for Career and Technical Education