



Dear Region II ACTE Members,

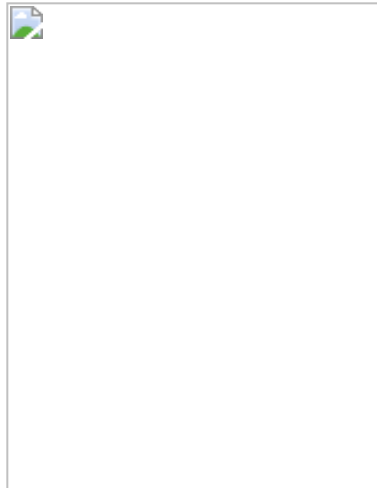
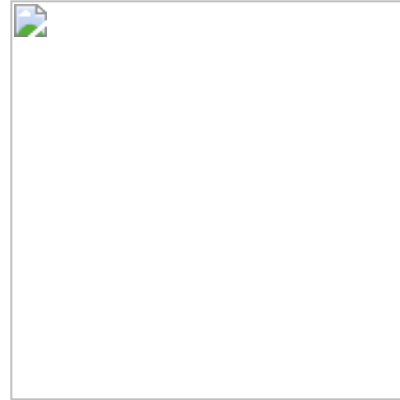
While driving to work a few days ago, I blew a tire on the side of the interstate. I have always dreaded this possibility, not because I don't know how to change a tire, but because I'm not so trusting of other drivers. As I worked quickly to get my spare, jack up my car, replace the tire and get cleaned up, I was often reminded of career and technical education (CTE)! While lying on the pavement, I got an up-close look at the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics career cluster (those 18-wheelers are pretty intimidating from that viewpoint). I was also reminded of our friends in the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster, certain that many of the drivers cruising by were excited about a weekend visit to my home city of Nashville. And no doubt I was thankful for our colleagues in the Health Science career cluster, knowing that at any second they would be called to the scene should someone veer off the road and hit me. Literally, every career cluster was represented on I-24 that morning ... think about it! It was a nice, albeit scary, reminder that our country could not function with CTE! We are a diverse group of professionals, that's for sure. Speaking of diversity, and on a related note, I also read an [article](#) this week about how female truckers have become TikTok influencers and are changing the transportation game. My dad was a trucker, and I used to ride with him when I was younger ... I never saw a female trucker. This is one example of how perspectives are changing and industries are diversifying. My niece would say "Girl Power" ... I just say, "It's about time."

In this newsletter, I'll share some information that might be helpful to many of our members.

## Board of Directors Election — Accepting Applications

Interested in serving the association as a member of the board of directors? Applications for open positions are due **June 15**. For more information, please see the guidelines for the board of directors nominations.

[Learn more](#)



## ACTE Region II Leadership Conference

Below is a note from the Tennessee ACTE Executive Director, Karen Pitts, inviting you to the Region II Conference in September:

Please join us for the Region II Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee! This year's event will be a hybrid conference, so you have more than one option for participating!

The conference will be held **Sept. 24–25**. Please find more information and register [here!](#)

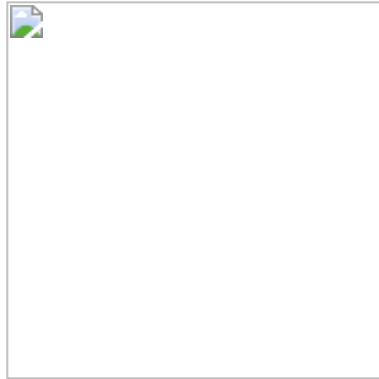
For this year's theme: CTE – Innovate, Integrate, Motivate, the following content areas have been identified as the focus for strengthening the work of veteran and new CTE teachers and administrators of both secondary and postsecondary programs.

- Innovation of practices and programs
- Integration of academics, business/industry

- Motivation of students, teachers and administrators

We hope to see you there!

[Learn more and register](#)



## ACTE Impact Awards — Call for Nominations

The ACTE Impact Awards recognize groups and individuals from the education, business and industry communities who contribute to the improvement, promotion and development of CTE. Individuals or entities making a positive impact on the image of CTE are eligible recipients of these awards. The deadline to apply for these two awards, the Business-Education Partnership Award and the Champion for CTE Award, is **May 1**.

[Learn more](#)

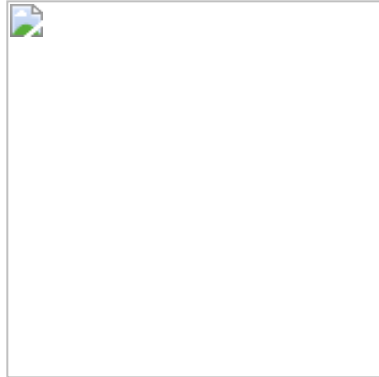
## ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest Returns

ACTE is excited to announce our sixth annual student contest to redesign the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2021 ACTE Virtual Awards Gala on **Nov. 30**. We highly encourage you, your



peers and students to participate in this year's contest — the deadline for design submissions is **May 1**.

[Learn more](#)



## Early Bird Registration for Hybrid VISION is Open

The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech Hybrid VISION happens **Dec. 1–4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana. Featuring keynote speakers Kevin Brown, author of *The Hero Effect: Being Your Best When It Matters the Most*, and Anne Grady, entrepreneur and author of *Mind Over Moment: Harness the Power of Resilience*, VISION will provide unparalleled networking and concurrent program sessions covering best practices in remote, hybrid and in-person programming.

[Learn more and register](#)

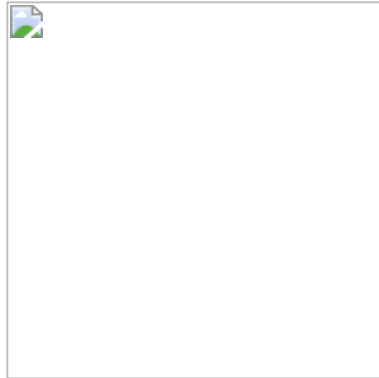


## Contribute to a New National Career Clusters Framework

ACTE is pleased to share that Advance CTE is launching a crowdsourcing [portal](#) to modernize The Career Clusters Framework! Through **May 7**, Advance CTE invites you to complete a set of idea challenges to ensure The National Career Clusters Framework bridges education and work,

empowering each learner to explore, decide and prepare for dynamic and evolving careers.

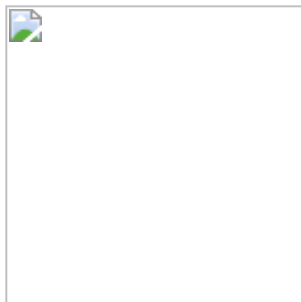
[Learn more](#)



## CTE Innovation Summit Set for June 1

Are you ready to prepare your learners for the rapidly changing workplace with cutting-edge tools and techniques? Attend the CTE Innovation Summit taking place virtually on **Tuesday, June 1**. Presenters from the Consumer Technology Association, Microsoft, Google, Brookings Institution and a host of others will share their insights on the new innovations that will change the way you teach and how your students learn.

[Learn more and register](#)



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