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Sunshine, blue skies, green grass and colorful blooms – what a welcome sight. As this school year wraps up, please remember your work is valuable and it matters. The changes over this past year have kept me on my toes and feeling as if I am running on empty most days. However, when I remember the lives that are changed by our work, I find the strength to keep going. Serving as the vice president of the Engineering and Technology Education Division (eTED) has given me a unique view of the many outstanding programs and instructors across the nation. I am honored to represent our members at the national level. It takes a village to bring meaningful member benefits to eTED members. If you are willing to serve on a committee or brainstorm ideas for moving the division forward, please send me an email. I would love to find a place for you to grow and lead.

# 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



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



#### **Upcoming Webinars**

Plan to attend these free webinars, covering innovative best practices in CTE.

- Confronting Isms in the Classroom, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. EST
- Innovative Connections: STEM + CTE at Home or School, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. ET
- Equity for Remote Learning, June 3 at 2:00 p.m.
  ET
- Ensuring your classroom is providing equity for all CTE Students, Aug. 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET
- Pivoting to Practice: Making Your Work-based Learning Experiences Meaningful, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET
- Empowering Girls and Women in CTE, July (date TBD)

## ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest Returns

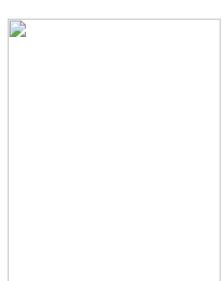
ACTE is excited to announce our sixth annual student contest to redesign the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2021 ACTE Virtual Awards Gala on **Nov. 30**. We highly encourage you, your peers and students to participate in this year's contest — the deadline for design submissions is **May 1**.



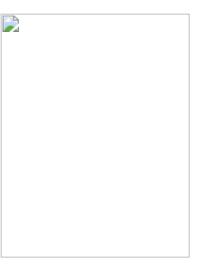
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### New Brief: Connecting SEL Learning to Career Success

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is gaining traction within schools, particularly as research demonstrates an increase in overall well-being and lifelong benefits. Fortunately, social-emotional skills can be learned, taught, interwoven and prioritized in CTE programs. This Xello-sponsored brief, the latest in its Student Career Development series, written by Dr. Angela Smith, School of Education, North Carolina State University, is now available.



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# ACTE Releases Report on CTE During and After COVID-19

While COVID-19 has led to many challenges for career and technical education (CTE), the pandemic has also created opportunities for innovation in CTE program delivery. ACTE's latest publication, *High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations*, generously sponsored by MajorClarity, describes these challenges, shares examples of innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.

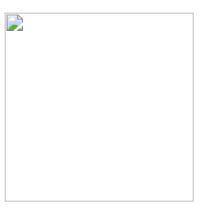
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## Contribute to a New National Career Clusters Framework

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

ACTE eTED Division members should also know there is always a place available for those who are interested in becoming more involved with division activities. Perhaps you met me at Virtual VISION and now you are ready to take that next step. Please contact me to find out more information about opportunities within the division.

In closing, I hope you are taking care of yourself and finding time for rest during the upcoming summer. Take care and know that I will do my best to provide the division members with any ACTE or eTED information of importance in the upcoming months.



Kind Regards,

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