



ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION



Connecting Education and Careers

Surviving 2020 was quite an adventure. Through the uncertainty and trials and error, we made it to 2021. In this new year, we carry those experiences to get through future obstacles with fresh eyes and new abilities. As your vice president this past year, I have had the advantage of watching many of you rise to the challenges with grace, with poise, and with professionalism. Going forward, I would like to highlight the emerging innovations within our engineering and technology education division (ETED) and celebrate the many ways you have adapted to the strains of teaching in a pandemic. Please [share your innovative ideas with me via email](#) so that I may highlight them in future newsletters.

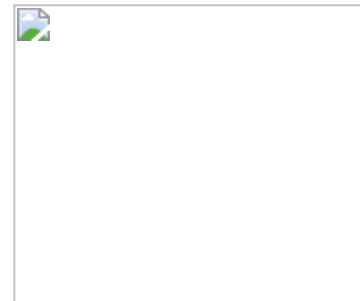
As we navigate a new year with hope toward finding a new normal, I would like to remind you that you are not alone. You have a community of professionals who share in your experience and your passion for educating tomorrow's workforce. Please stay connected and continue to share your triumphs and your trials with our educational community. We need each other now more than ever in order to traverse this ever-changing world. I encourage you to utilize ACTE and ETED as a resource for your professional development and professional improvement needs.



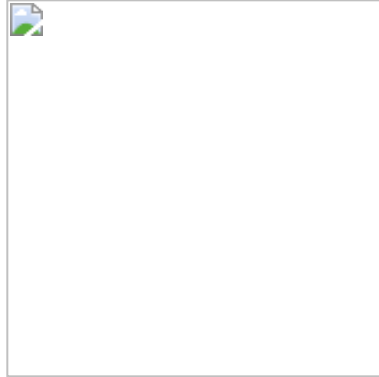
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Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Voice your CTE needs to help shape education policy priorities under the new administration, learn about strategies for influencing federal policy related to CTE advocacy and messaging, and participate in virtual Capitol Hill and school visits. Happening the week of **Feb. 22**, in concert with your CTE Month awareness-building activities, ACTE's virtual National Policy Seminar 2021 will feature an official welcome from the new administration.



[Learn more and register](#)

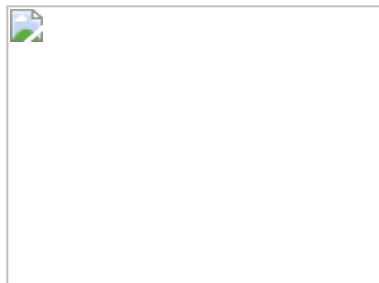


VISION 2020 was a great success for both ACTE and the eTED Division. Thank you to those who participated and attended the networking sessions. The opportunity to collaborate and learn best practices was invaluable. Be on the lookout for the call for presentation proposals for VISION 2021. More information given below.

Missed Virtual VISION 2020?

ACTE's CareerTech Virtual VISION 2020 featured live keynote presentations and hundreds of sessions, covering CTE innovations, timely topics and specific CTE subject-matter areas. Conference materials and sessions are now available for 24/7 on-demand viewing at your convenience at regular attendee rates. Enjoy premier professional development via full access to all Virtual VISION sessions! [Register now](#)

Mark your calendars for VISION 2021, a hybrid event with programming available online and on-site, **Dec. 1–4** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Call for presentation proposals will open in February.



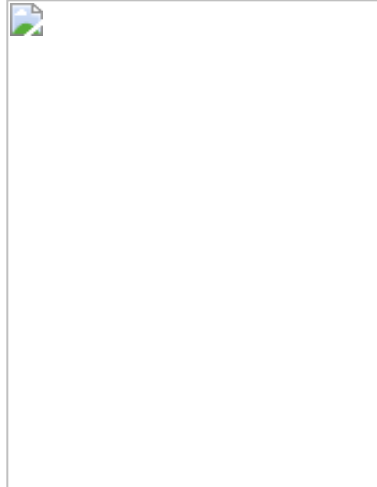
ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2021 Election Results

ACTE is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for several spots on its Board of Directors. The election was open to ACTE's membership of roughly 25,000 educators, administrators and other

CTE professionals. The following members were elected:

- Scott Stone, President-elect
- Shani Watkins, Region V Vice President
- Robert Torres, Agricultural Education Division Vice President
- Holly Strand-Rysgaard, Health Science Education Division Vice President
- Beth Parks, Region II Vice President-elect
- Brandon Russell, Region III Vice President-elect
- Susan Leon, New and Related Services Division Vice President-elect

[Read the press release](#)



Raise Awareness for CTE

Join us in February to celebrate and spread awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy with several outreach opportunities:

- Encourage your students to participate in this year's CTE Month-NASA HUNCH student video challenge, "[Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing](#)." The deadline to submit videos is **April 1**.
- Share our social media messages all month long or your own success stories on social media via **#CTEMonth**.

- Gear up with festive CTE Month merchandise at shopacte.com to show your support for CTE.
- [Advocate for CTE](#) — use ACTE tools to assist you in your advocacy activities, keep you informed and promote ongoing support for CTE.
- [Download the CTE Month logo](#) for use with any of your print and digital outreach.

[Learn more](#)

California Arts Media and Entertainment Teacher Organization – The PIVOT Artwork

As the ETED membership grows, so does its diversity. Many of our members identify with the arts, media and entertainment as their area of emphasis. Please see below for a professional learning opportunity focused in these areas.

Pivot is the first of a series of monthly PD opportunities that will support the development of high-quality CTE pathways. Registration for Pivot will allow teachers to access monthly events at no additional cost!

2021 California Arts Media and Entertainment Teacher Organization (CA-AME-EO)

Professional Learning Calendar:

[The \\$50 registration for PIVOT will get teachers access to a full year of programming](#) and a discount for the AME Leadership Institute in June!



There will be 9 CA-AME-EO professional learning events in 2021. Each event will run about two hours and will include a thematic general session for all AME teachers followed by community of practice breakout meetings focused on pathway-specific content, resources, and support.

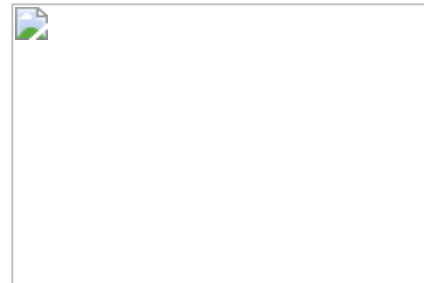
- **Jan. 29:** Pivot
- **Feb. 26:** Human Centered Design for AME Teachers
- **March 25:** The Business of Talent Management
- **April 29:** Teaching Entrepreneurship in the AME Classroom
- **May 27:** Soft Skills and the Future of Work
- **August:** Course Collaboration Sessions

Stay tuned for information about the 2021 AME Leadership Institute!

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New CTE Learning Webinar Series

Beginning this month, join us as we showcase some of the best professional learning opportunities for CTE personnel. Each free webinar is 30 minutes and will feature experts covering topics, such as professional learning communities, developing employability skills in CTE and more.



Learn more and join us

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 to see many of you at the National Policy Seminar in February. 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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