



Greetings New and Related Services members,

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Well if you are like the rest of the world, I am sure that you are hoping that with the new season of weather, we will also see a new season in world events.

COVID-19 has impacted the world around us in profound ways and has caused difficulty and pain for so many during this pandemic. In addition to overloaded hospital systems, uncharted record-high unemployment levels and the uncertainty that is plaguing us all, each of you are moving to remote learning and working environments and tackling the problems associated with transforming a complex system in a matter of weeks, and sometimes days.

Despite all that has happened both locally and globally, I have witnessed humanity at its finest, especially in our career and technical education (CTE) community. High school students are using the skills that they've learned in their CTE programs to 3-D print protective equipment for hospitals, make face masks to help overcome the shortages, and are even creating videos to teach others how to cook on limited resources. CTE teachers are sharing their virtual lessons with others across the world, doing "drive-by drop-ins" to check on students and to spread cheer, and delivering supplies that aren't being used in their programs to local medical centers in need. These are just a few of the countless examples of folks rising to the occasion and showing what it means to be human during these trying times.

ACTE is working hard to provide each of you with resources and support during the coronavirus pandemic. If there are additional ways in which we can support you, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the CTE community. We appreciate you!



COVID-19 Online & Distance Learning Resources Growing

ACTE continues to update its compilation of online and distance learning resources that can supplement your school's official guidance and also includes information on how to access six free courses to prepare educators to teach online via CTE Learn. ([Additional Tips for Working from Home](#))

[Read more](#)

CTE in a Time of Uncertainty

View the collection of ACTE division webinars focused on the current state of CTE, promising practices in the era of COVID-19 and engaging conversations with experts in the field.

For the Equity and Access Webinar, [click here](#).

[Watch now](#)



Access & Equity Ideas & Resources

ACTE is calling for content and your participation to showcase our collective dedication to Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) by:

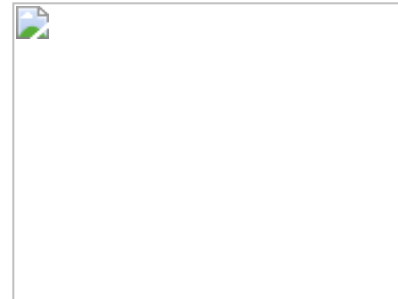
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- Contributing resources to and submitting IAED speaker names for inclusion on the ACTE IAED website
- Recommending ideas for the IAED column that will be included in the 2020-2021 *Techniques* editorial cycle
- Referencing the Access and Equity element in the *Quality CTE Program of Study Framework* and encouraging your CTE colleagues to follow suit
- Signing up to be a part of ACTE's IAED Advisory Group

[Read more](#)

Deadline Extended for Student Trophy Design Contest

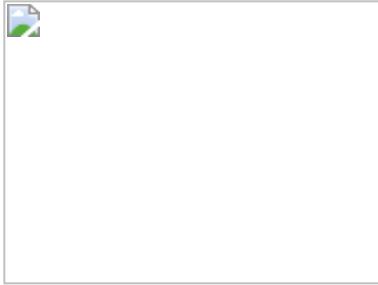
With many teachers adjusting to delivering instruction in an online environment, we have extended the deadline for the student trophy design contest to **June 30**. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasys and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2020 ACTE Awards Gala on **Dec. 2** in Nashville, Tennessee. [Learn more](#)



Impact Awards — Deadline Extended

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. The deadline to apply for these two awards, the Business-Education Partnership Award and the Champion for CTE Award, has also been extended to **June 30**. [Read more](#)

Now Accepting Board Election
Nominations



Interested in serving ACTE as a member of the Board of Directors? Applications for positions opened today and are due **June 15**. For more information, please see the guidelines for the Board of Directors nominations.

[Learn more](#)

Boutique Event for CTE Administrators

Happening **Oct. 7–9** in Cape Cod, North Falmouth, Massachusetts, ACTE's and NCLA's Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference will offer content-rich programming and networking to strengthen the field for CTE administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. [Learn more](#)



Early Bird Registration for CareerTech VISION 2020 is Open

The premier event for CTE professionals, ACTE's CareerTech VISION offers unparalleled professional development, comprehensive CTE secondary and postsecondary programming, and stories of successful education and business collaborations. This year's event happens **Dec. 2–5** at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. [Register today](#)

Special Populations Programming
Survey



As states implement their new Perkins V plans and with the legislation's [expanded definition of special populations](#), the Special Population Section of ACTE's New & Related Services Division is requesting your feedback on your professional development needs. Please complete this [brief eight-question survey](#) or contact [Emily Sherwood](#) or [Marta Osuna](#), co-chairs of the Special Populations Section, with your ideas.

[Click here for resources from the Special Populations Section](#)

Complete the Special Populations survey

News from the JROTC Section

JROTC is working with NOCTI to develop a standardized test on "Leadership" with the goal of having a national-level credential that can be earned through JROTC in all four branches of service (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force). We are working with the representative listed below:

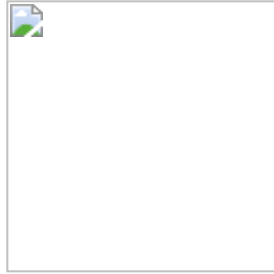
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