



Dear PACE Division Members,

What an exciting time to be a part of Postsecondary Adult and Career Education (PACE) division! As I sit to write this newsletter, I am reminded of the unbelievable activities that the PACE division has experienced in these few short months of 2021.

The PLSP leadership program got kicked off with a bang during the National Policy Seminar in March. What an outstanding group of individuals in this cohort. The ECMC foundation is funding this through a grant that includes a two-year program. Please consider applying for a spot in this outstanding leadership program.

The Policy Committee will be meeting soon to review the PACE policy manual for updates and edits of the document. If you have a suggestion for this committee, please let me know and I will make sure these are addressed. A link to the document can be found [here](#).

Our Postsecondary Advisory Committee, led by Andrea Pogue and Mark Wilson will be working on a series of professional development webinars to bring to our members in the upcoming year. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our committee and embarking on this exciting work.

In mid-March, we held our inaugural PACE Re-Ignite Meeting. We had 125 members and non-members in attendance for this event. The purpose of this meeting was to identify the most pressing topics affecting postsecondary education for future PACE strategy building.

Our guest presenters for this program were Brandon Hudson, senior director of Workforce and Economic Development at Tennessee Higher Ed. Commission, and Stephanie Sklba, postsecondary presenter, vice president, Community and Government Relations at Gateway

Technical College. An increase of membership from this inclusive meeting was a positive result from this activity.

Join us again on **May 14** at our next Re-ignite PACE Meeting to continue the exciting conversations around the most pressing issues in postsecondary education. ACTE senior director of Public Policy, Alisha Hyslop, will be providing a briefing on the latest federal policy information of interest to postsecondary CTE educators. Topics of discussion will include the distribution of federal COVID-19 relief funds, prospects for FY22 federal appropriations and additional recovery investments, and congressional consideration of other policies affecting postsecondary CTE, including infrastructure proposals and the reauthorizations of the Higher Education Act, Apprenticeship Act and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. [Register today!](#)

Whether in person or virtually, I hope you are as excited as I am to attend ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2021! ACTE has a wonderful program planned with a combination of live sessions, recorded sessions and many opportunities to network with colleagues. Look for details and a registration link below.

Our PACE VISION Committee has been working hard to bring you quality sessions that are focused on postsecondary education. As we develop the content for these sessions, we will keep you up to date with periodic email blasts.

The opportunity for in-person attendance at VISION will provide us with the platform for a PACE reception this year. You will receive a special invitation sent to your e-mail account after you register. Do not miss out on the special evening at the PACE reception; we will be excited to see you there.

[A Few Additional of Items of Interest for Our Members:](#)

[CTE Policy Watch](#)

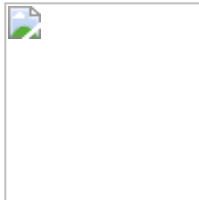
I encourage all of you to review the latest CTE Policy Watch blog regarding [a research roundup focused on Postsecondary education](#).

[PACE Division Awards](#)

The window for submitting PACE Award applications is now open and will close on **Nov. 1**. [Submit your entries](#). Look for the links to these categories and descriptions:

- 2021 PACE Award of Excellence
- 2021 PACE Innovation Award
- 2021 PACE Outstanding Training Activity Award
- 2021 PACE Economic Development Award
- 2021 PACE Ambassador of the Year
- Member Value & Engagement
- Professional & Leadership Development
- Advocacy & Awareness
- Strategic Partnerships
- Innovation

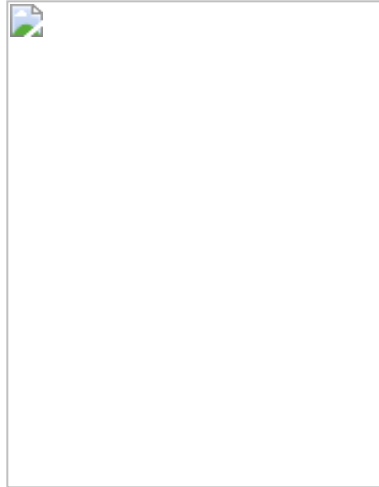
Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Yours in education,
Kristina Ropos
VP, PACE Division

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



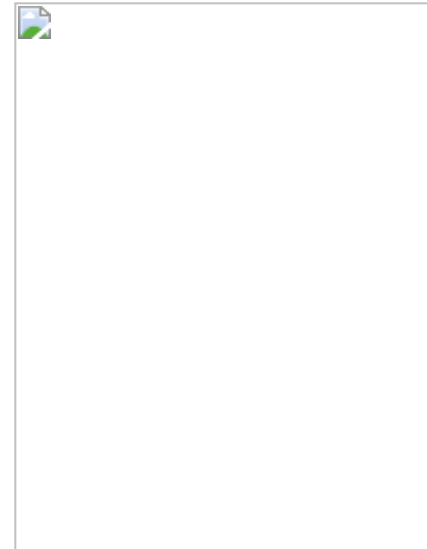
innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.

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New Brief: Connecting SEL Learning to Career Success

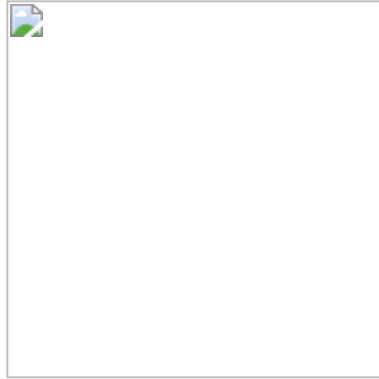
Social-emotional learning (SEL) is gaining traction within schools, particularly as research demonstrates an increase in overall well-being and lifelong benefits. Fortunately, social-emotional skills can be learned, taught, interwoven and prioritized in CTE programs. This Xello-sponsored brief, the latest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

[Read more](#)



Early Bird Registration for Hybrid VISION is Open

The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech Hybrid VISION



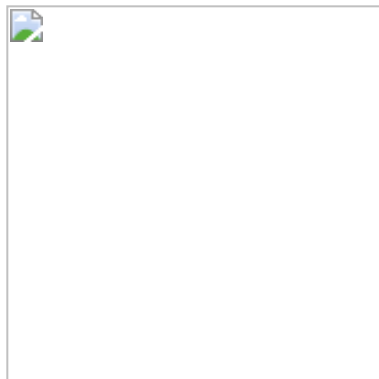
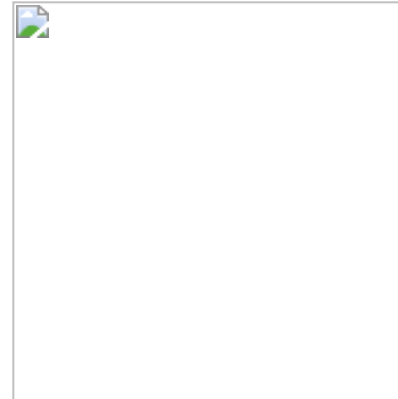
happens **Dec. 1–4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana. Featuring keynote speakers Kevin Brown, author of *The Hero Effect: Being Your Best When It Matters the Most*, and Anne Grady, entrepreneur and author of *Mind Over Moment: Harness the Power of Resilience*, VISION will provide unparalleled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

[Learn more and register](#)

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](#)



Upcoming Webinars

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

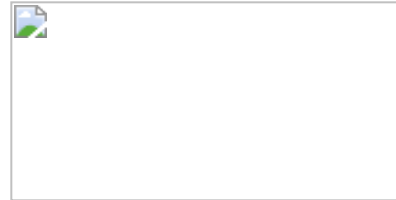
- Confronting Isms in the Classroom, **April 28 at 2:00 p.m. EST**
- Innovative Connections: STEM + CTE at Home or School, **May 4 at 4:00 p.m. ET**

- 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)**

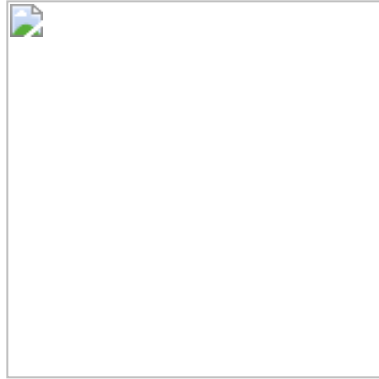
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New CTE Learn Advocacy and Perkins Courses

ACTE is pleased to announce two new courses available via CTE Learn:



- *Spending and Managing Carl D. Perkins Grant Funds* introduces participants to the federal rules that govern the spending and management of Perkins funds. [LEARN MORE](#)
- *CTE Advocacy: Policymakers and the Press* provides education professionals with the background, skills and know-how to successfully advocate and promote their CTE programs to both the press and policymakers at the local, state and federal levels. [LEARN MORE](#)



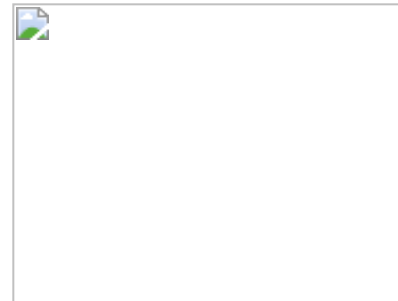
ACTE Impact Awards — Call for Nominations

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**.

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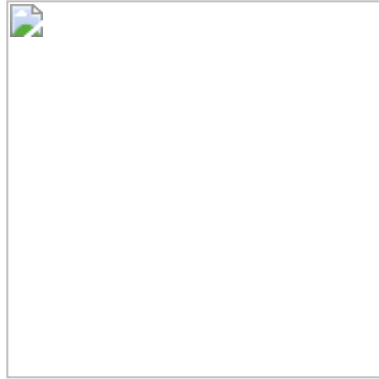
ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest Returns

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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WBL Conference is Now Fully Virtual

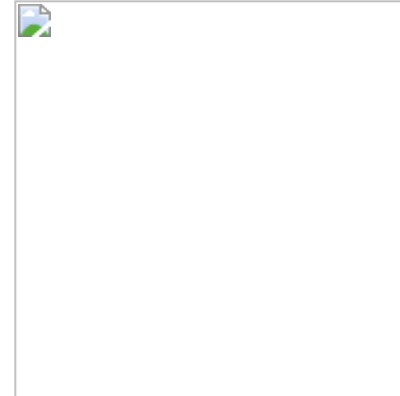


All sessions at ACTE's and Iowa's Work-based Learning (WBL) Conference this **April 29–30** will now be live-streamed. Next month's event will include more than 40 WBL topics presented live over Zoom to virtual participants. The ACTE WBL policy meeting, committee meetings and regional WBL receptions will also be hosted virtually. Check out the [schedule-at-a-glance](#), and join us to learn about best practices in WBL from across the country.

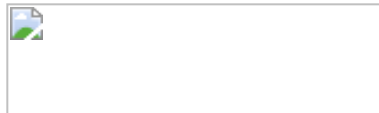
[Learn more](#)

Signature Event for CTE Administrators

Save the date for The Best Practices and Innovations in Career and Technical Education Conference, hosted by the ACTE Administration Division and NCLA and happening **Sept. 29–Oct. 1** in Austin, Texas. This annual conference is specifically focused on the professional development for administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions.



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Contribute to a New National Career Clusters Framework

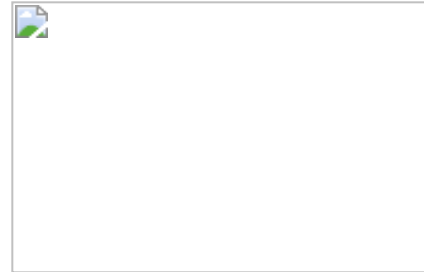
ACTE is pleased to share that Advance CTE is launching a crowdsourcing [portal](#) to modernize The Career Clusters Framework! Through **May 7**, Advance CTE invites you to complete a set of idea challenges to ensure The National Career Clusters Framework bridges education and work,

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

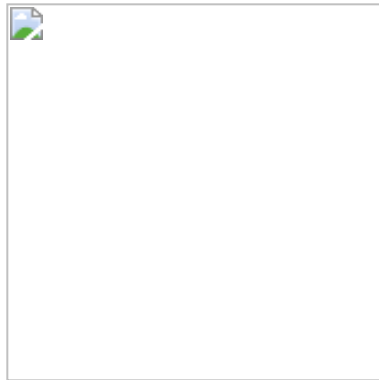
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Applications Are Open!

Now in its fifth year, the 2021 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence will award \$1 million in prizes to public high school skilled trades teachers and programs in the U.S. Apply by May 21, or share this opportunity with a deserving teacher.



[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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