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Greetings Region IV!

We are quickly closing in on VISION 2021 in New Orleans, Louisiana, on **Dec. 1–4!** This newsletter is focused on important VISION times and updates.

Region IV Policy Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 1

8:00–10:00 a.m. CT

Location: TBD

Region IV Business Meeting (Awards Reception)

Wednesday, Dec. 1

3:30–5:00 p.m. CT

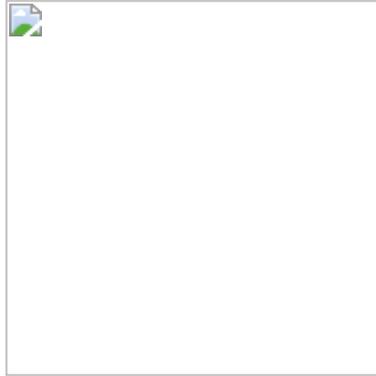
Location: TBD

This business meeting will be a celebration of the 2020 and 2021 Region IV Award Winners.

Hor d'oeuvres and drinks will be served with a short program recognizing Region IV winners from the past two years. This will also be a time for Region IV members to mingle as we have been separated for the past year and a half.

Proof of vaccination or negative covid test will be required to enter per New Orleans Mandate.

Innovation and Inspiration at



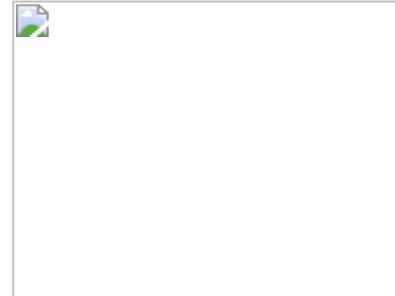
CareerTech VISION 2021

Join career and technical educators for our largest event of the year at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening **Dec. 1–4** in-person in New Orleans, Louisiana, or virtually for dynamic, specially curated content. Featuring inspiring [keynote speakers](#) Kevin Brown and Anne Grady, VISION will provide unparalleled networking, [concurrent program sessions](#) covering best practices in multiple learning environments, an [Expo](#) featuring the latest career and technical education (CTE) products, and more!

[Learn more and register](#)

COVID-19 Protocols in New Orleans

ACTE has been working very closely with our partners in New Orleans as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting safety protocols and want to share an update. Please note, these protocols are not ACTE's but are the requirements of the city of New Orleans.



INDOOR MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT IN NEW ORLEANS

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors when with people who are not in their immediate household. This means, all attendees must wear a mask while indoors at all venues, restaurants, etc. at all times. While eating, your mask can be off but must be put back on immediately after eating.

VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST REQUIRED in order to gain access to the following areas in New Orleans:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Breweries, microbreweries, distilleries and micro-distilleries
- Event spaces such as hotel ballrooms, event venues and reception halls
- Casinos, racetracks and video poker establishments

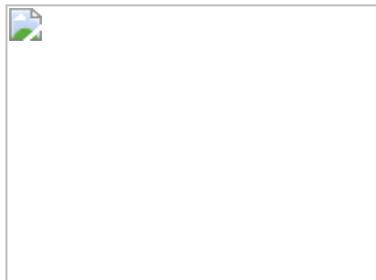
Anyone 12 years of age and older must provide the following, if attending any of the above listed events in New Orleans:

Proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine -- original, digital photograph, or photocopy of CDC Vaccination Card (both sides) or;

Negative PCR test within 72 hours -- physical or electronic test results from a PCR COVID-19 test indicating negative results within the past 72 hours. Antigen tests will not be accepted. For more information on testing sites, please click the [New Orleans Testing Sites](#).

For the latest and addition COVID-19 information and guidelines in New Orleans to ensure your safety as a VISION attendee, please visit the [New Orleans Ready site](#).

Learn more



ACTE Region and Division Meeting Schedule is Now Live!

All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings (with no registration fee) but require an RSVP to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs

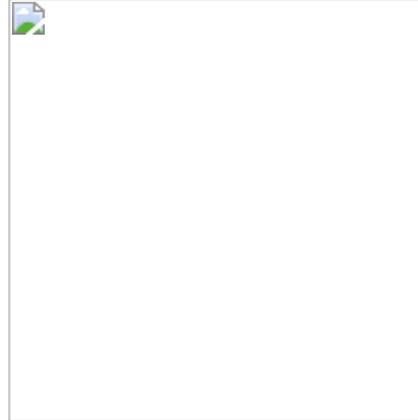
are required by **Friday, Nov. 5**. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than **Friday, Nov.**

12. Questions? Contact memberservices@acteonline.org.

[View the meeting agenda](#)

Congratulations to ACTE's 2022 National Award Finalists!

ACTE is delighted to announce the 2022 National Award finalists, individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE and serve as inspirational leaders in the field. Finalists are recognized in the following categories: Teacher of the Year, Postsecondary Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, Teacher Educator of the Year, Counseling and Career Development Professional Award, Lifetime Achievement and Carl Perkins Community Service Awards. [Meet the finalists](#)



Georgia Power Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner

ACTE is pleased to announce **Georgia Power** as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award Winner. Georgia Power's investments locally and regionally strengthen their position as a statewide partner for Georgia Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE). From developing opportunities within a variety of advisory boards to working with career and technical student organizations, Georgia Power is always at the table to help improve CTAE. [Read more about this excellent partnership](#)

Patrick Biggerstaff Named Champion for CTE Winner

ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: **Patrick Biggerstaff**, Indiana CTE Director at Area 31 Career

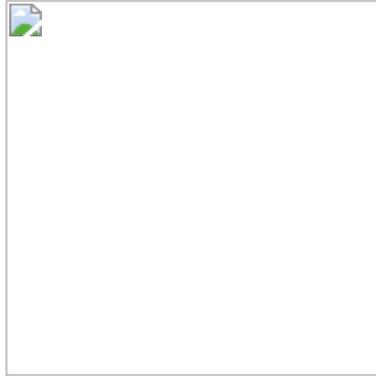
Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. This past year, Biggerstaff represented Indiana CTE Directors on the Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet CTE "Back on Track" working group to help develop the guidance for reopening facilities and returning to in-person instruction after COVID-19 and actively contributed to the ACTE *High-quality CTE Planning for a COVID-19 Impacted School Year* publication. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable, and competitive workforce. [Meet Patrick Biggerstaff](#)

Mississippi Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest

ACTE is excited to announce a St. Martin High School student **Nathaniel Bryan** as the winner in its sixth annual [student trophy design contest](#). He is taught by Richard Humphreys, an instructor at St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. In addition to having his design used to create this year's trophies, Nathaniel will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and St. Martin High School will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of [Stratasys, Ltd](#), a manufacturer of 3D printers and production systems and generous sponsor of the contest. [Meet Nathaniel Bryan](#)

ACTE Awards Gala

The ACTE Awards winners will be presented at the ACTE Awards Gala on **Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. CT** in conjunction with [ACTE's CareerTech VISION](#), happening this **Dec. 1–4** virtually and in person in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Gala is free to everyone to attend and generously sponsored by



CareerSafe, Express Employment Professionals,
Goodheart-Willcox and Stratasys Ltd.

Sign up to attend!

Verify Your Membership by Nov. 3 to Vote!

The 2022 ACTE board of directors' election will be held this year
Dec. 3–Jan. 3! Please mark your calendars to reflect the election
schedule below:

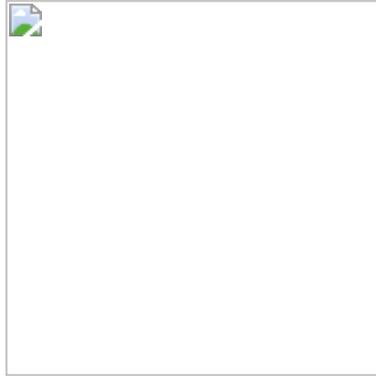
- You must be an ACTE member by **Nov. 3** to vote
- Voting will open during VISION on **Dec. 3** and run through **Jan. 3**
- Winners will be announced in January 2022

[Learn more](#)



Upcoming Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars,
covering innovative best practices and inclusion,
access, equity and diversity in CTE.



- Taking Business to School Series: West-MEC's Partnership with Palo Verde Generating Station on **Oct. 25 at noon ET**
- How Space Exploration Can Solve Climate Change on **Oct. 27 at noon ET**
- How Virtual Patients are Reshaping Health Education on **Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ET**
- IGNITE Worldwide: Closing the Gender Gap in STEM on **Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**
- Transforming the Middle School Experience: A Community Approach to College and Career Readiness for Students in Grades 6-8 on **Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET**
- Reclaiming Humanity: Services to Individuals who are Justice-involved or Incarcerated on **Jan. 13, 2022 at noon ET**

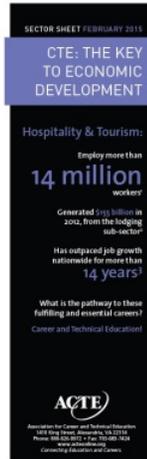
[Learn more](#)

Apply to Be a Mentee in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program

ACTE's Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) Mentorship Program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, is open to all ACTE members. Those who are interested in becoming a mentee in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Oct. 31.**



[Learn more](#)



Hospitality and Tourism

Fundamental to the U.S. economy, hospitality and tourism:

- includes food service, lodging, recreation as well as travel and meeting planning
- relies on workers with technical and interpersonal skills
- is an established and growing industry across the nation

What jobs are available in hospitality and tourism?

Lodging and hospitality is projected to add between 1 million and 2.5 million jobs to the economy between 2010 and 2018. Jobs for managers and food and beverage workers are expected to increase by 15 to 18 percent through 2018, with occupations that require on-the-job training and experience also projected to grow. Jobs in recreation and gaming as well as in food and beverage service are expected to grow, and meeting and convention planning jobs are set to experience a 20 percent increase through 2018. In addition, opportunities are expanding rapidly for interpreters, who work in this sector organizing and guiding travel, tours and events.

Many employees in the field work part-time and earn less than the national median wage of \$14.20. However, there are occupations that earn more than \$15,000 per year, such as chefs and food service managers. In the lodging and industry, a director of catering can earn \$200,000. Hospitality and tourism also offer an important entry into the world of work for people of various career interest for their first job in the industry as an entry-level position.

By 2018, 40 percent of jobs in this sector will go to workers with at least some postsecondary education, particularly in the middle skills category, requiring associates degrees or about two years of postsecondary education. Industry regional distributions are concentrated in major regions, such as the Travel & Tourism Association's (TTA) "Top 100" destinations for business and leisure. Opportunities in this sector call for technical, academic and employability skills to operate business establishments, manage food, event, customer, program, food, labor, events and more jobs in the sector include:

- bartenders
- catering supervisors
- chefs
- food and beverage service
- food and beverage managers
- food and beverage workers

Newly Updated Sector Sheet Series

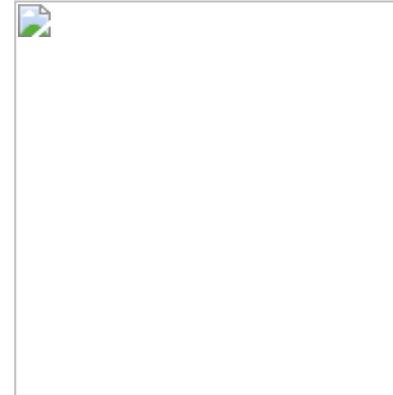
ACTE has recently updated its Sector Sheet series on CTE's role in developing the workforce for several industries, including law, military and veterans, energy, health care, transportation and many others. Each sector sheet includes up-to-date labor market information, descriptions of how CTE prepares the workforce for this sector, and examples of exemplary programs, and is generously supported by [Pearson](#).

[Read more](#)

New Student Video Contest

ACTE, host of CTE Month, and NASA HUNCH are excited to announce the 2021–22 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on Earth and in space. This year's theme is "How Can Space Exploration Solve Climate Change?" Students are asked to showcase CTE courses and careers to help us understand and provide solutions to global warming and climate change. The deadline to submit a two-minute video is **April 1**.

[Learn more](#)



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