



## ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DIVISION



*Connecting Education and Careers*

Greeting Engineering and Technology Education Division (eTED) members,

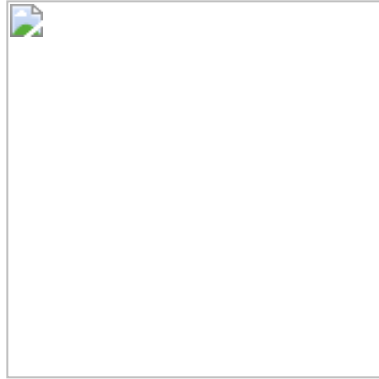
It is hard to believe, but fall is here! Traditionally, friends and family get together, the streets buzz with shoppers, restaurants are full, and gifts are exchanged. While some activities may be curbed this year due to the coronavirus — it's still a time for joy and merriment.

The VISION 2021 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, on **Dec. 1–4** is still scheduled for in-person attendance along with the virtual offering for dynamic content. As the premiere conference for career and technical education (CTE) professionals, please consider attending one of the hybrid formats. Our newest partner, SolidProfessor, will be sponsoring the opening session. ACTE is working with NOLA officials to stay up-to-date on the latest hurricane recovery efforts and COVID-19 mandates. Please follow this [link](#) for the latest information.

In an effort to include as many members as possible, the eTED Business meeting will be held virtually again this year. The meeting will take place **Thursday, Nov. 18 at 4:00 p.m. CT**. You must be an eTED member to vote in the meeting. Please use this [link to register](#) by **Friday, Nov. 5**. Registration will be required to receive the meeting link.

## 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

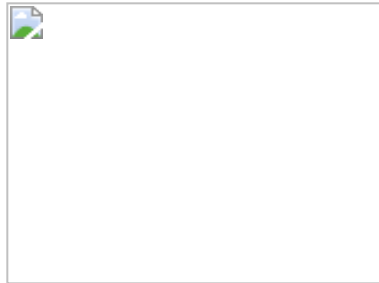
Anyone 12 years of age and older must provide the following, if attending any of the above listed events in New Orleans:

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**



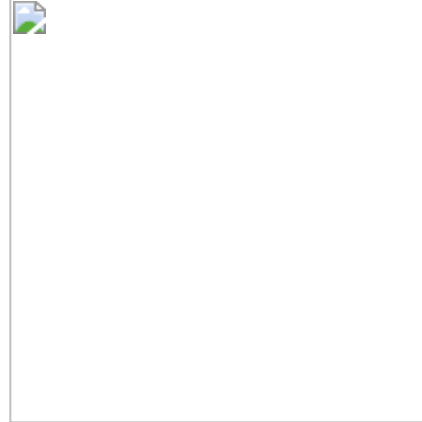
## ACTE Region and Division Meeting Schedule is Now Live!

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](mailto: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](#)

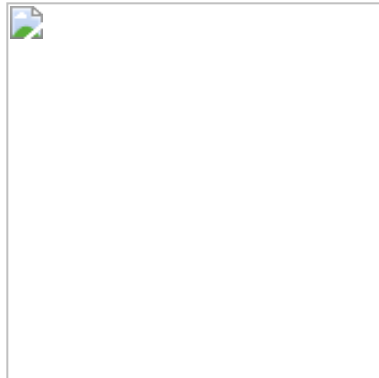
**Patrick Biggerstaff Named Champion for CTE Winner**

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

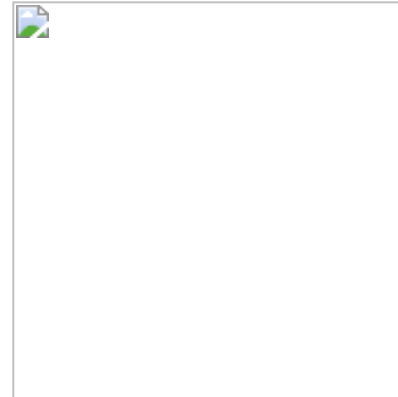
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## New Student Video Contest

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](#)

## Apply to Be a Mentee in ACTE's IAED

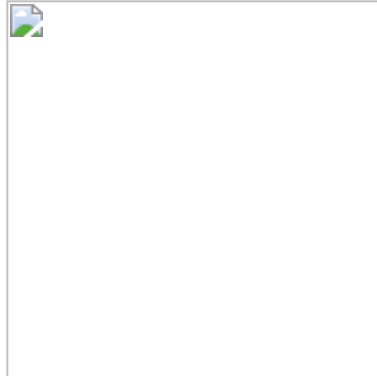


## Mentorship Program

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](#)



## 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](#)

Fall is an exciting time and classes are settling into their rhythm. I hope you are finding a rhythm for balancing work and personal time. I look forward to connecting with members at Vision 2021, whether in person or online. Take care and know that we are making a difference for good.



Kind Regards,  
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