

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jerry Jones

Meet Jerry: President Elect of AK ACTE for 2026

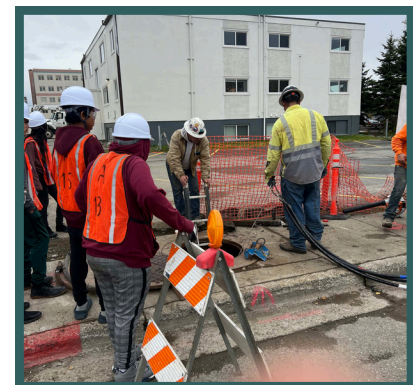


AK ACTE is a dynamic board filled with individuals who live daily in the CTE world or in an industry that supports this exciting area of education and national growth. Jerry Jones will become the president for AK ACTE for 2026 and we are confident you will enjoy learning more about his current role and leadership vision for our state. Jerry is not only a passionate advocate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) but also deeply involved in initiatives that create opportunities for students in the construction trades. Currently, he is working with Bristol Bay Region Career and Technical Education to develop a comprehensive electrical program in collaboration with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and other construction unions. This game-changer initiative provides students with invaluable apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship hours and the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in their chosen fields.

His own experiences have shaped Jerry's journey to this leadership role. Growing up on a farm in Tennessee, he learned the value of hard work and responsibility early on. However, like many students, he felt lost during high school until he discovered the CTE electrical program. This program ignited his passion for the field and set him on a successful path, leading to a twenty-two-year career in high-voltage power distribution.



In 2017, Jerry embraced a new adventure when he moved to Alaska for his wife's career opportunity. Now, as a CTE Coordinator, he is dedicated to sharing his knowledge and experiences with the next 'generation. "It feels great to give back and help students find their paths, just like I did," he shares.



Jerry's enthusiasm for CTE is infectious. He is excited about the growing recognition of these programs as vital pathways for students. "CTE equips young people with practical skills that are in high demand in today's job market," he emphasizes. He is particularly passionate about integrating technology into CTE programs, ensuring students learn traditional skills and are adept at using the latest tools and techniques.

The partnerships between schools and local businesses are another aspect of CTE that Jerry finds inspiring. These collaborations provide students with real-world experiences, internships, and job opportunities, making their education more meaningful. "Watching students gain confidence and clarity about their futures through hands-on learning is incredibly rewarding," he says.

Throughout his career in CTE, Jerry has made a significant impact on students, colleagues, and the community. He creates an exciting learning environment that encourages students to explore their interests and develop new skills. By building pre-apprenticeship hours and guiding students in discovering their careers, he finds immense satisfaction in their growth and success.

Collaboration with colleagues is also a cornerstone of Jerry's approach. He values teamwork and believes that sharing ideas leads to improved CTE programs that provide the best education possible for students. Additionally, Jerry has worked hard to forge strong ties with local businesses and organizations, creating pathways for students to gain real-world experience while allowing businesses to connect with emerging talent.

As Jerry steps into his role as president of AK ACTE next program year, he aims to inspire and support those around him, helping them reach their goals and positively impacting the community. We are excited to see how his leadership will shape the future of CTE in Alaska, empowering students and meeting the evolving needs of the workforce.

Jerry exemplifies the individuals who drive CTE forward. We acknowledge his drive for CTE and commitment to student success, which will undoubtedly lead AK ACTE into a bright future.

