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AUGUST-KICKING OFF A NEW YEAR OF CTE!

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Why Join Alaska ACTE?

Be part of the statewide network driving Career & Technical Education forward. Membership means connection, advocacy, and opportunities that make a difference for you and your students.

Member Perks:

Professional Growth – statewide & national trainings, annual conference discounts

Networking & Collaboration – connect with CTE peers, industry, and partners across Alaska

Recognition & Visibility – awards, spotlights, and chances to showcase your programs

Leadership Opportunities – serve on committees, present at conferences, or mentor peers

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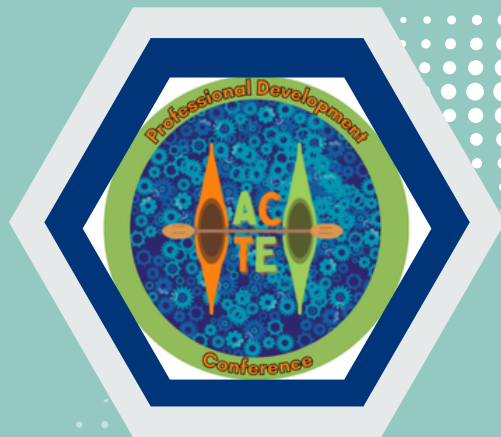
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2025 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Empowering Futures-Industry Collaboration

OCTOBER 12-15, 2025 | ANCHORAGE, AK

Get ready for four days of high-energy learning, networking, and inspiration! This year's conference brings together Alaska's top CTE educators, leaders, and industry partners to share strategies, explore innovations, and strengthen connections.

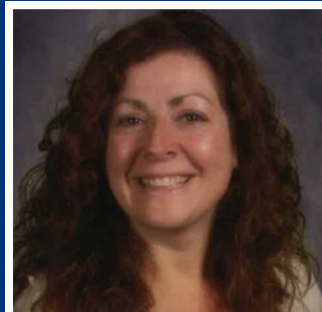
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & LEADERSHIP



Dan Robinson
AK Dept. of Labor



Karinne Weibold
AK Dept. of Labor



Andrea Wade
AK ACTE President



Robert Torres,
ACTE President-Elect

Hear from national ACTE leadership and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development on emerging workforce trends.

Main Conference: October 13-14, 2025
Pre-Conference Workshops: October 12
Post-Conference workshops: October 15

CTE Teachers • School Leaders * Counselors • Industry Partners
Training Providers • Workforce Advocates • Statewide Employers

CHOOSE

from over **25** different breakout sessions

Find your place at ACTE with sessions designed for both newcomers and veteran educators, ensuring everyone leaves with fresh tools and inspiration.

Experience the cutting edge with sessions on

AI-powered career tools, Minecraft-ready skills, and dual-credit energy courses that connect classrooms to real-world careers.

Discover what's working in Alaska — from student-run businesses that thrive to HOSA's powerful role in building healthcare pipelines.

Take home strategies you can use tomorrow: teaching safety in CTE labs, strengthening advisory boards, and even boosting resumes with AI.

Be the first to know with fresh workforce research from ISER, plus insights into flexible computer science pathways and dual enrollment opportunities.

Other Conference Highlights!

- **Pre-Conference Site Visits** (Oct. 12): Explore Alaska CTE in action at Kusilvak Career Academy & King Tech High School or the Northern Industrial Training Center.
- **Industry Collaboration** (Oct. 14): Engage in interactive industry panels (healthcare, construction, energy, maritime, hospitality) and regional breakout groups that turn ideas into action.
- **Networking & Vendors:** Connect with exhibitors and colleagues through the vendor hall, ice cream social, and evening mixers.
- **Post-Conference Workforce Talks & Tours (Oct. 15):** including presentations from regional training centers, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, and industry leaders. Participants will gain practical insights on how schools, postsecondary institutions, and employers are aligning efforts to prepare Alaska's future workforce.

****Register Today for Alaska's Biggest
CTE Event of the year****

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STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ACTE ADVOCACY NEWS

Advocating for CTE is an important part of any CTE educator's job. Are you looking for ways to stay up on what is happening nationally with CTE? The [CTE Policy Watch](#) is a weekly blog that can help you do just that. Subscribe to [CTE Policy Watch](#) and receive regular updates on national, state and local issues, funding, Perkins, and so much more, as well as action alerts that allow you to engage with the issues you care about most.