

A newsletter for Alaska ACTE Members

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SEPTEMBER IS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION IN CTE

Message from President/Innovations in CTE Programs

By: Andrea Wade, Alaska ACTE President

If you are looking for innovation Alaska is where it is at! From expanding apprenticeship pathways to integrating cutting-edge technology in classrooms, educators and industry partners are working together to prepare students for tomorrow's workforce.

Want to learn more and share ideas? I hope to see you at the upcoming professional conference to explore new CTE innovations, hear success stories from across the state, and connect with fellow educators, employers, and community leaders.

Recognize a CTE Champion!

Do you know an outstanding educator, student, or industry partner making a difference in CTE? Nominate them for a CTE award and help celebrate the people who inspire innovation and excellence across Alaska. Nominations are open now—don't miss the chance to shine a spotlight on their hard work!

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★ Celebrate ★ Connect ★ Collaborate

The Alaska ACTE Professional Development Conference is right around the corner — October 12–15 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage! Don't miss this statewide gathering of CTE educators and industry leaders. Register today to be part of empowering futures through industry collaboration.

Plus — nominations are open for the 2025–26 Alaska ACTE Excellence Awards! Help us celebrate outstanding CTE professionals. Nominations are due September 26, 2025.

Inspired Practice

Techniques, ACTE's online magazine is back for the school year! This issue offers a sneak peek at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2025. You'll find stories that inspire and insights that reshape how you think about your practice. Consider the words of Jeffrey Abramowitz, who brings a deeply personal perspective to his work with justice-impacted individuals. "CTE empowers individuals with marketable skills and fosters a sense of dignity, purpose and self-worth."

Check out the [fall issue of Techniques here!](#)

Innovation in CTE - in Your Classroom!

The **Your AI Horizons Challenge** is a nationwide challenge inspiring high school students to envision AI-driven careers. The U.S. Department of Education invites high schools to propose AI solutions that reimagine traditional ways of working. Through this challenge, students will explore artificial intelligence's impact on industries and their future careers. [Learn more about the challenge!](#)

Timeline:

Challenge Launch - August 5, 2025

Submissions Close - November 19, 2025

Judging Begins - November 2025

Winner Announcement - Anticipated February 2026

Untapped - a timely Netflix documentary about skills-based learning

[UNTAPPED: Closing America's Opportunity Gap](#), is a film which follows the stories of young adults from underserved communities as they participate in a skills-based training program to secure internships at Fortune 500 companies. It advocates for skills-based hiring practices and highlights the importance of an inclusive talent strategy that focuses on a candidate's capabilities rather than just their traditional degrees or experience. You can watch it by logging into your **Netflix** account and searching for "UNTAPPED".



Empowering Futures: Industry Collaboration

The countdown is on! The Alaska ACTE Professional Development Conference is just weeks away—at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage
October 12–15, 2025.

Conference graphic
created by Abel Lloyd,
Houston High School.

This year's conference brings together CTE educators, administrators, and industry leaders for four dynamic days of learning, networking, and innovation.

Highlights include:

- Pre-Conference Tours of Alaska's top training centers
- Breakout Sessions on AI, apprenticeships, career pathways, and workforce readiness
- Networking Mixer & Ice Cream Social with industry partners
- Awards Luncheon celebrating excellence in CTE

Don't miss your chance to be part of Alaska's largest CTE gathering of the year.



REGISTER TODAY!

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Total Resources	44,559
Total Lesson Plans	5,150
Total Users	805

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Celebrate Alaska's CTE Champions — Nominations Due Sept 26!

Help us spotlight the educators and partners who are empowering futures through industry collaboration. The Alaska ACTE Board is now accepting nominations for the 2025–26 Alaska ACTE Excellence Awards.

Submit your nomination by Friday, September 26, 2025.

Categories include:

- Teacher of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Postsecondary Professional of the Year
- Counseling & Career Development Professional Award
- New Teacher of the Year
- Teacher Educator of the Year
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- What you'll need:
- Nominee name (for a team/program, list one primary contact)
- Award category

Three letters of recommendation (uploaded with the nomination)

Questions? Contact Andrea Wade at andrea.wade@k12northstar.org.

Shine a light on the people moving Alaska's CTE forward! Nominate today!



Discover AKEE at the Conference!

Join Emily Daluz on Monday at 3:45 PM to learn more about the Alaska Education Exchange (AKEE) — a powerful digital platform where Alaska educators and agencies share resources, collaborate, and strengthen CTE delivery statewide. From lesson plans to professional development tools, AKEE is designed to make connecting and sharing easy. Don't miss this chance to see how AKEE can support your work!

Learn more at www.alaskaeducationexchange.org

