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**John Michael**  
**Missouri ACTE President**

## A Message From Our President

Happy New Year to all Career Educators! New Year – new opportunities!!! With so many changes in our national and state government, we will be in for a very interesting year. Maintaining our current level of funding from the federal government may prove to be a very difficult task. At the ACTE National Conference, many “informed sources” seem to think that this year will mark the

beginning of good times and at the same time tough times for education.

It appears that President Bush will make reducing the national debt one of his major projects. It has been said that this will come at the expense of all funded programs, with the exception of the military and homeland security. We will be in a constant struggle to receive federal dollars for education. Combined with the required “No Child Left Behind” mandates and state and local funding constraints, we could experience very limited budgets for career education. Hopefully, the economy will continue recovering and there will be growth in our moneys received. Let’s hope for the best!

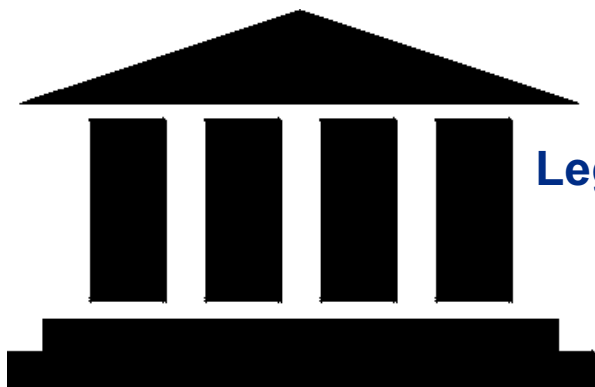
On another topic, your state association, Missouri Association for Career & Technical Education, is on a solid financial footing. Your leadership works hard to accomplish as much as possible in support of your efforts to provide quality education to Missouri students, with a limited budget and exercising conservative fiscal management.

Our national organization is recovering from some past financial difficulties and should regain a stable revenue flood this year. Again, this was done with minimum inconvenience to membership.

Now our challenges for this year ... We will all be expected to conduct our schools with a higher degree of accountability. Assessments will not decrease and reporting will increase. We will be asked to be able to measure and report what our students are learning and how this is improving their lives, the growth of our labor force and the value added to our communities and state. Parents and other local “investors” in our communities will support us in our efforts to grow and increase our offerings to students if we can show them, in measurable terms, what we are doing. We should not be afraid of this challenge. There are many wonderful stories that can be counted and told about the quality of education our students are receiving. We cannot be hesitant to bring the numbers and the names that show the success our programs are providing. I have always wanted to keep a “face” on the education provided. Many times, a face is not enough. We have to show numbers and measurable results to receive proper reorganization for our efforts. Don’t be afraid to talk about the barriers involved in training all students, but finish with what you have done and will do each year. Be positive and show what you are made of!!

My father used to read a poem entitled “The Touch of the Master’s Hand” which told of the value added by having the right person playing a violin. Bringing the best out of our students will take a touch from your hands. I wish you success and will always support your efforts at providing educational opportunities to all students.

John Michael  
Missouri ACTE President



## 2005 Missouri Legislative Session Update

Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp  
Governmental Consultants

The first two weeks of the 2005 legislative session have been dominated by ceremony. Nearly 50 new legislators have taken the oath of office who join approximately 100 others who were re-elected for the first time.

For the first time in over 80 years a Republican Governor will work with a Republican led legislature. The November elections delivered stronger majorities for the Republicans in the House and Senate. Republican leadership carries with them into this session a sense of directive or mandate for change as a result.

State government will not be business as usual in 2005. Many changes have already been made in state departments. Changes in Commission operated departments such as DESE and Higher Education will come more slowly.

The House of Representatives has adopted a new set of procedure rules that is patterned after federal congressional rules. House floor debate will be controlled by the Speaker, Majority Floor Leader, and a new Rules Committee that will review and approve all bills and amendments before being brought before the entire chamber. House members have experienced interviews by a peer committee to be eligible for committee chair positions. The Senate will be debating whether or not to part with tradition and allow laptop computers on the Senate Floor.

The Governor's State of the State Address, set for evening delivery, will emphasize an agenda with top priorities being tort reform, revamping the school foundation formula and worker's compensation reform. The redrafting of the school foundation formula will be the most difficult to achieve.

The Career and Technical Education community needs to be on point to communicate to their legislators the importance of preserving the "categorical" for career education – now listed as vocational education in the statutory provisions of the school foundation formula.

The Appropriations process will again be a challenge since the growth in revenue lays behind the increases projected to meet the needs of mandatory funding items. State Government "living within its means" will require reductions in several areas especially if the promise to maintain funding for education is kept.

In order for legislators to be successful in a rewrite of the school foundation formula, more funding will be needed. In a "no new tax" environment, this means shifting general revenue dollars from other areas of state government or find other marginal ways to enhance revenue. As always lobbyists Gamble & Schlemeier will be closely monitoring every aspect of this legislative session and advocating for career education until adjournment on May 13, 2005.

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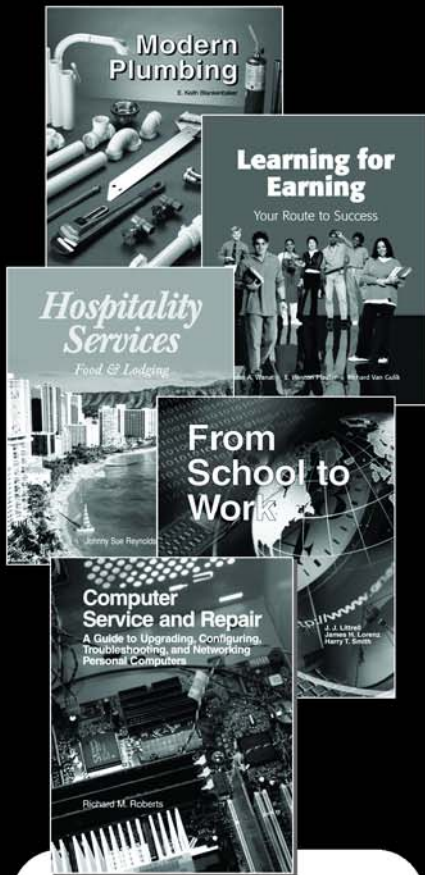


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## Legislative Committee Report

By Sharon G. Kosek, Chairperson  
Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee



### GPO and WEP Retirement Issues

We must continue our efforts to gain the attention of our national leaders regarding the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which eliminates or reduces the spousal benefit by two-thirds the value of an educator's retirement benefit and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which reduces, but does not eliminate, a portion of an individual's Social Security earned from other work outside of his/her teaching employment. Career educators are greatly affected by these provisions. Please go to [mo-acte.org](http://mo-acte.org) to download and personalize letters regarding these two issues and fax these letters to your member of Congress and your two Senators' local offices in your area on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

Please follow up each of your faxes with a phone call to that office to make sure that the information was received and is understood. Information regarding the fax numbers or other information is available at the [www.mo-acte.org](http://www.mo-acte.org) web site.

It is becoming more difficult to find well-trained career education teachers to go into the classroom when they find out that they will be losing some of the Social Security benefits.

### Teacher Certification

The Legislative Committee supports the idea that the nine (9) hours of college credit that is being recommended for completion in one year by new teachers toward their certification, should be extended to over two years. The Legislative Committee recommends that three (3) college hours be granted to successful participants in the New Teacher Institute. New Career Educators

have much to contend with, including a loss of income and no paycheck until the end of September.

Missouri ACTE members are also highly encouraged to attend the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference where college credit can also be earned for the excellent training received.

### Missouri ACTE Legislative Day

We have a number of new faces in the Missouri House and Senate this year. It is my hope that you will get to know your new legislator or continue to build your relationship with returning members. For the first time in decades, our Governor, our Missouri House, and our Missouri Senate are in the hands of a Republican majority.

Missouri ACTE Legislative Day will be Wednesday, February 2; and this year we will welcome Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) officers among our ranks. They will be joining us on Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. at the Governor Building to hear our Missouri ACTE governmental relations leaders, Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp, brief us on those issues which will be our talking points on "the Hill."

Each student will be in professional CTSO dress and will join us in carrying the message about the importance of Career and Technical Education. Local, district, and state student organizations including DECA, SkillsUSA, FFA, FBLA and PBL, and FCCLA are expected to attend. By involving students, it is hoped that this will help them to become more legislatively involved. Please email Donna Vossen, our Missouri ACTE Executive Director, at [donna@mo-acte.org](mailto:donna@mo-acte.org) if you plan to attend so that we will have plenty of packets available to distribute.

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# Legislative Committee

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## ACTE National Policy Seminar

Our annual ACTE National Policy Seminar will be held March 6-8, 2005, in Washington, D.C. Your participation is very valuable and demonstrates to our members of Congress and our two Senators that Career and Technical Education is of critical importance to the continued future economic success of our country. Our Missouri delegation meets together, prior to our "Hill" visits, so that we can plan to visit as many offices as possible and be sure that all the key points are discussed.

Sharing your views with policymakers **does** make a difference. Having attended the National Policy Seminar for approximately the last fifteen years, I can say these trips have been some of the most rewarding and beneficial experiences of my professional career. Funds used to send a few of our Missouri ACTE leaders to Washington, DC, are funds very well spent. If you plan to attend, be sure to take advantage of the advance registration savings by paying by February 18.

## Invite a Federal or State Legislator for a School Tour

One of the most valuable and successful ways to strengthen a positive understanding of Career Education with your legislators is to invite them for a tour of your school. With the many new legislators recently elected, now is the time to let them see the positive effect for their community that Career Education offers. Many state legislators are available on Friday afternoons, as they have returned for the weekend.

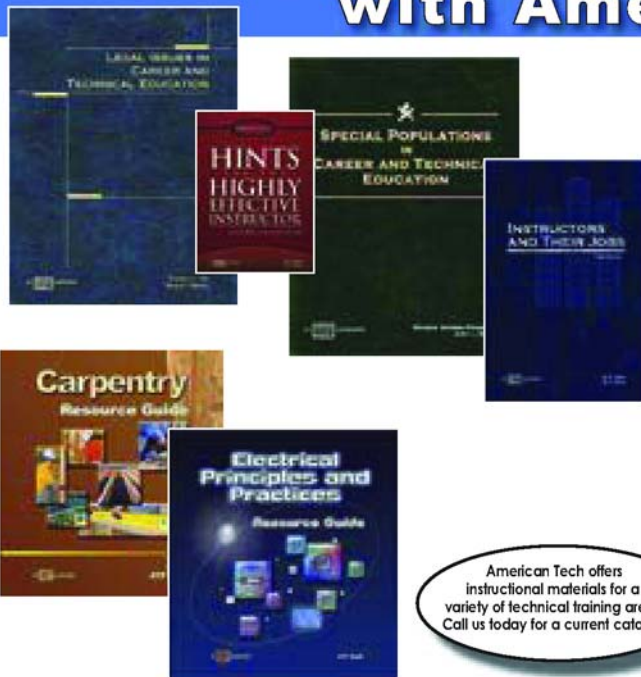
After a local State Representative toured our Hillyard Technical Center facility recently, his opinion and positive understanding about the value of Career and Technical Education changed greatly. Tours do make a positive difference.

## PAC Funds Drive

During the opening session at the 2005 Summer Conference for Missouri ACTE in Springfield, Missouri, you can become \$100 richer by making a donation for a ticket for funds to go the Missouri ACTE PAC Fund. Legislative Committee members will be taking \$1 donations outside the door of the opening session, as well as walking up and down the aisles to take as many donations as possible. The winning ticket holder will need to be present to win. Rusty Black and Gary Duncan are chairpersons of the event. In addition, Individuals making a \$50 contribution to the PAC Fund will have their name written on a standing board outside the Opening Session area. Missouri ACTE members did a great job and met the goal of funds needed to be raised during the 2004 Summer Conference. Help us raise needed funds again. PAC funds are important to aid in getting support for our organization. PAC fund collections will also continue to be taken in the division meetings.

Donna Vossen, Bill Gamble, Sarah Topp, and the rest of the staff continue to do a truly outstanding job for Missouri ACTE.

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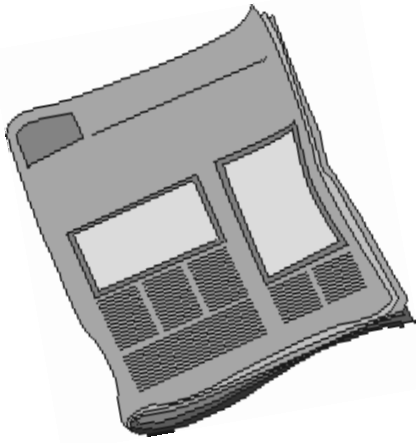
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# Region III Report: *The Good News and The Bad News*

*By Mark Sponaugle, Region III Representative*



A delegation from Missouri ACTE attended the Annual ACTE Convention in Las Vegas. The weather was a bit “frigid” the first day of the convention and I am not sure if it was the weather, the reorganization talk, or a little bit of both. Weather aside, I have good news and bad news to report.

Let’s start with the good news – actually it is great news! Overall, Missouri had two individuals who won Region III awards making them eligible for the national competition. I am pleased to announce that the 2005 ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service award winner is Sharon Kosek, Hillyard Technical Center. It is an award Sharon richly deserves.

The Region III winner for Outstanding Career and Technical Educator was Dr. Nancy Zeliff, Northwest Missouri State University. I cannot begin to tell you what a thrill it was to see Nancy and Sharon up there on the big stage at the convention receiving the recognition they both deserve. For more information on our award recipients, please look on page 6 of this issue of the *Reporter*. Congratulations Sharon and Nancy – jobs well done!

Missouri’s winning streak didn’t stop there! The University of Missouri - Rolla (UMR) won the ACTE Award of Merit. UMR’s strong relationship with the Rolla Technical Institute is a partnership worthy of this fine distinction. Keep up the great work!!

Last year at the convention, it was reported that ACTE was in a major financial crisis. The Board of Directors decided to assess every member \$30.00 – I am sure every one remembers.

ACTE announced this year that almost \$350,000 was raised by the assessment fees. The money helped ACTE end their year in the black and that is good news indeed.

It is now time for not necessarily the “bad” news, just the “tiresome” news – you know same old song 33rd verse – ACTE reorganization. It is not often that an individual or a group of individuals realize they are at a pivotal point in history. Many times an event happens that “changes the world” and the ramifications of those decisions made at that moment are not known and/or felt until a much later date.

Heading into the ACTE convention in Las Vegas this year, I felt we were in that moment. I knew whatever the outcome was of the Assembly of Delegates session, the face of ACTE, as we know it now, could and would change forever. I knew if the motion for the planned reorganization was voted in by the Assembly of Delegates, the plan would be phased in over the next three years. Since I felt the classroom teacher was being left out of the process, ACTE would change into an organization no longer recognized by its founding fathers.

If the reorganization did not pass, as presented, the possible division among the members caused by this “hot topic” could have affected the membership of ACTE for years to come. I felt the reorganization plan had become a “no win” situation for every one. When the final vote was taken the voice of the people was heard! Delegates from Arizona moved and seconded a motion to refer the reorganization plan to a committee made up of appointees from each of the regions, a Board Member, and the Chairman of the Task Force. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

The Assembly of Delegates meeting was a great showcase for parliamentary procedure and the use of “Robert’s Rules of Order.” One of my main concerns that was to be discussed by the Assembly of Delegates was the issue of the ACTE Board of Directors setting the dues for the membership. This one policy change would make ACTE a Board-driven organization, instead of one that is member-driven. The dues structure may have only been one item, out of a list of many, but it was an issue that would have taken some of member and/or stockholder ACTE rights away, reducing individual importance as members in the overall professional teacher’s organization.

The future is uncertain at this point. The reorganization plan for ACTE has not gone away. I might add here that not all parts of the plan were bad; there were some good things – issues that could make ACTE stronger. However, you don’t vote in the good and hope the bad straightens itself out. At this point, everything has been put on hold until the new committee is appointed. The committee has until next year’s convention to reassess the reorganization. Bryan Albrecht, Region III Vice President, has asked for nominations from within the region. Missouri ACTE is working very hard to make sure the largest state in the region is represented on the new committee.

Happy New Year! As always it is a pleasure to represent Missouri at the regional level. I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please feel free to contact me (417-359-7026 or at [sponauglem@carthage.k12.mo.us](mailto:sponauglem@carthage.k12.mo.us)) if you have any questions or concerns.



# Missouri ACTE Members Are Big Winners In Vegas!!

It seemed like every time you turned around at the ACTE Annual Convention held in Las Vegas this last December, there was another recognition of the fine work our members are doing "out in the field" and within our association!

At the ACTE Regional Awards Luncheon, Missouri ACTE received the Quality Association Gold Award in recognition of the accomplishments of all our members who have served as members or officers on committees, been elected as officers, and/or signed up a new Missouri ACTE member. Congratulations to all our members!

Missouri ACTE also has some individual members who were recognized nationally for what Missouri ACTE has known for years ... they're great!



← Nancy Zeliff's gift for "teaching teachers how to teach" and directly shaping the future of education was resoundingly endorsed as she was named the 2004 Region III Career and Technical Educator of the Year. Congratulations, Nancy, on all your remarkable achievements! (See page 11 of the Summer, 2004 issue of the *Reporter* for more details)

Sharon Kosek, winner of both the → Region III and ACTE 2004 Outstanding Teacher in Community Service, richly deserves these honors. Her contributions to her community are enormous and will be felt for many years to come. For a taste of some of her accomplishments, see the Summer, 2004 issue of the Missouri ACTE *Reporter*, page 13. Congratulations, Sharon!



↑ *The Missouri delegation who attended the ACTE Regional Awards luncheon in Las Vegas where Missouri ACTE received the Quality Association Gold Award.*



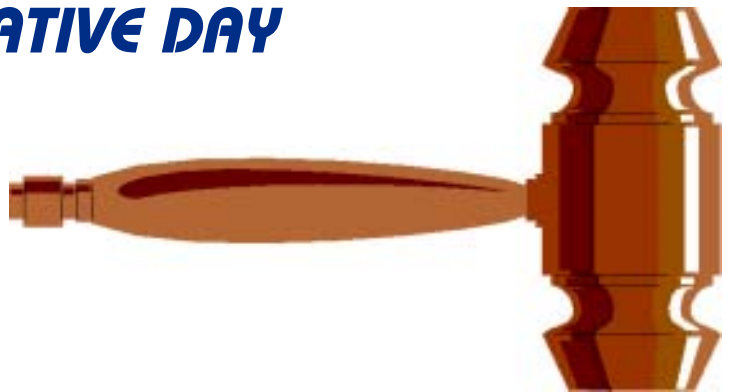
The University of Missouri - Rolla (UMR) received the 2004 ACTE Award of Merit for its superb job of partnering with the Rolla Technical Institute (RTI) to provide students with even more hands-on opportunities to enhance their education. Both students and faculty are rewarded by this partnership. We congratulate the University of Missouri - Rolla for "doing it right!" [For more information on the UMR/RTI partnership, see the Summer, 2004 issue of the *Reporter*, page 14.]

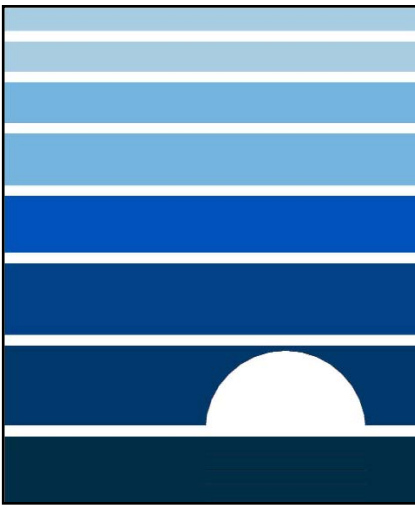
## MISSOURI ACTE LEGISLATIVE DAY

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9:00 a.m. – Networking with Legislators





# For A Bright Future

There was little doubt at Clayton High School that Jason Brightfield had a bright future ahead of him. According to one of his former teachers, Marci Boland, the 2000 graduate was very ambitious and highly involved in several of the school's leadership activities.

As his four-year term at the University of Missouri began to wind down this past spring, Brightfield was all set to relocate to Washington, D.C., where he planned to work in public relations or advertising after one last stint volunteering at a summer camp.

Those plans fell to the wayside when Brightfield, who'd been experiencing minor headaches throughout his last semester at Mizzou, had what he believed to be a migraine one day during finals week in May. A CT scan proved it actually was a brain tumor.

Since graduation was that weekend, Brightfield went ahead and wrapped up school before returning home for surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

"There is no good timing for something like that, but if it were to happen, this was good timing because I'd just finished up school," Brightfield said. "I could never imagine doing this while I was in school, and I'm lucky that I hadn't already moved away."

While the surgery was successful, it was discovered the tumor was malignant. As a result, Brightfield did six weeks of radiation therapy and remains in remission today. The 22-year-old has made good use of his time at home with an internship at the Ladue News, and he recently started working at Adamson Advertising.

In the meantime, he had rekindled his friendship with Boland, who estimated she had been close to Brightfield since his freshman year of high school.

While he was in college, the duo kept in contact sporadically through e-mail. That was until Boland heard the news about Brightfield's diagnosis. After having dinner with Brightfield and some of his friends one summer night, Boland — a sponsor for DECA, an association for students and teachers in marketing — was inspired by his recovery.

"We just kind of kept in touch, and when I came back in September I was telling my marketing students I want to do something (in honor of Brightfield)," Boland said.

Based on the popular trend of wearing Lance Armstrong's yellow "Live Strong" wristbands, which were sold to benefit cancer survivors, junior Katie Holt, 16, stepped forward with the idea of the marketing class selling its own silicone bracelets to benefit local patients.

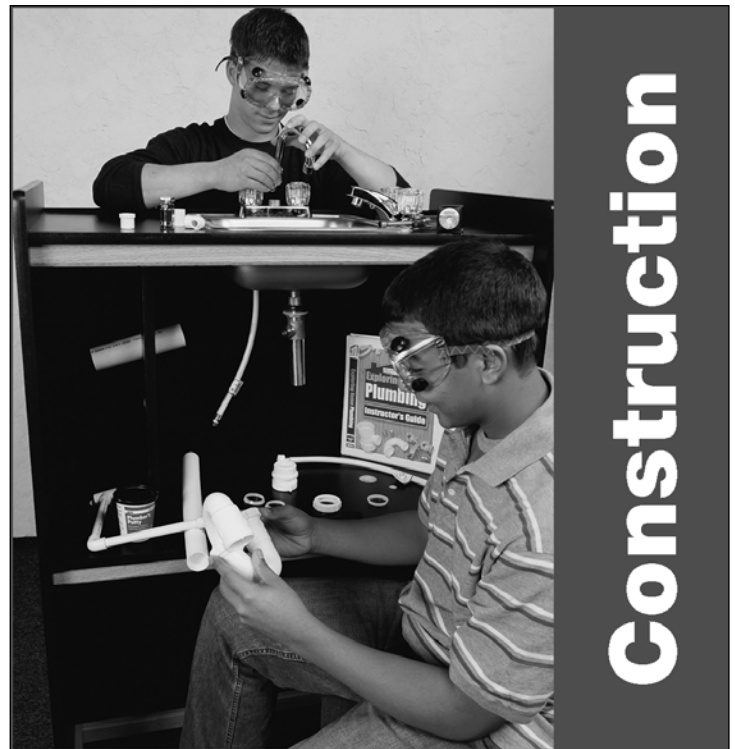
Since she'd initially planned on using her idea to fund junior events such as prom, she already had done the research and knew where to get the bracelets made. Sacrificing her plans for a fund-raiser in Brightfield's honor was not a difficult choice, said Holt, who plans to study marketing upon graduating from CHS.

"I had decided that working with Jason and raising money for brain cancer was a little more important and exciting than to just raise money for our class," she said.

Still, Brightfield was reluctant to do the fund-raiser at first, because he didn't want the attention. He later loosened up when Boland said the money didn't have to go back to him. Instead, he could pick where he wanted the money to go. Brightfield then did his research on various organizations for consideration, but ultimately opted to donate back to the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation.

"That's where I was treated and I know it's a great hospital," he said. "It's like I'm giving back to something local and someone I actually received help from as opposed to some organization out there." As the marketing class fully embraced the project, Brightfield remained apprehensive. Nevertheless, he's worked closely with the class and it wouldn't be long before his mind was changed.

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## Bright *(Continued from page 6)*

"At first I was like, 'I don't know,'" he said. "I mean, everybody's doing these bracelets and it would take months for them to make the bracelets and get it to us. I figured this whole trend would be over by the time we got these out."

Fortunately, that was not the case. According to Boland, in the short time the class has been selling the blue wristbands (featuring the phrase "For a Bright Future"), the students have only about 1,000 left of the initial batch of 3,000. She added they hope to sell out and order more.

"As long as there's a demand, we'll keep selling them," she said.

Meanwhile, Brightfield's future hasn't dimmed. He finishes up chemotherapy in February and plans to move to Washington, D.C., this fall.

### How to buy bracelets:

To purchase "For a Bright Future" bracelets, go online at [www.chs.clayton.k12.mo.us](http://www.chs.clayton.k12.mo.us). A link on the home page leads to an introduction letter and order form. Order forms should be mailed to 1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105.

Order forms and a drop box also are at the front desk of the Center of Clayton and bracelets may be purchased in the main office at Clayton High School.

The blue silicon bracelets (featuring the phrase "For a Bright Future") are \$2 each, with all proceeds benefiting the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation. For more information, call (314) 854-6637.



↑ Working together to raise funds for the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation are, from left, Bennett Sweet, Becky Bollinger, Jason Brightfield, Katie Holt and Marci Boland. Bracelets may be purchased through the Clayton School District. [www.chs.clayton.k12.mo.us](http://www.chs.clayton.k12.mo.us)



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# It's "Off To Norway" for Northwest State University Student Senate President Chase Cornett



Northwest Missouri State University Student Senate President Chase Cornett, son of Ronnie and Pam Cornett of Pattonsburg, is one of only six college students from the United

States who will attend this year's International Student Festival in Trondheim, Norway (ISFiT).

With 450 participants from 110 nations, ISFiT is the largest event of its kind in the world.

This year's festival takes place Feb. 11-20, though Cornett is leaving Jan. 29 in order to participate in a special 10-day "dialog session" with two other Americans and a team of Iranian students. The group will discuss ongoing conflicts between the two nations and possible avenues toward easing tensions.

Cornett was chosen to take part in the session on the strength of an ISFiT application letter in which he discussed U.S.-Iran relations. The letter had its roots in a research project undertaken for an international relations class taught by Dr. Brian Hesse, assistant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science.

Because he is a session participant and because he will act as a facilitator during the festival when his group presents its findings, ISFiT is paying all of Cornett's transportation costs plus and room and board.

Given the widespread unpopularity of American foreign policy across much of Europe, and especially among European students, Cornett said he expects the dialog discussions to be lively. But, he added, That's the point.

"Everyone has a different perspective. I want to present my views, but I also realize there are a variety of opinions out there. The key is to be open minded. As soon as you close your mind, that's when you stop learning and understanding."

In the days leading up to the festival, Cornett will stay with his dialog group in a rented cabin. Then he'll move in with a host family in Trondheim, which is home to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and has a student population of more than 25,000.

The theme of this year's ISFiT is "Education. Why?" Organizers say they want to use the event as a platform from which to promote and debate new educational perspectives.

Cornett, who hopes to go on to law school and specialize in international relations, said that, for him, the festival is an "incredible opportunity" to experience a variety of cultures and viewpoints.

"This trip is going to be a life-changing experience," he said. "It is rare that a student from rural Missouri has the opportunity to interact with other students from 120 countries for such a lengthy time."

Of the five other Americans attending ISFiT, Cornett said, he believed all were from large, private institutions, including Rice University in Houston and Cornell University in New York.

Though he's going to be out of the country for a month, Cornett doesn't get to leave his Northwest studies behind. While in Norway, he said, he will continue doing reading and coursework in public policy and modern western political thought. He'll also be working on an independent study project based on his time overseas. In addition, he plans to maintain a Web site where he'll post pictures and stories about his ISFiT experience.

But in between keeping up with the books, helping present his dialog group's findings and taking part in numerous conferences and meetings, Cornett said he still plans to carve out time for skiing, winter fishing, watching the northern lights and checking out the local music scene.

He might even spend a few moments reflecting on the place where all journeys lead – the future.

"I have always had an interest in politics and especially in international relations," he said. "This conference is a supreme opportunity for me to expand my knowledge and interests. I really believe this may lead to other opportunities in my education and career."

Cornett, who plans to graduate in December 2005, is a senior political science major. In addition to presiding over the Student Senate, he is a member of Phi Delta Theta, Cardinal Key Honor Society and the Mock Trial Team. He also serves as a student ambassador.

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**Editor's Note:** *Chase Cornett is another great success story for career and technical education. He is a former Missouri FCCLA State and National Officer. Congratulations, Chase!*

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### Northland Career Center Dave Sharp



**Dave Sharp**

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Africa. Dave's visit to Lagos, Nigeria was cut short because he learned on landing that Nigeria's President had just been assassinated. The airport was in chaos and a plane was on fire on the landing strip. Dave said that was as scared as he had ever been.

Dave then worked for a ski resort in Colorado and Snow Creek Ski Resort in Weston, north of Kansas City. In 2001, Dave formed his own Limited Liability Company (LLC) and began residential remodeling. His company also became involved in commercial remodeling. Presently, Dave has made investments in heavy equipment and is involved in commercial endeavors.

Dave didn't like school and had accumulated a record of not attending his high school. He was admitted to the Vocational Preparation program as a sophomore to explore all the programs at the Career Center and choose a program that was right for him. Dave said that if it wasn't for his instructors and staff at the Northland Career Center he would have dropped out of school.

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## SkillsUSA Promotes Soft Skills for Student Success

In 2000, Matt Riddle graduated from the welding program at the Northland Career Center (NCC). He began a promising career as a union millwright with K.C.I. Incorporated. His plans were soon to change. After a lay-off and several months of odd jobs, a friend of Matt's suggested a job with D.J. Orthopedic. Without a steady job, Matt was willing to explore the sales position as an option. He was offered the job and attributes his success to SkillsUSA. "I wouldn't have been offered this job if I hadn't been involved in the Prepared Speech competition with SkillsUSA. I took second in the state. The practice and support by the NCC staff helped me gain my confidence and presentation ability."

Matt also said that the "work ethic" was one of the most valuable lessons he learned. "Mr. Boyer worked us hard and expected a lot. He expected us to be in school every day and on time. He also expected quality work."

Mr. Boyer was Matt's welding instructor and one of the SkillsUSA sponsors. He encouraged Matt to compete.

In his new job, Matt said that he has benefited for the experience in the welding program at NCC. He also said about his experience in the workplace, "Soft skills are the way to success." Coincidentally, that was the title of his prepared speech.



**Matt Riddle**

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| T&OE 4000 Skills USA-VICA (Pre-Registration- Enroll thru Dept. of C&TE)<br>(Multiple Sessions @ National Conference) (CNO: Summer 2006)<br>Dates and Locations TBD   |                          | (UG/GR) | 3.0 s.h.       |
| T&OE 5120 Preparation of Instruction Materials (Enroll thru Graduate School)<br>Weekend College Format (4 Total Sessions) (CNO: Summer 2006)<br>(June 10-11- Fri. 6-9 & Sat. 8-4) Central Missouri State University @ Warrensburg, MO<br>(June 24-25- Fri. 6-9 & Sat. 8-4) Central Missouri State University @ Warrensburg, MO<br>(July 15-16- Fri. 6-9 & Sat. 8-4) Central Missouri State University @ Warrensburg, MO<br>(July 29-30- Fri. 6-9 & Sat. 8-4) Central Missouri State University @ Warrensburg, MO |                          | (GR)    | 3.0 s.h.       |
| T&OE 6120 Current Issues in Technology & Occupational Education (Enroll thru Graduate School)<br>Regular Campus Class (Second 6-Week Session) (MTWR- 11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.) (CNO: Summer 2006)  |                          |         |                |
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| T&OE 5150 Intro. To Career Education Administration (Pre-Registration- Enroll thru Dept. of C&TE)<br>Weekend College Format (4 Total Sessions) (CNO: Summer/Fall 2006)<br>Dates and location TBD | (GR) | 3.0 s.h. |
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# Helping Hands

Fort Osage Career and Technology Center students from all of the student organizations displayed their efforts to help those in need during the holiday season. These student organizations collected money, clothing, canned goods, and provided presents for families in need. This is the second year in a row where the CTC student organizations went “all out” to help those less fortunate.

## Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA)

Twenty-six HOSA students chose to adopt a family for Christmas. The students were excited about being able to share with others in such a practical way, while learning about the service opportunities in health care. They were able to collect 40 presents including clothing, toys, and personal items. To add to the Christmas cheer, the students also gave their family food items and two small-decorated Christmas trees. In addition to this family, HOSA students were able to collect 50 bags of coats, scarves, and gloves for Project Warmth.

## SkillsUSA

The SkillsUSA, along with HOSA, collected blankets, gloves, coats, hats, shoes, etc. to help needy families stay warm during the winter season. The program, which was named Project Warmth, was a huge success as students collected over 50 large bags of warm items to distribute. The bags were delivered to the Church of the Nazarene.



**↑ Fort Osage Career and Technical Center student organizations really made a difference this holiday season with their helping hands!**

## Future Farmers of America (FFA)

In order to help spread the holiday cheer, the FFA adopted two families and donated 30 student-grown poinsettias to The Fountains and Regency Manor Retirement Homes.

## DECA

DECA Angels are made up of Marketing Students. The purpose of DECA Angels is to help children who live in the Fort Osage District. To do this, students came up with the idea of a DECA Angel Tree. Angels were placed on a classroom tree and each Angel represented a child. We adopted four families, 14 children in all. Students picked Angels from the tree and donated corresponding gifts. The students donated over 50 presents. Students also collected \$240 for the families. Donations were made from students, and staff members. All money collected went to the DECA Angel Fund, which supplied gifts for the children. Four turkeys were donated from the Fort Osage Church of Nazarene, four pies, and several food items were also donated from the CTC Staff.

The Independence Center DECA students set up a gift-wrapping booth at Independence Center to collect donations to purchase phone cards for our military men and women. The students collected donations from December 1, 2004-December 24, 2004. On the opening weekend, military volunteers help the students wrap gifts to show their support for Operation Up-link, which is sponsored by the VFW. The gift-wrapping provided the students an opportunity to contribute to others throughout the nation.

## Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

In order to help the community out with meals over the holidays, FBLA students, along with other members of the CTC student body, collected over 100 canned food and non-perishable items at Price Chopper (291 and 23rd Street) to donate to the Harvesters Food Collection. All items will go directly to the local Independence Food Pantry to help those in need who live in our community.

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# Hillyard Technical Center Programs Offer New Beginnings

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Many of the former Stetson employees had over 25 years of service and were loyal, dependable, and dedicated workers. When the announcement was made last spring that they would close, the employees could hardly believe it. But as doors close, new doors open.

Hillyard Technical Center's (HTC) parking lots are full and overflowing, as these displaced workers have returned to school for new training and a new beginning. Two long-time programs were duplicated at Hillyard: Medical Transcription and Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning. One of the opportunities that HTC offers is an internship with many of their programs.

Students in the Administrative Office Systems program at Hillyard, for example, are offered an opportunity to train in a teacher-approved site of their choice. Each year, instructor Sharon Kosek, has the students complete a form that helps to best place them in a business or service institution that they will enjoy.

Several companies have been excited about serving as internship training locations for students with such positive work ethics. Internship locations include the Horizon State Bank, Cameron Mutual Insurance Company, Northwest Health Services, the St. Joseph Public Library, and St. Joseph Family Medical Clinic, to name a few. One student took her hobby of volunteering at the local Genealogy Society and is using those skills at her office internship at the St. Joseph Public Library.

Hillyard Director Regenia Briggs and Assistant Director Dennis Merritt, both new to their positions this year, have seen many changes in their first months.



← *Deloris Foster has taken her volunteer experience to her office internship at the St. Joseph Public Library.*

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## Pretty In Pink



Camdenton High School DECA seniors Jessica Leck, Whitney Benakis, and Alysia LaRock hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Week at the Lake Career and Technical Center in Camdenton, January 17 – 21, 2005. The week's events

included guest speakers, a health screening fair, the selling of Breast Cancer Awareness bracelets, presentations, and exhibits with information about breast cancer and healthy living. The keynote speaker on January 19 was Pam Walters, Radiation Nurse from Lake Regional Health System, who specializes in mammography. Ms. Walters spoke about different treatments and forms of breast cancer.

The DECA members hosted the Breast Cancer Awareness Week to raise public awareness about breast cancer and to help raise money for Breast Cancer Research. The profits from donations and selling the breast cancer bracelets will go to support Breast Cancer Research. For more information, contact Nancy Krider at (573) 346-9260, Lake Career and Technical Center in Camdenton.

## ProStart – A New National Culinary Food Service Program for High School Juniors and Seniors

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) in cooperation with the Missouri Restaurant Association Educational Foundation has started the implementation of ProStart, a Culinary Food Service Program, in Missouri high schools.

The Program materials include the following for Year One and Year Two segments.

- Text Books
- Lesson Plans
- Student Activity Workbook
- Assessment Guide
- Overhead Masters
- Teacher's Tool Kit that consists of various types of classroom activities and program objectives

The Program is designed to enhance your present Foods Programs – not to replace them.

Articulation for ProStart graduates has been established with five (5) Missouri post-secondary institutions. The schools granting credit to ProStart graduates are listed below:

- College of the Ozarks – Branson

- Johnson County Community College – Overland Park, KS
- Ozark Technical College – Springfield
- St. Louis Community College Forest Park – St. Louis
- University of Missouri School of Hotel & Restaurant Management – Columbia



For validation of the Program, students take a test at the end of Year One and Year Two. The tests are graded by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and a 70% score is required to pass the exams.

The students must complete a 400-hour paid mentorship. Employers must evaluate the students sometime during the two-year period.

Upon successful completion of Year One and Year Two exams, as well as the paid mentorship, the students will receive a National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Certificate of Achievement.

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## MPA's Fall Conference Was a Huge Success!



MPA's Fall Conference was a huge success! There were approximately 50 placement professionals in attendance with a variety of informative workshop sessions and networking opportunities (see picture top left). The evening banquet provided a wonderful meal, motivational speaker, and a night of karaoke fun (see picture bottom left).

Kathy Christy, Stacie Wild, Susie Cason, and Glenda Whitney are working with Kyle Heislen and DESE on certification requirements for Placement personnel. They are also working on a mentoring program.

MPA is considering a name change to MACS (Missouri Association for Career Services). Today, some parents still hold to the expectation that schools will hand their child a job and often get angry when this doesn't happen. What they must understand is how the contemporary career center works and that it is the student's responsibility to get a job. The career center is there only to help them do a good job of it. The name change will reflect this philosophy. Members will be voting on the name change in the near future.

Plans are currently being made for a wonderful summer conference in conjunction with Missouri ACTE in Springfield this July and hope that all members and prospective members will plan to attend.



*Intellectuals solve problems. Geniuses prevent them.*

Albert Einstein

### **ProStart** (Continued from page 15)

Once a year, student teams representing various ProStart Programs will compete in a State Culinary Contest. The 2005 First Place Team will represent Missouri in the National ProStart Culinary Contest to be held in Orlando, Florida, in April 2005.

In most schools, the ProStart Program has increased enrollment in foods classes. The Program can be taught in a Family and Consumer Science kitchen or a technical school kitchen.

In June 2005, a ProStart Professional Development Training Conference will be offered in the St. Louis area. The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation also offers three levels of training each summer. They are basic, advanced, and mastery. Each session is one week long and is offered in various cities throughout the United States.

Currently there are 20 active schools offering the ProStart Program and 18 new schools starting the Program in 2005 for a total of 38 schools. Nationally there are 43 states offering the Program with 43,000 students enrolled. Some scholarships are available for ProStart graduates from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000. Students receiving the grants must attend a Hospitality or Culinary Program at a post-secondary school of their choice.

For information about the ProStart Program, contact:

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Missouri ProStart Coordinator

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# Missouri Business Education Association Update

By Laura Taylor, President

Professional development was on the agenda for approximately 175 Missouri business education teachers at the Annual Fall Conference of the Missouri Business Education Association. The conference was held at the Holiday Inn SunSpree at Lake Ozark on November 19-20. Prior to the Friday evening opening session and at the Saturday breakfast, attendees could visit with exhibitors.

The guest speaker for the Friday evening opening session was Mary Kay Slowikowski, who gave a motivational and entertaining presentation entitled "Success is 90% Attitude." She also conducted a concurrent session on leadership and the art of communication. Mary Kay is a Fortune 500 speaker and is the first female motivational speaker to appear on PBS in an Emmy-nominated special.

A variety of concurrent sessions were available to help teachers develop and enhance their curriculum. Teachers were able to learn about new and current technology by attending sessions on tablet PCs, multimedia, Dreamweaver, handheld computers, and e-instruction. Other sessions included financial illiteracy, parliamentary procedure, financial management, accounting, career clusters, keyboarding, and grade-level expectations.

The following MBEA Summer Conference Award recipients were recognized at the opening session:

- New Professional of the Year, Heath Hawkins, Waynesville Middle School
- Outstanding Secondary Business Educator of the Year, Donna Elliott, Cabool High School
- Distinguished Service Award, Barbara Wommack, Aurora High School

Also recognized were the following 2004 inductees in *Who's Who Among Business Education in Missouri*:

- Chakita Jackson, Hazelwood Central High School
- Kelly Berhorst, Canton High School
- Tammi Kronnes, Lee's Summit High School
- Laura Taylor, State Fair Community College
- Tonya Skinner, Oran High School
- Michelle Wilson, Penney High School
- Barbara Droege, Odessa High School
- Jeanne Krueger, Ozarks Technical Community College

At the ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Sharon Kosek, Business Coordinator and Administrative Office Systems instructor at Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph, received the ACTE Outstanding Career and Technical Teacher in Community Service Award. She has taught career and technical education in the St. Joseph School District for 23 years.

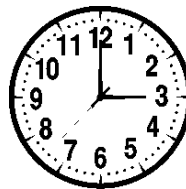
For the last five years, Sharon has served as the advisor for Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a business student organization. PBL students have worked together with the officers of SkillsUSA, and the National FFA to form a President's Council, helped raise cash and food contributions to a local food bank, prepared bulk mailings for the food bank's annual fundraiser, and sponsored an annual school-wide Community Blood Center Drive.

Sharon is active in a number of associations including ACTE, Missouri ACTE, and the National Business Education Association. She serves as the Legislative Chair for Missouri ACTE.

Nancy Zeliff, a business teacher educator at Northwest Missouri State University, will be serving this year as president of the North Central Business Education Association board. Nancy currently serves as past president of MBEA.

Business Teachers wishing to have their students participate in the MBEA Program Cover Contest must have their submissions postmarked by February 1, 2005. The covers will be judged at the MBEA spring board meeting. The winner(s) will be recognized at the opening MBEA session in Springfield. A recognition plaque and a \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the designer(s). The top ten submissions will be on display and the designer(s) and their teachers will be recognized.

The MBEA summer conference planning committee met to plan the 2005 Summer Conference. The 2005 theme will be "Business Education: Teaching to Learn and Earn."



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# MTTA Holds Fall Conference Planning Meeting

The 2004/2005 MTTA officers, cluster chairs, cluster chair elects and program planners met at Lake Ozarks on November 5 and 6 to begin plans for the 2005 Summer Conference.

Agenda items included the changes in Carousel Workshops and Technical Workshops, as well as overall conference events. In addition, a committee was formed to propose a letter of opposition concerning the current certification requirements that new teachers must meet. A copy of this letter can be obtained from the MTTA Secretary at: Dorothy R. Loges; MTTA Secretary; Phone: 417-752-3491; Email: dloges@dallasr1.k12.mo.us.

The Board also discussed concerns of the House Bill 594 making it to a vote and urge all members to write to their representatives. Any MTTA member wishing to submit suggestions for carousel and/or technical workshops should contact MTTA President Ann Fender; Monett R-1; 711 9th, Monett, MO 65708; Phone: 417-235-7022; Email: afender@swacc.monett.k12.mo.us.

MTTA presents four awards at the Summer Conference: Teacher of the Year (Less Than 5 Years); Teacher of the Year (Five Years or More); Outstanding Service Award and Lifetime

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Membership Award. Contact Sally Werner; MTTA Past President at Mineral Area College; PO Box 1000; Park Hills, MO 63601; Phone: 573 547 4143; Email: swerner@mineralarea.edu for nomination forms and criteria.

Individuals interested in running for the positions of 2005/2006 MTTA President Elect, should contact MTTA Secretary Dorothy Loges at 417-345-4716 or at dloges@dallasr1.k12.mo.us to submit their name and biographical information. Deadline is March 1, 2005.

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