



Hello Region I Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday break and are excited for 2021!

Thanks to everyone who voted in this year's ACTE elections, and congratulations to all of our newly elected ACTE board members!

We have some exciting events planned for the next couple of months that I will hope you consider attending. This year's National Policy Seminar will kick-off on **Feb. 22**, and will be held virtually this year! This is a great opportunity to advocate for CTE and participate in virtual Capitol Hill visits! Registration is now open for the exciting event!

We also hope you can join us virtually for our ACTE Region 1 Conference on **April 21–22!** Please consider presenting and sharing some of your best practices around engaging instruction, work-based learning, access and equity, prepared and effective program staff, and student assessment. The call for proposals application is open through **Feb, 7** and can be found [here](#).

We will also recognize our ACTE Region I Award Winners during the conference in our virtual awards ceremony! This is a great opportunity to celebrate some of the best CTE professionals from across our region!

I hope you're having a great start to 2021 and hope you can join us for these exciting events!

Stay safe and healthy!



ACTE has designed special Zoom meeting virtual backgrounds for each ACTE division and region. Click the image to download yours today!



ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2021 Election Results

ACTE is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for several spots on its Board of Directors. The election was open to ACTE's membership of roughly 25,000 educators, administrators and other CTE professionals. The following members were elected:

- Scott Stone, President-elect
- Shani Watkins, Region V Vice President

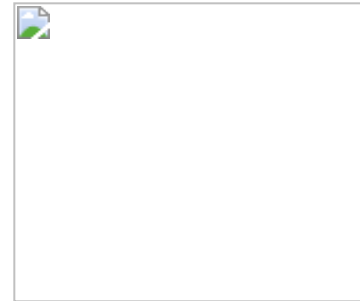
- Robert Torres, Agricultural Education Division
Vice President
- Holly Strand-Rysgaard, Health Science
Education Division Vice President
- Beth Parks, Region II Vice President-elect
- Brandon Russell, Region III Vice President-elect
- Susan Leon, New and Related Services Division
Vice President-elect

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Influence CTE Federal Policy Priorities at NPS!

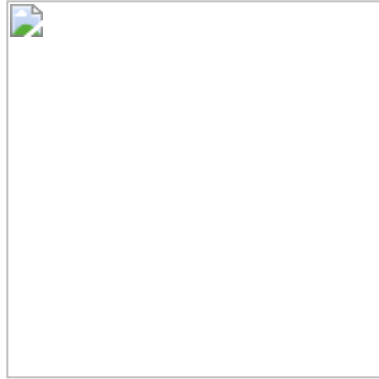
Voice your CTE needs to help shape education policy priorities under the new administration, learn about strategies for influencing federal policy related to CTE advocacy and messaging, and participate in virtual Capitol Hill and school visits. Happening the week of **Feb. 22**, in concert with your CTE Month awareness-building activities, ACTE's virtual National Policy Seminar 2021 will feature an official welcome from the new administration.

[Learn more and register](#)



Missed Virtual VISION 2020?

ACTE's CareerTech Virtual VISION 2020 featured live keynote presentations and hundreds of sessions, covering CTE innovations, timely topics and specific CTE subject-matter areas. Conference materials and

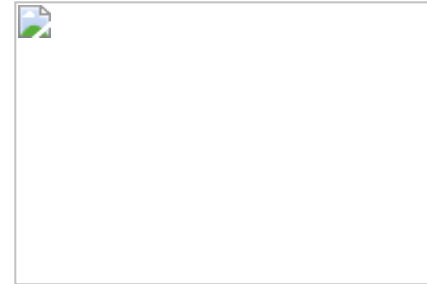


sessions are now available for 24/7 on-demand viewing at your convenience at regular attendee rates. Enjoy premier professional development via full access to all Virtual VISION sessions! [Register now](#)

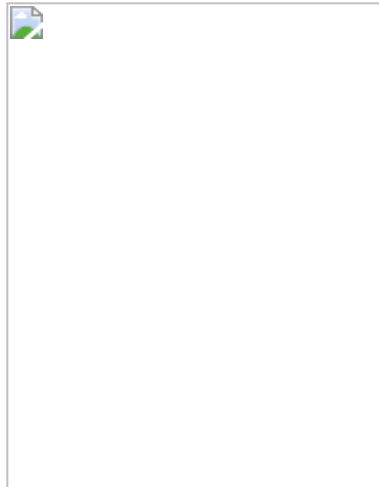
Mark your calendars for VISION 2021, a hybrid event with programming available online and on-site, **Dec. 1–4** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Call for presentation proposals will open in February.

New CTE Learning Webinar Series

Beginning this month, join us as we showcase some of the best professional learning opportunities for CTE personnel. Each free webinar is 30 minutes and will feature experts covering topics, such as professional learning communities, developing employability skills in CTE and more.



[Learn more and join us](#)



Raise Awareness for CTE

Join us in February to celebrate and spread awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy with several outreach opportunities:

- Encourage your students to participate in this year's CTE Month-NASA HUNCH student video challenge, "[Advancing Space Exploration](#)

[Through Manufacturing.](#)” The deadline to submit videos is **April 1**.

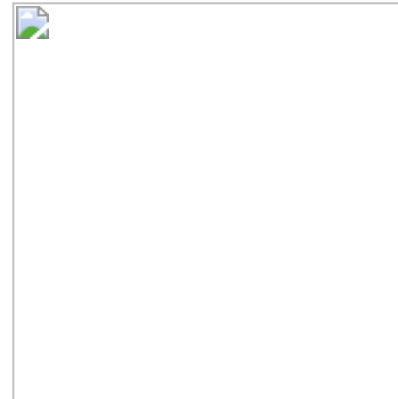
- Share our social media messages all month long or your own success stories on social media via **#CTEMonth**.
- Gear up with festive CTE Month merchandise at shopacte.com to show your support for CTE.
- [Advocate for CTE](#) — use ACTE tools to assist you in your advocacy activities, keep you informed and promote ongoing support for CTE.
- [Download the CTE Month logo](#) for use with any of your print and digital outreach.

[Learn more](#)

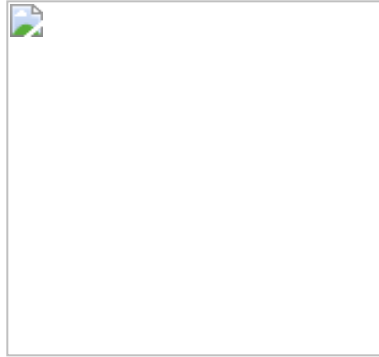
New Hybrid Work-based Learning Conference

Learn about best practices in work-based learning from across the country at ACTE’s National & Iowa’s Annual Hybrid Work-based Learning Conference, which will offer on-site and online programming. Interested in presenting? [Submit your presentation proposal](#) by **Feb. 5** for consideration.

[Learn more and register](#)

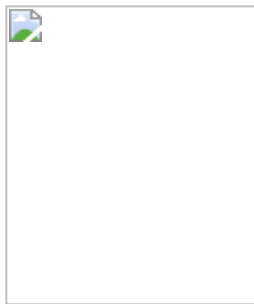


Apply for ACTE’s Achieve 100 Award



Showcase your institution's dedication and commitment to CTE! Schools and institutions that achieve 100% ACTE membership across their CTE staff and faculty will receive this distinguished award. Complete the online application by **Feb. 1** to participate and recognize your educators!

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