

Dear Region II ACTE Members,

This time last year, I sent out my first newsletter. I reread that letter a few days ago and pondered if the opening paragraph was ominous or simply a foreshadowing of this school year. It read: The start of a new school year brings many opportunities. So, full disclosure ... I admittedly saved that letter thinking that it would become a template for what I would send out every August for the next few years. I could not have been more wrong!

It goes without saying for many (if not all) of us, the start of this school year is like none that we have ever experienced. Every time I see a headline come across my phone, email or web browser such as [Shop Class, Over Zoom](#) or [CTE Courses Transforming for Online Learning](#), I click, read, and file it away for reference. While I shudder at the thought of starting this year with a gut feeling that I'll be transitioning to remote instruction again, I am inspired by the countless stories I read about how career and technical education (CTE) teachers are not missing a beat.

Please, keep it up! You inspire me to do more and do better. This newsletter will communicate some opportunities for ACTE Region II members!



## ACTE Region II 2020 Leadership Conference — Now Virtual on Oct. 2!

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## #ACTEHealthyatHome

At a time when community is more important than ever, the ACTE Region II 2020 Leadership Conference, originally scheduled for **Oct. 1-3** in South Carolina is now available as a one-day virtual conference and interactive platform. Tune in on **Friday, Oct. 2**, for live presentations, breakout sessions and interactive content covering emerging trends in delivering online CTE and digital learning. Region II educators will share how they are continuing to navigate the pandemic to meet the needs of their students, staff and communities.

[Watch the website for event updates!](#)

[Learn more](#)



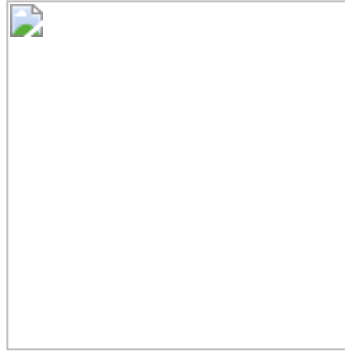
## ACTE Distance Learning Resources

To support CTE educators with the transition to socially distanced, remote and blended/hybrid learning environments, ACTE is pleased to offer many resources. Among these are on-demand professional development webinars as well as cross disciplinary and discipline specific resources.

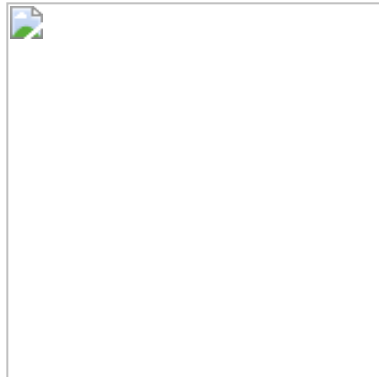
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## Region II Membership Survey

This time last year, we launched the first ever membership survey for Region II. Many who responded received additional communication based on their responses. Some of those folks are now serving on regional committees, have presented or shared information through the ACTE Educators in Action activities, or taken advantage of other opportunities. As the Region II Vice President, I use your responses to inform the Region II Policy Committee, State Executive Directors, State Presidents, and members in general about your perspectives. Further, if you provide your contact information, I use that to help connect you with opportunities. So that we can engage in comparing results from year to year, please [click this link](#) to communicate your thoughts about ACTE Region II so that we may better serve you.



### Take the survey



## ACTE Stands in Solidarity with the Black Community

In case you missed it, ACTE released the following statement:

Recent weeks have focused us on societal issues. In reflecting on this moment, ACTE stands in solidarity with the Black community. As an organization, we condemn institutional racism in all of its forms and believe in social justice and civil rights. We wish to reaffirm our existing statement:

***ACTE promotes high-quality CTE programs for diverse audiences. We continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diversity of the CTE community. We are committed to equity, access, inclusion and diversity throughout our organization.***

ACTE has [Inclusion, Access, Diversity, and Equity \(IAED\) resources](#), including backgrounds for virtual meetings, blogs and related professional development information.

Visit the [IAED website](#)

## Region II on Facebook

Our social media presence continues to expand. In our Region Facebook group, members have shared stories of adapting to teaching from a distance, and professional development opportunities have been shared. This space is also used to communicate about opportunities. If you'd like to join the private Facebook group, you'll need to [request membership](#).

You can also follow us on Twitter [@ACTERegionII](#), and be sure to tag us with exciting things from your program or state so we can retweet and spread the word ... especially as many of us engage in remote learning.

[Request membership](#)

## Fellowship Program Accepting

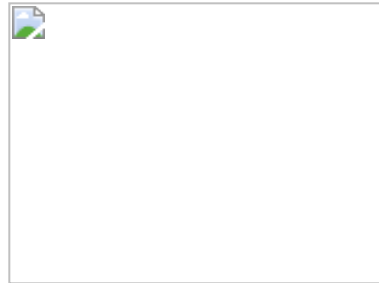


## Applications

The ACTE Fellowship program is accepting applications for the 2021 class of fellows! Please consider taking part in this opportunity for professional development, increased policy knowledge and leadership development! The Fellowship Program is a one-year commitment from January December 2021. Applications are due **Sept. 15**.



[Learn more and apply](#)



## Inclusion, Access, Equity, and Diversity Mentorship Program Accepting Applications

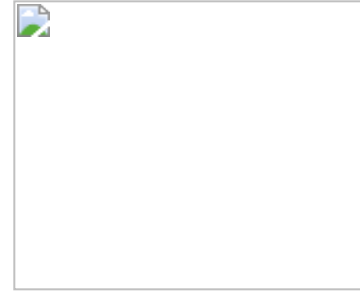
Are you passionate about inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED)? ACTE is proud to announce the IAED Mentorship Program! The goal of the IAED Mentorship Program is to provide mentors to ACTE members interested in IAED, leadership roles in ACTE and advising existing leaders in ACTE on IAED issues. We are looking for both Mentors and Mentees! If you're interested in participating in this exciting program, submit your application.

[Learn more and apply](#)

## Signature Event for CTE Administrators Going Virtual

The world is asking for change, and it is vital for your CTE programs to be optimized to reach and support a diversified student body. Happening virtually **Oct. 8–9**, the Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference will offer content-rich programming and networking to strengthen the field for CTE administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. This year's event is once again hosted by ACTE, the ACTE Administration Division and the National Council of Local Administrators.

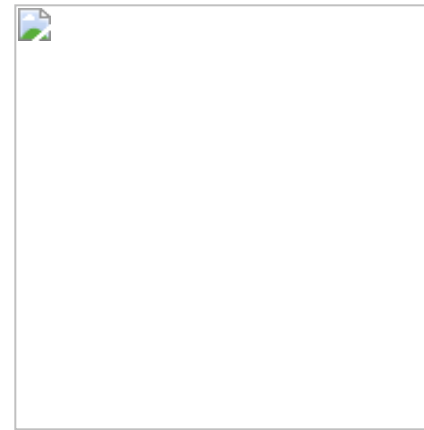
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## VISION Now Virtual — The Show Must Go On!

After thoughtful consideration, ACTE is excited to host, for the first time ever, CareerTech VISION 2020 as a fully online, virtual event, happening **Nov. 30–Dec. 4**! We at ACTE believe this is the safest approach for our attendees and look forward to offering you, from the comfort and convenience of your own home, school or office, an immersive professional development experience that addresses timely topics impacting career and technical education (CTE)!

[Learn more and register](#)





## OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE FOR ACTE

*Techniques*, ACTE's award winning magazine, is accepting proposal submissions for issues dated January, February and March 2021, on the following themes:

- *Techniques* Turns 25
- Inspiring Facilities & Innovative Equipment
- It's All Fun & Games

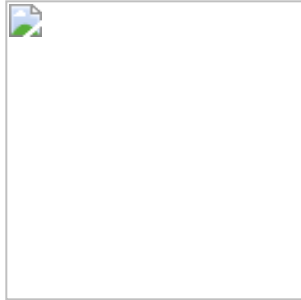
Review the [editorial calendar](#), and submit a proposal.

You could also write for PAGES, the official blog of ACTE's *Techniques* magazine. PAGES seeks to foster a community of collaboration among CTE educators. Let your voice be heard. Share [Member Connected News](#) or get an answer to CTE's



most pressing questions when you ask [Dear Linda](#). Have a better idea? Contact [Lia Milgram](#).

I look forward to reading your comments on our [membership survey](#) and engaging with you in the future. Hopefully we can interact virtually at an upcoming conference later this year. If not, perhaps we will interact on the [Region II Facebook page](#).



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