



Fellow CTE Administrators:

It has been a great pleasure serving as your division vice president for the past three years. Along the way, I have made a lot of friends and learned a great deal about the dealings and character of our country's CTE champions. As I hand over the reins into the capable hands of incoming VP Eric Ripley, our division committee members and our distinguished fellowship participants, I am very optimistic about the future direction of our organization.

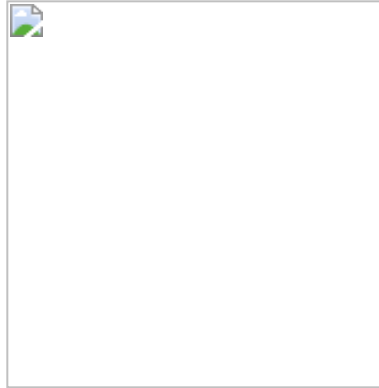
I thank you all for your support and engagement as members of the ACTE Administration Division. Your efforts have helped to enhance dialogue, professional development, networking opportunities, and CTE programming nationwide. On that note, I hope that we will all have the opportunity to cross paths at one of ACTE's premier professional development events. Information about upcoming conferences and other valuable resources can be found below. Best wishes to you all.

Respectfully,

Dr. Patrick A. Biggerstaff  
ACTE Administration Division, Vice President

Greetings ACTE Administration Division Members!

As the school year approaches the end, so does my year as VP-elect. What a marvelous experience this past year has been in learning from Patrick and being



actively engaged in policy committee, fellows and ACTE board meetings. Both the quantity and quality of leaders within the division that I have had the tremendous opportunity to interact with over the past year shows the strength of the division and has provided great support to me personally. I have always appreciated quotes, and one that has resonated with me is "the things you are passionate about are not random, they are your calling."

I have proudly spent my entire 22-year professional career within CTE, first as a middle school computer teacher, then a high school information technology teacher, and the past 12 years as the director of CTE for my school district in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Striving to be involved in the future vision and direction of CTE, I have sought out opportunities to be involved at the state, regional and national level. I am finishing up my term on the Region V Policy Committee, and have served on NCLA board of directors for several years. NCLA, along with CTEEC, are the two unified partner organizations of the ACTE Administration Division.

CTE has, and always will be my passion, and I am very honored and privileged to be moving into the VP role starting in July. The future of the Administration division is bright, with great leaders like Patrick and all of you who I know are just as passionate about CTE as I am.

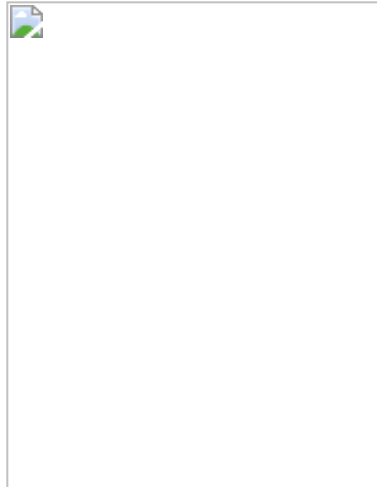
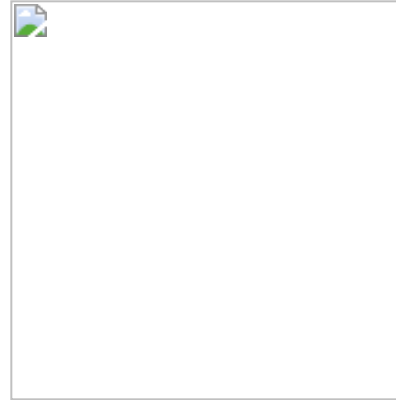
Best wishes for a successful end of your school year!

Eric Ripley  
ACTE Administration Division, VP-Elect

## Calling All CTE Administrators

Join or renew your ACTE membership and select "Administration Division" by **May 1** for a chance to win a \$250 ACTE eGift Card to be used on any ACTE professional development event or product purchase in 2021. Professional support and a prize — it's a win, win!

**Join or renew today!**



## ACTE Releases Report on CTE During and After COVID-19

While COVID-19 has led to many challenges for career and technical education (CTE), the pandemic has also created opportunities for innovation in CTE program delivery. ACTE's latest publication, *High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations*, generously sponsored by [MajorClarity](#), describes these challenges, shares examples of innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.

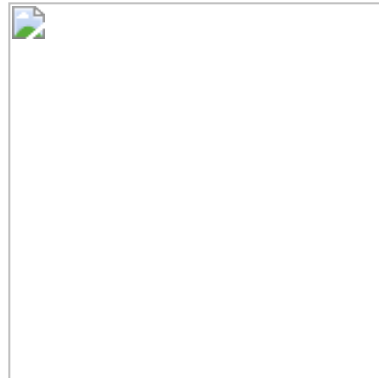
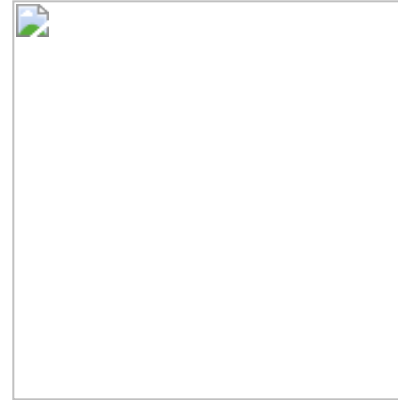
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## Signature Event for CTE

## Administrators

Save the date for The Best Practices and Innovations in Career and Technical Education Conference, hosted by the ACTE Administration Division and NCLA and happening **Sept. 29–Oct. 1** in Austin, Texas. This annual conference is specifically focused on the professional development for administrators of both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions.

[Learn more](#)



## CTE Innovation Summit – June 1, 2021

Are you ready to prepare your learners for the rapidly changing workplace with cutting-edge tools and techniques? Attend the CTE Innovation Summit taking place virtually on **Tuesday, June 1**. Presenters from the Consumer Technology Association, Microsoft, Google, Brookings Institution and a host of others will share their insights on the new innovations that will change the way you teach and how your students learn.

[Learn more and register](#)

## Important News from the President of CTEEC

Hello 2021 ACTE Members!

We are all aware of the challenges that 2020 created, but as the Career and Technical Education and Equity Council (CTEEC) president, I am excited for the future of CTEEC in 2021 and beyond. As a quick reminder, CTEEC is a national equity council and an affiliate of the Administration Division of ACTE. The purpose of this organization is advocacy, community, and networking. CTEEC aims to:



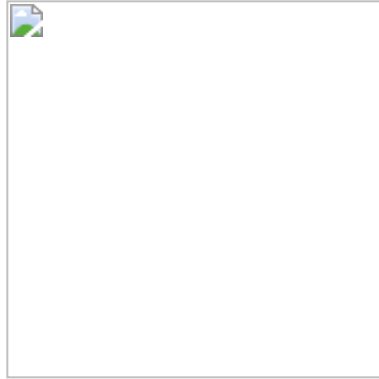
- Increase awareness and advocate for support for an equitable secondary and post-secondary Career and Technical Education system and workforce.
- Serve as a unifying Council for educators, staff, workforce development, and other professionals working with special populations defined as individuals with disabilities, economically disadvantaged families, single parents, displaced homemakers, out-of-workforce individuals, and individuals prepared for non-traditional training and employment, minorities, and individuals with other barriers to educational achievement.
- Provide an opportunity for professional affiliation and a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on equity issues.

Please feel free to visit the [CTEEC website](#) to learn more about membership and future events.

Gina McPherson  
CTEEC President

**Register**

**Early Bird Registration for Hybrid  
VISION is Open**

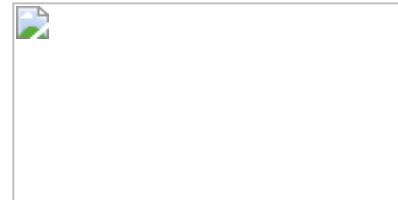


The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech Hybrid VISION happens **Dec. 1–4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana. Featuring keynote speakers Kevin Brown, author of *The Hero Effect: Being Your Best When It Matters the Most*, and Anne Grady, entrepreneur and author of *Mind Over Moment: Harness the Power of Resilience*, VISION will provide unparalleled networking and concurrent program sessions covering best practices in remote, hybrid and in-person programming.

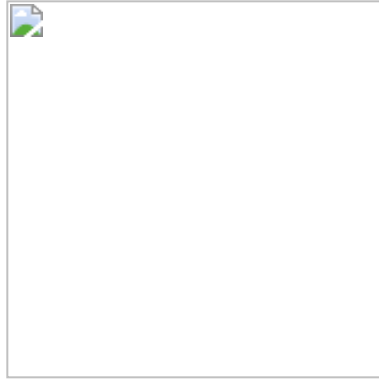
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## New CTE Learn Advocacy and Perkins Courses

ACTE is pleased to announce two new courses available via CTE Learn:



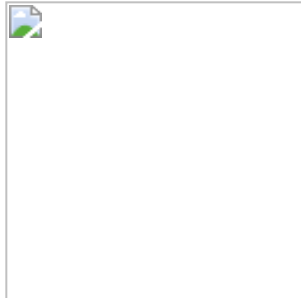
- *Spending and Managing Carl D. Perkins Grant Funds* introduces participants to the federal rules that govern the spending and management of Perkins funds. [LEARN MORE](#)
- *CTE Advocacy: Policymakers and the Press* provides education professionals with the background, skills and know-how to successfully advocate and promote their CTE programs to both the press and policymakers at the local, state and federal levels. [LEARN MORE](#)



## ACTE Impact Awards — Call for Nominations

The ACTE Impact Awards recognize groups and individuals from the education, business and industry communities who contribute to the improvement, promotion and development of CTE. Individuals or entities making a positive impact on the image of CTE are eligible recipients of these awards. The deadline to apply for these two awards, the Business-Education Partnership Award and the Champion for CTE Award, is **May 1**.

[Learn more](#)



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