



Greetings, CTE Administrators:

As we celebrate our transition into a long-awaited new year, I want to thank you for a great CareerTech VISION conference. It was wonderful to connect with so many of you through networking events, admin-focused workshops, and our keynote presentation with Principal Kafele. I continue to be inspired by the great people and the great works that are strengthening our nation's career and technical education (CTE) system.

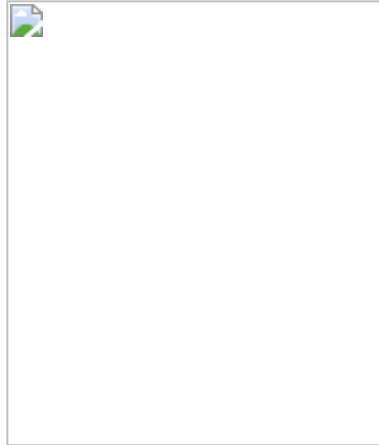
As we look forward to the times ahead, I also want to reflect on the contributions that were made by members of the ACTE Administration Division Policy Committee, VP-elect Eric Ripley, and our 2020 Fellowship participants: Julie Pack and Martin Hanley. I am grateful for the friendship of each of these leaders, and I look forward to their continued leadership in our division. If you are interested in learning more about division activities, or pursuing a leadership role within the division, please check out the resources and opportunities in this month's newsletter. Best wishes to each and every one of you.

Volunteer Reviewers Needed!

The ACTE Administration Division is seeking volunteers to review CareerTech VISION and Best Practices and Innovations in CTE session proposals. The evaluation process for both conferences takes place in mid-March. Please [click here](#) for more information or to volunteer.

Enter to Win

The first five (5) division members to [email](#) their **name**, their **mailing address**, and the **name of the Administration Division's Opening Session**



Keynote Speaker at CareerTech VISION will receive a free copy of Principal Kafele's book titled *Is My School Better BECAUSE I Lead It?*

Email me to win

What's New?

As we enter the new year, please consider sharing something new and innovative that you have tried during the pandemic. A survey form is linked [here](#), and any information submitted may be shared with ACTE Staff and/or membership. We are grateful for your participation and your contributions to the field.

Here is a brief overview of ideas that have already been submitted:

- Kim — Interview businesses on video. Upload videos to CANVAS. Students earn points by reviewing videos and answering questions.
- Amy — Equity Focus. Using virtual meetings to encourage introspection. Considering implementing regional equity consortiums.
- Martin — Opened up school internet so that students can sit in parking lots and do schoolwork (Rural MO). Locked down guest network with restrictions and firewall for student safety.
- DeAnna — Using Zoom to remain connected with stakeholders
- Doug — Utilized Career Prepped through CTE Learn as a resource for students to develop and demonstrate employability skills. Students can earn badges and create a talent portfolio online. A local certificate was created based on this experience that is endorsed by 3rd parties including local businesses.
- Julie — CTE take-home kits were created so that students have the materials necessary to develop technical skills at home. For example, a school-managed farm donated eggs, flour,

etc. so that culinary students would have materials to practice at home. Michelle also uses “CTE-in-a-Box” with sewing kits, etc.

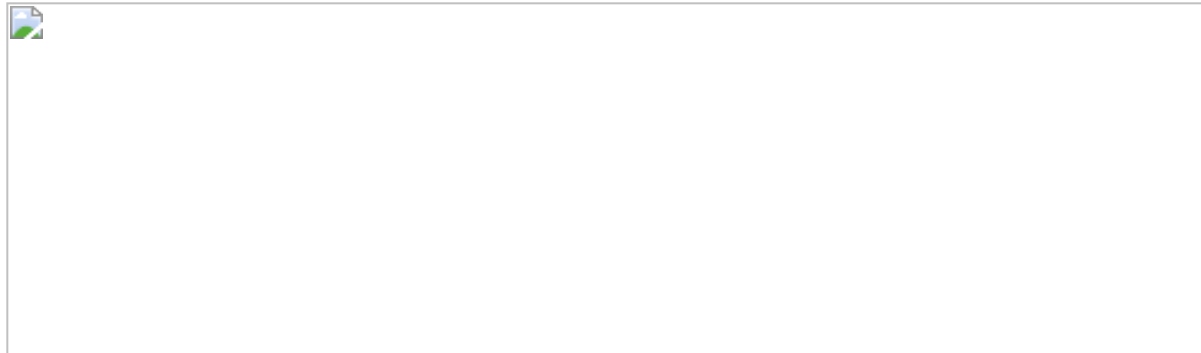
- Jewyl began holding virtual collaboration sessions so that teachers in a given content area could meet with others who teach in their content areas. Zoom was used to organize content-specific breakout rooms led by assigned teacher leaders. Jewyl remained in the “Zoom Lobby” as an available consultant.
- Dan — To help address the teacher shortage, administrators across the state of MN were given access to review teacher-in-training portfolios virtually. This has expedited the teacher certification process.



Click Image to Learn About the Strategic use of “Shoebox Labs” from Starlinda Sanders

Congratulations!

Congratulations to ACTE Administrator of the Year Jean Rakun (MN) and ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and Hall of Fame Inductee Lisa Doll (AZ)



ACTE – Iowa Work-Based Learning Conference

Call for Proposals – Feb. 5

Presentation proposals will be accepted through **Feb. 5**. You do not need to attend in person to present at the conference, but presenters do need to register for the conference. All presentations will be run though zoom for all attendees (F2F and virtual). Presentations will not be pre-recorded but shown live for a maximum of **30 minutes**. Additional time will be available for live interaction with participants. [Go here to submit a presentation proposal.](#)

ACTE – Iowa Work-Based Learning Conference

Hybrid Event (F2F and Virtual)

Thursday, April 29, & Friday, April 30

Des Moines Area Community College – FFA Enrichment Center

- Over 40 WBL topics presented live over zoom to virtual participants.
- Conference will include the ACTE WBL Policy meeting, Committee meetings, and Regional Work-Based Learning Receptions
- [2021 Schedule at a Glance](#)

Conference Registration Options

Conference registration is open through April 26. [Go here to register.](#)

ACTE Member \$250 / **Non-Member** \$300

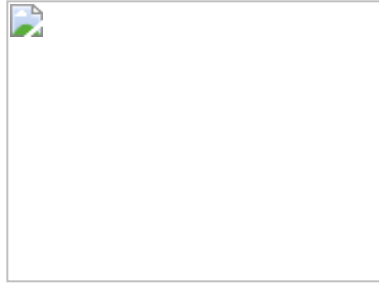
ACTE Member Speaker \$200 / **Non-Member Speaker** \$250

ACTE Member — Virtual Only \$150 / **Non-Member — Virtual Only** \$200

For more information — [2021 National Work-based Learning Conference | ACTE \(acteonline.org\)](#)



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

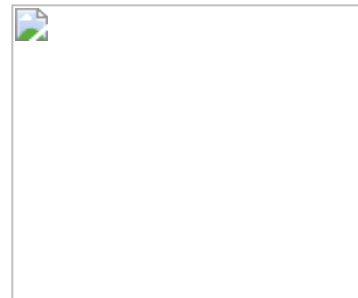
ACTE is pleased to announce the results of the recent election for several spots on its Board of Directors. The election was open to ACTE's membership of roughly 25,000 educators, administrators and other CTE professionals. The following members were elected:

- 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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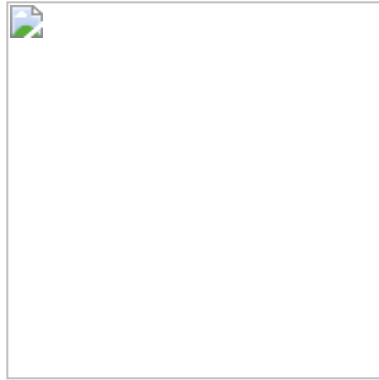
Influence CTE Federal Policy Priorities at NPS!

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](#)



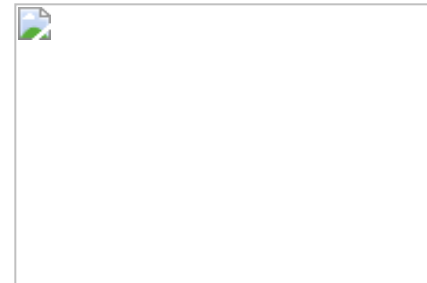
Missed Virtual VISION 2020?

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](#)

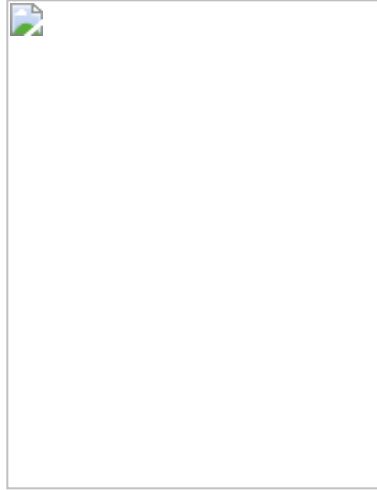
Mark your calendars for VISION 2021, a hybrid event with programming available online and on-site, **Dec. 1–4** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Call for presentation proposals will open in February.

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](#)



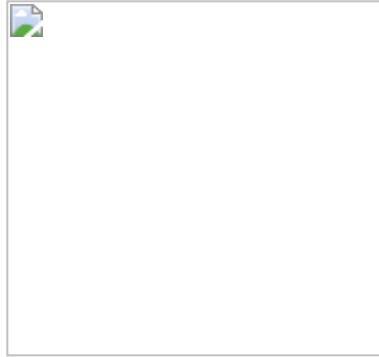
Raise Awareness for CTE

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.

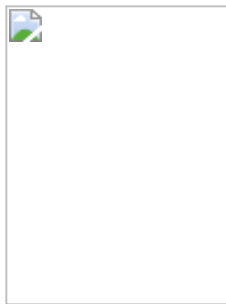
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[Apply for ACTE's Achieve 100 Award](#)



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!

[Learn more](#)



Respectfully,
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