



COUNSELING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Connecting Education and Careers

Dear Counseling and Career Development Members,

I hope you are as excited as I am to attend Virtual VISION 2020! ACTE has a wonderful program planned with a combination of live, simulative and on-demand sessions, as well as many opportunities to network with colleagues.

Counseling and Career Development members who register by **Oct. 23** will receive a special gift in the mail. With so many of us working virtually this year, be sure your conference registration form has the correct address of where you will be able to receive your special package. If you need to edit your registration mailing address, you can do so under the conference service center registration tab on the ACTE VISION website.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1:30–2:30 p.m. (EST)

Counseling and Career Development Opening Session

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2:45–3:15 p.m. (EST)

Virtual Career Counseling with VP Elect, Teresa “Gibby” Gibbons

Thursday, Dec. 3, 3:45–4:15 p.m. (EST)

Parent Mindsets: How to Understand and Leverage Parent Beliefs about College, Career, and Life Readiness with division member Hans Meeder

Thursday, December 3, 4:30–5:00 p.m. (EST) Counselors and Career Development Specialists

— Looking Through the Lens of Access and Equity with policy committee member Shelly Thome

On Friday our division will host a series of information and networking sessions in our virtual hospitality suite.

Friday, Dec. 4, 12:00–1:00 p.m. (EST)

Top 10 Virtual Career Counseling Tips

Friday, Dec. 4, 1:00–2:00 p.m. (EST)

Top 10 Reasons Your New VP is AWESOME

Friday, Dec. 4, 2:00–3:00 p.m. (EST)

Top 10 Reasons to Get Involved at the National Level with the Counseling and Career Development Division

Friday, Dec. 4, 3:00–4:00 p.m. (EST)

Top 10 Ways to Advocate for Career Development in Your School/District

Friday, Dec. 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m. (EST)

Top 10 Ways to Take Care of Yourself in a Virtual World

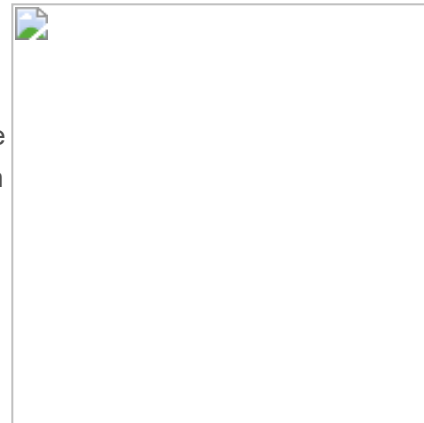
As you nestle into the fall season, I hope you are able to find some balance between the many demands of school and making time for self-care. I know I am enjoying the cooler weather on my morning trail runs.



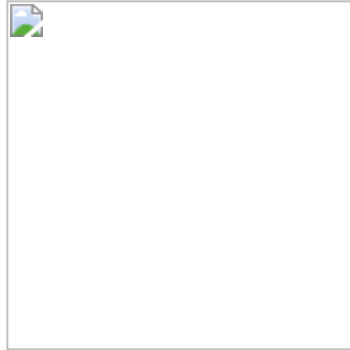
Watch as Kimberly Wilson, ACTE’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, and this year’s ACTE Excellence Award Finalists share their love of CTE! Love this video?! Watch ACTE’s social media channels — [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) — from now through **Oct. 23** and share this happy video (along with another one!) on your social media to be entered into a drawing for 10 \$15 gift cards! Bring your virtual glitz and glam to the ACTE Awards Gala at Virtual VISION, happening **Nov. 30–Dec. 4**, to help us recognize those individuals and organizations, who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Don’t forget, the member advance rate of only \$250 ends **Oct. 23!**

Engage, Gather & Learn at VISION

ACTE is excited to offer Virtual VISION 2020 on a dynamic virtual platform, bringing you [hundreds of sessions](#) in a mixture of live-streamed, simulative and on-demand formats, all of which you will be able to access post-event! Happening **Nov. 30–Dec. 4**, Virtual VISION will offer immersive and expanded programming that addresses cutting-edge CTE issues during these unprecedented times. Be sure to register by **Oct. 23** to secure the advance rate of \$250 for members.



Tune in for Virtual VISION

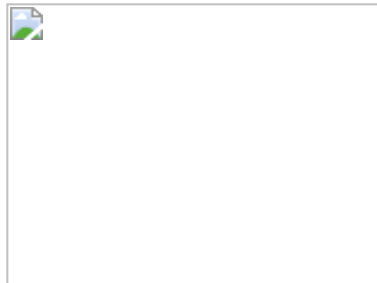


RSVP for Counseling & Career Development Business Meeting

All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings but require an RSVP in order to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs are required by **Friday, Nov. 6**. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than **Friday, Nov. 13**.

Questions? Contact [member services](#) at ACTE.

RSVP



ACTE Announces 2021 National Award Finalists

The ACTE Excellence Awards recognize those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to advance CTE programs. All ACTE Excellence Awards are presented at the ACTE Awards Gala in conjunction with Virtual VISION. [Meet our finalists](#)

SynED Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner

ACTE recently announced synED as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award winner. SynED's work in conjunction with Canyon Springs High School at Moreno Valley Unified School District in

Moreno Valley, California to help build a skilled and prepared workforce of high school students was a driving factor and example of their exemplary work that led to their award recognition. [Read more](#)

Joseph P. Dragone Named Champion for CTE Winner

ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D., senior executive officer at Capital Region BOCES in Albany, New York. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders, business and industry executives, and thought leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce. [Read more](#)

Michigan Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest

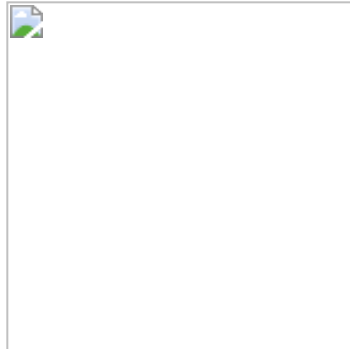
ACTE recently announced Sara Tatreau, a Kent Career Tech Center recent graduate, as the national student trophy design winner in its fifth annual student trophy design contest. In addition to having her design used to create this year's trophies, Tatreau will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and Kent Career Tech Center will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of Stratasys, Ltd. [Meet Sara Tatreau](#)

ACTE Seeking Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity Mentees

ACTE's new mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for CTE educators, seeks to

support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who are interested in serving as mentees in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Nov. 1**.

[Learn more](#)



Innovation in CTE

ACTE is looking for innovation at the forefront of CTE. The innovation definition for the purpose of ACTE's work on this project is: Something new or unique utilized at the CTE program level which improves conditions for student learning, teacher practice or other facets of the CTE experience. Please submit any innovative concepts for ACTE to develop into best practices content to [Megan Kmiotek](#).

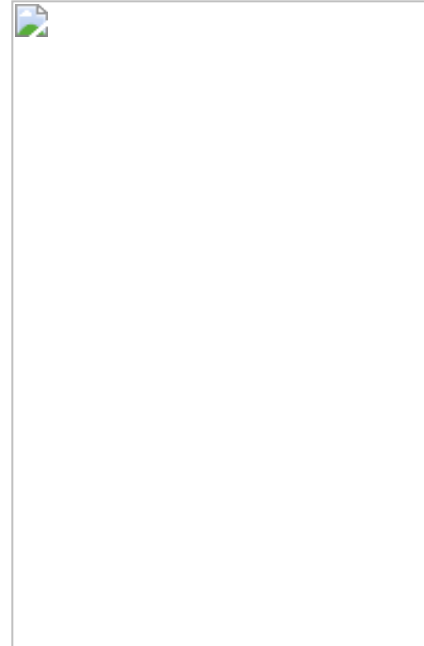
New Resource for CTSO Students

Rachael Mann, author of *The CTSO Competition Companion*, offers CTSO students specific components of winning strategies and approaches in this easy-to-read book, covering such topics as:

- How to excel in competitions and win at life
- Building skills that will open doors and opportunities
- How to prepare for unknown variables and predict worst-case scenarios

The complementary book launch webinar, featuring the author and some of the book's guest voices, can be viewed [here](#). Member price is \$19.95.

Purchase your copy



New Student Video Contest: Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing

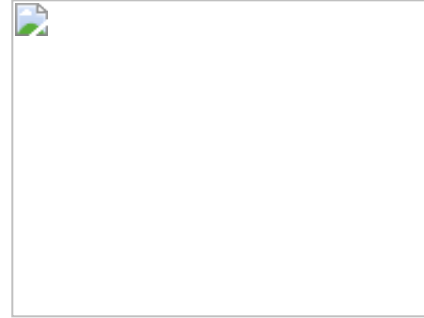
ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to once again collaborate on the 2020–21 student video challenge, showcasing CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on earth and in space. This year's theme is "Advancing Space Exploration Through Manufacturing" and encompasses multiple CTE sectors, including health care, transportation, family and consumer sciences, energy, robotics and more! The deadline to submit a video is **April 1**.

Learn more

Verify Your Membership by Nov. 4 to Vote!

The 2021 ACTE board of directors election will be held this year **Dec. 4–Jan. 4!** Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:

- You must be an ACTE member by **Nov. 4** to vote
- Voting will open during Virtual VISION on **Dec. 4** and run through **Jan. 4**
- Winners will be announced in early January 2021



Learn more



I look forward to virtually connecting with all of you at Virtual VISION 2020!

Investing together,

[Nicole Cobb](#)

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