



Greetings Health Science Educators!

I hope this newsletter arrives in your inbox finding you healthy, happy and hopeful. Happy New Year 2021. There are so many joyful things to report.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our NEW Division Vice President:

Holly Strand-Rysgaard, Health Science Education Division Vice President

Ms. Strand-Rysgaard is a Health Sciences Instructor at West Fargo Public Schools in West Fargo, North Dakota. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 2021.

It has been a pleasure serving ACTE as VP for the Health Science Division. I strongly recommend to members to get involved. This has been an amazing journey as a leader and has certainly enhanced my goal to be of service to others. Thank you to all of you as members for supporting me, and I look forward to assisting ACTE in other ways. I also look forward to mentoring Holly as she embarks on this wonderful

journey, I know her enthusiasm and dedication will serve this membership well.

I am happy to report that our Virtual VISION 2020 Open Session, Hospitality room, and workshops went amazingly well. With anything new, I had my set of questions and concerns, but it was smooth sailing throughout the conference. For those of you who attended, thank you. My mail is slow; however, you should be receiving a little surprise from me.

Congratulations to our Division Award Winners

The Health Science Division award recipients are as follows:

Health Science Technology Education Teacher of the Year

Denise Abbott

Provo School District-Timpview High School, Utah

Health Science Technology Education Outstanding Career and Technology Educator

Jeana Kirby

Knox County Schools, Knoxville, TN

Health Science Technology Education Award of Merit

Cynthia Cox

Jordan School District, South Jordan, Utah

Health Science Division Fellow

Douglas Jones

Stillwater, OK

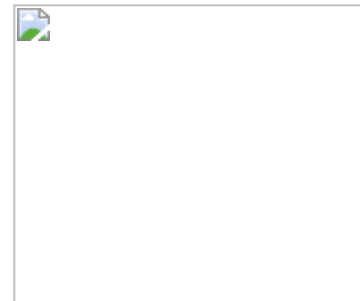
Thank You and Shout Outs

1. Thank you to ACTE staff and leaders for the hard work and dedication putting Virtual VISION 2020 together. ACTE staff are an amazing team, and I am so grateful for everything they have done this year and in my previous years of service as VP. ACTE supports, guides and serves as an extended family. Thank you so much for all you do.
2. Thank you to the HSE Division Nominating Committee and Policy meeting, as well as those who served on the Virtual VISION Task Force for HSE Division. I am so grateful for your work and service to this division. It has been a beautiful experience working with all of you.

Look Ahead to 2021

NPS has gone virtual. New Virtual Event happening week of **Feb. 22**. Join career and technical education (CTE) professionals from across the nation to engage virtually on key policy topics:

- Hot topics in the 117th Congress
- Biden administration official welcome with a preview of education policy priorities
- Outlook and news from Members of Congress working on CTE issues for key committees
- Best practices in influencing federal policy related to CTE advocacy and messaging
- Virtual Capitol Hill and school visits



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



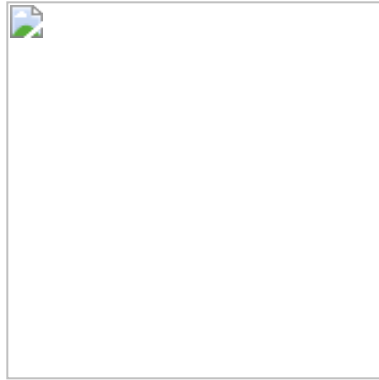
ACTE Announces Board of Directors 2021 Election Results

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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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](#)

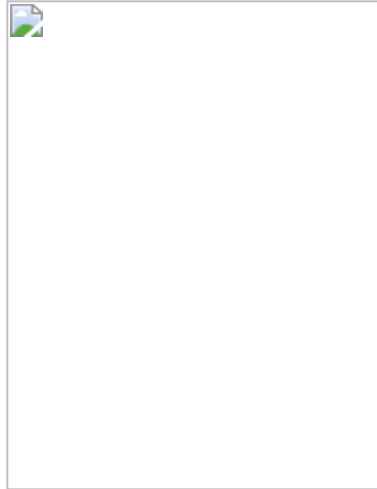
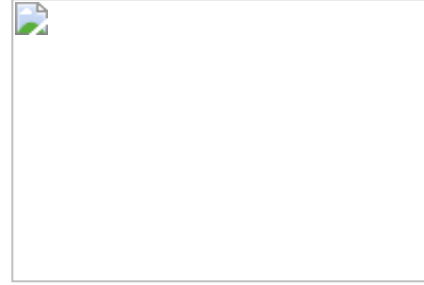
Mark your calendars for VISION 2021, a hybrid event with programming available online and on-site, **Dec. 1–4** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Call for presentation proposals will open in February.

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.

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Raise Awareness for CTE

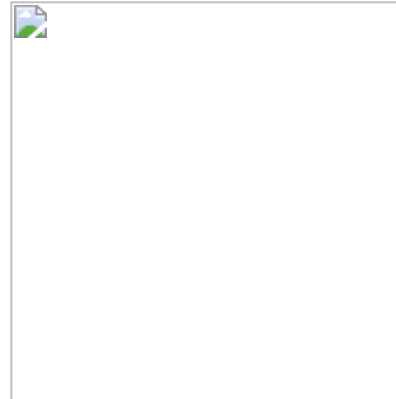
Join us in February to celebrate and spread awareness about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation's economy with several outreach opportunities:

- 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.

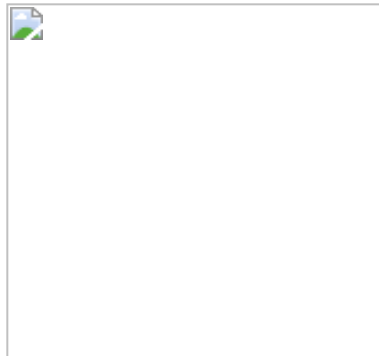
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New Hybrid Work-based Learning Conference

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.



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Apply for ACTE's Achieve 100 Award

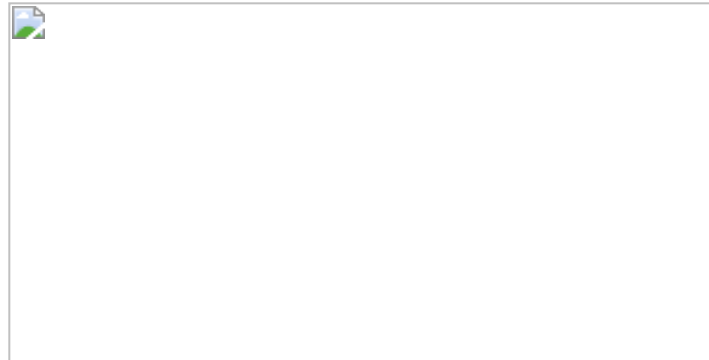
Showcase your institution's dedication and commitment to CTE! Schools and institutions that achieve 100% ACTE membership across their CTE staff and faculty will receive this distinguished award. Complete the online application by **Feb. 1** to participate and recognize your educators!

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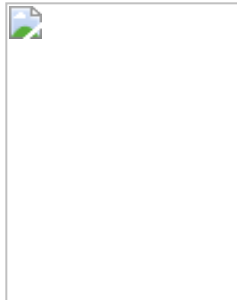
As I close out this newsletter, wrap up my role as VP, and begin mentoring Holly, I want to let you know I have been honored to serve. I will continue to dedicate myself to you through webinars and the Dear Linda Blog. Please continue to practice self care and mindfulness for both yourself and your students.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers as I hold gratitude in my heart for each of you. I leave you with this self care mindful moment focusing on gratitude. [Take 5 minutes for yourself, practice](#)

mindfulness with an appreciative heart.



Thank you for all you do, you are amazing teachers and ACTE is always here for support and encouragement as well as professional growth and development.



With gratitude,
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