



## POSTSECONDARY, ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION DIVISION

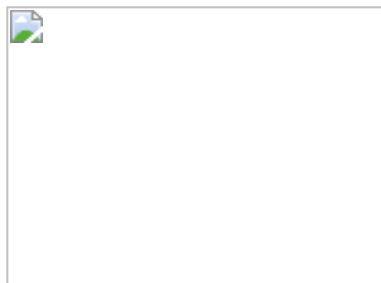


Connecting Education and Careers

Dear PACE Division members,

I hope you are as excited as I am to attend the VISION 2021 Conference! ACTE has a wonderful program planned with a combination of live sessions, recorded sessions and many opportunities to network with colleagues.

Our PACE VISION Committee has been working hard to bring you quality sessions that are focused on post-secondary education. As we develop the content for these sessions, we will keep you up to date with periodic email blast.



## Save the Date – VISION Schedule

Please save the date and time for our upcoming PACE Division meetings at Vision.

*\*The Policy and Business Meetings will be held in-person only, times provided are in Central Standard Time.*

**Wednesday, Dec. 1**

**10:30 a.m.–noon CT** ACTE Postsecondary, Adult & Career Education Division Policy Meeting (by invitation only)

Thursday, Dec. 2

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CT ACTE Postsecondary,  
Adult & Career Education Division Business Meeting

The PACE Division in partnership with ACTE has been working diligently over the past few months to not only increase our membership numbers but to also provide our division with the resources needed to advance our division into the future.

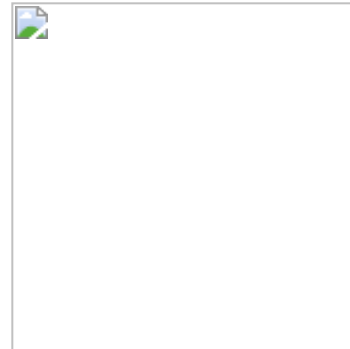
All Region and Division Business Meetings are open meetings (with no registration fee) but require an RSVP to verify ACTE membership for members to vote on necessary items during the meeting. RSVPs are required by **Friday, Nov. 5**. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to each RSVP no later than **Friday, Nov. 12**. Questions? Contact [memberservices@acteonline.org](mailto:memberservices@acteonline.org).

[View the meeting agenda](#)

## PACE Postsecondary Advisory Committee Transitions Name to PACE Division Committee

In order to grow and invigorate the PACE division, we have undertaken quite a few positive changes over the past year. These changes have included:

- The PACE Re-Ignite meetings that were executed in the spring of 2020.



- The reintroduction of the ACTE Postsecondary Advisory Group, now identified as PSAG2.
- The appointment of Dr. Sophia Alston to ACTE Postsecondary CTE Manager.
- The creation of the PACE professional development series “Leadership Thursdays” by the executive team at EQ World USA.

From our PACE Re-ignite meetings emerged a new opportunity for PACE members to collaborate and engage in postsecondary topics. Consecutively the PSAG2 committee advanced efforts to build strategic sub-committees focused on postsecondary topics. Therefore in an effort to merge the efforts of these two like-minded groups together, we have formed interest groups from the aligned committees. Due to the nature of both groups having the term “advisory” in the name, it was decided that the PACE Postsecondary Advisory Committee will be renamed **PACE Division Committee**.



## PACE Interest Groups

Co-chairs Brett Richardson and Robb Lowe have played an imperative role in building the momentum of the committee and will continue to advance the PACE vision and mission forward by working collaboratively with the PSAG2 group. We are very thankful for immense amount of excitement and synergy that this collaboration will bring to our division.

We have been very encouraged to see the number of individuals who have offered to participate in the PACE interest groups. Brett Richardson has stated that he would like these groups to start convening in a month. Please

contact myself, Brett Richardson or Robb Lowe if you are interested in joining one of the listed groups below.

- Professional Development
- Recruitment and Retention
- Policy and Legislation

[Learn more and register](#)

## PACE Re-Ignite Meeting Re-cap

On **Sept. 24**, the PACE Division Committee co-chairs Brett Richardson and Robb Lowe along with Dr. Sophia Alston assisted in developing and executing our third installment of the PACE Re-Ignite meetings.

The agenda for this meeting introduced us to Judge Michelle Harner and Tammy Hettinger from the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program. CARE is a financial education nonprofit that is volunteer driven and implements programs targeted to high school and college students. CARE's mission is preparing the next generation for financial success through volunteer-led education. The organization values empowerment, inclusion, and collaboration. The organization sends volunteers like Judge Harner into the classroom to talk to young people about money. Judge Harner encouraged everyone to go to the [CARE website](#) to retrieve free materials. Participants were also advised to email [Tammy Hettinger](#) to request a CARE presentation at your school.

The agenda also included an activity with EQ World USA Directors Andrea Golden-Pogue and Mark Wilson who are also leading the PACE professional development initiative.

## PACE Leadership Thursdays – EQ World USA

Andrea Golden-Pogue and Mark Wilson have been working diligently to bring timely and relative professional development topics to our PACE members. If you are interested in leading one of the sessions please contact [Dr. Sophia Alston](#).

[Click here to register for our PACE leadership and Award Lunch Talks.](#)

## November PACE Re-Ignite Meeting

On **Nov. 12**, Crystal Latham, executive director of Skills USA, Texas Association, and College Postsecondary Division will be our guest presenter. She will be sharing how postsecondary education in Texas is driving the SkillsUSA CTSO through rebranding and professional development efforts.

We encourage both members and non-members to participate in the PACE Re-Ignite Meetings. Register and log on to find out why you and your organization should become a member of the fastest growing division at ACTE [register here](#).

## PACE Division Policy and Leadership Manual Update

Our PACE Policy Committee has been working since the end of May to review and update our divisions policy and leadership manual. A draft version will be available for members to access prior to the November board meeting. A link for this edited version will be sent out to all members to review and provide feedback prior to being approved.

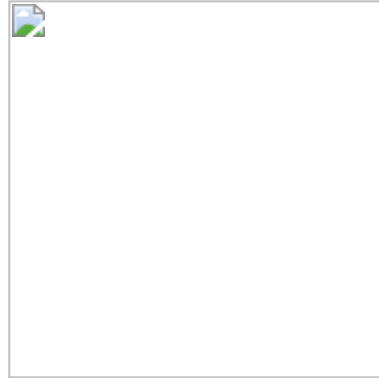
## PLSP-ECMC 2021 Fellows Update

Sponsored by ECMC Foundation is a yearlong professional development experience intended to develop the organizational leadership and management skills of postsecondary CTE professionals, with an emphasis on addressing the needs of underserved populations. Over the last three years, sixty fellow have been able to build their leadership skills by working with a dedicated mentor, attend monthly webinars with well-known guest speakers, gain two semester hours graduate education credit from The Ohio State University, and earn a stipend. Applications will open in mid-October 2021 through the beginning of January 2022 for the fourth cohort. Please contact Lauren Fillebrown at [lfillebrown@acteonline.org](mailto:lfillebrown@acteonline.org) for more information.

## VISION 2021 Virtual or In-Person, New Orleans, Louisiana

Whether in person or virtually, I hope you are as excited as I am to attend ACTE's Hybrid CareerTech VISION 2021! ACTE has a wonderful program planned with a combination of live sessions, recorded sessions, and many opportunities to network with colleagues. Look for details and a registration link on the following page of this newsletter.

The opportunity for in person attendance at Vision will provides us with the platform for a PACE reception this year. You will receive a special invitation sent to your e-mail account after you register. Do not miss out on the special evening at the PACE reception, we will be excited to see you there.



## Innovation and Inspiration at CareerTech VISION 2021

Join career and technical educators for our largest event of the year at ACTE's CareerTech VISION, happening **Dec. 1–4** in-person in New Orleans, Louisiana, or virtually for dynamic, specially curated content. Featuring inspiring [keynote speakers](#) Kevin Brown and Anne Grady, VISION will provide unparalleled networking, [concurrent program sessions](#) covering best practices in multiple learning environments, an [Expo](#) featuring the latest career and technical education (CTE) products, and more!

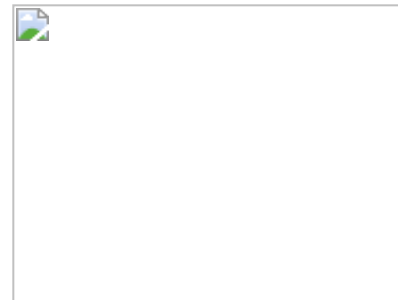
[Learn more and register](#)

## COVID-19 Protocols in New Orleans

ACTE has been working very closely with our partners in New Orleans as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting safety protocols and want to share an update. Please note, these protocols are not ACTE's but are the requirements of the city of New Orleans.

### **INDOOR MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT IN NEW ORLEANS**

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors when with people who are not in their immediate household. This means, all attendees must wear a mask while



indoors at all venues, restaurants, etc. at all times. While eating, your mask can be off but must be put back on immediately after eating.

**VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST REQUIRED** in order to gain access to the following areas in New Orleans:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Breweries, microbreweries, distilleries and micro-distilleries
- Event spaces such as hotel ballrooms, event venues and reception halls
- Casinos, racetracks and video poker establishments

Anyone 12 years of age and older must provide the following, if attending any of the above listed events in New Orleans:

Proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine -- original, digital photograph, or photocopy of CDC Vaccination Card (both sides) or;

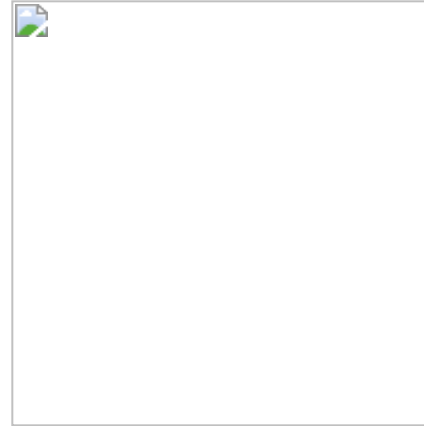
Negative PCR test within 72 hours -- physical or electronic test results from a PCR COVID-19 test indicating negative results within the past 72 hours. Antigen tests will not be accepted. For more information on testing sites, please click the [New Orleans Testing Sites](#).

For the latest and addition COVID-19 information and guidelines in New Orleans to ensure your safety as a VISION attendee, please visit the [New Orleans Ready site](#).

**Learn more**

**Congratulations to ACTE's 2022 National Award Finalists!**

ACTE is delighted to announce the 2022 National Award finalists, individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE and serve as inspirational leaders in the field. Finalists are recognized in the following categories: Teacher of the Year, Postsecondary Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, Teacher Educator of the Year, Counseling and Career Development Professional Award, Lifetime Achievement and Carl Perkins Community Service Awards. [Meet the finalists](#)



### **Georgia Power Named Business-Education Partnership Award Winner**

ACTE is pleased to announce **Georgia Power** as the ACTE Business-Education Partnership Award Winner. Georgia Power's investments locally and regionally strengthen their position as a statewide partner for Georgia Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE). From developing opportunities within a variety of advisory boards to working with career and technical student organizations, Georgia Power is always at the table to help improve CTAE. [Read more about this excellent partnership](#)

### **Patrick Biggerstaff Named Champion for CTE Winner**

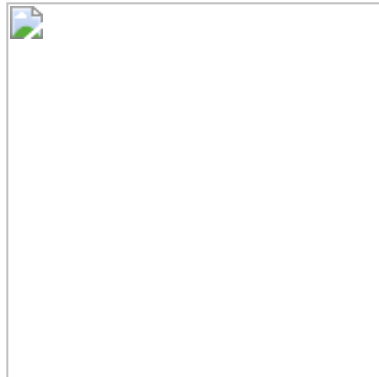
ACTE is pleased to announce the ACTE Champion for CTE: **Patrick Biggerstaff**, Indiana CTE Director at Area 31 Career Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. This past year, Biggerstaff represented Indiana CTE Directors on the Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet CTE "Back on Track" working group to help develop the guidance for reopening facilities and returning to in-person instruction after COVID-19 and actively contributed to the ACTE *High-quality CTE Planning for a COVID-19 Impacted School Year* publication. The ACTE Champion for CTE award recognizes education leaders who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a



prepared, adaptable, and competitive workforce. [Meet Patrick Biggerstaff](#)

### **Mississippi Student Wins ACTE National Student Trophy Design Contest**

ACTE is excited to announce a St. Martin High School student **Nathaniel Bryan** as the winner in its sixth annual [student trophy design contest](#). He is taught by Richard Humphreys, an instructor at St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. In addition to having his design used to create this year's trophies, Nathaniel will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and St. Martin High School will receive a free one-year lease of a 3D printer, courtesy of [Stratasys, Ltd](#), a manufacturer of 3D printers and production systems and generous sponsor of the contest. [Meet Nathaniel Bryan](#)



## **ACTE Awards Gala**

The ACTE Awards winners will be presented at the ACTE Awards Gala on **Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. CT** in conjunction with [ACTE's CareerTech VISION](#), happening this **Dec. 1–4** virtually and in person in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Gala is free to everyone to attend and generously sponsored by [CareerSafe](#), [Express Employment Professionals](#), [Goodheart-Willcox](#) and [Stratasys Ltd](#).

**Sign up to attend!**

**Verify Your Membership by Nov. 3 to**

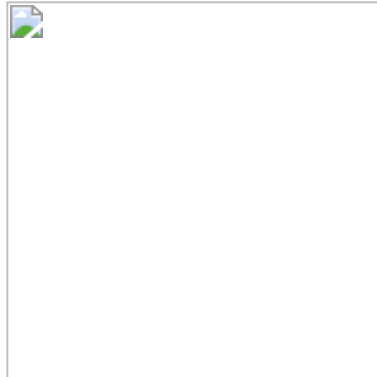
## Vote!

The 2022 ACTE board of directors' election will be held this year **Dec. 3–Jan. 3!** Please mark your calendars to reflect the election schedule below:



- You must be an ACTE member by **Nov. 3** to vote
- Voting will open during VISION on **Dec. 3** and run through **Jan. 3**
- Winners will be announced in January 2022

## Learn more



## Upcoming Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming free webinars, covering innovative best practices and inclusion, access, equity and diversity in CTE.

- Taking Business to School Series: West-MEC's Partnership with Palo Verde Generating Station on **Oct. 25 at noon ET**
- How Space Exploration Can Solve Climate Change on **Oct. 27 at noon ET**
- How Virtual Patients are Reshaping Health Education on **Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ET**
- IGNITE Worldwide: Closing the Gender Gap in STEM on **Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**
- Transforming the Middle School Experience: A Community Approach to College and Career Readiness for Students in Grades 6-8 on **Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET**

- Reclaiming Humanity: Services to Individuals who are Justice-involved or Incarcerated on **Jan. 13, 2022 at noon ET**

[Learn more](#)

## Apply to Be a Mentee in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program

ACTE's Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) Mentorship Program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, is open to all ACTE members. Those who are interested in becoming a mentee in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Oct. 31**.



[Learn more](#)

SECTOR SHEET FEBRUARY 2015

**CTE: THE KEY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Hospitality & Tourism:**

Employ more than **14 million** workers

Generated \$102 billion in 2012, from the lodging sub-sector\*

Has outpaced job growth nationwide for more than **14 years**†

What is the pathway to these fulfilling and essential careers?  
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**Hospitality and Tourism**

Fundamental to the U.S. economy, hospitality and tourism:

- Includes food services, lodging, recreation as well as travel and meeting planning
- Offers an employee with technical and interpersonal skills
- Is an established and growing industry across the nation

What jobs are available in hospitality and tourism?

Salaries and benefits are projected to shift between a million and a million jobs by 2018 as the economy improves.† Jobs for convention and lodging and other services are expected to increase by up to 15 percent through 2018, while occupations that support sporting events are also projected to grow. Jobs in recreation and gaming as well as in food and beverage services are growing rapidly, and meeting and convention planning jobs are in particular demand. A general tourism through 2018.† In addition, opportunities are expanding rapidly for interpreters, who work in this sector organizing and guiding travel, tours and events.

Many employees in the field work part-time and earn less than the national median wage of \$14.20.† However, there are occupations that earn more than \$14.20 per hour such as chefs and food service managers. In this rapidly growing sector, a number of careers are in "hot" demand. Hospitality and tourism also offer an important entry into the world of work for persons of various ethnicities and backgrounds. In the industry was an entry-level position.

By 2018, 60 percent of jobs in this sector will go to workers with at least some postsecondary education, particularly in the food and beverage occupations. Industry-recognized certifications are encouraged and may be required, such as National Restaurant Association's ServSafe certification for food safety and handling.† Occupations in this sector call for technical, academic and employability skills to operate business establishments, manage staff, serve customers, prepare food, plan events and more. Jobs in this sector include:

- bartenders
- chefs
- gaming supervisors
- caterers
- waiters
- lodging managers
- event planners
- restaurant owners

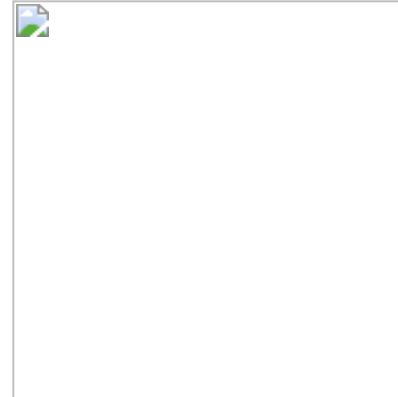
## Newly Updated Sector Sheet Series

ACTE has recently updated its Sector Sheet series on CTE's role in developing the workforce for several industries, including law, military and veterans, energy, health care, transportation and many others. Each sector sheet includes up-to-date labor market information, descriptions of how CTE prepares the workforce for this sector, and examples of exemplary programs, and is generously supported by [Pearson](#).

[Read more](#)

## New Student Video Contest

ACTE, host of CTE Month, and NASA HUNCH are excited to announce the 2021–22 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 “How Can Space Exploration Solve Climate Change?” Students are asked to showcase CTE courses and careers to help us understand and provide solutions to global warming and climate change. The deadline to submit a two-minute video is **April 1.**



[Learn more](#)



Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Education,  
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