



Region I members,

Happy New Year. I hope your holidays were rewarding and 2020 has started off well for you and your students. It was great seeing many of you at our very successful 2019 CareerTech VISION in Anaheim, California. Please enjoy reading this Region I newsletter, which has important updates on the Region I Conference, Region I Awards, National Policy Seminar, and other upcoming events and important information.

## Diversity and Inclusion Statement

ACTE adopted the following statement this summer:

*ACTE promotes high quality CTE programs for diverse audiences. We continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diversity of the CTE community. We are committed to equity, access, inclusion and diversity throughout our organization.*

The Region I Policy Committee, recognizing this as an important first step, adapted the statement for Region I, which states:

*ACTE Region I promotes high quality CTE programs for diverse audiences. We continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diversity of the CTE community. We are committed to equity, access, inclusion and diversity throughout our Region.*

This statement will appear on the Region I website.

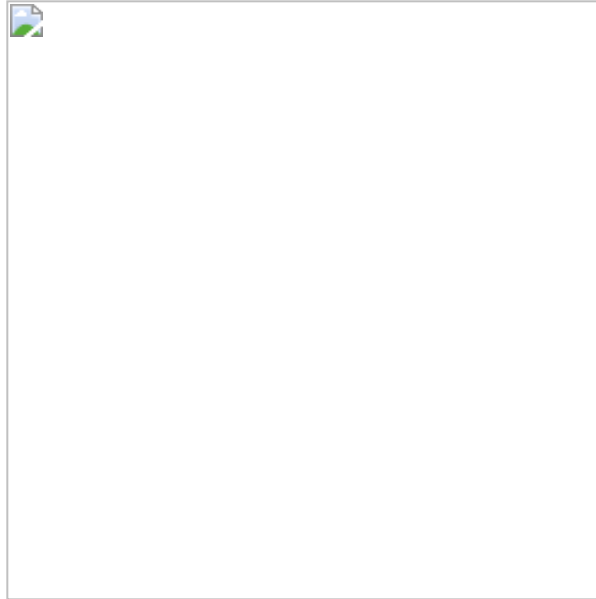


## Region I Conference

This year the Conference is being held in partnership with ACTE, ACTE Region I, New York State Association for Career and Technical Education (NYSACTE) and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT). The Conference will be held **March 11–13** in NYC. The Borough of Manhattan Community College (MCC) UFT headquarters will be the sites for the main conference sessions. The Preconference is ACTE Connect which will take place on Wednesday afternoon at

MCC. The conference sessions will take place on Thursday at MCC, beginning with a keynote from Bill Daggett, founder and chairman of the International Center for Leadership in Education. He will speak on “Creating Future-focused Schools.” We’ve already confirmed seven breakout workshop sessions for Thursday. These sessions received high ratings at previous Region I conferences, so the speakers were invited to present again this year. In addition, we are evaluating the other proposals submitted to present on Thursday. Early Thursday evening, we will move the UFT satellite facility in Brooklyn for the awards ceremony, which will end by 8:00 p.m. On Friday, we will meet at the UFT headquarters for a brief General Session and then leave for site visits to High School of Fashion Industries, Food and Finance, Art and Design High School, John Bowne High School, New York Harbor School, High School of Economics, and Brooklyn STEAM Center. Transportation will be provided for the awards ceremony and site visits.

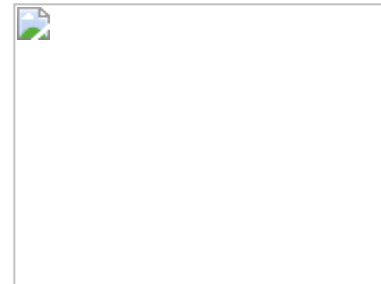
[Learn more and register](#)



## Region I Awards

Congratulations to the 2019 Region I finalists:

- **Teacher of the Year:** Aaron Geiman, Maryland
- **Career Guidance Award:** Camille Greening, Michigan
- **Administrator of the Year:** Debra Miller, Michigan
- **Postsecondary Teacher of the Year:** Jan Held  
Woodworth, New York
- **New Teacher of the Year:** Jenny Allen, New Jersey
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Thomas Applegate, Ohio



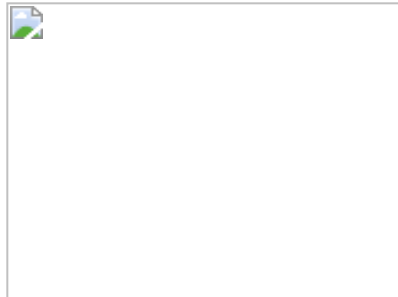
A special congratulations to Tom Applegate who was selected as the national winner for the Lifetime Achievement Award and was installed as a member of the initial class of the ACTE Hall of Fame.

Nominations for 2020 ACTE awards are now being accepted through **March 1** on the ACTE website.

In addition to the national awards, the Best Region I Awards selected award winners are: Paula Boughton (Scott Westbrook III Humanitarian) from New York, Crystal Smith (Jim Hanneman Memoria) from Washington D.C., Brian Sheets (Outstanding Bus/Ed Partnership) from Michigan, Suzie Lawson (Outstanding School Board Member) from Ohio, Jill Kruyer (Outstanding Advisory Committee Member) from Michigan. These award winners are selected by the Region I Policy Committee and will be recognized at the Region I awards ceremony Thursday, **March 12**, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at the UFT Brooklyn satellite facility conference, along with the 2020 ACTE member award winners.

## ACTE Fellows

Welcome to our Region I Fellows Ann Rush and Kyla Korytiski and New Professional Fellow Michael Grubbs. Ann, from Ohio, Kyla, from Massachusetts, and Michael, from Maryland, will be among other fellows from all regions and several divisions who will develop and exercise their leadership skills in Washington D.C. Good luck to all of you, Region I supports and appreciates your efforts!



## ACTE Region I Leadership Opportunities

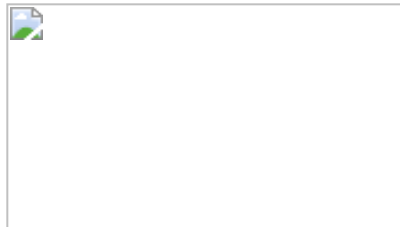
A great way to get involved in the leadership of Region I is to serve on the ACTE Public Policy Committee. The members of the policy committee provide direction and make the

decisions for all the activities in Region I. The commitment is to attend the committee meetings, which are held on the day before VISION and Region I conferences. The members are a critical link between the state, the region and ACTE. We have openings on the Region I Policy Committee. A list of the policy committee members can be found on the Region I website. If you are from Delaware or Rhode Island and would like to serve representing your state, [contact me](#).

## ACTE and Region I Strategic Plans

Your ACTE Board of Directors continued to work on implementing strategic plans for our organization completed last year. The strategic themes are: Member Value and Engagement, Professional and Leadership Development, Advocacy and Awareness, Strategic Partnerships and Innovation.

In April of 2018, the Region I Policy Committee began the development of our first strategic plan. In November at CareeTech VISION, we updated the plan. Both strategic plans are fluid with the goal of meeting the needs of our members. I encourage you to go on the ACTE website, review each of the plans and provide your thoughts to any board member or policy committee member, including me.



## Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Advocate on behalf of the CTE profession and amplify our collective voice by participating in ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) this **March 29–April 1** in Arlington, Virginia.

Whether you're a seasoned advocate or a first-timer to Capitol Hill, now is an essential time to communicate your CTE success stories, programming priorities and local education needs with your legislators to help advance your programs. NPS

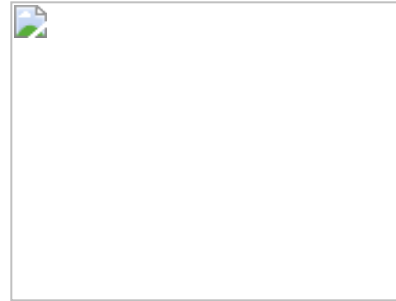
will offer an all-new CTE Innovation Summit as well as Perkins V implementation guidance and CTE advocacy tools to deliver a strong message to your policy-makers and to take back home to your communities. Register by **Feb. 21** to secure early bird rates.

[View agenda and register](#)

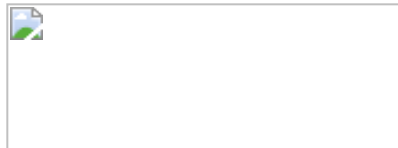
## CTE Month & NASA HUNCH Student Video Challenge

ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the student video challenge, celebrating CTE and project-based learning programs. This year's theme is *Living and Working on the Moon and Beyond* and calls on middle school, high school and postsecondary students to produce a video two minutes or less in length. The deadline to submit videos is

**March 2.** Visit the CTE Month webpage to learn more about ways to celebrate your CTE programs, download the CTE Month logo, purchase CTE Month products and more!



### Celebrate CTE Month



## Present at VISION

We invite you to participate as a presenter at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2020, the premier event for career and technical educators, business leaders and industry professionals, **Dec. 2-5** at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville,

Tennessee. We are seeking presentation proposals that cover a wide variety of high-quality secondary and postsecondary CTE in all program areas along with stories of successful

education and business collaborations. Sessions are typically 60 minutes in length, and presenters receive a speaker discount on the VISION early bird registration rate.

**Submit your proposal by Feb. 29**

## Explore the Full Spectrum of WBL Experiences

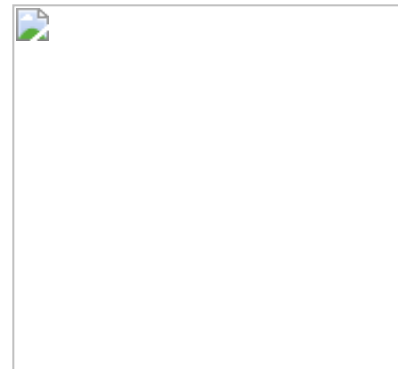


ACTE's new National Work-based Learning Conference, co-hosted with the Iowa Work-based Learning Organization, is focused on supporting the delivery of quality experiences that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Happening **April 22–23** at the Des Moines Area Community College FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa, this event features Dr. Casey Sacks, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges in the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, as the keynote speaker.

**Learn more**

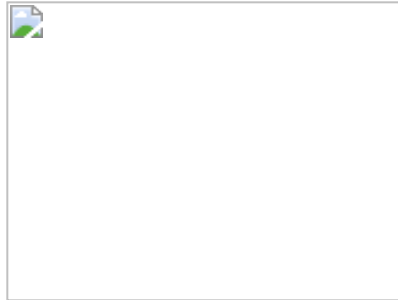
## New Conference Revolutionizes CTE

Bridging the gap between ideation and implementation, Leading the Education Revolution Conference shifts attendees' participation from consuming information to solving problems and addressing challenges at national, state and district levels. This new event, taking place **June 9–12** at Butler Tech in Cincinnati, Ohio, will dive into



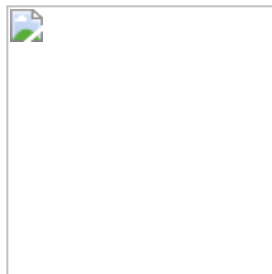
implementation of second-order changes that will revolutionize a student's CTE experience.

[Learn more](#)



## News and Updates from Region I States

The updates on the states in Region I have moved to the ACTE website. [Click here](#) for news in your state.



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