

2024 Region IV ACTE Conference

APRIL 17-19, 2024

Conference Website Information & Registration:

<https://www.acteonline.org/region-page/region-iv-conference/>

Thursday Keynote :



Thomas Blackwell is the CEO and Founder of Say Do Achieve, whose vision is to significantly improve the language and mindset of more than one billion people worldwide through authorship, inspirational talks and workshops, and peak performance coaching. He has given more than a thousand talks and workshops worldwide to school districts, corporations, executives, entrepreneurs, sales teams, athletes, religious groups, and students. His business experience runs deep as he has owned and operated a successful seven-figure insurance agency with more than one hundred agents in three different locations. While realizing significant success in business in 2004 he was asked to tell his story in seven minutes to a group of more than ten thousand people. His vocation immediately changed from that point forward.

Friday Keynote :



Amy Loyd, Ed. L.D., is the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education. In this role, she oversees national programs related to career and technical education, community colleges, adult education and literacy, and correctional education. Dr. Loyd, has an extensive background in education and the nonprofit sector, and has designed and led programs across the U.S. that improve education and workforce outcomes for people and strengthen communities. Most recently, Dr. Loyd was a vice president at Jobs for the Future, where she led the organization's programs in college and career pathways that span K-12 and postsecondary education and training into the world of work; in workforce development with a lens on economic advancement; in state and federal policy; and in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque

\$149.00 / night + 15.75% tax
(Block is almost full & rate will go up to \$189 for any nights outside of previous block)

Parking Charge: \$12.00/night

Mention ACTE when reserving rooms at:
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albuquerque.embassysuites.com/

**Free made-to-order breakfast & complimentary evening reception included.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, April 16th	
Registration Open	4:00 - 6:00
Wednesday, April 17th	
Conference Registration	8:00 - 5:00
Creating Positive Culture Pre-Conf.	9:00 - 11:30
MBA Research Resources	9:00 - Noon
CTE Industry Teacher Retention	9:00 - 3:30
Tri-Core Laboratory Tour #01	9:00 - 10:00
Tri-Core Laboratory Tour #02	10:00 - 11:00
Tri-Core Laboratory Tour #03	11:00 - Noon
CNM Brewery Program Tour #01	2:30 - 3:30
CNM Brewery Program Tour #02	3:30 - 4:30
UNM Engineering Tour	1:00 - 3:30
Region IV State Leader Roundtable	1:00 - 2:00
Region IV Policy Committee	2:00 - 3:30
Region IV Committee Meetings	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday, April 18th	
Conference Registration	7:30 - 1:00
Welcoming / Opening Session	8:30 - 10:00
Vendor Time & Refreshments	10:00 - 10:30
Break-out Session I	10:30 - 11:20
Break-out Session II	11:30 - 12:20
Lunch & Networking /Vendors	12:20 - 1:30
Break-out Session III	1:30 - 2:20
Break-out Session IV	2:30 - 3:20
Vendor Time & Refreshments	3:20 - 3:45
State Association Meetings	3:45 - 4:30
Reception at Sawmill Market	6:00 - 10:00
Friday, April 19th	
Exhibits Open / Vendor Time	8:00 - 8:30
Keynote - Asst. Secretary Loyd	8:30 - 9:15
Break-out Session V	9:30 - 10:20
Vendor Time & Refreshments	10:20 - 10:40
Break-out Session VI	10:40 - 11:30
Region IV Business Meeting / Awards Presentation & Lunch	11:30 - 1:00

REGISTRATION COSTS:

	By 03/01/2024	After 03/01/2024
ACTE Members:	\$275.00	\$300.00
Non-Members:	\$325.00	\$375.00
Non-Member + Dues:	\$385.00	\$410.00

The Big Picture: Best Practices for Supporting Students

Region IV ACTE Pre-Conference

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.)



The Big Picture: Best Practices for Supporting Students is a comprehensive, 3-part workshop designed to empower you as an educator! Workshop components will provide participants with a holistic approach to personal and professional development.

- 1.) Delve into the art of mindfulness, unlocking its potential to enhance focus and cultivate a resilient mindset.
- 2.) Revisit essential soft skills instructional practices, from effective communication to teamwork.
- 3.) Navigate the intricacies of employment facilitation with curated best practices for placement and preparation of career tech students.

This workshop will help you empower your students (and yourself) by unlocking the potential of the mind and fostering skills that not only elevate employability but also contribute to a fulfilling and impactful career journey. Join us in creating a successful future for students by embracing the big picture of their journey toward personal and professional development.

Objectives:

- 1.) Cultivate Mindfulness: Introduce participants to mindfulness techniques to enhance focus, reduce stress, and foster a resilient mindset, laying the foundation for personal well-being.
- 2.) Gain Effective Instructional Practices: Develop and practice crucial soft skills such as effective communication, teamwork, and adaptability, empowering students to navigate professional environments with confidence.
- 3.) Apply Best Practices for Employment: Share actionable strategies and best practices for job hunting, application processes, and interviews, ensuring students are well-prepared and competitive in their pursuit of meaningful employment.
- 4.) Facilitate Interactive Discussions: Foster an engaging environment through interactive discussions, allowing participants to share experiences, ask questions, and collaborate in developing solutions for common challenges faced by students.
- 5.) Create a Personal Development Action Plan: Guide participants in crafting a personalized path for ongoing personal and professional development, encouraging a lifelong commitment to growth and success.



Cost: This pre-conference is offered at no cost and covers the half day training and presentation materials!

Registration: Registration can be accomplished by completing the on-line registration process at: <http://www.thinkregistration.com/ACTE/NM/>

About the Facilitator: Kelly L. Falkner



Kelly Falkner has been an educator since 2002, first as an English teacher in the public school system, then as an EAST Facilitator at Kiamichi Tech in Poteau, Oklahoma, and now as the Employment Facilitator at the same campus. She is the owner of Songbird Yoga and a 500-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher. Her philosophy of teaching has always been focused on student growth, empowerment, community building and self-reflection. Her goals in the classroom and in the workplace have been to inspire positive change and to create a space where students and colleagues feel supported and respected. She is dedicated to empowering others with the tools of mindfulness and self-awareness, normalizing self-care as a practice and facilitating opportunities for students to become confident, impactful community leaders.

Kelly is a member of OkACTE and ACTE and serves as the Counseling and Career Development Chair for the Diversity Action Committee. She was a member of Cohort IV of the OkACTE Fellowship Program in 2022-2023. She was awarded the OkACTE Counseling and Career Development Division's McCharen Award of Merit in 2023. She recently completed the process to become a Microburst Learning Master Instructor, where she has the opportunity to train new instructors both within the Kiamichi Tech district and throughout Oklahoma. Falkner also serves on Pervasive Parenting Center's Board of Directors as Vice-President, advocating for families coping with disabilities in Northeast and Southeast Oklahoma.

In her role as Employment Facilitator, Kelly provides soft skills training for all Kiamichi Tech- Poteau students and for local businesses. She organizes community partnership/hiring events, and prepares students for work-site learning and entering the workforce. She facilitates workshops on the following topics: Soft Skills, Mindfulness, Creating Positive Culture in the Workplace, Interview Preparation, Resume Building, Work-Site Learning, Student Ambassador Training, Yoga for the Workplace and Building Community Partnerships.

Taking a Deep Dive into MBA Research's Resources

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)



Join us for in-depth training in MBA Research's premiere classroom resource – The Learning Center. During this session, we will walk through setting up a course and retrieving materials from the Commons database. We will review the Learning Activity Package (LAPs) components and best practices for classroom use and CTSO preparation. In addition, we will also look at State's Connection – one of MBA Research's best-kept secrets – and explore a treasure trove of resources to use. During this interactive session, teachers can ask questions, work together, and gather classroom resources for immediate use. Note: To make this a more in-depth experience, make sure you have a Learning Center Account prior to the session.

MEMBER STATES:

This training opportunity is open to 'Enhanced Member States' (which in Region IV includes: **New Mexico, Mississippi, and Arkansas**). While it is open to anyone, only participants from those states will have an account to fully be able to participate in the training session.

Cost: This pre-conference is offered at no cost and covers the training, materials, and networking opportunity! It will be provided by the MBA Research & Curriculum Center.

Registration: Registration can be accomplished by completing the online registration process at: <http://www.thinkregistration.com/ACTE/NM/>



Tricore Lab Tour

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Location: Tricore Labs—1001 Woodward Place NE

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

(Tour #01- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

(Tour #02- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

(Tour #03- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)



TRICORE
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Tour participants will learn about the various lab departments, testing processes, and career opportunities. Tour provides an overview of multiple labs within the Core Lab including Histology, Anatomic Pathology, Chemistry, Hematology, Infectious Disease, the WASP Lab in Virology all the way to Molecular DNA and the Mass Spectrometer in Esoteric Analytical Chemistry.

Tour times on April 17 are 9:00am, 10:00am and 11:00am. Participants for each tour are limited to 15.

The greatest minds in medicine are only as good as the information they have access to. The laboratory produces a rich pool of information and insight that provides clarity and drives healthcare decisions for individuals and populations.

TriCore was founded in 1998 as an independent, not-for-profit, clinical laboratory, sponsored through a unique collaboration between Presbyterian Healthcare Services and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

Our core competency is lab. From sample collection and analysis, to result reporting, to managing labs, to training the next generation of healthcare professionals, we have a relentless drive to improve processes, eliminate errors, and empower our partners to lead others to better healthcare through accurate diagnoses. Our network of specialized laboratories provides accurate and timely results, allowing clinicians to more easily care for their patients.

Cost: This pre-conference tour has no cost and covers the transportation to/from the host hotel on Wednesday morning.

Registration: Registration can be accomplished by completing the on-line registration process at: <http://www.thinkregistration.com/ACTE/NM/>



CNM Brewery Tour

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (departing hotel at 2:30)

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (departing hotel at 3:30)



CNM Brewery Program Information

The Beverage Production and Management program teaches hospitality law, guest services, food pairing, menu management, brewing equipment and maintenance, beer production, and more. The program offers an Associate of Applied Science or certificate towards pursuing work as a Beverage Manager, Brewer, etc. The certificate and degree programs prepare students for a promising career in the brewing, distilling, or beverage management field. Learn about the underlying science of beverage production and

management in lab-style classes located both on-campus and in commercial-scale breweries and distilleries. Our experienced instructors emphasize the rich history of beverage production in the state of New Mexico while encouraging exercise of creativity and innovation. The program offers a variety of degrees and certificates to help students in a dynamic and promising industry.

The CNM Beverage Production and Management program is split into four disciplines: beer production, wine production, distilled spirits production, and beverage management.

Cost

This pre-conference tour has no cost and covers the transportation to/from the host hotel on Wednesday afternoon.

Registration

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UNM School of Engineering Tour

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At The University of New Mexico, they have a student-focused philosophy, world-class faculty, and exceptional student-faculty interaction which will give students the opportunity to pursue and achieve their goals. UNM Engineering offers a unique environment to learn, opportunities to conduct research, and practice within industry – all unmatched in the state of New Mexico and hard to find in the rest of the country. They have programs in the following areas of study: Chemical and Biological Engineering, Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Nuclear Engineering. If you are in this area of expertise, you won't want to miss this tour!

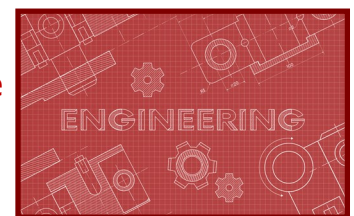


Cost

There is no cost for this pre-conference; transportation to/from the host hotel will be provided.

Registration

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Opening the Black Box: Addressing CTE Industry Teacher Retention

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CTE teachers from industry bring experience to the classroom, but also have unique needs as new teachers. This interactive workshop will explore a "needs checklist" for working with CTE teachers coming from industry. We will focus on strategies that can be used to address common retention issues, such as classroom management, communicating with students and parents, assessment practices, etc. Prior to the workshop, participants will select the most important resources needed for working with industry teachers, and the workshop will be adapted to explore resources in those areas. Whether an administrator, new teacher educator, or teacher from industry, you'll leave this workshop with a copy of a "needs checklist" and access to resources for working with this unique teacher population. Lunch will be provided at this training event.



Cost

There is a cost of \$225.00 for this session, and includes training materials and lunch. Pre-conference provided by the Association for Career Technical Education.

Registration

Complete the online registration process at: <http://www.thinkregistration.com/ACTE/NM/>

Region IV State Leadership Roundtable

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)



One goal of the Region IV Strategic Plan is to strengthen the working relationships and sharing of best practices between Region IV states. Towards that end, we would like to extend a special invitation if you are part of your state's leadership / board of directors, are on the Region IV Policy Committee, or have participated in your state or Region IV's Fellowship Program! The roundtable will facilitate discussion of best practices and exciting news from your state, towards collaborating with other states, to solidify and strengthen each of our programs as well as Region IV. Please plan to join us if you are able, to share your wonderful ideas with the other states / leaders.

Cost

There is no cost for this roundtable discussion.

Registration

There is no registration needed to participate in this discussion.

