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Welcome back Region IV members,

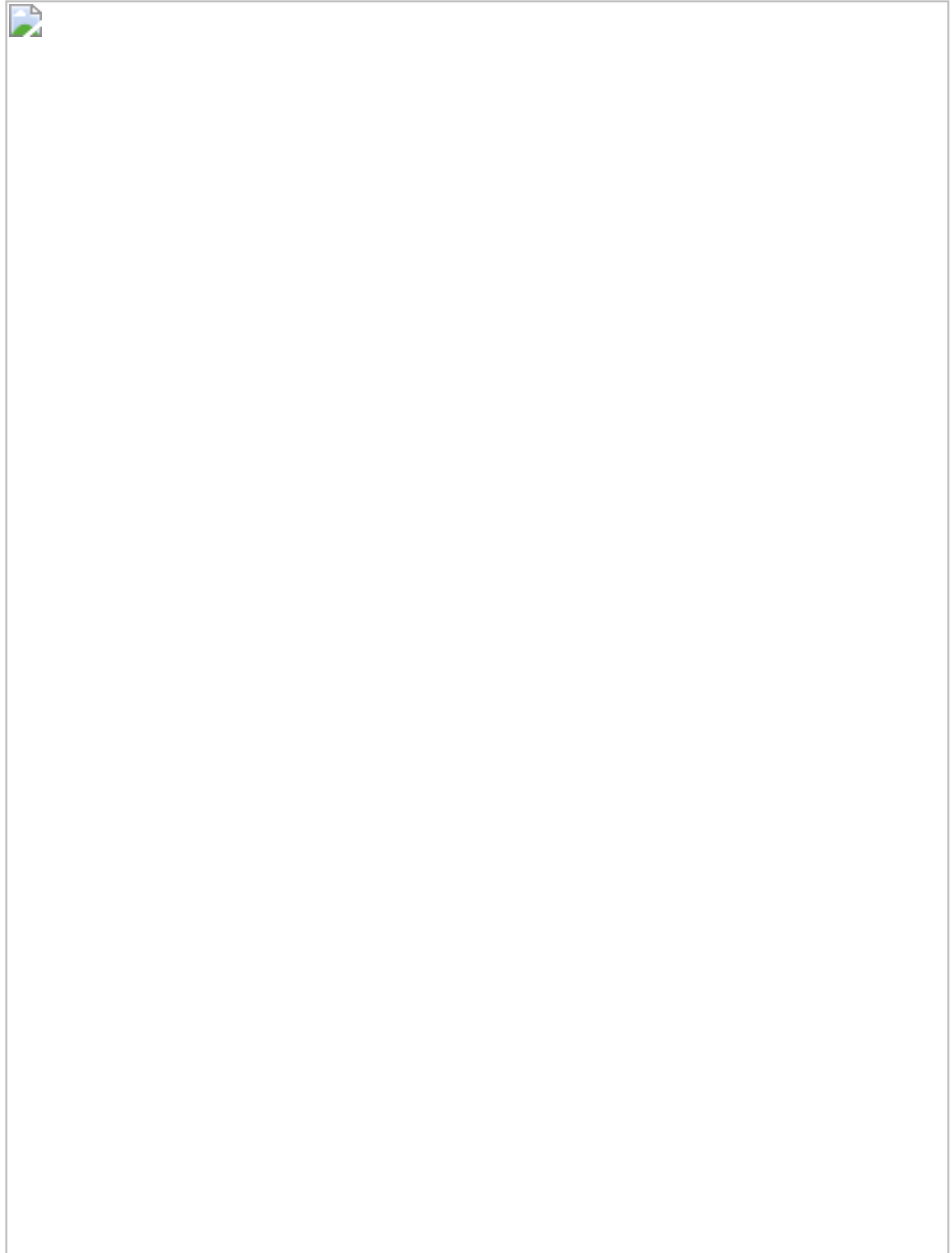
As we begin another school year, I welcome each Region IV educator back to the classroom! The 2020–2021 school year was hard, and I think we can all agree we are ready to move forward and do the work for our students and close the learning gaps that have grown since March 2020.

Region IV has been hard at work planning some exciting events for the 2021–2022 year! First, we have our first ACTE face-to-face conference since VISION 2019! ACTE VISION 2021 will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, **Dec. 1-4!** Please make plans to join us in New Orleans!

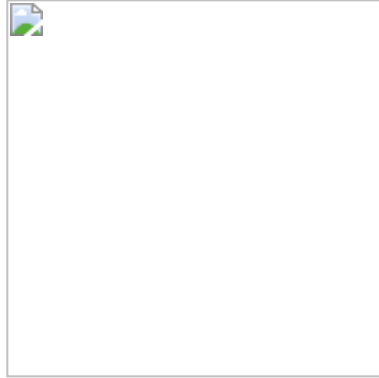
Region IV will be hosting a special reception to recognize our ACTE Region IV Excellence Award Winners from 2020 and 2021. We will also be recognizing the 2020 ACTE National Excellence Award Winners from Region IV and hopefully the 2021 ACTE National Excellence Award Winners from Region IV as well!

I am still awaiting the final details from National ACTE on the exact date, time, and location. But we want all ACTE Region IV members in attendance at VISION 2021 to save time during their visit to New Orleans to join this celebratory reception to recognize the great work of our Region IV members over the past two years! It was hard not celebrating in person so we plan to make up for it in a Big Easy style in New Orleans!





ACTE Region IV Conference 2022 will be in person in San Antonio, TX.
Please save the date for a great conference and the return of Region IV
in 2022!



Early Bird Rates Extended to Aug. 31

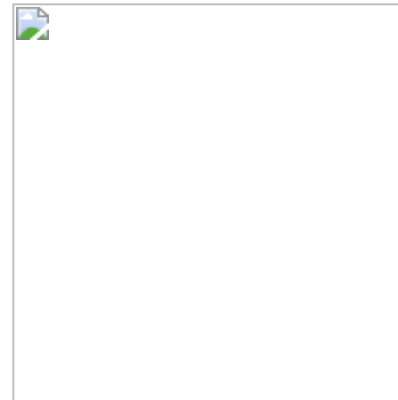
The most important event for career and technical educators, ACTE's CareerTech VISION will provide unparalleled networking, inspiring keynote speakers, [hundreds of concurrent program sessions](#) covering multiple CTE sectors and timely equity and access topics and innovations in CTE, an in-person Expo, and more. This year's event happens in New Orleans, Louisiana, **Dec. 1–4** and in-person rates include access to both in-person and virtual programming. Please note, the early bird rates have been extended to **Aug. 31**, so there's still time to secure the most affordable way to attend VISION! Not able to attend in-person? Join us virtually for a dynamic and specially curated content.

[Learn more and register](#)

Event Especially for CTE Leaders

Don't miss the gathering of CTE leaders at ACTE's and NCLA's Best Practices and Innovations in CTE Conference, taking place **Sept. 29–Oct. 1** in Austin, Texas. This year's event features an [information-packed agenda of 28 sessions and 16 roundtables](#) along with distinguished keynote speakers Rachael Mann, Joyce Malyn-Smith and Michael Bettersworth.

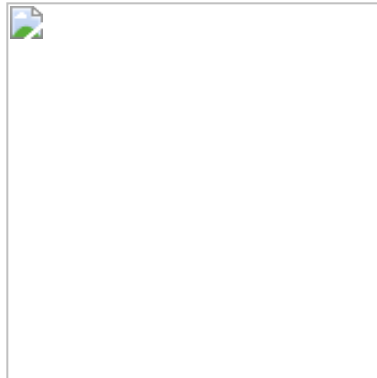
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New Resource for CTE Administrators

This third and final book in the popular CTE Administrative Leadership series shares practical advice, insights and tips from dozens of successful CTE administrators from around the country. Other topics include evaluating your CTE programs of study for high-quality delivery, supporting special needs learners, integrating academic and CTE concepts and student credentialing. Member price is only \$19.95.

Purchase your copy



Upcoming Webinars

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

- Designing a College and Career Pathways System, sponsored by NC3T, on **Aug. 27 at 11:00 a.m. ET**
- Teaching Innovative CTE: Bringing Industry into Your Classroom with Real-world Projects & Skills on **Sept. 1 at noon ET**
- Making CTE Classrooms More Inclusive for LGBTQ+ Students on **Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. ET**
- Part 2: Confronting Isms in the Classroom on **Oct. 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET**

[Learn more](#)

ACTE Seeking IAED Mentors & Mentees

ACTE's mentorship program, offering professional development opportunities to help cultivate more diverse and inclusive work environments for career and technical educators, seeks to support association members interested in inclusion, access, equity and diversity (IAED) — those who are interested in becoming a mentor in ACTE's IAED Mentorship Program should apply by **Aug. 31**, or a mentee by **Sept. 30**. The IAED Mentorship Program is generously sponsored by [IMAGO](#).



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New CTE Learn Courses

Be sure to check out the following latest additions to the growing collection of 170+ CTE Learn courses at www.ctelearn.org:

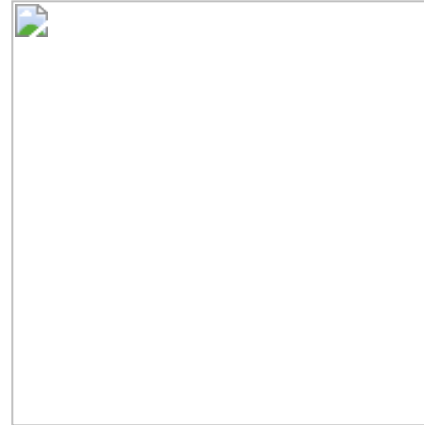
- [Creating Work-Based Learning Programs](#)
- [HQ101— CTE High-quality Framework: Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum](#)
- [Integrating Career Readiness Into Your Courses: Part II](#)
- [Introduction to Positive Psychology for Educators](#)
- [Leveraging Community Resources to Energize CTE Programs](#)

[Learn more](#)

High-Quality CTE During COVID-19

Secondary schools and colleges are preparing to open their doors for the fall semester while navigating shifting guidelines for COVID-19. Refresh your plans and strategies for this school year with ACTE's COVID-19 resources:

- [*High-Quality CTE: Planning for a COVID-19-impacted School Year*](#): This guide, published in summer 2020, helps CTE stakeholders identify the key considerations, guiding questions and emerging best practices for delivering CTE during COVID-19 across all the elements of high-quality CTE. It was accompanied by a webinar series sharing ideas from the field.
- [*High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Challenges and Innovations*](#): This report, published in March 2021, describes challenges for delivering CTE during COVID-19, shares examples of innovative practices, and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.
- [*High-quality CTE During COVID-19: Leveraging Federal Relief Funds at the Local Level*](#): Published in May 2021, this paper provides an overview of federal relief funds and suggests how CTE programs can benefit from these critical resources.
- [*CTE Distance Learning Lesson Plans*](#): These publications from the California Department of Education's Career and College Transition Division, CTEOnline.org, the San Diego County Office of Education's Office of College and Career Readiness, and ACTE highlight lesson plans, webinars and resources for remote learning across multiple sectors.





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