



Hello Region IV,

The fall semester and the holiday season is behind us and we are moving into 2020 like a whirlwind. I hope you are focused on the New Year. After attending ACTE's CareerTech VISION, I am feeling my passion for teaching and education reignited and reenergized. I hope you have that same sensation. To build on that excitement the call for presentation proposals is now open. Please consider sharing your content-rich presentation proposals for VISION 2020, happening **Dec. 2-5** in Nashville, Tennessee.

My service to ACTE is nearing an end, Ross White from Arkansas will be taking on this leadership role as of July 1. Mr. White is the Assistant Principal and Director of Career and Technical Education for the Siloam Springs School District. He will serve a three-year term beginning in July 2020. I just wanted to let you know that it has been an honor and privilege to be your representative at the national level and I am leaving my post in good hands.

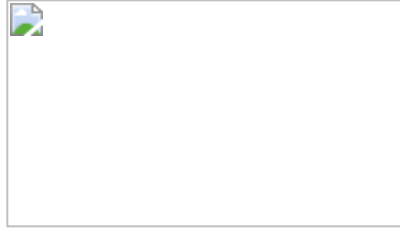
I just wanted to share my final activities with you as I wind down my service as the ACTE Region IV Vice President:

I will bring greetings at both the Texas Industrial and Vocational Association (TIVA) and the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) winter conferences in Texas. TIVA conference is **Jan. 22-25** in Dallas, Texas, and CTAT is **Feb. 10-12** in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

I will be in attendance at the National Policy Seminar in Arlington, Virginia, **March 29-April 1**. Region IV participants will have an opportunity to meet on **March 29** at 6:00 p.m. after the NPS First Timers' Orientation. Feel free to stop by and touch base.

The final event as Region IV Vice President will be to preside over the Region IV Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference is scheduled for **April 15-17** at the JW Marriott New Orleans at 614 Canal Street.

**Learn more**



## 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.

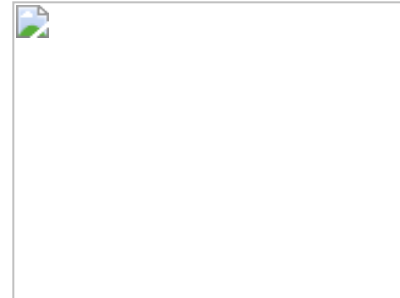
Whether you're a seasoned advocate or a first-timer to Capitol Hill, now is an essential time to communicate your CTE success stories, programming priorities and local education needs with your legislators to help advance your programs. NPS will offer an all-new CTE Innovation Summit as well as Perkins V implementation guidance and CTE advocacy tools to deliver a strong message to your policymakers 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

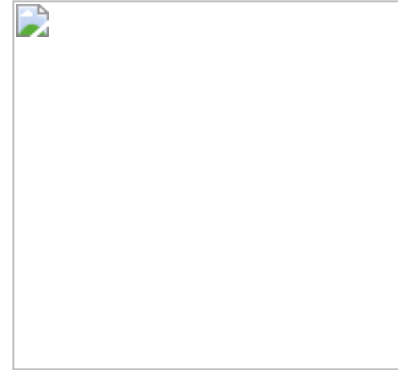
ACTE's new National Work-based Learning Conference, co-hosted with the Iowa Work-based Learning Organization, is focused on supporting the delivery of quality experiences that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Happening **April 22–23** at the Des Moines 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.



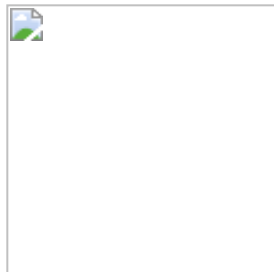
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## New Conference Revolutionizes CTE

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.



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