



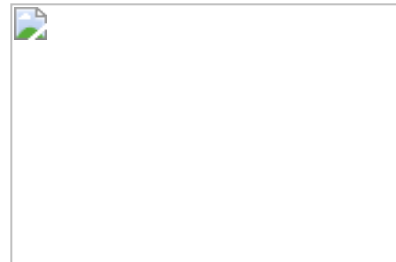
Greetings and a welcome happy spring, Region V members!

I hope this finds you safe and healthy during this challenging time in our country. The one thing I do know is that in these times of uncertainty, the career and technical education (CTE) community has risen to the challenge in part due to the strong leadership from administrators, teachers and all those involved in CTE. I just witnessed this: "Teachers can add 'online educator' to their resume now." We are flying the plane while building it. What we have learned is that a virus cannot stop our commitment to our students.

This newsletter will bring you up to date on important Region V news. First, we will be announcing the ACTE Region V Excellence Award winners next week through a Region V e-blast and through social media. For other important news and information, please read below. Until we meet again, please take care of yourself and stay safe and healthy. Thank you for everything you do to make CTE strong. If ACTE or I can be of assistance, please [contact us](#).

## Region V Conference

The Region V Conference originally scheduled for **April 22-25** has been moved to **Oct. 28-30**. Information regarding registration, registration costs and tours will be posted in **June**. I advise everyone to continue to check the [Region V Conference page](#) for updates.



## Communications Awards Announced

Each state association is eligible to submit nominations for the ACTE Region V Communications Awards. Submission categories include newsletter, membership recruitment, conference program, advocacy publication and website. Award winners receive a digital badge to post on the state association website. Each submission is judged by the ACTE Region V Fellows and the Fellows Coordinator; the 2019-2020 Fellows are Susan Leon, Arizona, and Jenn Garner, Nevada. Coleen Keffeler, South Dakota, serves as the coordinator. The 2020 Communications Award winners are:

- Washington ACTE – Newsletter
- Montana ACTE – Membership Recruitment
- Arizona ACTE – Conference Program
- Montana ACTE – Advocacy Publication
- Montana ACTE – Website

Congratulations to the Arizona, Montana and Washington associations. The Region V Fellows highly encourage all Region V state associations to submit nominations for the 2021 Conference. The Innovative Program Awards recognize innovative CTE programs from each Region V state that are unique, novel and are serving to improve and promote the image of CTE. Innovative Program Awards will be awarded during the Region V Conference in Lake Tahoe.



## Region V Opportunity Fund Recipients Announced

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Opportunity Fund Grant, Utah and Guam! Although we are unable to recognize these outstanding organizations in person, we are thrilled to share with our Region V members through this electronic communication. Both organizations submitted detailed plans to use these funds for advocacy and growth.

Guam ACTE is creating the GU-ACTE Community Cultivation Program to raise awareness, increase membership, provide professional development, and develop both public and private partnerships. They are awarded \$2,200 to assist in their efforts to develop a new website, increase social media presence, develop promotional materials, coordinate a career day, design the Merienda Learning CTE Series and allocate time for outreach activities with schools.

Utah ACTE is furthering an advocacy program to make the connection between CTSOs and other professional organizations through a "Day on the Hill" program. They are also putting together a "Come Together" activity at their annual conference to provide networking opportunities while bringing the CTE community in Utah together. They are awarded \$1,400 through the Opportunity Fund Grant.

Please join us in congratulating them and celebrating the exciting work that is happening in both states to move CTE forward. We look forward to recognizing them in person at the next Region V conference.



## Policy Committee Openings

The terms of Shani Watkins (Washington) and Rachael Mann (Arizona) on the Region V Policy Committee will expire **June 30**. Thanks to Shani and Rachael for their years of service leadership to Region V. We will need to replace these two individuals to serve on the Policy Committee. As a member of Region V, this is your opportunity to become involved in a leadership role. It's a three-year term, beginning **July 1**. The expectation is to participate in monthly conference calls and attend ACTE's CareerTech VISION and the Region V Leadership Conference. In order to have broader representation among the Region V states, individuals from

Arizona, Washington, North Dakota, Alaska, Oregon and Utah may not apply this cycle, as these states are already represented by the current Policy Committee members or have just served in this last term. Check out the [website](#) or contact [Dodie Bemis](#), Nominating Committee chair, for an application form. Application forms need to be submitted to Dodie by **May 15**.



## Region V Vice President Election

It is time to elect the next Region V Vice President whose three-year term will begin **July 1, 2021**. Applications are currently being accepted for this board of directors position.

The elections will be held **Dec. 4 – Jan. 4**, however, applications are due **June 15**. Please contact [Lauren Lessels](#) or 703-683-9315 for additional information, or visit the

[board election website](#).

## Apply to be a Region V Fellow

Region V is pleased to announce the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program. The purpose of the Fellowship Program is to grow leaders in Region V. Fellows will have the opportunity to meet aspiring leaders from other states in the region and across the country. Two fellows will serve from **July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022**. The application can be found on the [ACTE Region V website](#). The deadline for applying is **May 15**. E-mail [Coleen Keffeler](#) with any questions.



**Apply now**



## Future Region V Conference Location and Dates

**2020** – Lake Tahoe, Nevada, **Oct. 28-30**

**2021** – Fargo, North Dakota, **April 14-17**

**2022** – Honolulu, Hawaii, **April 6-9**

We will be accepting bids for the 2023 Region V Conference at the Region V Business Meeting during the Conference in Lake Tahoe in October 2020. Please consider being the next state to host the Region V Leadership Conference.

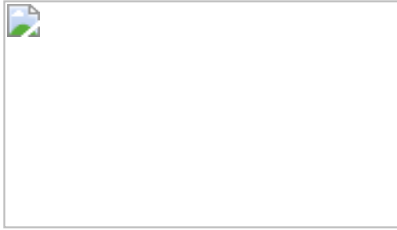
## COVID-19 Online & Distance Learning Resources Growing

ACTE continues to update its compilation of online and distance learning resources that can supplement your school's official guidance and also includes information on how to access six free courses to prepare educators to teach online via CTE Learn.



[Read more](#)

CTE in a Time of Uncertainty



View the collection of ACTE division webinars focused on the current state of CTE, promising practices in the era of COVID-19 and engaging conversations with experts in the field.

[Watch now](#)

## Access & Equity Ideas & Resources

ACTE is calling for content and your participation to showcase our collective dedication to Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) by:

- Contributing resources to and submitting IAED speaker names for inclusion on the ACTE IAED website
- Recommending ideas for the IAED column that will be included in the 2020-2021 *Techniques* editorial cycle
- Referencing the Access and Equity element in the *Quality CTE Program of Study Framework* and encouraging your CTE colleagues to follow suit
- Signing up to be a part of ACTE's IAED Advisory Group



[Read more](#)



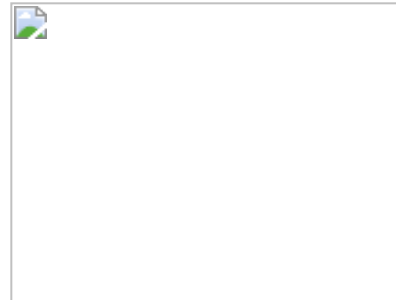
## Early Bird Registration for CareerTech VISION 2020 is Open

The premier event for CTE professionals, ACTE's CareerTech VISION offers unparalleled professional development, comprehensive CTE secondary and postsecondary programming, and stories of successful education and business collaborations. This year's event happens **Dec. 2-5** at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

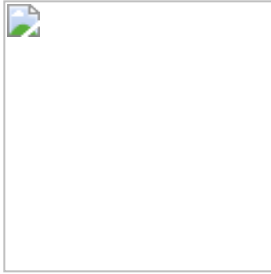
**Register today**

## Special Populations Programming Survey

As states implement their new Perkins V plans and with the legislation's expanded [definition of special populations](#), the Special Population Section of ACTE's New & Related Services Division is requesting your feedback on your professional development needs. Please complete this [brief eight-question survey](#) or contact [Emily Sherwood](#) or [Marta Osuna](#), co-chairs of the Special Populations Section, with your ideas.



**Complete the Special Populations survey**



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