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Connecting Education and Careers

Greetings Region V Members!

“Nothing is impossible. The word itself says ‘I’m possible!’ —Audrey Hepburn.

The beginning of the school year fills me with all the possibilities before us. Welcome to the possibility of creating a phenomenally amazing year for our students, teachers and educational leaders. I heard a story recently from a friend who traveled around the world; he mentioned that he went to a country where people would consistently say, it’s possible. Need to get to the airport in 10 minutes? It’s possible! This year, I hope all of the impossible challenges you faced last year now lead to incredible possibilities that create awesome learning experiences for you and your students.

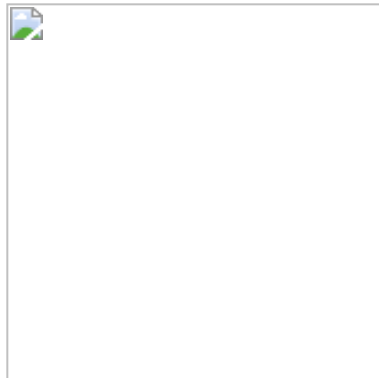
Over the summer, I was able to attend two, yes, two conferences for Region V — the Nevada ACTE conference and the Washington ACTE conference. It was joyous to be together in the same room, learn together, and network around best practices in career and technical education (CTE). I know some are still waiting for the opportunity to engage together again, and I hope you can take advantage of some of the upcoming professional development in CTE that are coming up this year! From **Sept. 29–Oct. 1**, there is the Best Practices in CTE conference in Austin, Texas, then ACTE’s CareerTech VISION in New Orleans, Louisiana, **Dec. 1–4**, and our own 2022 Region V Conference this spring, **April 6-9**, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

I am excited to be your new Region V vice president, representing all of Region V on the ACTE board. Beginning in September, I will be hosting Instagram Live sessions for Region V members to hear about your successes and challenges in CTE and how we as a region can support one another. Please reach out if you need anything, I am available to support you! I am just an [email](#) away.

Region V has a fantastic Policy Committee that strives to support you. Please join me in congratulating Shelly Thome from Arizona and Ron Umehira from Hawaii, your newest policy committee members. More information about the policy committee is located farther down in this newsletter. Your policy committee is here to support you, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

We NEED you! Your voice, your experience, and your expertise are needed to support our entire region learn, lead and grow. Ask your policy members about the many leadership opportunities available through Region V, including the region fellowship program, national fellows and committee engagement opportunities. Share your knowledge, experience and expertise at one of the upcoming conferences by presenting to your peers.

A huge thank you to South Dakota for agreeing to host the 2022 Region V Conference, "Portrait of Success," **April 6-9** in Rapid City, South Dakota. Learn more below.



ACTE Career Tech Vision is HYBRID This Year!

We sincerely hope you are able to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, for this incredible conference, hosted from **Dec. 1–4**, but if not, there is an option to attend virtually. Whether you are able to join in person or virtually, the professional development is designed with you in mind, so join the learning! (Early Bird Registration extended to **Aug. 31!**)

[Learn more and register now](#)

Meet Your Region V Policy Committee

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Liaison to: Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming

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Serves Region V: Marketing and promotions, Marketing and membership

Liaison to: Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam

Call for Region V Committee Members

Have you been considering getting more involved in ACTE? One great way is to actively participate in one of our Region V Committees. There are currently four standing committees:

- **Awards:** reviews and rates member award applications forwarded from state associations and plans the annual awards ceremony at the Region V Leadership Conference
- **Legislative and Resolutions:** reviews current legislative and policy issues for recommendations of action to the national association and creates related resolutions
- **Marketing and Membership:** promotes Region V as a desired association for members
- **Nominating:** reviews applications for Region V offices and committees and makes recommendations for elections and appointments

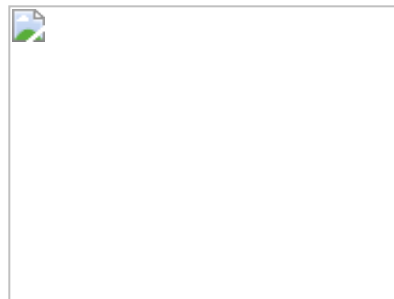
Most of the work of the committees is accomplished via conference call, with a face-to-face meeting at the Region V Leadership Conference and/or CareerTech VISION Conference each year.

By participating in one or more of the committees, you will gain knowledge and skills that could allow you to serve on the Region V Policy Committee or a national association committee.

For further information and to apply for a committee position, please contact [Dodie Bemis](#), our Region V Nominating Committee Chair.

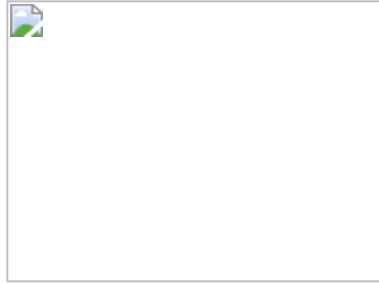
ACTE Seeking IAED Mentors & Mentees

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](#).

[Learn more](#)



Save the Date!

ACTE Region V: Portrait of Success Leadership Conference

Make plans now to attend the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference

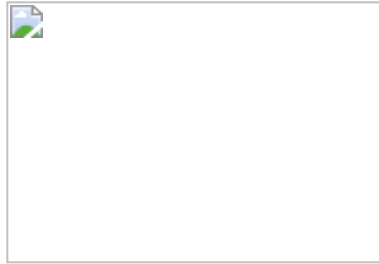
April 6–9, 2022 in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Planning Committee has been busy organizing an exciting and educational conference for CTE teachers, administrators and other stakeholders.

Pre-conference activities include CTE Leadership 101, a leadership strand for new, emerging leaders as well as anyone desiring a refresher course, a Scavenger Hunt of downtown Rapid City, and an informal reception. VJ Smith will kick off our opening session with breakout sessions to follow. Education tours including dinner are planned for Thursday afternoon and evening. Friday includes more breakout sessions. The Crazy Horse Experience and Awards Banquet will occur Friday evening. To conclude the conference Saturday morning, participate in the Best Practices in CTE Networking session and a send-off brunch that includes an inspiring keynote speaker, future conference updates from North Dakota and Hawaii as well as amazing must-be-present to win prizes! Watch

for more details and information at the Region V Business Meeting at VISION 2021.

Check the ACTE website for the Call for Presentations and registration information. See you in Rapid City!

[Learn more](#)



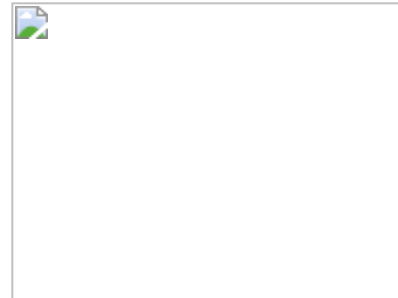
Donate to ACTE Support Fund

ACTE's support fund promotes career and technical education nationwide. The fund is designed to generate positive awareness, increase member and public engagement, and expand the reach of CTE for all students. Your donation supports, the following types of outreach: annual twitter chat during CTE month with the National Career and Technical Student Organizations, guest blogs with partner organizations, interviews with Education Talk Radio, and development of written content that supports career and technical education.

[Donate now!](#)

ACTE Fellowship Applications Due Sept. 15

Applications for ACTE's premier leadership development program are open! The Fellowship Program is a one-year commitment from **Jan. 1** through **Dec. 31**.



ACTE offers two cohorts for the National Leadership Fellowship Program:

- **Experienced Fellows** include members with more than 5 years CTE experience.
- **New Professionals Fellows** target members with 2–5 years CTE experience.

Both experienced and new fellow cohorts provide participants with the leadership, professional and policy skills they need to grow as a CTE and ACTE advocate! In addition, Fellows receive a \$1,000 stipend, complimentary registration to CareerTech VISION and National Policy Seminar, and invaluable connections to other Fellows and ACTE leaders!

Limited spots are available for the 2022 Fellows class — interested members apply via the [ACTE Awards Portal Here](#)

Learn more and apply

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





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:

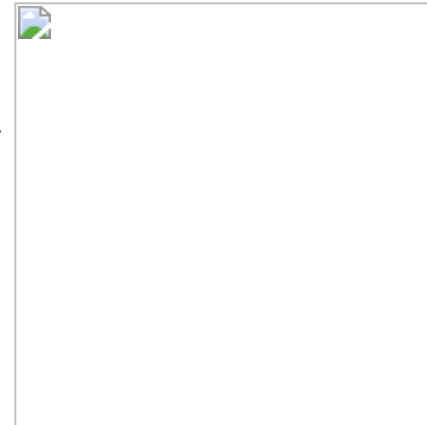
- [Creating Work-Based Learning Programs](#)
- [HQ101— CTE High-quality Framework: Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum](#)
- [Integrating Career Readiness Into Your Courses: Part II](#)
- [Introduction to Positive Psychology for Educators](#)
- [Leveraging Community Resources to Energize CTE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