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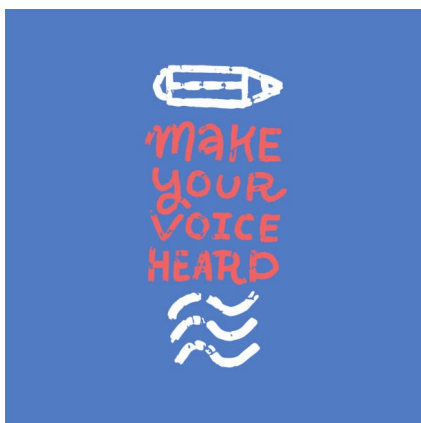


EDUCATE

MEMBER NEEDS ASSESSMENT - MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

The CACTE Executive Committee and CACTE Board has some important decisions to make in the next few weeks regarding the 2021 CACTE CareerTech Summit format and more. You should have received a NEWS FLASH from CACTE on T 1/26/21 with information about this survey. *PLEASE* take 5-10 minutes to complete the Member Needs Assessment, providing input for making those decisions. This is YOUR CHANCE to MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!! *Please respond to the survey by Friday, February 12!*

TAKE MEMBER NEEDS ASSESSMENT HERE!



2021 CACTE CAREERTECH SUMMIT

The CACTE Board plans to make a decision about the format of the 2021 Summit in early March. Regardless of format, the dates are July 18-22, so mark your calendar now. Watch the CACTE website for information about the Summit as it becomes available.



REGION V CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Are you interested in presenting at the 2021 ACTE Region V Conference? The Region V — Pioneers of Change event, co-hosted by Nevada ACTE and the ACTE Region V Policy Committee, will focus on the professional development of career and technical education (CTE) professionals, including instructors, administrators, and career guidance and school counselors from both secondary and postsecondary CTE programs and institutions. The conference will be held April 15-17, online using the Attendify platform.

All concurrent sessions are 50 minutes. ***Please do not submit a proposal unless you can present at any time during the day on Friday, April 16, or Saturday, April 17.*** The Region V Conference Planning Team reserves the right to edit presentation titles and descriptions for length and content. Accepted speakers are responsible for registration for the online conference. Priority will be given to presenters who are ACTE members.

The conference planning committee has identified priority content areas for strengthening the skills of CTE professionals in both secondary and postsecondary programs.

Each submission must indicate which thematic area the proposed presentation addresses.

- Best Practices and Innovation in CTE
- Classroom Delivery
- Creating Partnerships: Secondary, Post-secondary, and Business
- Leadership and Advocacy
- Work-based Learning and Apprenticeships
- Student presentation (Saturday only)

This is an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your programs and to share your expertise with colleagues.

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, SO ACT QUICKLY!!!!

Call for Proposals [HERE!](#)



COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND
TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATORS

CACTA VIRTUAL MID-WINTER SYMPOSIUM

Feb 10, 2021, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

The CACTA Mid-Winter Conference has been transformed to a half day CACTA Virtual Mid-Winter Symposium on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The intent of this meeting will be to gather and receive important state and legislative information, along with a few other relevant focus areas. Join us to explore "New Obstacles, New Trails"!

[Click HERE to register](#). We look forward to seeing you at the Symposium!

NEW CTE LEARN COURSE

A new course recently launched in the CO ACTE Online Learning Center – **EC110 – *Reaching High-Levels of Student Engagement***.

All teachers should aim for maximum student engagement. To facilitate this happening requires an understanding and application of fundamental principles of effective instruction, especially in our new world of virtual learning. This engagement course is the first in a series designed to empower teachers to reach their highest levels of performance, digitally and in person. This course provides content and emphasizes the pedagogy, psychology, and neuroscience involved with engagement. The outcome for this course is to equip teachers to engage in deeper conversations about student learning, cognitive growth, and performance. This course provides engagement strategies to use in CTE courses immediately.

EC110 – Reaching High-Levels of Student Engagement is located in the ‘CTE Teachers’ category under the ‘Essentials for CTE Teachers’ tab.

Check out EC110!



Online Learning Center

NEWS from MY COLORADO JOURNEY

My Colorado Journey has been added to the *myColorado app*, the State of Colorado’s official mobile app that provides residents with secure and convenient access to state services anytime, anywhere, including a digital ID. With the dramatic changes to our economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to useful and actionable information about employment, education, and training and about how to best match skills, knowledge, and aspirations with good jobs is more important than ever.

LEARN MORE HERE!





It's still a whole lot of months away, but ACTE has already made the decision to make the 2021 VISION conference a HYBRID affair, with the ability to attend online OR in-person (*oh please, oh please!*)! The ACTE VISION call for proposals will open in February - stay tuned to the [ACTE VISION website](#) for details.



ADVOCATE



2021 CTE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

The great thing about the 2021 Showcase being virtual? EVERYONE can easily be involved! Take a few minutes to record your "I am CTE" video clip; ask your colleagues and students to do the same, and flood social media, especially Twitter, with the clips on February 10 and 17! Refer to the CACTE News Flash sent 1/19/21 for details or go to the Advocacy Toolkit on the CACTE website - scroll down to the Advocacy Lesson Plan!

Advocacy Toolkit



2021 CTE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

- **February 3** - CACTE will send a kickoff email to all CO Legislators about Colorado CTE, including a link to the awesome CTE Overview video on the [Colorado CTE website](#).
- **February 10 and 17** - flood Twitter (that's where the legislators are) and other social media platforms with "I am CTE" videos - invite your legislators to visit your program, whether in-person or virtually!
- **February 24** - CACTE will send a wrap-up email to all CO Legislators about Colorado CTE, including a link to a compilation video with CTE programs around the state

CACTE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - 2021

Each fall, the CACTE Legislative Committee writes the Legislative Priorities document that will guide advocacy efforts for the coming Legislative Session. The Committee works with Tonette Salazar, CACTE Legislative Specialist, to write a useful and informative document. There will be many new legislators in the 2021 Colorado Legislative - we want them to understand 21st century Career & Technical Education. Feel free to use this document in your own advocacy efforts with your legislators!

This year's focus is on three main priorities:

- Education Funding: K-12 & Higher Education
- CTE Teacher/Instructor Pipeline
- Workforce Development, Partnerships & Collaboration

[Click HERE to see the Legislative Priorities!](#)

FEBRUARY IS CTE MONTH!

Career and Technical Education Month[®], or CTE Month[®], is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

WHAT CAN I DO TO CELEBRATE?

- post on social media, using #CTEmonth and #CACTEnews
- watch for and "like" CACTE social media posts on Twitter and FB
- write a short blurb about your activities for this newsletter - send to cacte@cacte.org
- watch for ACTE's "28 Days of CTE" posts on social media - "like" and re-post on your own or school social media sites



**CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!**

[Need Ideas?](#)



[Info & Reg here!](#)

ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) will be *virtual* in 2021! Held the week of February 22, Monday has several "live" sessions 10:00 am - 3:00 pm MT.

Join CTE professionals from across the nation to learn about and engage virtually on key education policy topics that impact your CTE programs, including:

- An official welcome from the Biden administration with a preview of education policy priorities
- Outlook and news from Members of Congress working on CTE issues for key committees
- Best practices in influencing federal policy



- related to CTE advocacy and messaging
- Virtual Hill and school visits

Colorado ACTE will plan its *virtual* Hill Visits for T 2/23, W 2/24 and R 2/25. The CACTE President-Elect is responsible for making CACTE's Virtual Hill Visits - please email [Janet Renden](mailto:Janet.Renden) if you are interested in helping with the Congressional Delegation virtual visits.

This is a month earlier than originally planned, so mark your calendars!

Registration is now open - \$125 for members, \$215 for nonmembers and \$50 for students.

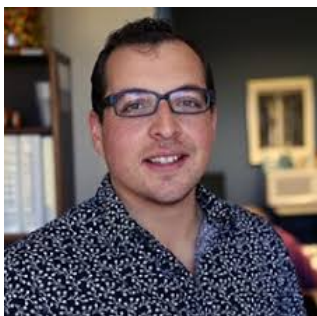


ACTE INCLUSION, ACCESS, EQUITY & DIVERSITY (IAED)

"ACTE is focused on issues that matter to you and the nation..... ACTE promotes high quality CTE programs for diverse audiences. We continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diversity of the CTE community. We are committed to equity, access, inclusion, and diversity through our organization."

[ACTE IAED Resources Here](#)

Congratulations to **THREE** Colorado ACTE members for being chosen as ACTE IAED mentees for 2021 - **Chris Juarez (CCCS), Elina Medina (DPS) and Cristina Sanchez Serrano (Brighton 27J)**! The program is designed to help mentees develop their inclusive leadership skills. They are asked to devote ~4 hours a month to this development, reading articles/books, meeting with a mentor, helping to develop IAED statements/documents to serve as guidance for schools/institutions, and discussing how Perkins V fits with IAED and more. We look forward to hearing about their involvement! [Read more about this ACTE program HERE!](#)



LEAD

CACTE NEEDS YOU!!!

Colorado ACTE assists individuals in further developing their leadership skills in CTE through active participation in the ACTE/CACTE/Divisions family of professional associations. There are numerous opportunities to get more involved through CACTE Division leadership, service on CACTE committees, as well as holding a CACTE office.



For 2021, CACTE is looking for qualified candidates for **CACTE president-elect** and **CACTE secretary**. President-elect candidates must have previously served on the CACTE Board and it is a three year commitment. Secretary candidates do not need previous CACTE Board experience and it is a two year commitment.

If you are interested, [click here for the officer application](#). Email cacte@cacte.org with any questions. We need YOU to model the leadership you want to see in your CTSO students!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING ACTE, CACTE & CACTE DIVISION EVENTS!



- CATFACS *Virtual* Winter Conference, Jan 28-30, 2021
- CVATA *Virtual* Mid Winter Conference, Jan 28-30 2021
- National CTE Month, February
- National School Counselor Week, Feb 1-5
- CTE *Virtual* Showcase for Legislators, Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2021
- CACTA *Virtual* Mid Winter Symposium, Feb 10, 2021
- **PLEASE COMPLETE THE CACTE MEMBER NEEDS ASSESSMENT BY Feb 12**
- ACTE *Virtual* National Policy Seminar (NPS), Feb 22-25, 2021
- Region V *Virtual* Leadership Conference, April 15-17, 2021
- 2021 CACTE CareerTech Summit, July 18-22, Embassy Suites, Loveland
- 2021 ACTE VISION Conference, *in-person AND virtual*, Dec 1-4, New Orleans
- (fingers crossed for in person events!)

