

VISIONS 2012

“Washington ACTE’s mission is to support our members in providing high quality CTE opportunities for all students in Washington State.”



The view from here...

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I remember how busy spring becomes with all of the end-of-year activities and the feeling of joy and dread for the “last day of school.” As a busy classroom teacher and CTSO advisor, I began to understand through my membership in Washington ACTE, that there were good people in positions of leadership looking out for my and CTE’s best interests around the state.

I share this, to let you all know that when I am in any meeting from Washington DC, to working with our Washington ACTE board, I want to be your voice in the room by asking “How will what we are proposing affect the classroom?” “Will it make your job better in serving your students and delivering a high-quality program?”.

In a nutshell this is the reason for membership and drives the mission and purpose of Washington ACTE.

Here are a few of the activities that have been happening:

- Preparing details of this year’s Summer Conference “Stepping Ahead with CTE”. You should have received email information recently with registration information. Here is the link to our [website for registration](#).
- CTE did well in the final supplemental budget and you can find the details in our last [WOVE on the Washington ACTE website](#). Specifically I was able to secure \$100,000 back into the budget for CTSOs...see more later in this newsletter.
- We had the support of other educational organizations on CTE issues and support as we worked to advance HB 2170 - The Career Pathways Act, which did not

pass this session but will be back in 2013.

- I represent you and the association in the work being done on the new “High Skills, High Wages: Multiple Pathways for Initial Careers’ work group, with the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.
- I continue to participate on the Washington State CTE Strategic Plan Committee hosted by OSPI. This is the result of HB 1710 passed in 2011 to produce a final report in December 2012. This is a great venue to create our preferred future for CTE in our state and to create a plan to move in that direction.
- In our last trip to DC we shared with our state’s delegation the need to reauthorize and to fund Perkins by formula to the states. We were able to have two house members sign the “Dear Colleague” letter in support of Perkins funding being formula driven. The DOE’s blueprint for Perkins reauthorization can be found here, [Investing in America’s Future: A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education](#).
- Attended an OSPI Common Core State Standards meeting for education partners to share amongst us all about how we are helping our members prepare for Common Core State Standards. The Math Teachers Association has developed a process of providing regional trainings for their members in each of the ESD districts and at their statewide meeting later in the year. This might be a great model for CTE if we had the people power to deliver in each of the ESDs. I would suggest when possible that those of you who have a strong equivalency crediting connection to math seek out these opportunities.

It is my goal to send out a *VISION 2012* at least once each quarter going forward.

Have a great finish to the year and I look forward to seeing all of you at Summer Conference in Yakima August 5-8, 2012.

State returns funding for CTSOs



The Washington State Legislature returned \$100,000 to the latest supplemental operating budget for the statewide supervision of Career and Technical Student Organizations. Two years ago in another special session the Legislature removed 100% of the funding for CTSOs in the last minute negotiations. This is great news for the seven state-approved CTSOs pictured in the photo above with Washington ACTE's 2011 Legislators of the Year, Rep. Luis Moscoso and Sen. Nick Harper.

A few key legislators who fully understand the importance of Career and Technical Education in our state were responsible for helping to put this back into the budget. But, more importantly was the quality of the programs being conducted by all of our CTSOs that gained the support of ALL of the legislators because no one in either party or chamber stepped up to have the \$100,000 removed.

There is a well know "axiom" in politics that says, "it is easier to stop what someone else wants than it is to get what we want." It is quite the compliment to Career and Technical Education and our Student Leadership Organizations to have that type of support in these tough economic times to survive the tough budget arguments.

2012 Events & Programs

WA-ACTE Legislative Committee Meeting
May 7, GoToMeeting

WSBEA Board Meeting
May 12, GoToMeeting

WA-ACTE Board Meeting
May 19, Sea-Tac

WA-ACTE Board Meeting
August 4, Yakima Convention Center

Washington ACTE Summer Conference
August 5-8, Yakima Convention Center

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