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**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
2017 AWARD WINNERS**

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Washington ACTE 2017 Awards. The award winners were announced during the Awards Breakfast at the Washington ACTE Summer Conference on August 8, 2017, at The Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane.

The **Washington ACTE Teacher of the Year award** recognizes the finest Career and Technical Education teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students, and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Teacher of the Year



Genevieve Menino
Lake Washington School District

Genevieve Menino is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Juanita High School in the Lake Washington School District in Kirkland. Genevieve has been a Washington ACTE member since 2008.

The **Washington ACTE Administrator of the Year award** recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, or state level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and effective Career and Technical Education programs.

Administrator of the Year



Teri Pablo
Yelm Community Schools

Teri Pablo is the Career and Technical Education Director and Communications Director for Yelm Community Schools. Teri has been a Washington ACTE member since 2005.

The **Washington ACTE Career Guidance Award** recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

Career Guidance Award



Laurie Price
Richland School District

Laurie Price is a Special Education Work-Based Learning teacher at Hanford High School in the Richland School District. Laurie has been a Washington ACTE member since 2008.

The **Washington ACTE New Teacher of the Year award** recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique Career and Technical Education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers.

New Teacher of the Year



Joel Brian
Yelm Community Schools

Joel Brian is a Manufacturing, Engineering, and Robotics teacher at Yelm High School in the Yelm Community Schools. Joel has been a Washington ACTE member since 2014.

The **Washington ACTE Champion of the Year award** recognizes individuals and entities, from within or outside the Association, who support and champion CTE programs as a vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable, and competitive workforce and have made a significant impact on the improvement and expansion of CTE programs and/or on positively influencing policymakers and public opinion regarding CTE.

Champion of the Year



Terri Colbert
Workforce Board

Terri Colbert retired earlier this year as the Federal Program Administrator for WIOA and CTE with the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. Terri is the first recipient of this new award for the Association.

The **Washington ACTE President's Award** is presented by the Washington ACTE president to the person that they feel helped them the most during their year as president.

**President's Award
Presented by Gene Wachtel, WA-ACTE President 2016-2017**



**Tim Knue
WA-ACTE Executive Director**

Tim Knue has been the Washington ACTE Executive Director since 2009. Tim is a retired Agricultural Education teacher with Mount Vernon High School and has been a Washington ACTE member since 1985.

The **Washington ACTE Legislator of the Year award** recognizes legislators who have made a contribution of state significance to Career and Technical Education.

Legislators of the Year



**Senator John Braun
20th Legislative District**



**Senator Christine Rolfes
23rd Legislative District**



**Representative Paul Harris
17th Legislative District**



**Representative Matt Manweller
13th Legislative District**



**Representative Gael Tarleton
36th Legislative District**

The **Washington ACTE Achieve 100% Membership Award** recognizes schools or districts that have 100% Washington ACTE membership participation from each and every member of their Career and Technical Education staff. The 2017 recipients: **Blaine High School, Fife School District, Grandview High School, Lynden High School, North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, OSPI CTE Department, Sumner School District, and Yelm Community Schools.**



The **Washington ACTE Membership Award** recognizes the Washington ACTE section with the highest percentage increase in membership. **WAAE** is this year's recipient with a 9% increase in membership.



The purpose of the **Quality Section Standards (QSS) Award** is to provide benchmarks for sections to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members. **FACSE** is this year's recipient of the QSS Award.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2017 AWARD WINNERS!

The Washington ACTE Awards promote merit in Career and Technical Education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to Washington ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE. The state winners for Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Career Guidance Award, and New Teacher of the year will progress on to compete at the regional level next year at the ACTE Region V Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 11-14, 2018.

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is the state's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Washington ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals including educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors, and others at all levels of education. Washington ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development, and leadership opportunities.