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**Call for Nominations**



The nomination process for Washington ACTE's President Elect will run from March 1 to May 1. Nominations for the 2016 election are due May 1, 2016.

[Click Here for Nomination Information](#)

# Washington ACTE Summer Conference



## Washington Association for Career and Technical Education Summer Career and Technical Education Conference "WE ARE CTE...for Every Student's Success"



August 7-10, 2016 – [The Davenport Grand Hotel](#) (Spokane)



*WA-ACTE Special Group Rate (per diem) \$96 single / \$106 double / \$116 triple / \$126 quad  
Rates Available 8/5/16 to 8/10/16*

*Book by 7/8/16*

*Self-Parking Rate for Registered Guests \$10/day*

*The Davenport Grand Hotel, 333 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane WA 99201, 800-918-9344*

[Click Here to Book Your Hotel Group Rate](#)

### **Sponsored by:**



## Washington ACTE Summer Conference (continued)

- **New this year...conference starts on Sunday.**
- **All Sunday sessions open to all registrants at no additional cost.**
- Advance registration rates available through 7/15/16
- Registration increases by \$50 after 7/15/16
- After 7/31/16 register onsite
- Registration includes lunch on Monday, breakfast on Tuesday, and up to 28 clock hours for entire conference
- STEM training offers up to 32 clock hours for entire conference (see more information below)
- Single day, retired, and student registrations available
- See registration form for all prices including section meals and additional section or national dues

### STEM Training Schedule:

- Day 1, Saturday, August 6, 12-4 (4 hours) - Onsite Shop Safety and CTE Law at the Spokane Skills Center (NEWTECH)
- Day 2, Sunday, August 7, 8-4 (8 hours) - James Sullivan with Bubba's Tower at the Spokane Skills Center (NEWTECH)
- Day 3, Monday, August 8, 8-4 (8 hours) - General Session and spending time with the vendors on laser/engravers at The Davenport Grand Hotel
- Day 4, Tuesday, August 9, 8-4 (8 hours) - Will Lewis, PVC Submarine Project get parts and build day (prepare to go purchase PVC) at the Spokane Skills Center (NEWTECH)
- Day 5, Wednesday, August 10, 7-11 (4 hours) - Will Lewis, PVC Submarine Testing (location TBD)

### Registration Now Open!

[Click Here for Summer Conference Flyer](#)

**\*\*\*\* Paper Registration (purchase orders / checks) - [Word](#) / [pdf](#) \*\*\*\***

All registrations include WA-ACTE dues.

Dues for current members are renewed and nonmembers automatically become members.

[Online Registration](#) (credit cards only)

*Please Note: Online registrations incur processing/service fees of 4.95% of the credit card charge and \$3.95 per registration, which 100% is paid by the registrant.*

*To avoid processing/service fees, please use paper registration.*

### Washington ACTE Summer Conference Partners:



[Exhibitors Click Here](#)



**Silent Auction**  
Sunday, August 7 & Monday, August 8, 2016  
[Bid Sheet](#)

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**More Upcoming Conferences**

[ACTE Region V Conference | April 20-23, 2016 | San Diego](#)

2016 Region V Conference

Mark your calendars! This year's Region V conference will be held in San Diego, California, April 20-23. Visit the [Region V conference](#) website for the latest information on the conference and [register today](#).



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[WAAE](#) Summer Conference | June 26-30, 2016 | Pasco

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[WA-ACTE Summer CTE Conference](#) | August 7-10, 2016 | [The Davenport Grand Hotel](#) (Spokane)

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[WAVA](#) Fall Conference | October 10-11, 2016 | Wenatchee

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The 2016 National Health Science Curriculum Conference October 12-14, 2016, provides an opportunity to showcase programs, share innovative teaching strategies and best practices, and look to the future by experiencing a wide array of learning opportunities and new resources. Educators from around the country will come together to form networks and build collaboration to enhance health science education programming. The theme of the conference is "The Race Ahead: Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges." There will be a preconference Tuesday, October 11 focusing on the National Health Science Standards and Assessment. [Click here for flyer](#).

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[FACSE](#) Annual Conference | October 24-25, 2016 | Great Wolf Lodge

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[WA-ACTE Fall STEM & ARTS Conference](#) | November 3-4, 2016  
[Great Wolf Lodge](#) (Grand Mound/Centralia)

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[ACTE CareerTech VISION](#) | November 30 - December 3, 2016 | Las Vegas, Nevada

## Spotlight on CTE



Thank you for WA-ACTE's continued support of Washington DECA's State Conference Marketing & Communications Team Decision Making competitive event. We had 3,501 students and advisors in attendance at the conference this year and will be bringing approximately 900 of these students and advisors to DECA Internationals in Nashville, TN in late April. I wanted to pass along the link [www.thinkback.com/wadeca](http://www.thinkback.com/wadeca) for our Think Back video which captures the conference experience from a student's perspective. Attached are a few action photos of the WA-ACTE scholarship presentation. Thanks again for the continued support and partnership!

Warm regards,

Shanna LaMar  
Executive Director  
Washington DECA

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## In the News

### [Culinary students run restaurant for the public](#)

Culinary students at North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo, Wash., prepare meals for the public at the Odin Inn, a student-run restaurant. Instructor Aaron Covey in this Q&A suggests that having students involved in harvesting produce for the restaurant has also sparked an interest in healthy habits.

[Kitsap Sun \(Kitsap Peninsula, Wash.\) \(free registration\)](#) (2/28)

### [Wash. district officials predict big growth for CTE](#)

Demand for career and technical education classes is growing in the Marysville School District in Washington state, suggests CTE Director Donnetta Oremus, who predicts the district will have a dedicated CTE facility in five years. Industry professionals offer feedback and best practices for the programs, which include a detective course where students apply crime-solving skills.

[The Marysville Globe \(Wash.\)](#) (3/13)

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## CTE Certification Classes

CTE Certification Classes

- [Bates Technical College - Click Here for Flyer](#)
- [Central Washington University - Click Here for Flyer](#)
- [Eastern Washington University - Click Here for Flyer - Spring 2016 Flyer](#)
- [Olympic College - Click Here for Flyer](#)
- [South Seattle College - Click Here for Flyer - Click Here for Schedule](#)

**Washington ACTE Welcomes 29 New Members  
for February & March 2016**

*Welcome*

John Burke - Vashon School District  
Andria Carpenter - Lake Chelan School District  
Paul Clement - Bellingham School District  
Marc Deaver - Auburn School District  
Susan Donahue - Longview School District  
Adam Fields - Student - CWU  
Margaret Forslund - Longview School District  
Dan Gallagher - Seattle School District  
Stacy Gray - Bainbridge Island School District  
Maya Heissenbuttel - Central Valley School District  
Rob Hicks - Everett Community College  
Lisa Kloke - Longview School District  
Natalia Labrant - Granger School District  
Rosa Linden - Toppenish School District  
Raphael Madison - Edmonds Community College

Susan Mangin - Evergreen School District  
Joie Matteo - Longview School District  
Richard Montague - Vashon Island School District  
Scott Orness - Bainbridge Island School District  
Audra Pinto - Longview School District  
Joseph Reid - Longview School District  
Wendy Richmond - Richland School District  
David Rostykus - Bellingham School District  
Carolyn Scharpenberg - Variquest Visual Learning Tools  
Renee Small - Evergreen School District  
Daniel Soeland - Student - CWU  
Colleen Vekich - ESD 112  
Trent Whatley - Methow Valley School District  
James Wilson - Edmonds School District

**NEW! Your First Year in CTE: 10 More Things**

The 2nd in a 3-part series on the first year CTE teaching experience, this book offers approaches to lesson planning and how to stay current in a specific discipline and leverage the power of the career technical student organizations in the classrooms. [Get your copy today!](#)

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**National Association for Career and Technical Education**



[Doug Meyer](#)

ACTE President

Yelm Community Schools (retired)

Not a National ACTE member?

[Click here to learn more about ACTE membership.](#)



\$1,000 Prize for Student Designers – Deadline May 1

In partnership with Stratasy, ACTE has launched an exciting new student contest to redesign the ACTE Excellence Award Trophies. The winning design will be 3D printed for this year's national award trophies, and the first place team will receive \$1,000! The deadline for entry is May 1: [learn more](#) about the contest.

## Washington ACTE 2016 Awards

**Deadline: May 1, 2016**



Since 1976, the Washington ACTE Excellence Awards have promoted excellence in Career and Technical Education. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to Washington ACTE: They embody the core values of serving their students and being committed to CTE. All of the Member Awards are presented at the [Washington ACTE Summer Conference](#). Please join Washington ACTE at our next annual conference celebrating career and technical educators who make a difference in students' lives every day! Click [here](#) to see last year's Washington ACTE Award winners! To view other past winners, please visit our [winner archive](#).

[Click Here for Washington ACTE 2016 Excellence Awards Information Packet](#)

*New this year...WA-ACTE Excellence Award winners  
will receive complimentary registration to Summer Conference 2017!*



*Online Application - [ACTE Awards Portal](#)*

If you need help with the ACTE Awards Portal, please contact Kate Dowdy, Leadership Coordinator, ACTE Awards, 703-683-9305, 800-826-9972 ext. 305, [kdowdy@acteonline.org](mailto:kdowdy@acteonline.org)

Please note: When you enter the portal it will say "2018 ACTE Member Awards" even though you are submitting for the 2016 Washington ACTE Member Awards...the 2016 Washington ACTE winners will then compete in the 2017 ACTE Region V Member Awards, and those winners will then compete in the 2018 national ACTE Member Awards.

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### Washington ACTE Member Awards:

- [Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Career Guidance Award](#)
- [Postsecondary Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Administrator of the Year](#)
- [New Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Community Service Award](#)
- [Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

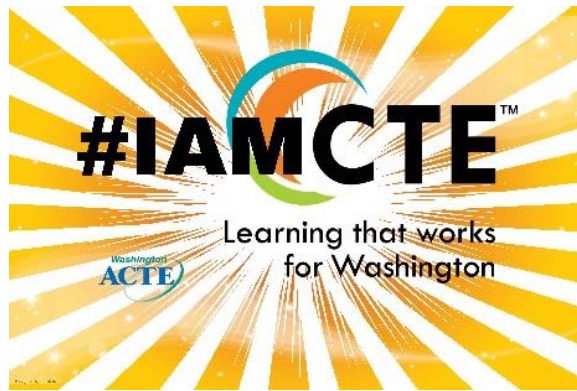
### Washington ACTE also administers these awards at the state level only:

- [2016 WA-ACTE Quality Section Standards Award - \[Word\]\(#\) - \[pdf\]\(#\)](#)
- [2016 WA-ACTE Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship - \[Word\]\(#\) - \[pdf\]\(#\)](#)
- [2016 WA-ACTE 100% Membership Award - \[Word\]\(#\) - \[pdf\]\(#\)](#)

Districts that are 100% members of the Washington ACTE will qualify for a discounted subscription to the STEM Fuse K12 Computer Science Suite. For districts that are not 100% members, STEM Fuse will cover all membership costs once a subscription agreement is reached!

[Click Here for Information on the WA-ACTE and STEM Fuse Computer Science Initiative](#)

If you have questions about the Washington ACTE awards, please contact the Awards Coordinator, Tess Alviso at [taa@wa-acte.org](mailto:taa@wa-acte.org) / 360-786-9286, or the Awards Chair, Vern Chandler at [vedwards1923@gmail.com](mailto:vedwards1923@gmail.com) If you have questions about the national ACTE awards or using the Awards Portal, please contact Kate Dowdy at [kdowdy@acteonline.org](mailto:kdowdy@acteonline.org) / 800-826-9972 ext. 305.



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## Job Openings

*Please note: These job openings have previously been sent out and may no longer be available.*

- [CTE Engineering Construction Trades – Walla Walla](#)
- [Business Education Teacher - Yelm](#)
- [Director – Sno-Isle Skills Center](#)
- [Bio-Med/Sports Medicine; Athletic Trainer – Selah](#)
- [Business Education Teacher - Dayton](#)
- [CTE Engineering Technology Teacher - Kennewick](#)
- [Business & Marketing Teacher – Moses Lake](#)
- [CTE Art – Olympia](#)
- [Marketing / DECA Advisor – Olympia](#)
- [Robotics, Power Tech, Pre-Engineering, Metals - Olympia](#)
- [Teacher - JROTC Senior Army Instructor – Clover Park](#)
- [STEM Teacher – Franklin Pierce](#)
- [Licensed Athletic Trainer / Health Sciences Teacher – Toppenish](#)
- [Computer Technology Instructor – Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center](#)
- [Automotive Technology Instructor/NATEF Certified – Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center](#)
- [Environmental Science Instructor – Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center](#)
- [Videogame Programming Instructor – Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center](#)
- [American Sign Language Instructor - Olympia](#)
- [FACSE TEACHER – Burlington-Edison](#)
- [Teacher HS CTE Business Education - Tacoma](#)
- [Teacher HS CTE Graphic Arts - Tacoma](#)
- [Family & Consumer Science Teacher - Toppenish](#)
- [CTE Family and Consumer Science \(FACSE\) Teacher - Eastmont](#)
- [Teacher High School CTE Printmaking - Tacoma](#)
- [Teacher High School CTE Photography REPLACEMENT - Tacoma](#)
- [Teacher HS CTE Horticulture REPLACEMENT - Tacoma](#)
- [Marketing / Student Store / WBL / DECA Advisor - Olympia](#)
- [CTE Technology Education Teacher - Cashmere](#)
- [Woods/Construction – North Thurston](#)

To submit a job opening to be sent out to Washington ACTE members, please email in the following format to [taa@wa-acte.org](mailto:taa@wa-acte.org) (no attachments please).

Job Title:

District / School:

Brief Description: (Please limit to 50 words or less.)

Contact: (Please include contact name, phone, and email.)

Website Link to Posting: (Please provide specific link and not just to district website.)



## Connect with Your Washington ACTE Sections



(Left to Right) Gene Wachtel, WA-ACTE President Elect; Ryan Nickels, WASTS; Terri Karkau, HSCTE; Dawn Boyden, FACSE; Michelle Spenser, WA-ACTE Past President; Lew Keliher, WA-ACTE President; Jewel Robinson, WA-CCER; Darby Vigus, WAME; John Davis, WITEA; Mark Sabo, WSBEA; Shani Watkins, WAVA



[Shani Watkins](#), West Sound Tech Skills Center



[Dawn Boyden](#), Lake Stevens High School



[Aubrey Markel](#), Jenkins High School



[Darby Vigus](#), Monroe High School



[Mark Sabo](#), Hazen High School



[John Davis](#), Liberty Middle School



[Terry Derrig](#), Renton School District  
[Jewel Robinson](#), Clover Park School District



[Ryan Nickels](#), Bremerton School District



[Terri Karkau](#), Mountain View High School

## Agency News Links



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[WTECB NEWS](#)



[SBCTC NEWS](#)

## Other Opportunities



EARN A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP BY TELLING US WHY YOU 'OPT IN FOR A BETTER EDUCATION'  
[http://www.readywa.org/uploads/2/0/6/0/20606498/030816\\_optinwa\\_flyer\\_final.pdf](http://www.readywa.org/uploads/2/0/6/0/20606498/030816_optinwa_flyer_final.pdf)

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### Professional Development Opportunity:

Washington *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics has introduced thousands of students to Computer Science through its series of Robotics competitions, including 600 *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League teams this year alone. Most teams are after school clubs, which can limit access for traditionally under-represented CS /STEM students. To help drive CS/STEM equity statewide, Robotics needs to be a daytime classroom offering, enabling under-represented students to envision CS/STEM as a part of their future before they enter high school. Washington *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics was recently awarded a Computer Science Education Grant to facilitate professional development for elementary and middle school teachers on STEM Robotics 101 between April-June, 2016 at five locations across Washington State. STEM Robotics 101 is a Washington-grown curriculum with an OSPI-approved framework, a free customizable curriculum and now subsidized statewide professional development. We would encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity. Please see this link for more details and to reserve your training today: <http://firstwa.org/Programs/FIRST-LEGO-League/STEM-101-Robotics-Professional-Development>

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### Scholarship Opportunity for CTE Students

ACTE is proud to support the Horatio Alger National Career and Technical Scholarship Program, offering 510 scholarships up to \$2,500 each to students pursuing a career or technical certificate/degree at a community college. The scholarships are made possible through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Walter Scott, Jr., former chairman of the Horatio Alger Association and current president of the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund. The [application is open](#) March 15-June 1.

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### About NewSpace 2016

NewSpace is the only conference that brings the three pillars of the space industry — startups, established companies, and government agencies — together with private investors and tech innovators. For the first time ever, the conference will take place in Seattle, Washington - the cradle of aerospace innovation and now a growing space cluster. The three-day conference focuses on the current, near term, and future issues and challenges in commercial space and is attended by distinguished members from all sectors and verticals of the space industry, making this conference a hotbed of innovation and partnership. NewSpace 2016 will be held June 21-23 at the Motif Seattle Hotel in the heart of downtown Seattle. For additional information, feel free to check out the [website](#) and conference [agenda](#). Students and young professionals interested in attending can easily register [here](#).

## Other Opportunities (continued)

WaHOSA NEEDS YOU!!!

Interested in leading a student career and technical organization focused on health care or working with the student leaders of this organization? Then look no further.

Washington State HOSA is currently recruiting for two positions, an Executive Director and State Student Advisor.

Washington State HOSA- future Health professionals is a rapidly growing Career and Technical Student Organization, affiliated with the national HOSA organization. With the rapid growth comes the need for leadership to guide the organization into the future.

These positions are now open through April 29, 2016.

Both positions are paid through a stipend dependent upon Carl Perkins and State legislated allocations for CTSOs. Review the attached descriptions for responsibilities and details of each position.

A letter of application and resume should be sent to:

Susan Dixon  
College, Career and Technical Education Director  
Wa-HOSA Board Interim Chair  
PO Box 8910  
Vancouver WA 98669-8910

or email to [Susan.Dixon@evergreenps.org](mailto:Susan.Dixon@evergreenps.org)

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs of the health care community.

The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program.

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### [New IES Grants Available for CTE Research](#)

On March 28, the Institute for Education Sciences' National Center for Education Research released its [funding announcement](#) for new Education Research Grants, to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2017. Education Research Grants "focus on outcomes and challenges on a broad range of topics at all levels, including early childhood, elementary, secondary, postsecondary, and adult education. Grants can be funded for up to five years and support many kinds of projects, including exploratory research, development and pilot-testing of new interventions, efficacy and effectiveness studies, and measurement studies." This year, CTE has been added as a [new special focus](#) for the competition! According to IES materials, it is looking for "Research on policies, programs, and practices that are aimed at increasing career readiness in K-12 students. IES is particularly interested in understanding what types of CTE programs work best, for whom, and under what conditions." The IES funding process is highly competitive, so only very well-developed proposals by highly qualified researchers will be funded. On the IES webpage, you will find information on funding webinars and links to previously funded projects to help you craft the strongest applications. In addition, the grant announcement includes specific "recommendations for a strong application" that can be of assistance. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about submitting an application, you can contact the program officer, Dr. Corinne Alfeld, by e-mail at [corinne.alfeld@ed.gov](mailto:corinne.alfeld@ed.gov). Applications are due on August 4, 2016.

## Other Opportunities (continued)

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Google and Comcast, the Technology Alliance announces the 2016 Youth Apps Challenge! Washington middle and high school students are invited to develop and submit apps that solve a real-world problem. Students at all experience levels are encouraged to apply in either of these entry categories:

- General Entry: requires a prototype for a mobile app.
- Technical Entry: requires an original functioning mobile app or mobile-enabled web app, including the source code

Detailed requirements and judging criteria are available at:

<http://www.technology-alliance.com/youth-apps/>.

The submission period is April 19-29 via <http://youthappschallenge.org/>. Finalists will be invited to present their apps at the Youth Apps Challenge event at the University of Washington on June 4, 2016. A minimum of 15 prizes will be awarded to youth and their teachers, including tablets and gift cards.

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