



- **February is Career and Technical Education Month®!**
 - CTE Month® is a public awareness campaign ACTE holds each February to celebrate Career and Technical Education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. CTE Month 2017, with its tagline of "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!" gives you the chance to inform others of the innovation and excellence that exists within your local CTE programs and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE plays in readying our students for careers and our nation for economic success. For more information on how you can get involved, please [click here](#).
- **Washington ACTE Awards – May 1 Deadline**
 - Member awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of Career and Technical Education. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community.
- **Upcoming Conferences**
 - Sections, WA-ACTE, Region V, and National ACTE Conferences
- **Virtual CTE Discussions**
 - **Tech Tools: The Best Things in Life Are Free**
 - If you want things to change, you first have to have an awareness of the issue. 21st century learning shifts our paradigm of education, working with educators, students, business & industry, and other community stakeholders to address a rapidly changing world filled with new challenges and new possibilities. Learn some tips to help yourself be more efficient and effective through **FREE Resources for Educator Excellence!**
 - **Business and Industry Partnerships**
 - Developing partnerships with business and industry leaders is not only an important piece for keeping your programs relevant, it's a powerful way to open up opportunities for your students and grow a network of CTE supporters in your community. Learn where to start and how to strengthen existing relationships with these groups!
 - **Using Your Data**
 - Data is a powerful tool for highlighting successes in a CTE program. Learn how to use your data to pull together resources that help advocate for your program to a variety of stakeholders!
 - **CTE is for Everyone**
 - Despite growing interest in STEM and new skills for 21st century careers, CTE is still a hard sell for some audiences. What do parents and students need to know about your CTE program to make the decision to enroll? Learn how to make your program appeal to all types of students!

- **Job Openings**

- [Technology Education / STEM Technology, Lake Washington SD](#)
- [Family and Consumer Sciences, Bainbridge Island SD](#)
- [Aerospace Manufacturing / Applied Sciences – brand new high school to open in Fall 18, Bellingham SD](#)
- [Business Education – 3.0 FTE / 1.0 at each comprehensive HS. \(Sehome/Squalicum/Bellingham\), Bellingham SD](#)

- **In the News**

- [State needs its community colleges, and needs to fund them, says system's retiring chief](#)
 - Marty Brown, the outgoing executive director of the Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, says state lawmakers must do a better job of funding the state's community colleges. Such schools are vital, Brown asserts, because the state needs individuals to fill middle-skill jobs.
- [Centralia High School Students Building New House Through Longstanding Program](#)
 - Construction students from a Washington high school have completed 18 houses and various projects over the past 26 years. Members of the public are able to approach the school with project plans and building requests.
- [There's good money to be made in non-college careers](#)
 - An audit of Washington career and technical education students who graduated in 2012 and 2013 finds that graduates who opted to enter the workforce were more likely to achieve better-paying employment and apprenticeships than peers who did not take CTE classes. The state allocates more than \$400 million a year on CTE and aims to provide hands-on, industry-relevant experiences.
- [Daffodil float design contest launches student-focused internship program](#)
 - A Washington school district's career and technical education leadership team will be using the community's annual Daffodil Parade to promote a new internship program. The winner of the parade's float design contest will be invited to join the town city hall for a short-term internship, plus assemble a team to build and construct the winning idea.

- **Student Opportunities**

- [Student Trophy Design Contest – May 1 Deadline](#)
 - ACTE's Student Trophy Design Contest is back! CAD and 3D modelling students are encouraged to enter our contest to design ACTE's 3D printed trophies for the 2017 awards.
- [Washington ACTE Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship – May 1 Deadline](#)
 - The recipient must be a Career and Technical Education student and a senior at a high school in the state of Washington, must be a member of a Career and Technical Student Organization, and must indicate intentions to enroll or be enrolled in a curriculum or program leading to a bachelor's degree and certification as a career and technical instructor.
- [Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation](#)
 - Students who are the children of anyone who has served or is currently serving in the Marine Corps or as a Navy Corpsman with the Marines are eligible for our scholarships. The application period is from Jan 1 – Mar 1 of this year. In addition to four-year college scholarships the Foundation provides scholarships for students focused on Career and Technical Education. If the CTE program is less than one year they can apply throughout the year but if the program is longer the application period is Jan 1 – Mar 1. For additional information go to www.mcsf.org/apply.