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From the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education



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CTE Month – February 2016



CTE Month® is an annual event held in February to celebrate CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. CTE Month 2016, with its theme of "Opportunities for Career Success", will give you the chance to tell the stories of leadership and excellence from your community and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE has in readying our students for careers and our nation for economic success. CTE Month<<http://www.acteonline.org/ctemonth>> - Showcase your support by gearing up for CTE Month this February. Pens, pencils, lanyards, balloons, post-its and more, celebrating opportunities for career success, are available for purchase<<http://www.acteonline.org/shop>>!

CTE Month 2016 PSA Video Contest:

ACTE announced the winners of our CTE Month 2016 Public Service Announcement video contest at CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, LA. Congratulations to the students and educators who created these videos, and to all of our other entrants as well! Please share these videos with students, administrators, and anyone else interested in learning more about Career and Technical Education.

- 1st place: "[I Am CTE](#)" United Technologies Center
- 2nd place: "[Opportunities for Career Success](#)" College of Southern Idaho
- 3rd place: "[After High School](#)" Clear Brook High School



2016 Legislative Session

The 2016 Legislative Session starts on January 11! CTE professionals are CTE experts, and we need you to join in our work to advocate for CTE. Your local advocacy efforts are a key part of continuing the bipartisan support CTE receives in the legislature.

The WOVE PAC represents the Career and Technical Education field through advocacy activities, which promotes the value of CTE and the policies that are needed to support CTE practitioners, advance the field, and improve student learning. It is crucial that we all work together for a successful legislative session. We need you to be a part of the team, be informed, and ready to respond to issues in order to improve Career and Technical Education.

To view our main issues for the upcoming session, please go to: [2016 WA-ACTE / WAVA Legislative Focus](#)

Subscribe to the *WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education* and stay up-to-date throughout the legislative session. Visit the [WOVE webpage](#) for more information and to view past issues of the *WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education*.

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President Signs Every Student Succeeds Act - President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act, a bill to overhaul federal K-12 education policy, after the measure received bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. [Read more](#)

Incoming Secretary of Education Visits CTE Programs - Incoming U.S. Secretary of Education John King toured CTE programs in Pittsburgh, PA on December 14 to learn about the ways students today are preparing for college and career success. [Read more](#)

Washington CTSO Council



8 Associations, 1 Goal—To help Washington students connect education to careers

Washington CTE Student Leadership Civic Engagement Day | January 27, 2016 | Olympia

**** This is a FREE event, but we do ask that all those attending please register in advance. ****

[Click Here for More Information \(schedule, hotel, registration, student displays\)](#)

[Click Here to Register to Attend](#) | [Click Here to Register for a Student Display Booth](#)

Washington ACTE Summer Conference



[Washington Association for Career and Technical Education
Summer Career and Technical Education Conference](#)
August 7-10, 2016 – [The Davenport Grand Hotel](#) (Spokane)

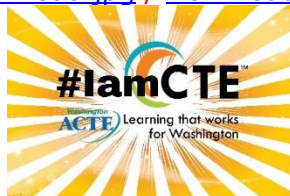
More Information Coming Soon!



Washington ACTE Summer Conference Partner

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More Upcoming Conferences

[WAME One-Day Conference](#) | January 22, 2016 | McKinstry Engineering Innovation Center, Seattle
[Registration Form](#) | [Agenda](#)

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[WAVA Spring Conference](#) | February 22-23, 2016 | Vancouver

[ACTE National Policy Seminar](#) | February 29 - March 2, 2016 | DC

[WITEA Spring Conference](#) | March 10-12, 2016 | Wenatchee
[Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel \\$89 Single / \\$109 Double](#)

"WE ARE CTE...Dignity of Work, Skills in Action"

Registration Form (check/PO) [Word](#) - [pdf](#) | [Online Registration \(credit cards only\)](#)
[Conference Flyer](#) | [Click Here to Submit a Presentation](#)

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

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

ACTE CareerTech VISION | November 30 - December 3, 2016 | Las Vegas, Nevada

Washington ACTE 2016 Awards



Since 1976, the Washington ACTE Excellence Awards have promoted excellence in Career and Technical Education. Washington ACTE recognizes those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards, and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. 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](#).

Deadline: May 1, 2016

[Washington Association for Career and Technical Education 2016 Excellence Awards](#)

[Awards Checklist](#)

- *1st Deadline: December 31 - Make sure your candidates have the one year required WA-ACTE membership and enter as much information as you can by December 31.*
- *From January 1 and no later than May 1 complete your award nomination.*
- *Final Deadline: May 1*

Online Application - [ACTE Awards Portal](#)

For more information, please visit the [WA-ACTE Awards webpage](#).

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 / 360-786-9286, or the Awards Chair, Vern Chandler at 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 / 800-826-9972 ext. 305.

**Washington ACTE Welcomes 148 New Members
for September, October, and November 2015**



Connie Aigner
Kentin Alford
Wes Allen
Andy Anderson
Ellise Anderson
Michelle Anderson
Bekah Angus
Patty Arthur
Jenny Austad
Linda Azzarella
Stephanie Ball
Brian Barcello
Terry Barragan
Jesse Benedetti
Mark Biggerstaff
Marja Bjarnson
Bryan Blackburn
Aaron Blanning
Stephen Blasko
Jodie Brekke
Lynette Brower
Hannah Brown
Tricia Burt
Carol Bushbaker
Lori Carossino
Jon Cerio
Michael Chappell
Megan Claus
Mark Cloud
Travis Collins
Shasta Colon
Marilyn Conger
Melissa Connaughton
Adam Cornwall
Aaron Cowan
Gary Coyan
Kevin Cullen
Kristyn Dahl

Pete Darragh
Scott Davidson
Tim Davis
Crystal De Buigne
Denny Denfield
Shannon Dyer
Devorah Eisenberg
Lee Falta
Cara Forsman
Ashley Foster
Leonard Foster
Chrisy Francescutti
Sandra Gady
Thomas Garner
Therese Gesch
David Gibb
Rose Gifford
Rick Gile
Judy Gill
Jenna Glock
Evan Gosman
Laura Hall
Jen Hansen
Chris Henry
Kurt Hollstein
Renea Hopkins
Aaron Houk
John Hubbard
Charlie Huddleston
Brandon Jensen
Brad Johnson
Jene Jones
Jay Kemp
Phil Kepler
Megan Kinsman
Raya Klein
Mark Knudson
Tess Koning

Nari Kuhnau
Joan Langkow
Kay Latimer
Kendra Ledford
Kristin Lenahan
Vicki Leonard
Scott Marko
Cherise Marshall
Mike Massey
Carolyn McCarson
Nathan McGehee
Mady McGrew
Jennifer McKay
David McLain
Michael Mensonides
Carol Ming
Cassandra Minor
Jessica Monfils
Mark Muckerheide
Robert Mueri
Ivy Nelson
Megan Nelson
Kim Newman
Terry Olson
Jennifer Ozbun
Courtney Peart
Nicole Perry
Tim Pfeifer
Kristl Plinz
Brent Purvis
Greg Rehm
Shanda Reihle
Dixie Reimer
Lisa Reynolds
Shanda Riehle
Orion Royster
Cynthia Russell
Adriana Sanchez

Steven Sanchez
Domingo Sandoval
Natalie Sangalli
Desi Saylors
Laura Schmidt
Robert Schultz
Kristina Schweigert
Andrew Shanafelt
Trevor Sill
Sherry Simon
Kelsey Smersh
Sherrill Stead
Shawn Stern
Maria Stevens
Riley Stites
Scott Striegel
Kim Strobel
Jenny Styer
Chris Trevino
Nathan Trichler
Tom Trudell
Matt Turner
Sheena
Vanderbeulen
Deanna
Veltenheimer
Brenda Walstead
Kelly Warga
Andrew Westlund
Tom Williams
Veda Wilson
Kristin Wolf
Fred Woods
Isaiah Wyckoff
David Young
Nate Zawlocki



[An essential resource for new and experienced teachers](#)

"Your First Year in CTE: 10 Things to Know" provides many "hands-on" examples and resources for use in teaching within the CTE classroom. This book is a great resource for both new and veteran CTE teachers to "survive" and "thrive" in the CTE classroom! [Order yours today!](#)

ACTE



[Doug Meyer](#)

Yelm Community Schools (retired)
ACTE President

Not a National ACTE member?

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



VOTE NOW in the ACTE Board of Directors Election!

Voting ends December 20 at 11:59 p.m. ET! All National Members as of October 20 are eligible to vote for positions of which they are a member. More information about the candidates can be found [here](#).



Washington ACTE awarded the 2015 ACTE Quality Association Standards Award at ACTE's CareerTech VISION in New Orleans in November



Dodie Bemis, ACTE Region V Vice President; Gene Wachtel, WA-ACTE President Elect; Lew Keliher, WA-ACTE President; Michelle Spenser, WA-ACTE Past President; Tim Knue, WA-ACTE Executive Director

IN THE NEWS

[Wash. community college bolsters advanced manufacturing program](#) - A Washington community college will grow its advanced manufacturing facility, officials recently announced. The region's aerospace sector is flourishing, and the school will aim to add courses that address the sector's employment needs, officials said. [The Seattle Times](#) (10/3)

[Wash. career and technical academy ignites interest in fire science](#) - A Washington career and technical academy is offering its inaugural fire science program this year in response to the community's demand for public safety workers, officials say. Students receive a 540-hour introduction to firefighting and EMT work under the guidance of a public safety professional. [Pioneer Press newspaper group \(Glenview, Ill.\) \(free registration\)](#) (10/5)

[Wash. high school taps tech professionals](#) - Four professionals from Washington's technology industry are showing local high-school students options in the state's technical workforce. The volunteers help teach computer science and emphasize real-world activities such as animating fairy tales through computer programming. [HeraldNet \(Everett, Wash.\)](#) (10/30)

[Wash. woodworking students hone skills with real-world project](#) - Woodworking students from a Washington high school last week designed, constructed and completed a project for a regional Humane Society's cat wing. A student project manager coordinated with the organization and established deadlines for the project. [Skagit Valley Herald \(Mt. Vernon, Wash.\)](#) (10/31)

[How CTE prepares troops for civilian life](#) - On-duty career and technical training programs are designed to advance the skills of armed forces members preparing to enter the civilian workforce. Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington has been the site of several pilot skills programs, where servicemen and women can participate in academies and earn technical credentials through postsecondary partners. [The Seattle Times](#) (11/10)

[Wash. CTE consortium enables students to explore careers](#) - Seven school districts make up the Washington Network for Innovative Careers Skills Center, which offers career and technical education programs to students from any member of the partnership. Fields of study include health and human sciences and welding technology. [Redmond-Reporter.com \(Wash.\)](#) (11/13)

[Hands-on STEM classes seek to engage Wash. students](#) - A Washington state high school this year added hands-on classes, including robotics and manufacturing technology, to pique student interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Officials said the classes stress real-world relevance and problem-solving and have brought opportunities for collaboration among teachers from other schools with similar programs. [ThurstonTalk.com \(Olympia, Wash.\)](#) (11/30)

[Mill worker to tech skill students: This is how I lost my arm](#) - Matt Pomerinke speaks to students at Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center about how, in an instant, you could be seriously injured, even lose an arm on the job, as he did. (12/5)

Agency News Links



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



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



[Aubrey Markel](#), Jenkins High School



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[Mark Sabo](#), Hazen High School



WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL
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[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

Opportunities

We are registering now for Winter Quarter. South Seattle College offers a professional, flexible and affordable program.

- For teachers that are already WA State certified, some of the core classes can be waived, thus shortening the time needed to complete the program.
- Pathway especially designed for the experienced certificated teachers.
- Students may begin any quarter.
- The majority of the classes are online or online/hybrid.

For more information:

- Visit our [informational website](http://www.southseattle.edu/programs/conted/cte.htm): <http://www.southseattle.edu/programs/conted/cte.htm>
- Call 206-934-5339
- Email: lmotten@southseattle.edu
- Attend our [information night](#) on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 (6:15-7:15 p.m.) and meet some of the instructors in person.

Register online at www.LearnatSouth.org OR call 206-934-5339.

2016 Clean Tech Competition
Challenge your students to "Making an Impact"
Win up to \$10,000!
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is now open for the 2016 Clean Tech Competition, a global research and design challenge for 15- to 18-year-old students. This year's challenge is to "Making an Impact". This educational opportunity challenges students to develop innovative, clean technology solutions to real-world issues. Solutions may take on aspects of plastics or the need for cheap, clean energy. Student participants will gain experience with focused research, critical thinking, and the scientific process – making it a great project based learning opportunity. There is no entry fee, and students can participate through school, extracurricular programs, or on their own. The 1st Place Team will win \$10,000! The Finalist Event will be held on a cruise from Miami, Florida, USA to the Dominican Republic, when Finalist Teams will meet to explore fun and educational activities, present to a live panel of judges, and network with industry professionals. There is no limit to the number of Teams per organization – so spread the word! Each stage of the competition is designed to be a rewarding process, and more student participation means inspiring more young scientists to help build a better future for our planet. And there is something for the teachers of the schools and those teachers who are team leaders! This year's Clean Tech Competition happens on board Fathom's Cruise Ship, Adonia where there will be opportunities for professional development with workshops that include: Project based learning, Hands-on science activity ideas and demonstrations, Dinosaurs, Weather, STEM questioning techniques, Earth Science, Endangered species and much more! This opportunity for an educational cruise is open for teachers of any age or grade or Education Professors. So spread the words to the students but don't leave out the teachers, we want them there too!

Learn more and register at:
www.CleanTechCompetition.org
Contact administrators at cleantech@cstl.org
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!
"From young minds come fresh solutions"



SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 30TH, 2016



MORE INFO COMING: JANUARY 6TH 2016

[Game Design Competition and Summit](#)

STEM Fuse has partnered with TechJOYnt, Smart and Resilient Cities, and Oklahoma University to create a nationwide game design competition and summit.

Competition Information:

- Official start date- 1/6/16
- Game Design Finalists Summit- 4/30/16
- 4 levels of competition- Elementary, Middle, High, University
- Competition Rules & Regulations will be released 1/6/16

STEM Fuse has created an [after-school program](#) that aligns with the competition. This standard aligned 6-week program will expose students to all facets of STEAM, while preparing them for original game development. This program comes complete with the competition rules/regulations, important dates, information on partnering organizations, competition webinar information, and 6 weeks (30hours) of game design course material.

For information on the After-school Program, contact: Tyler.Tatge@stemfuse.com or 320.291.5665

Job Openings

[Family and Consumer Science – Auburn School District](#)

[Information Technology Networking Instructor - Yakima Valley Community College](#)

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