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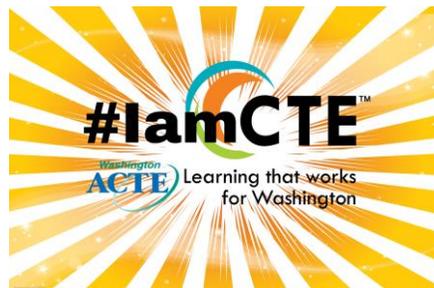
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## CTE Month – February 2016

### 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 2016, with its theme of "Opportunities for Career Success," gives you the chance to tell stories of leadership and excellence from 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. [Click here for more information on how you can get involved.](#)



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#### CTE Month PSA winners

If you haven't already, check out our three winning PSAs and don't forget that this year's CTE Month theme is "Opportunities for Career Success." Find out how you can get active this February and visit our [CTE Month website](#).



"I am CTE" Flashing Light Pin Available at ShopACTE!

Showcase your pride as a CTE professional by wearing this "I am CTE" flashing LED light pin, showcasing our yearlong theme to build awareness on the crucial role CTE programs play in providing career exploration and education opportunities for students nationwide. Perfect for you, your events and for celebrating with all your CTE colleagues! Available for purchase now at [ShopACTE](#). For the complete collection of CTE Month® products, [click here](#).



### 2016 Legislative Session

The 2016 Legislative Session started 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*.

- [pdf](#) - [Word](#) (checks or purchase orders)
- [Subscribe to WOVE Online](#) (credit cards only)



U.S. News and World Report Op/Ed Calls for Perkins Reauthorization  
The American Federation of Teachers and IBM recently published an op/ed on CTE's role in preparing students for college and career success and the need for a reauthorized Perkins to strengthen federal support for CTE. [Read more](#)

President Obama Delivers Final SOTU Address

On the evening of January 12, 2016, President Obama laid out his vision for the remainder of his term during his annual State of the Union address to Congress. [Read more](#)

Looking Ahead to CTE Policy in 2016

With the presidential and congressional election in full swing, 2016 will be dominated by campaign politics. Despite the election-year partisanship, there are some outstanding education policy issues that may make an appearance in the year ahead. [Read more](#)

Obama Administration Proposes Pell Grant Expansion

President Obama and his Administration announced two new proposals that would expand the federal Pell Grant program. [Read more](#)

CTE Presidential Scholars Candidates Announced

These 236 high school seniors from across the country now have the opportunity to submit applications in the next phase of the award process. [Read more](#)

ACTE & NASDCTEc Release Third Annual Report

By taking a state-by-state look at the more than 125 CTE-related laws, executive orders, board of education actions and budget provisions passed across the country during 2015, this report reveals the year's major themes and trends in policymaking. [Read more](#)

JPMorgan Chase & Co. to Invest \$75 M in CTE

Global financial institution JPMorgan Chase & Co. announced Tuesday that in response to growing concern about youth unemployment nationwide, it will invest \$75 million over the next five years in CTE. [Read more](#)

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## 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

## More Upcoming Conferences

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

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



### Forge New Connections at NPS

Gain important insights into federal and state policy trends that will directly impact your CTE programs and strengthen your CTE contacts at local and national levels at [National Policy Seminar 2016](#) this February 29-March 2 in Arlington, Virginia. Don't forget that the early-bird registration rate ends January 29, and the deadline to secure the NPS hotel room rate at the Crystal Gateway Marriott is February 4.

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[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](#) - [Student Project Display Information](#)

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[WAME](#) One-Day "Engineering a Better Marketing Program" | March 25, 2016  
McKinstry Innovation Center, Seattle

This is a STEM conference offering 6 STEM clock hours.

[Agenda](#) | [Registration Form](#) | [Social Dinner](#)

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[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](#).

Just a reminder that proposals for breakout session presentations are due by no later than Saturday, January 30, 2016. You can complete your proposal on-line at <http://www.acteregionvconference.com/become-a-presenter.html>. We know that you all have some great ideas which you can share with the rest of Region V, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.



## More Upcoming Conferences (continued)

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

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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

### CareerTech VISION 2016

It is officially 2016, and we are getting ready for CareerTech VISION in Las Vegas! To kick off the New Year, submit your VISION presentation proposals by February 29 on [www.careertechvision.com](http://www.careertechvision.com) and you could have a session at one of the largest conferences for CTE educators and professionals.

VISION 2016 Call for Proposals

The deadline to [submit](#) your proposals for ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2016, taking place this November 30-December 3 in Las Vegas, is February 29.



## CTE Certification Classes

- [Bates Technical College](#) - [Click Here for Flyer](#)
  - [Central Washington University](#) - [Click Here for Flyer](#)
  - [Eastern Washington University](#) - [Click Here for Flyer](#)
  - [Olympic College](#) - [Click Here for Flyer](#)
  - [South Seattle College](#) - [Click Here for Flyer](#)
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## Washington ACTE Welcomes 3 New Members for December 2015

*Welcome*

Casey Chamberlain – Sumner  
Tristan Hanson – Arlington  
Malia McDowell – Ferndale



[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!](#)

## 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](#)

- *1<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

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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.



[Doug Meyer](#)

ACTE President

Yelm Community Schools (retired)

Not a National ACTE member?

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



#### ACTE Welcomes New ACTE Board Members

Executive Director LeAnn Wilson today expressed her gratitude to the new ACTE Board Members for their upcoming service to the Association. To see the results, please check out the press release [here](#).



#### ACTE Announces \$1,000 Scholarship for Students!

In partnership with Stratasys, 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 and more! The deadline for entry is May 1: learn more about the contest [here](#)!

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### Job Openings

#### [Middle School STEM Robotics – Auburn School District](#)

Contact: [Lew Keliher](#) or [Jennifer Poteet](#) for more information.

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Job Title: Career & Technical Education – 1.0 CTE Program Manager

District / School: Seattle Public Schools

Brief Description: Manages and supervises programs, including staff recruitment and evaluation, budget development and implementation, and facilities operations for the Seattle Public Schools Career and Technical Education Department. Evaluation of City Campus staff and CTE staff. Responsible for strategic planning for future CTE Programs and course and facilitating advisory groups per state and federal standards. Collaborates on Skills Center operations.

Contact: [recruitmentreferences@seattleschools.org](mailto:recruitmentreferences@seattleschools.org)

Website Link to Posting: <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=15203> (you will need to search for the posting)

Other Information: Upload and attach your cover letter and resume before you submit your application to a specific job. Once you submit your application to a job posting, it is considered submitted and applications without the proper attachments will be considered incomplete.

## In the News



### Renton Educator named Citizen of the Year

January 8, 2016—Long-time Renton School District educator and Renton stalwart community supporter Jay Leviton has been named Renton Citizen of the Year by the Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton Rotary and the City of Renton. Jay is recognized for his contributions to nurture the soul and sense of community in Renton through selfless acts of generosity and volunteerism. Jay is well known throughout the communities of Renton as someone who is dedicated to making Renton a great place to live, work, play and learn. He is known to go well beyond the call of duty and demonstrates high character, commitment, and community service.

Over three decades of service to Renton students, families and communities - Jay has served communities throughout Renton for well over three decades: currently in the Renton School District as Executive Director of Career and Technical Education and Community Partnerships; as an educator, first at Renton Vocational Technical Institute (which at the time was part of the Renton School District); as a principal at Sartori Educator Center; as a consultant with the state's education office; and many other positions. Jay has served on local, state and national boards helping to advance vocational-technical education; served as president of a state apprenticeship program for women; and served on state and local service organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts of America, Special Olympics, and the Renton Chamber of Commerce. Jay's hobbies include building motorcycles, camping, biking, skiing, and traveling with family and friends. Jay was recognized at the annual Citizen of the Year Banquet on Friday, Jan. 22, at the Renton Senior Activity Center in Renton.

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### [A new approach to high school internships](#)

Camas Washougal Post Record

The pilot was developed by Derek Jacques, the district's career and technical education director, Holmes, Assistant Superintendent Jeff Snell and...

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### [New Mathways Project aligns courses with college majors](#)

College students in five states could see more math-course sequences tailored to their majors under the New Mathways Project, an initiative of the University of Texas. Texas schools participating in the program are reporting success, with 23% of students completing a college-credit-bearing math course within one year, compared with a previous statewide average of 8%. [The Seattle Times](#) (12/28)

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### [Report: 2016 grads face better job market](#)

A recent report from human resources firm Workmonitor suggests that 2016 graduates will be entering a positive job market. Just fewer than half of the employed workers polled for the survey reported that their employers are particularly in need of science, technology, engineering and math workers. [The Seattle Times](#) (1/4)

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### [Wash. technical college celebrates new facility](#)

Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Wash., last week opened its Advanced Technology Center, which holds its engineering, IT and digital media programs. The 53,000-square-foot facility was developed to support real-world learning and has meeting spaces, a learning resource center and student support services, besides classrooms. [Tacoma Weekly \(Wash.\)](#) (1/14)

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## Agency News Links



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## 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

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## Opportunities



NSE Seeking CTE Students for \$500 Scholarships  
National Safety Education is looking for construction students to participate in a study of health and safety education in CTE schools and in the community. Institutions that participate in the study will make their construction education students eligible for scholarship drawings. [Find out more](#) about this opportunity.

## Opportunities (continued)



My name is Tyler Tatge, and I'm the Co-Chair for the upcoming National Game Design Competition and National Director for STEM Fuse. I'm reaching out one last time to provide you with information regarding the game design competition and corresponding [afterschool program](#).

Registration for the competition can be done by visiting the competitions web page. Sponsorship funding is available to help with registration costs. The Qualifying round ends 3/18/16. This means there is still plenty of time to enter and get your students ready to develop original games. [COMPETITION WEBPAGE](#)

The STEM Fuse Afterschool program (\$500) is a great tool to use if you don't offer an existing game design course or afterschool program in your school. This fast paced 6-week program will teach your students the skills and concepts related to game design, careers and secondary options, and actual game development. By the end of the program, your students will be ready to create their game for competition.

STEM Fuse includes support and development for all of its programs and afterschool programs. To view the next webinar, click [here!](#) STEM Fuse is the leading developer of K12 STEM curricula, resources, and solutions. We have recently partnered with Samsung and Best Buy, and can offer bundled pricing on devices and mobile classroom furniture. Don't hesitate to contact me, as I would love to provide you information on everything we can do for your school/district.

Tyler Tatge, STEM Fuse Director of K12 Solutions, [Tyler.Tatge@stemfuse.com](mailto:Tyler.Tatge@stemfuse.com)

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### HS Computer Science Bundle

The STEM Fuse HS Computer Science Program is designed to expose students to all facets of STEM, career and secondary information, and provide them experience with industry used software. The program focuses on courses in [Game Design](#), [Application Development](#), and [Website Design](#). We are currently running a promotion in which schools can purchase courses now, preview them this school year, and implement them next school year.

Students will learn some of the most popular programming languages, including C#, Java, and HTML5. Our courses require little to no experience to teach, and come with all of the necessary professional development and support.

For more information on our HS Computer Science Program, join our upcoming [webinars!](#)

Contact Dan McElroy with any questions!

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