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February is CTE Month: Recognizing Classroom Innovators!



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CTE Month® is an annual celebration held each February of CTE community members’ achievements and accomplishments nationwide. CTE Month 2015 will give the CTE community a chance to tell the stories of leadership and excellence from classrooms across the country, and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE has in ensuring our nation’s economic success and workforce competitiveness. We know that many of our readers are CTE classroom innovators, and we know that you are hard at work in every community. Whether it’s by organizing a school visit, sending a letter to your Governor, or telling a friend what CTE means to you, start planning today to get involved this CTE month and recognize CTE classroom innovators! Learn more [here](http://www.ctemonth.org) (www.ctemonth.org)

CTSO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DAY

February is CTE month in our state, and we need your support! The Washington State Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), Washington Association for Career and Technical Education, and OSPI Career and Technical Education staff invite you to kick off CTE Month in Olympia at the 2nd Annual CTE Student Leadership Civic Engagement Day at the State Capital on February 4, 2015. This unique day of active engagement allows student leaders from across the state of Washington to learn about state government and showcase CTE programs while developing their leadership skills. This is a critical year for CTE funding in the legislature, and we need your help to educate those in charge about all of the positive things CTE does for our students. If you can collect stories from your CTSOs, attend Legislative Day, or find ways to get your colleagues and students to attend, that would be tremendously helpful. The day will begin with a briefing session in the State Reception Room of the Capitol Building featuring Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn, members of the State Legislature, and training for students. The training will focus on the legislative process, how to interact with members of the State Legislature, and issues critical to CTE. Throughout the day student displays on the 3rd and 4th floor mezzanines of the Capitol building will showcase CTE programs from around the state as well as the State CTSOs. Student participants are encouraged to schedule appointments and meet with their Senators and Representatives. Thank you for your help and support. See you in Olympia! [Click here for details and registration information.](#)

WASHINGTON ACTE AWARDS PROGRAM

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, 2015

[Washington Association for Career and Technical Education 2015 Excellence Awards](#)

Online Application - [ACTE Awards Portal](#)

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

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

2015 WA-ACTE Quality Section Standards Award - [Word](#) - [pdf](#)

2015 WA-ACTE 100% Membership Award - [Word](#) - [pdf](#)

2015 WA-ACTE Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship - [Word](#) - [pdf](#)

Deadline: May 1, 2015

WASHINGTON ACTE WELCOMES 11 NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER 2014

JOEL BRIAN - BETHEL SD
LINDSEY DUERRE - KENT SD
MATT DUERRE - KENT SD
DAVID GALLIHER - RICHLAND SD
MARTA JISA - RICHLAND SD
MATT JOPLIN - SEDRO-WOOLLEY SD

DAVE LAKE - KIONA-BENTON CITY SD
BETTY PALMER - WENATCHEE SD
PAUL SMITH - BETHEL SD
KIA TONNESLAN - RENTON SD
CHRISTINA WILDFIRE - RICHLAND SD

In Memory of Tom Turner



Mr. Tom Turner, long-time teacher and coach passed away on January 2, 2015, after a long battle with brain cancer. Mr. Turner is survived by his wife and four children. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at the Quincy High School Gymnasium on February 7 at 2:00 p.m. and the family welcomes you to come. Mr. Turner is probably best known as the person who started the boys' soccer program at QHS and was the head soccer coach until he resigned due to his health issues last year. Mr. Turner was very involved at QHS and thought of the school as part of his family. He often arrived early in the morning and stayed late into the night working with students on projects or coaching athletics on the soccer field. He will be missed.

CTE IN THE NEWS

WASHINGTON AG TEACHER NAMED STATE STEM WINNER

Steve Lorenz was recently named the Washington State winner for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. Lorenz is a horticulture teacher at Hudson's Bay High School, and is a 30-year teaching veteran. As part of the selection, Lorenz will receive a technology package valued at \$20,000 to create a video to showcase his solution.

The Hudson's Bay FFA members and students in the Architecture, Construction, and Environmental Services programs have focused their project on utilizing paper and cardboard waste, by inoculating it with mushroom mycelia. The mycelia will decompose the waste and produce mushrooms that can be used for growing kits, as food additives, or for large-scale recycling.

Lorenz was first selected as one of the five state finalists. From the state winners, 10 National finalists will receive \$35,000 in Samsung technology, of the finalists, 5 National winners will receive \$120,000 in Samsung technology and additional prizes. The purpose of the contest is, "To excite students about the possibilities of STEM education, Samsung started the Solve for Tomorrow education contest, giving schools across the U.S. the opportunity to raise interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects among students by awarding their schools with a share of over \$2 million in technology products." For more information, please visit www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/home.html.

Congrats to Steve Lorenz, and his students for this amazing honor! This project is another fantastic example of STEM principles being put into action in agricultural education classes. Best of luck as the project is continued to be implemented, and the competition advances through the national finalist selection process!

CTE CERTIFICATION CLASSES

[Bates Technical College](#) / [Eastern Washington University](#) / [South Seattle College](#)

MORE NEWS LINKS

[OSPI CTE NEWS](#) / [WTECB NEWS](#) / [SBCTC NEWS](#)

12-11-2014 [New website simplifies user-experience with open educational resources](#) 

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- [WAVA Spring Conference - February 23-24, 2015 - Great Wolf Lodge](#)
- [ACTE National Policy Seminar - March 2-4, 2015 - Arlington VA](#)
- WITEA Spring Conference - March 12-14, 2015 - Wenatchee - [WITEA Website](#)
 - Room Reservations: [Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel](#), 509-662-1234, \$83 single / \$103 double
 - WITEA Registration Form - [Word](#) - [pdf](#) (check or purchase orders only)
 - [Online \(credit cards only\)](#)
- [ACTE Region V Leadership Conference - April 15-18, 2015 - Overland Park KS](#)
- [WAAE Summer Conference - June 21-25, 2015 - Silverdale](#)
- ***** [Washington ACTE Summer Conference - August 9-12, 2015 - Yakima](#) *****

Reminder to please take the survey by January 31. If you have already taken the survey...thank you! If you have not, please go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7PVBCVWT> Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Every CTE teacher in the state of Washington is being asked to complete this survey so that we can identify state-wide CTE professional development needs. It is essential that we gather a variety of information so that we can best identify and meet the professional development needs of our CTE teachers. Demographic data will be collected so that we can identify trends across the state. Each CTE Director will have access to results from the teachers in his/her district which may be used to create district professional development plans. WA-ACTE and content sections will receive this information to help guide future conference sessions. We realize there are quite a few topics, but please take a few moments to provide your feedback. Submission of this survey indicates you acknowledge that you have read this information, understand the purposes of the survey, and agree to participate in this research.

JOB OPENING

Job Title: VOCATIONAL AG SCIENCES EDUCATION TEACHER FOR 2015-16
District / School: GOLDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12
Brief Description:
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
WASHINGTON STATE CTE TEACHING CERTIFICATE, WITH PROPER ENDORSEMENT REQUIRED
Contact: MARK HEID, SUPERINTENDENT
604 E. BROOKS STREET
GOLDENDALE WA 98620
(509) 773-5177
FAX (509) 773-6028
Website Link to Posting: www.goldendaleschools.org
Other Information: CLOSING MARCH 2, 2015 or until filled.

For job postings please copy, paste, and complete the following grid and email to [Tess Alviso](#). Your job posting will be sent out to our members appropriate for the job. Your posting will also be included in the next e-News Blast that goes out to the entire membership. No attachments please...thank you!

Job Title:
District / School:
Brief Description:
Contact:
Website Link to Posting:
Other Information:

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education's Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship was established in memory of deceased career and technical educators who served students, as well as the public in general, by dedicating their lives to the betterment of occupations and service to people. The goal of this scholarship is to assist qualified students pursuing a degree in career and technical teacher education. 2015 WA-ACTE Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship - [Word - pdf](#)
- WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO STEM AND HEALTHCARE MAJORS - The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship application is open to middle- and low-income students pursuing eligible high-demand science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or healthcare majors, and who meet other eligibility criteria. The scholarship pays up to \$22,500 and is administered by the College Success Foundation. Application deadline is March 2. More at: <http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/scholarship/overview>
- AAUW Tech Trek WA | STEM Summer Camp for 8th Grade Girls | Request for Nominations - The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is bringing the [AAUW National Tech Trek Program \("Tech Trek"\)](#), an exciting weeklong summer camp focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for girls going into eighth grade in fall 2015, to the campuses of Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma) from July 12-18 and Eastern Washington University (Cheney) from July 26-Aug 1. AAUW and AAUW-WA are organizing both camps. [Visit our website \(techtrek-wa.aauw.net\) for more information](#). If Tech Trek is new to you, we request you [nominate girls](#) from your school to attend the Washington camp closest to their home. Cost for selected campers is only \$50 for the week; the additional \$900 cost is completely supported by scholarships for all girls.
- The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships for children of anyone who has served in the Marine Corps or is on active duty with the Marine Corps. For more information, please go to: <https://www.mcsf.org/>

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

http://www.hca.wa.gov/HealthIT/Pages/whiiec_inventory_faq.aspx - **What is this?** The inventory is a free listing of post-secondary education programs offered in Washington or online that prepare students for a career in health information technology or enhance the health information skill sets of those in other health-related or IT occupations. The listing is designed to provide pertinent information about each program—duration, cost, prerequisites, and typical career outcomes. It provides web contact information for each program to allow users to access more complete information.

Who is this for? *This document provides useful information to Washington residents who are considering a career in health information technology and informatics, either at the beginning of their careers or contemplating a mid-career change. It describes many educational and training options available to Washington residents and provides information to help prospective students make career decisions.*

How do I use the inventory? *This inventory is an MS Excel Table document hosted online so it is sortable by column headings, but is unchangeable by users. The inventory is also pre-sorted into subcategories for your convenience by the certificate or degree that can be earned. To sort the contents, just click on the down arrow next to the column heading and the whole table will be sorted by that criterion in ascending or descending order (see online [Excel help guides](#) if you need instructions.) The inventory is designed so that you can identify programs that best meet your needs and priorities, then contact those institutions for more details or to apply for admission to a program. To help you reach the source institutions, their names are hotlinks to those institutions' websites. The names of the individual programs of study are also hotlinked. You can click on a hotlink and a new window will open up that website. Important details such as how fees are calculated or the specifics of internship and cooperative employment should be obtained from the institution/program directly. The inventory will be updated as new information is available, but for the most current and accurate information, contact the institution itself. This inventory is not intended as a definitive guide to be used in making any final decisions, rather as an introductory tool for potential HIT students in Washington State.*

www.LearnHowToBecome.org recently updated our guides for several finance-related careers. Our resource was created for students and job seekers looking for in-depth career information and guidance. Anyone can view our free career guides at the following pages: <http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/financial-advisor/> / <http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/stock-broker/> Learn How to Become is a non-commercial organization focused on creating valuable career planning tools and content for job seekers and students. Our mission is to help students and other aspiring professionals understand what it takes to land their perfect career, from picking the right school to climbing the company ladder. We are passionate about creating comprehensive resources that can guide individuals through each step the need to take to begin and further their career path.

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