



**Washington ACTE Summer Conference
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**August 6-9, 2017
The Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane**

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Students use design thinking to help businesses

A Washington high school recently held a Design Thinking Workshop where local businesses could bring their real-world problems to the entrepreneurship-oriented students to address. Students considered how to manage the byproducts that manufacturers can encounter when processing composites.

[The Columbian \(Vancouver, Wash.\)](#) (5/5)

Wash. program promotes college, career readiness

A Washington grant program since 2005 has targeted college and career readiness. Thirty-nine low-income schools from 13 districts initially were awarded grants to boost career guidance and implement a career-navigation program, which is now available to all schools across the state.

[Education Week \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (5/8)

Senators Support Increased Funding for Perkins

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ACTE applauds the 34 Senators who are working to champion federal funding for CTE! In a [recent letter](#), this coalition of CTE supporters on Capitol Hill called for a big increase for Perkins as part of the Fiscal Year 2018 funding bill. This great boost for CTE in the Senate comes on the heels of the [record-breaking support](#) that a similar Perkins funding letter received in the House of Representatives last month. We again extend our appreciation to Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) for leading this effort. A complete list of the Members of Congress who signed the letter is available [here](#). If your Senator(s) signed, take a moment to send a message expressing your gratitude using the [CTE Action Center](#).

Share Your Middle School CTE Ideas

ACTE's "Middle School Career Exploration via CTE" LinkedIn Group is looking for topics that are of most interest to you related to middle school CTE and career development. Be sure to read the ACTE and Career Cruising paper on [Career Exploration in Middle School: Setting Students on the Path to Success](#) for initial ideas on ways to improve middle school CTE programs.

REGISTER FOR 12th ANNUAL CLEAN ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

The Center of Excellence for Clean Energy and the Construction Center of Excellence are hosting a 2017 Best Practices Summit June 1-2 at Centralia College focused on "Solutions for a Multi-Generational Workforce." Energy and construction educators, industry, organized labor, and economic and workforce development professionals are encouraged to attend. <http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit/>