



Rickey Red

A Message From Your President

Greetings,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful school year. As summer quickly approaches, we continue to plan the 2007 MS ACTE Summer Conference. I am certain by now all of the affiliate presidents have sent their agendas to Linda to be added to the program. We are looking forward to providing you with a conference that will motivate and educate you for the coming school year. If you have not registered, I encourage you to do so. You can print the registration form off the website.

It has been a pleasure serving you as President of MS ACTE.

Thank you.



Congratulations to Rickey Red and his wife on the birth of their son, Gabriel Luke. Gabriel was born May 2, weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He is being welcomed by three older brothers and a sister.

MSU Insurance Education Institute

This summer Mississippi State University will host a free summer insurance education institute for high school and middle school teachers. The dates are July 15-20.

There will be three weeks of online learning combined with a one week visit to campus. The purpose of this institute is to assist high and middle school teachers in incorporating risk management and insurance topics in the classroom. Upon successful completion of the institute, participants are awarded three hours of graduate credit. All costs are covered by a grant provided by the Insurance Education Institute in Indianapolis, IN. These costs include overnight campus lodging, meals, tuition, textbooks, materials and overnight field trip to Jackson, etc.

For more details and to register, visit www.distance.msstate.edu/iei or contact Tammi Metz at triddle@cobilan.msstate.edu.

Retirees Recognized at Spring Meeting

At the 2007 Spring Meeting held March 12 at Hinds Community College Rankin Campus, Resolutions Chair, Dr. Brenda Jackson, presented a resolution to honor the retirees and to remember those who died during the past year. The retirees were Mark Foss, electronics instructor from Lamar County; Michael Peavey, counselor from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus; Willie Riley, welding

instructor from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus; and Maye Vest, vocational director from the Lowndes County School District. George Bruce Hankins, Lamar County Career-Tech Center Director, passed away during the year. In addition, Cheryl Carr resigned as Executive Director of Mississippi ACTE after seven years of service.

Make Plans to Attend

The summer conference will be held July 26th and 27th at the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College. Registration and the Trade Show will be housed in Bee Hall. Registration is from 8a.m. until 1p.m. The opening session will be in Cain-Cochran Hall from 1p.m. until 2:30p.m. Karen Koenf, ACTE's Region IV Vice-President, will be the keynote speaker. Cheryl Beene, Mississippi's Teacher of the Year, will also be a featured speaker. Following the opening session, there will be two breakout sessions.

Hinds Community College will award .5 CEU credits for attending the conference. The fee is \$25 which can be paid when you register. A copy of the registration form is included in this Reporter and also appears on the web.

Please make plans to attend the conference. Your state officers and affiliate presidents have planned a conference that will be beneficial to all teachers, counselors, and administrators. We look forward to seeing you in July.

Beene is Selected State Teacher of the Year

The Mississippi Department of Education selected Cheryl Beene, ninth and tenth grade family/consumer sciences teacher at Center Hill Middle/High Schools, as the "2007 Mississippi Teacher of the Year." The award was presented by State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Hank Bounds.



DeSoto County School District's Teacher of the Year. "Teachers represent one of the strongest links in that wonderful village." Regardless of the awards and commendations, she notes her greatest accomplishment in teaching are the many students who are successful in their adult roles and

She will compete in the National Teacher of the Year competition and be invited to attend the National Teacher of the Year Conference in Dallas. She will also travel to Washington, D. C., meet President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, and participate in a Rose Garden recognition ceremony at the White House.

"I love the phrase, 'it takes a village,'" said Beene, who is also the

are contributing members of their communities. Perhaps they are successful because of her ability to empower people, to create a passion for life long learning, and to implement strategies to ensure student success.

Beene has taught for 32 years. She will be on program at the MS ACTE Summer Conference in July.

Master Teacher



Carol Ann Drane, Special Populations Coordinator at Canton Career Center, was inducted into the Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers on December 1, 2006, at the University of Women in Columbus.

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Lee James Selected as 2007 Mississippi ACTE Outstanding Member



Lee James, a 30 year agricultural education veteran and current president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), was recognized as the 2007 Outstanding Member of the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education (MS ACTE) at the association’s annual spring meeting on March 12.

“I have been involved in my professional organizations since I began my teaching career,” said James. “I believe it is important to be a member and be involved in the organizations. This award means so much to me and hopefully has resulted from my being able to give back to organizations that have given so much to me as a teacher.”

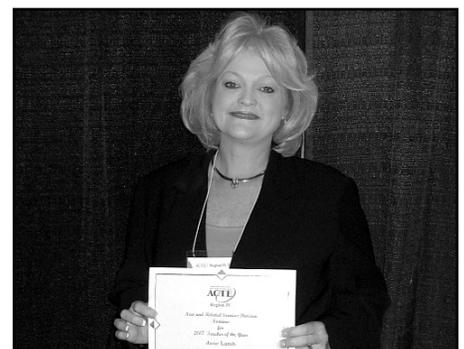
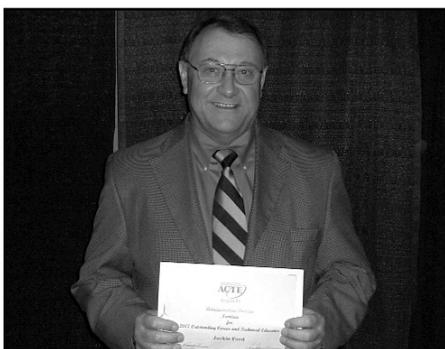
The MS ACTE Outstanding Member Award takes into consideration a member’s contributions to career and technical education, as well as leadership positions held within the profession, and works published in an effort to promote and further the profession.

“Lee James is one of only 164 agriculture teachers who are nationally certified by the National Board on Professional Teaching Standards and he is one of ten certified in Mississippi,” said Don Connerley, MS ACTE’s Awards Committee chairperson. “As a career/technical educator, Lee ensures that his students are well prepared for higher education and for high demand, high wage careers.”

The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.” NAAE has more than 8,000 members nationwide.

Region IV Conference Held In Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City was the host for the ACTE Region IV Conference April 13-15, 2007. Mississippi had 30 people in attendance. We were well represented at the Awards Program with the following: Jill Wagner and Janet Blackmon - New Teacher of the Year; Jackie Ford - Outstanding Educator of the Year; Jane Lamb and Barbara Roland - Teacher of the Year.



Simpson County Technical Center Students Participate in Groundhog Job Shadow Day



On Friday, February 2, 2007, Simpson County Technical Center students joined students across the nation in participating in Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Each student shadowed a workplace mentor as he or she went through a normal day on the job.

This experience inspires youth to be enthusiastic about their studies by showing them the correlation between what they learn in school and how it is used in the workplace. Kayla Wiley, a junior at Mendenhall High School said, "I now know for sure that I want to be a neonatal nurse. I am glad that I had the chance to see, first hand, what a day as a neonatal nurse is like." According to Brittany

Morris, a junior at Mendenhall High School, "Thanks to Groundhog Job Shadow Day I realize what my future may hold." Jessica Lewis, a senior at Magee High School, said "It was a wonderful experience, not what I expected but, I did have fun."

Fifty-three students from Simpson County Technical Center participated in Groundhog Job Shadow Day. The students were hosted by schools and businesses in the Simpson County, Jackson, and Hattiesburg areas. Participating hosts were: Johnny's Auto Works, Fred's Pharmacy of Mendenhall, Magee Elementary School, Mendenhall Elementary School, Mendenhall Junior High, First

Baptist Church of Magee, Simpson General Hospital, Magee General Hospital, Fred's of Magee, Nazareth Day Care Center, Performance Food Group, Advanced Auto of Magee, Carquest of Mendenhall, Attorney Terrell Stubbs, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Region 8, Curlee Realty Inc., Mobile Illusions, Wal-Mart Smart Style, Pet Palace, Puckett Elementary School, Metrocenter Belk, Unipres, University Medical Center, River Oaks Hospital, Mississippi Title and Appraisal, Nissan, AAA Ambulance Service, McGlinchey Stafford, Security Ballew Inc., U. S. Navy, U. S. National Guard, Spirit Aviation, and Empire Trucking.

South Panola TSA School Bus Project



South Panola TSA students Caroline Flint and Karlee Darby had the privilege of presenting their GIS Project at the Association for Career and Technical Education Region IV Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Oklahoma City April 12-14, 2007. This presentation included a report on the chapter's involvement with Northwest Community College, and NVision solutions. They introduced software, Arc View, and displayed student projects created by Arc View. They also presented Internet sites that included lesson plan activities across many disciplines. This was the first time students had ever presented at an ACTE Conference. They attended the conference with

Advisors Donald and Melissa Downs.

South Panola High School worked with Northwest Mississippi Community College and NVision Solutions, Inc., to use GIS technology to track school buses in order to determine more efficient routing. The tracking devices, provided by EIGS member company, NVision Solutions, provide 5-minute updates over the Internet to identify the shortest and most efficient routes in order to eliminate redundancy in routes. The overall goal of the project is to reduce fuel costs and to cut down on pollution.

Hinds Community College Vicksburg Secondary Students Help in Research Project

Researchers at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Vicksburg, Mississippi, are partnering with the Vicksburg-Warren Campus of Hinds Community College to provide high school students with training opportunities in masonry construction. Hank McDevitt, Chief of the ERDC Impact and Effects Branch, came up with the idea of having high school students construct brick walls and safety supports for the steel frames that the ERDC will then use to test munitions for the Army.

"This is an excellent project for my students," said Allen Smith, instructor of the secondary brick masonry class. "They are getting to do a lit-

tle more detailed work. Also, they are having a chance to use real mortar, which they normally don't get to do. In class, we use lime and sand, which they can use over and over."



Welding instructor, Joe Johnston, said the students used a basic welding method called SMAW, or shielded metal arc welding, that they learn in their first year.

"This is a great project for my first year students," Johnston said. "They have gotten the opportunity, in addition to welding, to do the rigging, lifting and moving of equipment and materials that goes

along with this kind of work."

Moxley met with the students before the building project began and has made trips to the school to check on the students' progress. "Normally, the students build a temporary wall inside the Vo-Tech masonry classroom, which is then disassembled after each class is finished," Moxley said. "These walls won't be torn down but will be used in real-world testing. We hope to let the students view some of the testing on the walls they've built for us."



McDevitt and Moxley hope the students come away with a sense of purpose from the work they did for ERDC. For a more detailed article, please visit Mississippiacte.com.

81st Annual Spring Meeting

The Mississippi ACTE Spring Meeting was held March 12, 2007, at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College. Seventy-five members were present. Refreshments were provided by the Army National Guard. SFC Cliff James gave remarks on the importance of recruiting good students for the Guard; therefore, he asked for help from school administrators and teachers to allow the Guard the opportunity to visit schools and inform students about the financial benefits available to those joining.

Mr. James Sardin, Associate State Superintendent of Vocational Education and Workforce Development, was the keynote speaker. Due to illness, Mr. Sardin was not able to attend in person; however, he sent a taped presentation. He stressed MDE's five priorities:

- The Redesign Plan
- Improving the Quality and Quantity of Teachers
- Creating a Culture that Understands the Value of Education
- The Importance of Increasing a Rigorous Curriculum
- Improving the Quality and Quantity of Administrators

Don Connerley, Chair of the Awards Committee, reported that there were 11 student applications for the Outstanding Student Award. Following is a list of the winners:

- Outstanding Student Award.....Kimberly Pepper, Webster County Career/Tech Center
- Outstanding Student 1st Runner-UpJohn Taylor, Forrest County Agricultural High School
- Outstanding Student 2nd Runner-UpWhitney Ward, Strayhorn High School

The Outstanding Member Award was presented to Lee James of Choctaw County.





**SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Hinds Community College
Raymond, Mississippi
July 26-July 27, 2007**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of School: _____

Subject Area: (example: Guidance, Trade/Industrial, etc.) _____

ACTE Member: Yes No ACTE Member #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

I will be staying in the dorm: Yes No

Housing is available on campus for \$25.00 for single and \$12.50 per person for double. **DO NOT** mail campus housing fees with registration form. You will pay for housing when you pick up your packet. Rooms have been blocked at Eagle Ridge Conference Center for \$69 (single) \$79 (double) plus tax. Let them know you are with MS ACTE. Their phone number is (601) 857-7100. Eagle Ridge reservations must be made by July 3, 2007.

Registration for MS ACTE Members:

- _____ \$40.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2007)
- _____ \$50.00 Onsite Registration
- _____ \$ 7.00 Plate Lunch/Hinds Cafeteria (must pre-pay)

Registration for Nonmembers:

- _____ \$70.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2007)
- _____ \$80.00 Onsite Registration
- _____ \$ 7.00 Plate Lunch/Hinds Cafeteria (must pre-pay)

****THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2007****

If your membership has expired, you may enclose your membership fees with your conference registration.

If you pay by check, make check payable to MS ACTE. Circle whether you are using VISA or MasterCard.

Amount enclosed or amount to be charged: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Your Signature: _____
(If using credit card, you can fax registration form to 601-857-5763)

***CEU Credit (.5) will be offered through Hinds Community College. The cost will be \$25. You will pay Hinds the day you register.

Check the MS ACTE website for the Conference Program. (Mississippiacte.com)

Mail completed registration to: MS ACTE
Post Office Box 85
Raymond, MS 39154

(Please call Linda Bath at 601-857-5763 or email her at EDofMSACTE@aol.com for questions).



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