

A Message From Your President, Tammie Brewer



From 1985-1987, I attended Mississippi State's Master's of Counseling Education Program specializing in Vocational Rehabilitation. I chose to complete my internship working with the deaf and the hard of hearing. I came across an interesting phenomenon when working with the deaf. There were three sectors in the deaf community. There were those who only used American Sign Language. There was also a group that only learned and used lip reading and speech. Then there was a group who used both and it was labeled "Total Communication". It was interesting how the groups that only used sign language or only used lip reading and speech felt that their way was the only right way and they excluded the other exclusive group and excluded the group that practiced Total Communication. I never could understand this because the group that practiced Total Communication skills wanted to fit in and I never could understand why the other groups would ostracize them.

At that time, I felt that this was the only group that acted strangely and excluded groups who were so similar. After being involved in Career and Technical Education and listening to teachers, administrators, state department personnel as well as the RCU, I know that the interesting phenomenon also exists in career and technical education. There is the group that feels that some students are just not suited for college; therefore, they need to be placed in Career and Technical Education. The academic students were never considered as viable candidates for Career and Technical Education. I have also ran across groups that feel that all students must continue their education in either a community college setting and/or a senior college education in order to succeed and Career and Technical Education impeded this process. These two groups constantly collide and argue about the proper approach to career and technical education and academia.

There is a final group, the group in which I belong, who believes that all students should be given the opportunity to succeed in both a career and academia. They co-exist in the system of education. I believe that all students should have a very strong academic background in order to be successful and to know how to solve problems. I also believe that all students should have career and technical education classes in order to be successful and find out why those problems need to be solved. I think we stifle students when they are being forced to make a choice either academics or career. I believe that all students should have the same opportunities to succeed in both environments. I believe in "Total Education"!!!

When listening to the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan at the ACTE National Policy Seminar, I realized that I was not alone in this initiative. Regardless of my political beliefs, the current administration also believes in "total education" of our students. They believe that all students should have the same access to academia as well as career and technical courses. There are several ways in which to do this and unless we begin our CTE initiatives, the funding of this total education philosophy will be going to the after school and summer career and technical programs. We must make CTE work in the schools, otherwise we will go away!!! We need to stop demanding different education routes for our students and begin to look at ways in which every student will be able to have access to both opportunities.

Let's keep our instruments in tune and begin playing and playing loudly (double/triple fortissimo), clearly, in tune, and accurately for our audiences. As with all orchestras, we must work together and blend with all career and technical education groups and divisions as a team. We must also continue to include the academic blend to our orchestra. We also must find a way to make sure that career and technical education is included in their orchestra and make sure that they also know that adding career and technical education to the academic orchestra is the only way that students will be able to play their instruments of success. Without music theory as well as practice, an orchestra does not play well for the audiences.

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

Greetings from the MS ACTE office. Thanks to all of you who attended the Legislative Reception in January and the Annual Spring Meeting in March. We had a good turn-out for both.

I have had several questions regarding the liability insurance that is optional when joining MS ACTE. The insurance runs the fiscal year July 1-June 30 of each year. Therefore if you add the insurance to your membership dues in March (for example), you would be covered only until June 30. Your ACTE membership runs for 12 months from the month you join; therefore your ACTE renewal would not be due until March 1 of the following year. If your membership comes in the middle of a school year, I recommend you make a note on your school calendar to renew your insurance as soon as you return to school. That way you will always be covered.

The MDE, RCU, and MS ACTE board are working hard to plan a great summer conference. The dates are July 28-30. The conference will be held at the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College again this year. Tuesday, July 28, is dedicated to business and industry tours. Seating is limited so if you are interested in participating in the tours, please send in your registration form as soon as possible. We have two great keynote speakers for the general sessions as well as many informative sessions planned. In addition Jan Bray, the National ACTE CEO, will be attending our conference. She will give remarks at the opening session and will conduct some of the break-out sessions. You can go to our web site, mississippiacte.com, to look at the tentative agenda. Remember that you will receive CEU's and SEMI's free with your registration. We also hope to have many vendors and would encourage you to plan to visit the exhibit hall.

Again, thank you for your continued support of ACTE. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 601.857.5763 or email edofmsacte@aol.com.

Meet Your New 2nd Vice President

Rita Bush, Director at the Lamar County Center for Technical Education, nominated Mary Taylor for the position of 2nd Vice President.

Since there were no other nominations, Taylor will be named to this position at the summer conference. Following is a summary of Taylor's career.

Mary J. Taylor graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi (1980) with a BS in nursing and a minor in science education. She worked as an RN at Forrest General Hospital, Home Health, and Mississippi Department of Health. She began her teaching career in 1994 as an academic teacher of Biology I

and II, Chemistry, Physical Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Life Science, and in 1999 began the Allied Health program at Forrest County Agricultural High School. In 2007, she moved to Lamar County Center for Technical Education and has been teaching Allied Health I and II. She has been a HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, sponsor for almost twelve years, and the advisor for National Technical Honor Society since coming to Lamar County. She is member of Mississippi Professional Educators, the Mississippi Department of Health District Eight Family Planning Counsel, and Mississippi Vocational-Technical Assessment Advisory Committee. She has been a student teacher evaluator and new teacher

mentor; and selected as Teacher of the Year and listed as one Who's Who Among American High School Teachers. She recently volunteered to continue participation in the Math in CTE' initiative and completed requirements for National Board certification.

She has been a member of ACTE for 12 years and served as secretary-treasurer of HSTE (Health Science Technology Educators) for four years; then elected president for the last two years. She still works as a registered nurse on the weekends to maintain close ties to the medical industry.

Congratulations!!!

The following schools have been named to the Achieve 100% Membership Club for having 100% ACTE membership at their schools:

Senatobia-Tate Career & Technical Center
 Pope Schools
 Choctaw Tribal Schools
 Webster County Career & Technical Center
 Madison Career & Technical Center
 Hancock County Vocational Technical Center

Coldwater, MS
 Pope, MS
 Choctaw, MS
 Eupora, MS
 Canton, MS
 Kiln, MS



The following awards were given out in addition to the 100% certificates:



MS ACTE Outstanding Student: Deavon Keith: AP Fatherree Career and Technical Center (aka Jones County Vocational-Technical Center); Allied Health; Vickie Barnett (instructor); Bruce Strickland (director).

MS ACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher: Shirlaurence Fair, Culinary Instructor, Clarksdale Municipal School District; Carl Keen Vocational Center; Sally Olivi (Vocational Director).

Shirlaurence is the 2009 MAFCSE Division winner and State Winner.



MS ACTE 2009 MAFCSE Division Teacher of the Year Winner: Sharon James, Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors Instructor, Choctaw County Career and Technology Center in Ackerman, MS; Rhonda Huffman (Director).



MS ACTE Teacher of the Year: Marcia Kilpatrick, Cooperative Education Instructor; South Panola High School; Billy Smith (Director). Marcia is the 2009 MACVET Division winner and State Winner.

Representing Mississippi ACTE at the Region IV Conference are Marcia Kilpatrick and Shirlaurence Fair.

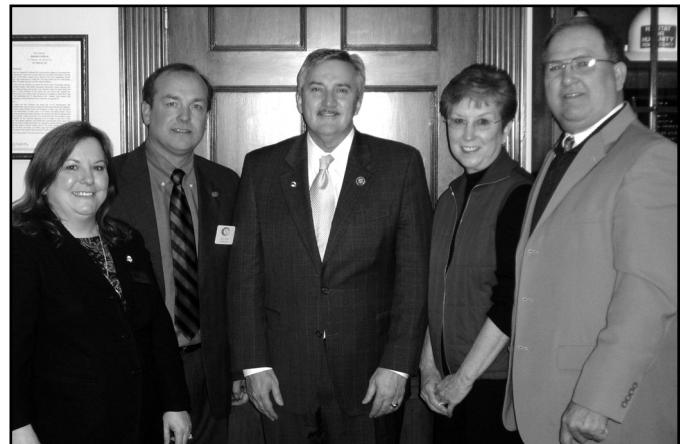


Resolutions

Dr. Brenda Jackson, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, gave the following report at the Annual Spring meeting in March. The following people were recognized as having retired during the last year: Sandra Bates, Dorothy Gammill, Lee James, Freddie King, and Mary Lou Ladner.

Local Educators Advocate For CTE On Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON, DC --Tammie Brewer, MS ACTE President, Sonny Harpole, Daryl Behel, Ray Nash and Marsha Pinter attended the Association for Career and Technical Education's (ACTE) National Policy Seminar (NPS) March 9-11 in Arlington, VA, and met with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill to voice support for career and technical education (CTE). In February 2009, Congress passed a landmark economic recovery bill to create millions of new jobs and inject billions of dollars into the economy. In order to ensure that there are enough skilled workers to fill these new jobs and drive economic growth, a renewed national focus must be placed on education and training programs.



High-quality career and technical education (CTE), supported by the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, can provide the education and training necessary to stimulate the economy and prepare the country's citizens for 21st century careers.

While attending ACTE's three-day briefing on federal policies, Sonny Harpole, Martha Harpole, Ray Nash, and Tammie



Brewer consulted with Congressman Benny Thompson's Chief of Staff, Congressman Travis Childers and Senator Roger Wicker to encourage more support for career and technical skills, and workforce programs. All legislative members seem to be quite in tune with the needs of Career and Technical Education at both the Secondary and Post-secondary levels.

At the opening session of the NPS, attendees listened to Stan Collender, who is a leading expert on the federal budget and congressional budget process. Collender provided insight into the stimulus bill and how the budget process works in Washington. During the closing session of the NPS, Secretary

of Education Arne Duncan provided remarks on the importance of reducing the dropout rate, building a qualified workforce, and rebuilding the economy. Duncan discussed the importance of CTE and Career and Technical Student Organizations to getting students engaged in the education process, and helping them give back to their communities and gain leadership skills.

During the conference, attendees also heard from Congressional staff on a variety of issues including the No Child Left Behind Act and Fiscal Year 2010 budget and appropriations process. ACTE held sessions on how to deliver the CTE message to policymakers and the community, energy sustainability, healthcare issues, and research. This year, ACTE also offered a student strand, which focused on educating students about their role in the advocacy process. ACTE had CTSO alumni, Rock the Vote and the U.S. Student Association talk with the students about the importance of getting involved in their communities.



Skills USA

The Greenwood Chapter of the Mississippi Association of Skills USA recently participated in the District Competition held February 12, 2009, at Mississippi Delta Community College. Sixteen chapter members will advance to the State Competition scheduled for April 15-16, 2009, at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier, Mississippi. The competition involves students from across the state in vocational-technical programs that are related to careers offered by business and industry.



Members of the 1st Place Opening and Closing Team: Patricia Stokes, Khacerrian Stanley, Ashunti Jackson, Benjamin McGhee, Rickyta Mallett, Nonye Ushi, Evonna Lucas.



Lillie Winston and Durum Sproles (2nd in Masonry), Trey Jones (2nd in Residential Wiring), Zamario Brownlow (1st in Automotive Service Technology), Jaqwone Allen (1st in Welding).



Skills USA Sponsors: *Front Row:* Harry Davidson, Edna Nelson, Tierra Evans *Back Row:* Greg Wenger, Willie Coker, Richard Reese, Kirby Love, Linley Milner

DECA State Competition

Students from HCC Rankin Marketing DECA attended the DECA State competition in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 2nd and 3rd, 2009. After competing with DECA chapters across the State, the chapter left with nine students who placed in the top six positions in their event category. Students who placed first place in the Virtual Business Challenge Sports Marketing game are Brittany White and Victoria Graham from Puckett High School and Justin May from Northwest Rankin High. The second place winners include: Megan Blackwell, Richland High School and Randall Comfort, Northwest Rankin High School who competed in the Financial Management Team event as well as Justin May, Northwest Rankin High School and Chris Collins, Pearl High School in the Business Law and Ethics Team event. Jonathan Brewer and Benjamin Brewer from Brandon High School placed fifth place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team event. Chris Collins was elected as the 2009-2010 Mississippi DECA President. Also participating in the DECA District Competition are Terry Jones and Michael Moody from Richland High School, Danyelle Cober, Brandon High School, and Teneka Green, McLaurin High

School. HCC Rankin Marketing DECA was also recognized for its support of Muscular Dystrophy Association. The DECA Chapter reached the National Diamond level status which is the highest level of membership in DECA as well as received the 100% membership status. HCC Rankin Marketing also received the honors of second place in the T-shirt design and Pin design contests. Congratulations to all of the winners and leaders from the Pearl/Rankin Marketing DECA chapter.



Pictured from Left to right, front row: Megan Blackwell, Victoria Graham, Danyelle Cober, Michael Moody, Brittany White, Teneka Green, *Back row:* Benjamin Brewer, Randall Comfort, Justin May, Chris Collins, Jonathan Brewer, and Terry Jones
Not pictured are Faith Jones, 2008-2009 Mississippi DECA Secretary, Allyson Holloway, 2008-2009 Mississippi DECA Vice-President and Tammie Brewer HCC Rankin Business Marketing Instructor and DECA Advisor.

District III MS ACTE Spring Meeting

Ronnie's Steak & Grill – Philadelphia, MS

Submitted by: Napoleon Jones



Leake County and East Mississippi District. Marsha Pinter reported that Choctaw Central Tribal School Occupational Training Center (OTC), Neshoba, has 100% ACTE membership.

During the business session, the members present voted unanimously to approve Cynthia Blackstock as District III secretary. Next, the body discussed the upcoming summer and fall meetings. The summer meeting will be held following the Opening Session of Summer Conference in Raymond, Mississippi. The fall meeting will be scheduled at the summer meeting.

After the business session we enjoyed a meal prepared by Ronnie's Steak & Grill.

Donald Downs, 1st Vice president of ACTE, was the program presenter. He was introduced by Glenda Holleyman. His presentation focused on a mapping project started by a couple of ninth graders as a result of a spill. He told how the project fostered a partnership between secondary and postsecondary students.

Linda Bath, Executive Director of MS ACTE, made remarks and discussed Summer Conference. She encouraged everyone to attend Summer Conference, take advantage of the CEU's offered at Summer Conference, visit the exhibits, and tell co-workers the benefits of being a member of ACTE. In addition, she explained the insurance process and announced that the 2009 ACTE Conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee, November 19-24, 2009.

Ms. Tammie Brewer, President of MS ACTE, was present. She encouraged the members to use their leadership skills to get others involved in ACTE.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The president, Napoleon Jones, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:00 p.m. Following the welcome, Glenda Holleyman, Vice President introduced the members and guest.

Bill Norcross gave the invocation.

Following the invocation, Glenda Holleyman moved to approve the Fall 2008 minutes/report. It was seconded by Bill Norcross. The membership approved.

Reports were received from Choctaw Central Tribal School Occupational Training Center (OTC), Neshoba,

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Registration is available at www.mississippiacte.com.



2009 Summer Conference Information

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Check one:

Conference Registration until July 10, 2009 (must be postmarked)

- Conference Fee for MS ACTE Members: \$40 (membership information on <http://www.mississippiacte.com/>)
 Conference Fee for Non MS ACTE Members: \$75
 After July 10: Register on-site, and add \$15.00 late fee.

If paying by P.O., please give purchase order number here _____ and attach purchase order with your completed form(s). # of Lunch Tickets: _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday (\$7 for each lunch ticket per day)

A General Information

The 2009 Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education conference is scheduled for July 28–30, 2009, at Hinds Community College in Raymond, MS. Preregistration will close July 10. After that date, you will have to register on-site and pay a \$15 late fee. Participants are responsible for their own lodging and travel arrangements. No refunds will be issued after June 1.

B Participant Information

Please complete (preferably type) the following information. Please make sure all fields are completed. Confirmation will be mailed to the home address.

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C Industry Tours (preregistration required; limited space available)
**Preconference Industry Tours on July 28, 2009
(Please check one.)**

Clarion Ledger (Jackson, MS)

- Morning Afternoon

Hunter Engineering (Raymond, MS)

- Morning Afternoon

MS Baking Company (Pelahatchie, MS)

- Morning Afternoon

Nissan North America (Canton, MS)

- Morning Afternoon

Yates Construction (Jackson, MS-New Court House)

- Morning Afternoon

Position (Please check appropriate boxes.)

- Academic Career and Technical Teacher

- Administrator Counselor Student Services

- Career Center Manager Other _____

Cluster/Area

(Please check appropriate box.)

- Agricultural Sciences Cluster (Secondary)
 Business Cluster (Secondary)
 Construction and Manufacturing Cluster (Secondary)
 Health Sciences Cluster (Secondary)
 Human Sciences, Art, and Humanities Cluster (Secondary)
 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Cluster (Secondary)
 Transportation Cluster (Secondary)
 Administrators Secondary Postsecondary
 Student Services (Secondary)
 Counselors Career Center Managers (Secondary)
 Postsecondary Instructors
 ICT I ICT II STEM (ninth-grade course) DISCOVERY
 Other

D Other Information

Will you be attending the following administrators' events? (**Secondary and postsecondary administrators only**)

1. Yes No Lunch on Wednesday, July 29, at noon
 Yes No Reception on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:15 p.m.

2. Will you be retiring this school year?
 Retirement date? _____ Years of service? _____

Yes No

3. Are you a first-time attendee to the MS ACTE summer conference?

Yes No

4. Do you want credit for this institute? If so, please check the appropriate box.

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