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A Message From Your President

Happy New Year.

As president of MSACTE I hope that each of you is excited about what the future holds for Career and Technical Education. Each year, about this time, we bombard the capital with phone calls, letters, and visits encouraging legislative support of Career and Technical Education. With faith that the legislature will step up and meet the needs of our schools, I am planning for what the future holds.

Speaking of the future, I encourage each of you to review the "Redesigning Education in the 21st Century Workforce in Mississippi" information on the MDE website. As educators it is our responsibility to be prepared for the future.

Our response to these changes will be crucial over the next few years as our State Superintendent begins to set these plans in motion.

I hope to see many old and new faces at the spring meeting and summer conference.

God Bless.

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

Greetings from the office of MS ACTE. As you know, I was named Executive Director of the association effective January 1. My mailing address is P.O. Box 85, Raymond, MS 39154; my e-mail address is EDofMSACTE@aol.com; and my telephone/fax is (601) 857-5763. The new website is "under construction." It should be up and going by February 14. We will keep the same address: Mississippiacte.com.

One of my goals in this position is to increase membership. Thank you for joining the association and making it strong. I would encourage you to recruit colleagues at

your workplace to become members. ACTE was founded in 1926 and currently has a national membership of approximately 30,000 people. This diverse membership is composed of career and technical educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors, and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical education programs at the secondary, postsecondary, and adult levels. I welcome the opportunity to visit your schools to promote ACTE.

Another of my goals is to see more involvement from you, the members. I encourage you to become more active by attending the Spring

and Summer Meetings, serving on committees at the state and/or regional level, running for office, nominating co-workers for awards, writing articles showcasing your programs and students, and nominating your students for scholarships and awards. Our state association is only as strong as our membership.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions, questions, or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you at the various ACTE functions.

MS ACTE Calendar 2006-2007

Fall Board Meeting	October 19, 2006
<i>Hinds Community College/Rankin; 10:00 a.m.</i>	
National ACTE Convention	Nov. 30—Dec. 2 2006
<i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	
January REPORTER deadline	December 15, 2006
Deadline for Outstanding Student Award and Outstanding MS ACTE Educator Award applications to be submitted	January 15, 2007
Board Meeting	January 25, 2007 TBA
Legislative Coffee	January 25, 2007
<i>8:30-9:30 a.m.; Rotunda, State Capitol</i>	
Legislative Reception	January 25, 2007
<i>5:30-7:30 p.m.; Mississippi Cattleman's Assoc. Building; Monroe Street; Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
Deadline 2nd VP candidate app. to be submitted	February 1, 2007
ACTE National Policy Seminar	March 5-7, 2007
<i>Washington, D.C., Capital Hilton Hotel</i>	
Spring Meeting	March 12, 2007
<i>Continental Breakfast; 8:30-9:00 a.m.—Meeting; 9:00 a.m.; Hinds/Rankin, George Wynne Building, Multi-Purpose Room</i>	
FINAL Agenda from division pres. for SC '07	March 31, 2007
May REPORTER deadline	April 15, 2007
Deadline for student Scholarship Award; Outstanding Program Award and Outstanding Alumnus Award	April 20, 2007
Region IV Professional Development Conference	April 12-14, 2007
<i>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sheraton Downtown</i>	
Deadline committee nominations from divisions	May 17, 2007
Summer Conference '07	July 26-July 27, 2007
<i>Hinds/Raymond</i>	

Highlights from the District IV Fall Meeting

Dr. Brenda Jackson, District IV President



The District IV Fall Meeting of the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education was held on October 19, 2006, in the Horace C. Holmes Student Union on the campus of Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit,

Mississippi, with 85 people in attendance. The group was greeted by college president, Dr. Oliver Young. Other program participants included legislators, career and technical directors from District IV, representatives from the Mississippi Department of Education's Office of

Vocational Education and Workforce Development, and the Mississippi Economic Council. A very special performance was given by well-

known Mississippi Wildlife Conservationist and Entertainer, Mr. Paul Ott. There were lots of door prizes and plenty of delicious food.



MS ACTE District III Fall Meeting

Bill Norcross, District III President



(l to r) Napoleon Jones, Cheryl Carr, and Bill Norcross

District III of MS ACTE held their meeting at Lake Tiak O'Khata, on October 26, 2006. Mrs. Cheryl Carr was the featured speaker. Mrs. Carr expressed her appreciation at being invited and informed the attending members about new things and happenings at the local and national organization.

Some items mentioned were: all need to become familiar with the new high school redesign and its contents; some programs may be in danger of closing; e-mail your Representatives and Senators and have them e-mail you about things that may be happening concerning education. The state of Mississippi has a new task force addressing Drop Out Prevention. This year CTE week has been expanded to include the entire month of February.

Contact any fellow workers that aren't members of MS ACTE and encourage them to join. Members are needed to serve on MS ACTE committees and anyone interested may contact me. My e-mail address is bnorcross@eccc.edu.

Mississippi Met the Challenge

Mississippi met the difficult task of increasing state membership and ACTE Convention attendance by 10 percent each. That is an amazing achievement and testament to our state's dedication to career and technical education and to professional development. States achieving this increase were recognized during the Opening Session and the Board and others were invited to a special reception at Pittypat's Porch on Friday, December 1.

Thanks to all members who recruited colleagues. Hopefully, we can continue this increase!

National Career and Technical Education Month

The entire month of February has been designated as Career Technical Month. CTE month gives schools time to celebrate Career Technical Education. During CTE month schools can use a number of activities to showcase their great learning and career connections. I encourage you to plan events that show your community the achievements of your students and centers. Visit the CTE Month site at the ACTE website, www.acteonline.org to find a number of resources that could help you plan your school's activities.

MS ACTE District I Fall Meeting



Tim Gilmore, District I President

A meeting was held on December 5, 2006, in New Albany, Mississippi, of District I of MS ACTE. Those members in attendance were Tim Gilmore, District I President; Billy Smith; Rickey Red, MS ACTE President; Ruby Kelly, Past President MS ACTE; Susan Graham; and Linda Sweeney.

The meeting was held along with the Northeast Mississippi Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa at Safari's Seafood and Steak Restaurant. We had a small attendance, but had a very enjoyable meal and opportunity to discuss education in Mississippi. Our State President, Rickey Red, was able to give us an update of the status of the State Association. Tim Gilmore, District I President, provided information regarding the fact that Northeast Mississippi Community College has opened a campus in New Albany and that Northeast will be adding a Culinary Arts program to their offerings in the Fall Semester of 2007 on their Booneville Campus.

We were able to complete our officer roster for District I:

Tim Gilmore, President (NEMCC District)

Dr. Charlie Barnett, 1st Vice President (ICC District)

Barbara Herod-Hence, 2nd Vice President (NWMCC District)

Education Association Launches Online Media

ACTE announces the launch of three podcasts on its website www.acteonline.org titled "Career Tech Talk," "TechNotes" and "Policy on Demand." These podcasts will serve as an information resource for ACTE members and the public to understand issues relating to career and technical education and ACTE's advocacy efforts.

"Career Tech Talk" offers interviews with leaders and innovators in the field of career and technical education. The first interview is with Sandy Hume, ACTE's Outstanding New Career and Technical Education Teacher.

Hume is a Business Technology instructor at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She created an Advisee Program, which assists students with scheduling and other college related concerns. There will be a new 30-minute interview each month.

"TechNotes" will provide a brief overview of issues affecting career and technical education and coverage of ACTE in the news. It will summarize news stories in approximately 10 minute segments and it will be updated twice a month.

The "Policy on Demand" will focus on the advocacy efforts of

ACTE. Topics for this section will include information on ACTE meetings on Capitol Hill, specific initiatives by ACTE, and the importance of advocacy. This podcast will officially launch during the middle of February.

A podcast is a multimedia file distributed over the Internet for use on mobile devices such as an Apple iPod and personal computers. These podcasts will be hosted on the ACTE Website and will build off of other ACTE communication offerings as the Association's magazine and Best Practices Web casts.

Region IV Spring Conference

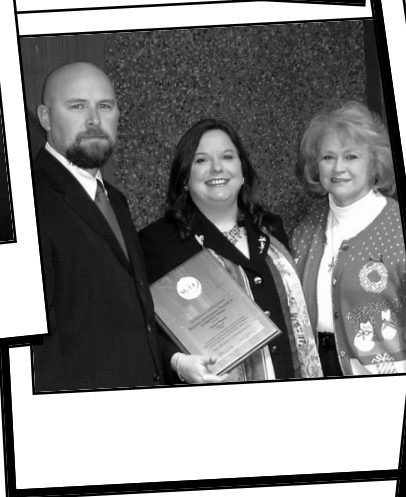
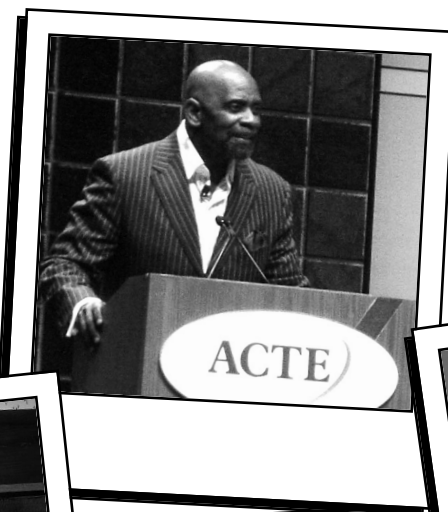
Join Region IV members in Oklahoma City for the ACTE Region IV Professional Development Conference,

April 12-14, 2007. To download a copy of the registration form, go to www.okacte.org. Please note deadlines for registration and hotel dates to avoid the additional charges.



Large MS ACTE Attendance at ACTE 2006 Conference

MS ACTE had a large delegation of members to attend the National ACTE Conference which was held in Atlanta. Pictured below are some of the MS ACTE members who attended.



Once Again... MS ACTE Brings Home the Gold

For the fifth year in a row, MS ACTE has been recognized as a Gold State Association. This is the highest honor the association can achieve. It is based on services provided by MS ACTE during the past year.

The award was presented at the State Association/Region Luncheon in Atlanta at the ACTE Annual Convention. Ribbons were given the members attending to indicate that they were a member of a Gold Award Association. Special lapel pins were given to the state officers. Thanks go to Cheryl Carr who has worked diligently for the past five years to achieve this recognition for Mississippi. Good job, Cheryl!!!

Legislative Day

MS ACTE hosted their annual legislative day on Thursday, January 25. The activities began that morning with a "Coffee with the Legislators" at 8:30 a.m. in the Rotunda at the State Capitol. The Board met at 10:00 a.m. that day at the Mississippi Department of Education. The day ended with the Legislative Reception at 5:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association Building on Monroe Street in Jackson. The reception was catered by Chimneyville Smokehouse. ACTE members and legislators participated in the day's events. Thanks to Tammie Brewer, Legislative Reception Committee Chair, and her committee for making this a great success.



Congratulations!!!

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

Batesville Junior High School
 Choctaw Tribal Schools
 Hancock County Vo-Tech Center
 Madison Career and Technical Center
 Pope School
 South Panola High School
 Webster County Career and Technology Center

Batesville, MS
 Choctaw, MS
 Kiln, MS
 Canton, MS
 Pope, MS
 Batesville, MS
 Eupora, MS

Thanks to the administrators and teachers at these locations for their dedication in making our association strong!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education

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Instructions: Please fill in all sections of the form, attach payment and mail to the MS ACTE office. MS ACTE dues also include ACTE dues. If dues are over \$80, they also include the state affiliate dues.

Division Membership

Check desired division(s). Add \$10 for each division over one.
Dues for affiliated associations must be included.

Administration

- ☐ ZS Secondary Admin. (ADM).....\$95
☐ Z Comm/Jr. College Admin. (ADM)\$90
☐ A Agriculture (AGR).....\$160
☐ B Business & Office (BUS).....\$80

Marketing Education

- ☐ P/D Post Secondary/Marketing Education (MAR)... \$80
☐ S/D Secondary/Marketing Education (MAR).....\$80
☐ G Guidance & Counseling (GUI)\$80
☐ O Health Occupations Education (HEA).....\$85
☐ FAM Family & Consumer Sci\$100
☐ I Technology Education (TGY)\$95
☐ X Adult Workforce Development (AWDA)\$87
☐ T Trade and Industrial (TRA)\$85
☐ J Support Staff (WWJ)\$85
☐ N Special Needs Personnel (SPE)\$100

New and Related Services

- ☐ Q Cooperative Education (WWB).....\$80
☐ P Personnel Development (WWD).....\$80
☐ Y Public Information (WWE)\$80
☐ V Adult Education (WWA)\$80
☐ WWM Tech Prep\$80
☐ W Others - including academic (WWK)\$80
☐ Student (STU)\$13
☐ Retired - ACTE Life Member (RET)\$3
☐ Retired (RET).....\$34
☐ Additional Division (\$10 each)\$
☐ Insurance (Optional)\$30

Total (Dues plus insurance)\$

****Make check payable to MS ACTE****

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Signature _____

If you are paying by purchase order, it must be attached.

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Last First Middle

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MS ACTE District _____

Place of Employment _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

ACTE# _____

☐ ACTE Life Member (Must pay MS ACTE Dues)
(Subtract \$60 from total)

Phone: Home _____

Work _____

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E-mail Address _____



Educator Professional Liability Insurance Application

Insurance in Effect Through June 30 Following Your Date of Enrollment - **You Must be a Member of MS ACTE**

Total Cost: \$30 (\$26 premiums; \$1.10 taxes and fees; \$2.90 MS ACTE administrative fees) - Make Check Payable to MS ACTE

I hereby apply for the educator professional liability insurance offered through Dupre-Carrier-Godchaux.

Name _____ ACTE # _____ Date _____

Street, Box, or Route Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Complete details on the coverage are available from the MS ACTE office.)



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Spring Meeting

March 12 is the date for the annual spring meeting. This year the meeting will again be in the Multipurpose Room of the George Wynn Technical Building at the Hinds Community College Building, Rankin/Pearl Campus. The day begins with a continental breakfast from 8:30—9:00 a.m.

Summer Conference

The 2007 Summer Conference will be July 26-27, 2007, at Hinds Community College in Raymond. Last year's conference was successful with good attendance, good exhibitors, good sessions and good networking. Your division president, along with MDE and RCU are already making plans for your professional development sessions. Please mark these dates and make your plans to attend. Dorm rooms will be available. Please share this information with your colleagues who may not be a member of MS ACTE and encourage them to join and participate. Rickey Red, MS ACTE's president, has set the theme of this year's conference to be "Educating Today for Tomorrow's Professionals."

Resolutions

All resolutions for MS ACTE members who retired or passed away during the 2005-2006 school year will be presented at the Spring Meeting. Information for resolutions should be sent to Dr. Brenda Jackson, Resolutions Committee Chair. Mail information to 252 West Bay Street, Magnolia, MS 39652 or Fax (601) 783-3491 or E-Mail bjackson@southpike.org. If you have questions, please call Dr. Jackson at (601) 783-5832.