

A Message From Your President, Richard Hartley



Hello MS ACTE members. Our Region IV Conference was a huge success. Thank you Linda Bath for all of the many hours and hard work you put in to make this a conference that was informative and helpful to the ACTE members of Region IV. We had an excellent showing of members from Mississippi. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be a part of Region IV Conference.

I hope that each of you have had a successful school year. Summer is quickly approaching, and we are still planning for Summer Conference. I know that all of us have crunched budgets but please make plans to attend the Summer Conference. Your state officers and affiliate presidents are planning a Conference that will be beneficial to all teachers, counselors, and administrators. The Conference will be a one-day event this summer. Your officers and state staff are exploring the possibility of a mega conference in the future. You can find information at the web site <http://www.mississippiacte.com>. We look forward to seeing you there!

There are many changes coming to Career and Technical Education that will affect how we deliver to our students. We have already received word that there will be cuts to the Tech

Prep funds and other cuts to Carl Perkins Funds. Check the national web site for updates on actions that you as a member can be involved with. We will begin a transition for many of our programs this next school year. This will require that we will have to be engaged in professional development over the summer months. We will have to become more familiar with “Common Core” and “Career Clusters.”

We all know that many students will never go to college; this is why we need to position our students to transition to community colleges. Dr. Janet Smith president of Columbia State Community College in Tennessee said, “We believe that community colleges are central to providing the diverse educational opportunities needed to meet the growing and ever changing job demands and needs.” This is why we need to be involved in our professional organization and development so we can make sure that there is strong linkage for our students between secondary and postsecondary education.

In closing, I want to say congratulations to the students who have participated in student organization contests this spring! To the students and instructors who will be advancing to national competition, good luck. We know that Mississippi will be represented well. I want to encourage more of our instructors to become more involved in student organizations. Student organizations are a mirror into our programs.

Big Changes for MS ACTE Summer Conference!!!

The Mississippi ACTE officers have developed a new format for our annual summer conference. Because of budget cuts and increased cost of hotels and meals, they have decided to have a one-day conference on July 28. By starting the opening session later, hopefully you will be able to attend the conference without having to stay overnight.

The afternoon affiliate break-out sessions are being planned by your affiliate presidents. If you would like to know what they have scheduled, you can contact them. Their email addresses are on our web site: mississippiacte.com. Click on the leadership button to pull up their contact information.

The tentative agenda is listed on the right:

July 28, 2011 • Hinds Community College Rankin Campus • Clyde Muse Center

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
7:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Opening Session and Business Meeting
11:30 a.m.	District Meetings
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (<i>Provided if registration is received prior to June 15</i>)
1:00 p.m.	Affiliate Break-out Meetings

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

Greetings from the MS ACTE office. I want to thank all of you who took the time out of your busy schedule to attend the ACTE Region IV Conference. Your support of our organization makes us strong. Jan Bray, the ACTE's National CEO, reported that Region IV had the largest attendance of any of the five regional conferences with 184 attendees and 20 vendors. Mississippi had the largest state turnout with 92. I hope the conference strengthened your professional development and gave you many new and useful techniques to take back to your classroom. Paul Ott, our keynote speaker, provided a very upbeat, motivational program that showcased the "Voice of the South." I also want to thank Jan Bray for attending our conference, giving remarks from the national office at the opening session, and being a presenter at one of our break-out sessions. We were also fortunate to have Jim Comer, the incoming ACTE National President, attend the conference.

I want to thank all of you who donated to the Community Service Project at the conference. I chose The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence as our project. We had an overwhelming number of items donated as well as \$524 in cash. The Center was very appreciative and told me they had never had such an abundance of generosity from one group. Thank you!

With the regional conference behind us, we need to focus on our summer conference. It will be held July 28 at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College in Pearl, Mississippi. Your affiliate presidents are planning break-out sessions that will be beneficial to all attendees. The cut-off date for early bird registration is June 15. If you register prior to that date, a box lunch will be provided at no extra cost to you. Please make plans to attend and send in your registration before June 15.

See you in July!

Career Expo

submitted by Kendra Taylor

In celebration of National Career and Technical Education Month, the Mississippi Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education hosted its first annual Career Expo on February 18, 2011, in the North Atrium of the Central High School Building from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The expo featured students and teachers from various program areas in Career and Technical Education. The schools and program areas that were featured were:



- **Leland Vocational Center**, Early Childhood Education Program Area
- **Pisgah High School**, Agriculture Program Area and FFA Student Organization
- **Pearl Rankin Career and Technical Center**, Health Sciences Program Area and HOSA Student Organization
- **Madison Career and Technical Center**, Engineering and Polymer Science Program Areas and TSA Student Organization

The primary objective of this Career Expo was to inform the community about the programs that the Office of Career and Technical Education offers in middle and high schools throughout the state of Mississippi. This Career Expo also informed the community about the student organizations and other opportunities for students to excel in higher education and careers.

Hancock County Vocational Center Hotel and Restaurant Management Class Organizes Event

submitted by Lady Anne Bruce

Application of knowledge is one of the goals of the Hancock County Vocational Center's Hotel and Restaurant Management class. Civic consciousness or community awareness is one of the main purposes of the DECA Chapter. Members of the Hotel and Restaurant Management class and DECA Chapter had the chance to see weeks of planning and organizing come together while they helped others in their community. The students served as event organizers and co-hosts during the 3rd Annual Fall Festival which was held in the Hancock High School commons.



The Fall Festival is an event sponsored by the Rotation Station, a lab run by DeAunna Ruzicka, and the Hancock County DECA Chapter, Lady Anne Bruce, advisor. Children who attend the festival are treated to games, face painting, and coloring activities. Parents in attendance were able to speak with representa-

tives of organizations such as the Lion's Club and Brandi's Hope, who provide services to families with specific needs

In attendance were approximately 130 students from East Hancock Elementary, South Hancock Elementary, and Hancock North Central Elementary. Volunteers who

sponsored booths and activities were members and advisors of the following clubs and organizations: BETA, National English Honor Society, English Honor Society, Drama Club, FBLA, FCCLA, Renaissance Club, FEA, History and Government Club, and the Athletic and Guidance Departments.

Kosciusko/Attala Career & Technical Center NCCER Accredited

submitted by Tracy Burnley

The Kosciusko/Attala Career & Technical Center recently received accreditation as an NCCER Accredited Training and Education Facility under the sponsorship of the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation. NCCER represents the National Center for Construction Education and Research. The two programs to attain this level of certification are Building Trades, taught by Mr. John Reuben Cox and Metal Trades, taught by Mr. Gary Brown.

This recognition is indicative of the excellent training programs at the Kosciusko/Attala Career & Technical Center and puts them in an elite position as one of only 19 facilities statewide to attain this high level of accreditation. This training program sponsored by the NCCER allows students who complete the curriculum to attain national certification by the NCCER which is recognized by construction companies and contractors across the United States, and these students qualify for jobs in the construction industry for which non-certified students do not qualify.

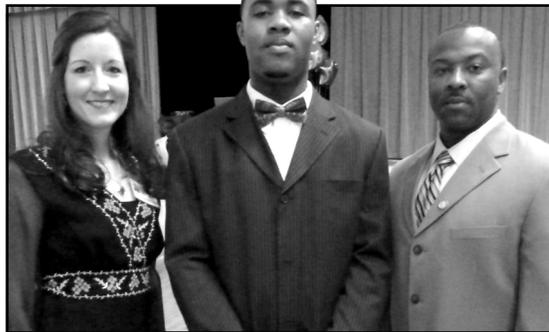


Pictured left to right: Mike Barkett(MCEF), John Reuben Cox(Building Trades), Gary Brown(Metal Trades), Gary Beeland(MCEF) and Tony Holder (Vocational Director).

Charlie Johnson Receives Prince Hall Masonic Scholarship

submitted by Brooke Martin

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, the May-Hinton Lodge #540 presented Charlie Johnson with the Prince Hall Masonic Scholarship. The Career and Technical Education Department at Hattiesburg High School is proud to have Charlie as a Construction Trades Technology student.



Pictured left to right: Brooke Martin, Career and Technical Education Counselor, Charlie Johnson, and Earnest Evans, Construction Trades Technology Instructor

Zack Allen wins Skills USA District competition

submitted by Joy Thompson

Oxford Lafayette School of Applied Technology student Zack Allen, a second year Automotive Mechanics student at the TECH, won 1st Place in a field of 13 competitors in Skills USA District competition. This entitles Zack to a scholarship at Northwest Community College where he plans to enroll in the Automotive Mechanics program. Zack will participate in state competition later this spring.



Zack says that he has always been interested in Auto Mechanics and loves coming to Mr. Stuart Meagrow's class at the TECH. This program is a favorite among local students. Not only does it offer students an opportunity to learn basic automotive maintenance and repair skills and explore options for careers in the automotive industry, but also allows them to work on their own vehicles at scheduled times.

Sherrille Gooch Receives HindsCC Life Star Award



Gooch has been employed at Hinds for three years. She has her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and her co-op certification from Mississippi State University. When not in the classroom, Gooch is in the field meeting potential business partners and evaluating her students in their cooperative education job placements. She is a DECA adviser for the Hinds CC Rankin DECA Co-op and a MS-ACTE member. She is also a member of the Northwest Rankin High School PTO and football/soccer Boosters Club.

Once Again... MS ACTE Brings Home the Award

For the tenth year in a row, MS ACTE has been recognized as a Quality Association Standards recipient. 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 Las Vegas at the ACTE Annual Convention. Ribbons were given to the members attending the conference to indicate that they were a member of a QAS state. Lapel pins were given to the state officers.

HindsCC Agribusiness Management Receives Grant



David Chaney, agribusiness management technician at the Hinds Community College Vicksburg-Warren Campus, received a \$2,500 grant from the “America’s Farmers Grow Communities” project, funded by the Monsanto Company, to be used by the Future Farmers of America group in Vicksburg-Warren County.

The program supports local farming communities by allowing farmers to register to win the grant for their favorite community nonprofit association. John “Bubba” Bowen III was named the winner and graciously awarded the grant to Chaney’s group.

The funds will be used for a variety of things, including the FFA’s annual Bovina Field Day, which gives special needs students a chance to spend the day in an agricultural environment, repairing the agricultural department’s greenhouse and building the FFA scholarship fund.

Ray Nash Named President of NCAC

submitted by Julie Fritsch

Ray Nash, agricultural educator at Biggersville High School in Corinth, Mississippi, has been named the 2010-2011 president of the National Council for Agricultural Education.

The Council is the leadership organization for agricultural education in the United States, bringing together representatives from all its sectors and providing a mechanism for those groups to work together for the

advancement of the profession. Nash is only the second high school agricultural educator to serve as its president since its formation 17 years ago.

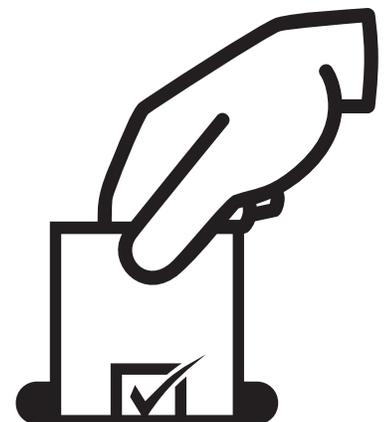
In his position as Council president, Nash will take on some big challenges. “The council will be focusing on three initiatives in the next year,” said Nash. “We will be redefining the way experimental learning is taught in agricultural education, seeking ways to strengthen the teaching of math and science concepts in the con-

text of agriculture, and developing a global engagement strategy for agricultural education.”

Nash just completed a term as the president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). He has also been an active member of both the Mississippi Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers and NAAE since he began teaching, has served as consultant to the FFA Board of Directors and as a member of the FFA Board of Trustees.

Cast Your Vote for 2nd Vice-President

This year we have two candidates for the office MS ACTE 2nd Vice-President: Robert Barnard and Aimee Brown. The election will be held during the annual summer conference in July. To learn more about each candidate, go to our web site and click on the summer conference button to pull up their data sheets.



Agricultural Mechanics Program at the TECH

submitted by Joy Thompson

(Oxford Lafayette School of Applied Technology) These students are enrolled in Mr. Terry James Agricultural Mechanics Program at the TECH. This outstanding program introduces students to a wide variety of careers related to mechanics and machine maintenance as well as agriculture and business.



*(above left) Blake McDonald, 1st Place Arc Welding Team, 1st place/High Individual
Jeremy Keenum, 1st Place Arc Welding Team, 2nd place Individual welding*

*(above right) Dylan Colclasure, 1st place Tractor Operations Team
back, Alex Onsby, 1st Place Tractor Operations Team*

(right) Cody Coates, 1st place, Arc Welding Team; 3rd place Individual welding



Petal School District: Amateur Radio Operators

submitted by Brad Amacker

Petal High School Senior Adam Draughton's Enhanced Senior Project (ESP) has opened new doors for him in ways he never imagined. Adam, who has completed a two-year program in Information Technology at Petal's Career Tech center, wanted his project to be technology oriented, but ESP rules prohibit any project that is directly tied to a course curriculum he has previously taken. Adam approached IT Lab instructor Brad Amacker, N5MZ, who suggested he take a look at Amateur Radio. After some initial hesitation, Adam decided to write his research paper on "real-time location-based technology," which we hams know as APRS®. The hesitation on Adam's part was largely due to one of the stipulations Amacker placed on serving as his project mentor – earning an Amateur Radio license.



Petal High School's CTE staff was recently recognized for having 100% membership in the MS Association for Career Technical Education Organization (MS ACTE)



SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Clyde Muse Multi-Purpose Building
Hinds Community College/Rankin Campus
Pearl, Mississippi
July 28, 2011

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

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

ACTE Member: Yes No

A box lunch will be provided with your registration fee if you register on or before June 15.

Registration for ACTE Members:

_____ \$50.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2011)

_____ \$55.00 Onsite Registration

Registration for Non-members:

_____ \$80.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2011)

_____ \$85.00 Onsite Registration

****THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2011****

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. We also accept MasterCard, VISA, and Purchase Orders.

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