

## A Message From Your President, Robert Barnard



Wow, what a great time to be a Career and Technical Education instructor and a member of ACTE! We have some exciting times ahead in the next six months for MS ACTE. Mrs. Linda Bath has really done a great job of scheduling some great tours, professional development and guest speakers for the Region IV Conference, April 6-8. It is really going to be an event. If you have not registered, don't wait. Some of the best tours are filling up fast. Call the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino for rooms @ 888-567-6667 or use the Online Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/11657940/owner/22426/home>. Use Code **ACTE REGION 4 CONFERENCE** to get conference rates. For registration, follow this link: <http://www.mississippiacte.com/conferences/images/2017ACTERegion%20IVConfReg.pdf>

Thanks again to the hard work of our executive director, Mrs. Linda Bath, Mississippi ACTE was once again awarded the QAS award as one of the outstanding state organizations of ACTE at the Vision Conference in Las Vegas. There were only 26 states nationwide who received this award. At our last board meeting in January, we had added 84 new members. Although our Drive to 1000 has not gotten us to 1000 members yet, I hope by summer conference we can get there.

There is exciting news for Career and Technical Education across the state with new programs being added in multiple locations. Competition is ongoing as well and new facilities are being added to meet the needs of our students. And of course, February is Career and Technical Education Month! Celebrate and let your local media publicize your success!

District MS ACTE meetings are being scheduled, so be sure to try and attend the one in your district. Also remember to mark your calendars for July 26-28 for Summer Conference. Calls for presenters are already going out. I have really enjoyed serving as your president of MS ACTE this year and I can't believe it is going by so fast and that half of the year has come and gone. Hope to see you at the Beau in April!

## FCCLA North Fall Conference - Tupelo Career-Technical Center

*Submitted by: April Cardenas*

On October 13, 2016, Tupelo Career-Technical Center's FCCLA club (Early Childhood Education and Culinary Arts) traveled to Mississippi State University to participate in the Northern District Fall Conference. This conference featured guest speaker, Tyson Cunningham, who spoke about never giving up on one's dream and how practice does pay off. Students were allowed to attend two breakout sessions which included: Dealing with Stress, Effective Communication, 10 Tips for Interviewing for Success, Healthy Relationships, and How Sexually Smart Are You? Students ate lunch in the Colvard Union and the day ended with a dance off and MSU ice cream. Overall, students enjoyed visiting Mississippi State University campus and being around college life.



## Greetings From the MS ACTE Office!

*Submitted by: Linda Bath*

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season!

As you know, MS ACTE is the host state for the Region IV Conference scheduled for April 6-8. The states in Region IV are Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Mississippi needs to be well represented, so please make every effort to attend. The conference will not be back in Mississippi until 2023! I encourage you to take advantage of attending this event in our state. Please go to our website, [mississippiacte.com](http://mississippiacte.com), and click on the conference button to pull up the brochure, registration form, hotel information, etc. There are four great pre-conference tours planned for Thursday, April 6. We also will host a Southern Hospitality Reception with lots of food. In addition, we have planned a continental breakfast on Friday and Saturday, break bars morning and

afternoon on Friday, and the Awards Luncheon on Saturday. All of these events are covered in your registration fee. There will be an off-site session presented by the Gulfport Port Authority on Friday morning following the Opening Session. Transportation and lunch will be provided. We can only take 30 people, so send in your registration soon. I think this will be one of the highlights of the conference. We will have vendors at this conference who will showcase the latest career/technical materials and equipment. In addition, I have scheduled 25 breakout sessions for Friday, so I think there will be things of interest to everyone.

A community service project is included at the regional meetings. This year, we have chosen the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence. This is the largest and oldest domestic violence shelter in the State of Mis-

issippi. The Center's mission is to support and serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and family members of homicide victims. We are asking that you bring items of clothing for women and children, disposable diapers, toys, books, personal hygiene products, or cash donations, etc. for this facility. Remember most of these people leave home with only the clothes on their backs, so all donations are appreciated.

The MS ACTE district presidents are planning their spring meetings. District II is scheduled for March 2 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Ridgeland High School in Ridgeland, Mississippi. The meeting will be held in the Library. When the other district meetings are scheduled, I will post the date, time, and location on our website. Please support your district presidents by attending these meetings.

If I can be of service to any of you, please contact me.

See you at the Beau!

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## Tupelo Career-Technical Center Early Childhood II Job Shadowing at North Mississippi Medical Center

*Submitted by: April Cardenas*

Early Childhood Education II has developed a professional relationship with North Mississippi Medical Center Childcare Center. The center is operated under the direction of Cheryl Wheeler. Early Childhood II students attend clinical on Tuesdays and Thursdays of every week. Students have an opportunity to observe and receive hands on learning in classes from infant to preschool age. Students gain valuable work readiness skills such as: time management, public speaking skills, soft skills (interpersonal and intrapersonal) teamwork, and organizational skills. Students have an opportunity to create lesson plans for their assigned classroom and witness that plan being carried out in action.

Mentoring teachers at the childcare center stated, "This has been a very valuable experience and we enjoy working with the Early Childhood II students." Mrs. Wheeler stated, "Students are great role models for the younger students and having the extra help has been wonderful for the teachers." One student stated, "I am so glad to have an opportunity of making a difference in a young child's life."



## Manufacturing Day at Tupelo Career-Technical Center

Submitted by: April Cardenas



On October 11-12, 2016, the Cooper Tire Dream Team came to Tupelo Career-Technical Center for two days of fun-filled presentations and demonstrations. Students learned the importance of tire safety from the Tread Wisely presentation. Also, students learned about the various job opportunities available to them at Cooper Tire. Lastly, students were given a thorough description of how a tire is created at the plant from touching examples of rubber to watching a video of a tire being assembled. Students were engaged by the presentations and amazed at the various job possibilities at Cooper Tire.

## Career & Technical Education Month

Submitted by: Robert Barnard  
(from the Panolian - Feb. 3, 2017)

Students representing the South Panola Career and Technical Education Department met this week with Mayor Jerry Autrey as the students celebrate February as Career and Technical Education Month.

Shown are (front row, from left) Arly Coleman, Technology Students Association and SP 2017 Valedictorian; Tailor Toney, Future Farmers of America; Katelyn Kennedy, National Technical Honor Society; Terri Tidwell, Horticulture; Chassidy Brooks, Pres. SP Career Pathways Experience/DECA; Savannah Bryant, Childcare; Jacambria Griffin, Culinary/FCCLA Foods; Destiny Lamar, Health Sciences/HOSA; (back) John Forrest Franklin, Welding, VP Skills USA; Levi Gazaway, Construction, Pres. Skills USA; Tyler Ware, Pres. Tiger Career Pathways Experience/DECA; William Braden Newton, Automotive Skills; Robert Barnard Jr. SP CPE instructor and State President, MS ACTE (MS Association of Career and Technical Educators; (Not pictured-Quantarious Taylor-FCCLA)



## New Law Enforcement & Public Safety Program

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

Forrest County Agricultural High School has outstanding Career Technical Education programs. One of the newest to join the Aggie Family is Law Enforcement and Public Safety, taught by Mr. Todd Smith. Mr. Smith served in our Nation's armed forces for a total of 34 years with 12 years of U.S. Army active duty and two tours of duty in Afghanistan. He has received the Bronze Star and Afghanistan Service Medal as well as many other honors. In addition to teaching Law Enforcement and Public Safety, Mr. Smith is also the FCAHS Boys' Soccer coach, with 17 years of experience in education.

Hands on activities are a major component of how Mr. Smith teaches his students. Two examples of these activities are handcuffing techniques and traffic stops. Mr. Smith utilizes FCAHS School Resource Officer, Lawrence Krantz, to assist in teaching these skills to students. This gives students an opportunity to understand law enforcement from another perspective, that of the public servant.

In addition to handcuffing and traffic stops, students learn about criminal law and the legal system in the United States, police departments and highway patrol officers, corrections and public/private security. Students also have the opportunity to achieve national certifications while enrolled in this program: FEMA NIMS (National Incident Management System) and CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams). Both of these certifications prove that students master the skills necessary in responding to disasters such as hurricanes, fires, floods or violent incidents.



## Students Help Out at Food Pantry

*Submitted by: Jennifer Koon*

*(from Daily Corinthian newspaper - by Bobby J. Smith)*

Students at the Alcorn Career and Technical Center are helping out in a big way with the AMEN Food Pantry.

As part of an event called Pack the Pickup, ACTC Career and Technical Organizations collected canned food items during the month of October and donated those items to AMEN Food Pantry. The CTE organizations of DECA, Educators Rising, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA and TSA have a friendly competition to see who can bring in the most items.

“Our goal was to donate 2016 items in the year 2016,” said Jennifer Koon, CTE counselor at the Career and Technical Center. “The students met and well exceeded that goal.”

Students at the ACTC collected a total of 2,388 items for the food pantry, with FFA taking the lead with 1,162 items collected.

“I am so proud of our students for their efforts,” said ACTC Director Rodney Hopper. “Our students recognize the struggles that a lot of families have to go through and their compassion for helping was outstanding. The students worked hard and are to be commended

for their efforts. I am continued to be amazed at the things our students can accomplish.”

Classroom instructors at the ACTC incorporate service learning into their classroom objectives and career technical service organizations as much as possible. Koon explained that service learning is a type of learning where students develop knowledge and critical thinking skills while addressing community needs.

Three students in particular excelled in the effort to help stock the AMEN Food Pantry — Hunter Carr, T.J. Essary and Matthew Lambert. These three Kossuth High School students were the top contributors.

The trio said they were motivated by the knowledge that 55 percent of people in Corinth don’t have enough food — including people they have known personally.

“I can’t stand it that people aren’t getting enough food,” said Hunter. “I love seeing people with a smile on their faces, and it makes me smile seeing people get the food they need.”

Food Pantry volunteer John Cooper praised all of the students’ contributions to the cause of ending hunger.

“It’s beyond amazing seeing young people do something like this,” Cooper said.

The Amen Food Pantry on Linden Street has been active for 23 years. It is supported solely by donations and volunteers. Clients are allowed to come every three months. They serve at least 3,000 families each year.

It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

*Alcorn Career and Technical Center students (from left) Hunter Carr, T.J. Essary and Matthew Lambert unload canned goods at the AMEN Food Pantry. Staff photo by Bobby J. Smith*



## MEC holds Workforce Roundtable

*Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer*

The Area Development Partnership’s First Friday Breakfast and Workforce Roundtable on November 4 at Southern Oaks House and Gardens in Hattiesburg included a Connection Tour hosted by The Mississippi Economic Council (MEC). The interactive event addressed topics important to economic development in Mississippi including workforce education, transportation, infrastructure, healthy living, and more.

*Pictured Left to right: Vickie Powell (MEC), SFC Nelson Haskins, Jr. (Mississippi National Guard), Tina Byrd (Lamar County Director of Career and Technical Education), Jeff Robinson (Merchants Foodservice), Brian Aehnlich (The First Bank), Daniel Jayroe (Area Development Partnership), MAJ Jason Holmes (Mississippi National Guard)*





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## News From Tupelo Career-Technical Center

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### Cross-Curricular Collaboration with Culinary Arts II

*Submitted by: Faye Henson*

Tupelo Career -Technical Center's Culinary Arts II students recently conducted tours through the Culinary Arts kitchen lab and the Wave Café restaurant lab with Mrs. Sonya Dendy's 1st and 2nd nine weeks Business Law students on September 22, 2016 and November 17, 2016. Culinary Arts students presented workplace safety rules and regulations for foodservice as they took Business Law students on a tour of the kitchen and cafe. The Business Law class was studying workplace safety and wanted a "real life" experience of how safety rules and regulations are utilized. Culinary students discussed and demonstrated use of cutting boards with knives and how to prevent the cutting board from slipping while in use. Also, students elaborated on the proper use of oven mitts, heat resistant gloves and aprons when using the dish machine. Culinary students

pointed out the use of code words or lingo to warn others when hot food, knives, or heavy loads are being carried, when passing behind other workers. Students from both classes discussed how OSHA is utilized in the foodservice industry. Lastly, culinary students used the restaurant lab to explain and demonstrate safety procedures. The students explained and/or modeled why you should block off areas with spills and clean them up immediately, warn customers if plates are very hot, and seat customers so not to obstruct pathways. The cross-curricular activity was a great collaboration between CTE and Business Education, that provided the students with the understanding of how the working world and the business world connect.

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### CPE Students Create Memorable Moments

*Submitted by Kim Boyer*

In Kim Boyer's CPE class, students not only learn about resumes and budgeting techniques, but also they learn about working with people who are not exactly like them. They, in fact, peer tutor special needs students who have a wide range of learning, mental, emotional, and physical disabilities. They help with keeping students focused on the task at hand, explaining activities, reading to students individually, and monitoring the students as they complete a task. They help students find games on computers related to subjects such as math or reading. One CPE student commented, "I look forward to spending time on Fridays with these students. My heart has become bigger, and I have gained friendships throughout this process." They play boardgames, card games, and other various activities related to core academics and IEP goals. They also help with basic skills, such as developing life skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and socialization skills.

In return, CPE students develop leadership skills, enhance self-esteem and selfconfidence, while improving interpersonal skills as well as making lifelong friends and creating memorable experiences.

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### Gaining a Teaching Perspective

*Submitted by Myra Cox*

In only its second year of implementation, Teacher Academy is providing Tupelo Career-Tech students the opportunity to visit various classroom disciplines at Lawndale Elementary. The students are able to observe experienced teachers from different academic disciplines and gain valuable insight into the teaching profession. The students enjoy the interaction they are able to have with the younger students and being able to provide extra attention and instruction as needed. On one of the first visits, several of the students were able to talk with and help students

with their individual work. When we left for the day, the students stated how they didn't want to leave they enjoyed being in the classroom so much! One student stated, "I actually knew how to help them with their math problems!" As their instructor, this enthusiasm is so exciting to see. I can only speak so much about teaching, but until they actually experience it will they truly know the wonderful impact they can make one day. The knowledge and real life experiences they gain from these visits will hopefully instill in them a desire to further their educational career.

## PRCC Career Technical Education Day at FCAHS

*Submitted by: Melissa Graham*

Students at Forrest County Agricultural High School had a day to meet with Career Technical Education (CTE) instructors from Pearl River Community College at the second annual PRCC CTE Day at FCAHS. PRCC sent more than twenty instructors and counselors to speak with FCAHS students about the many CTE programs at the Poplarville and Hattiesburg campuses. The senior class attended a presentation by Delana Harris, PRCC Director of Recruitment and Marketing, outlining admissions requirements, scholarships, housing and other topics related to enrollment at Pearl River Community College. Numerous displays were lining each side of the auditorium for students to browse and drawings were held throughout the day for door prizes. Melissa Graham, CTE counselor at FCAHS, plans this activity each year so seniors and all CTE students will be informed about the different majors they can pursue after high school graduation.



## Students Help Home Health Patients

*Submitted by: Marybeth Lowrey*

Oxford-Lafayette TECH health science students made stockings and collected food items for Baptist Home Health Patients.





# Choctaw County Career and Technology Center Culinary Arts II Students Compete in Chopped Cooking Challenge

*Submitted by: Sandi Muirhead*

Sharon James, Culinary Arts Instructor in Choctaw County, recently helped her Culinary Arts II students prepare for the “Choctaw County Chopped” competition. The competition was conducted in much the same manner as the Food Network’s show “Chopped Challenge”. Mrs. James prepares a basket containing four odd ingredients for students to whip up amazing culinary creations. The students have no idea of the ingredients until the timed event begins. Students have to use culinary knowledge and skills, be creative, and work quickly during this competition. Curricula based skills that students practice during this competition include; knife skills, cooking methods, attractive plating, and time management. The judges used a rubric to analyze the students’ prepared dishes. The rubric consists of three main categories; taste, appearance, and creativity.



Mr. Glen Beard – Choctaw County Superintendent of Education, Mr. Glen Blaine – Choctaw County Assistant Superintendent of Education and Mrs. Diane Chancellor – retired CTE instructor were the judges for all three days of the Chopped Challenge competition. There were three students competing each day and were given two challenges each day; an entrée and a dessert. During the first two days of the competition, students were “chopped” (eliminated), based on the judge’s ranking of the criteria. During the third day, Championship Round, the participants were (pictured left to right) Abigail McNutt, Quandarius Yarbrough, and Madi Murphy.

The ingredients for the Championship Round entrée were Fish Sticks, Puffed Corn,

Strawberries, and Spinach. The Dessert for the Championship Round included Zebra Cakes and Chocolate Moon Pies, White Chocolate Pudding Mix, Navel Oranges, and Pretzel Twists.

The Culinary Arts II students participating in the Choctaw County Chopped Competition were (pictured left to right): Tate Roland, Abigail McNutt, Quandarius Yarbrough, Jasmine Lane, Madi Murphy, and Tea’ Davis.



Abigail McNutt was the overall winner of the Choctaw County Chopped Competition and received a \$25.00 check. Pictured are (left to right) Mrs. Ronda Huffman - CCCTC Director, Abigail McNutt, and Mrs. Sharon James - Culinary Arts Instructor.

The judges were (left to right) Diane Chancellor-retired CTE instructor, Glen Blaine-Assistant Superintendent of Education, Glen Beard-Superintendent of Education.



**ACTE Region IV Conference: April 6-8, 2017**

## Registration Form

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## Tentative Schedule

### Wednesday, April 5

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings

### Thursday, April 6

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Awards Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Pre-Conference Tours
2:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Tours
4:00 p.m.	Vendor Hall Open
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Southern Hospitality Reception

### Friday, April 7

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Hall Open
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Opening Session
10:00 a.m.	Vans Depart for Port of Gulfport Tour
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Breakout Session I
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session II
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Breakout Session III
1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Breakout Session IV
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Session V
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	State Association Meetings

### Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration Open
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Guest Speaker
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.	Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon



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