

A Message From Your President, Mary Taylor



Hello everyone and best wishes for a happy new year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas vacation, but now it is time to start back to work! (Do I hear cheers or groans, or maybe just a sigh?)

I want to share several items with you in order to keep you informed, up to date, and as involved as possible.

First, I want to give everyone an update on our plans for the summer conference. Our representatives from MDE have worked hard to accommodate our needs as an organization and also the needs of teachers, administrators, and staff in all of our career technical programs. Every CTE educator was sent a survey via email in order to give you an opportunity to submit ideas for speakers, breakout sessions, and general suggestions for the summer conference. That information was compiled by the RCU and is available for your review online. Your state officers met with the OVAE in October and in two webinars to discuss our vision of what we want the summer conference to include. We met again in December, along with your affiliate presidents and each program coordinator from RCU, to develop an agenda and breakout sessions for each of your individual program areas. Your affiliate president and your officers should have contacted you to get suggestions, feedback, and general information regarding what you need as a program area at the summer conference. If you have not been contacted and you want to submit some ideas, please contact your affiliate president, or myself, and I will be glad to help get the information to the correct person. We want this summer conference to be about YOU! We want OVAE and MS ACTE to enable and encourage each of you as you improve your programs and professionalism.

Please set aside July 17-19, 2012, for the summer conference!

Second, I want to remind you to please submit nominations for Student of the Year, Teacher of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, and Educator of the Year (which includes your administrators, counselors, etc.). There are other awards listed on the national web site, including outstanding community service, etc. that I KNOW many of you are involved in. The person who nominates someone for an award needs to go to BOTH the state web site (mississippiacte.com) and the national web site (acteonline.org) and follow the links to the awards section to print out the forms and give them to the person nominated for completion. These forms should be mailed to me by January 31. I am aware that the web site says January 27, but I am extending it a few

days. I have to make copies for each of the awards' committee members to score and return to me by the end of February. The winner's applications will then be sent on to the Region IV awards chairperson in order to qualify for the Region IV, and eventually the national competition. Good luck to all our great Mississippi educators! It is time to be recognized for all the hard work you do!

Third, I want each of you to contact your senators and congressmen regarding several issues. One is, of course, funding for CTE. You need to be sure your local representatives know about what you do every day. Please invite them to your classroom, your center, or community center where they can meet the students. Submit articles in your local paper and journals and then tell them to read about what is going on in their district. In a couple of months, we are hoping to have the student officers of all of our student organizations attend a meeting with those at the capital to let them verbalize what CTE has done for them. Also, let me encourage you to talk to your representatives about PERS, our retirement fund. If there has ever been a time for us to stand up and speak out, it is now!

Fourth, I want to remind everyone that our spring board meeting is January 26 at Hinds Community College in Pearl. A big thank you to Eric Smith and his staff for allowing us to come to their facility! If you are an affiliate president or board member, PLEASE be at our meeting. We need to discuss items regarding summer conference and the general operation of our organization. Remember, an organization is only as strong as its members. We are presently updating our bylaws from the 1990's and if you have any suggestions, please contact me in order for me to take those to the board meeting.

Lastly, I want to share an idea that may assist us with getting more academic support and exposure in our school districts. Many superintendents and principals are concerned regarding meeting the common core requirements. We need to let them know what CTE has to offer to meet those goals. We teach math, science, reading and writing in ALL of our programs. Show them some of the lesson plans you have created, share some of your activities and skill requirements, and remind them we have been "integrating" for years! CTE should not be afraid of these "new" requirements. We just have to let them know it is embedded in all curriculum. If you will go to the MDE/OVAE web site and locate the "Math-in-CTE" link, there are lesson plans that have been created by your Mississippi teachers for just about all of the programs taught in our state. Use them! I sincerely wish the best for you and all of our students in this upcoming year. God bless!

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

Greetings from the MS ACTE office. I hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season.

The MS ACTE Board of Directors is working with the MDE and RCU to host a summer conference that will be beneficial to all career/technical educators. We are planning a conference that will give you CEU and SEMI credits as well as helpful ideas to take back to your classroom. Jim Comer, National ACTE president, and Jan Bray, ACTE National CEO, will attend our conference. They will both make presentations during the conference.

The national conference was held in St. Louis. Mississippi had 38 members in attendance.

The Region IV Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 19-21. You can go to their web site, NMACTE.com, for a tentative agenda, hotel registration, and conference registration. I hope many of you will plan to attend.

In the issue of *The Reporter* sent by eblast in September, I asked for feedback as to whether you liked receiving the newsletter electronically. I had two responses: one positive and one negative. Again I am asking you to let me know which method you prefer. To send me your feedback, go to <http://www.mississippiacte.com/reportersurvey/>

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 601.857.5763 or edofmsacte.com.

There Will Never Be Another ACTE National Conference...

Don't worry, we will still meet in Atlanta November 29-December 1; however, the event will be an International Summit on Excellence in CTE. It will be called CareerTech VISION 2012. Following is the explanation posted on the national web site concerning this new event.



Get a glimpse of the exciting future ahead for career and technical education at CareerTech VISION 2012—the only international summit on excellence in CTE! This dynamic event features a new format that is focused on what you need to succeed in your program, your institution and your community. You can't afford to miss the crucial networking, vital business and industry connections, and hands-on learning unprecedented in our profession!

You don't want to lose this opportunity! At CareerTech VISION 2012, you will:

- Form beneficial new partnerships with the business and industry sectors
- See, touch and interact with the latest innovations in the world of education
- Earn critical CEUs in a challenging and stimulating new context
- Connect with your colleagues and the leaders in CTE today
- Energize your ongoing commitment to excellence
- Envision the potential of your CTE program—and discover practical ways to achieve it
- Experience firsthand the exciting future of CTE in your community and across the country

Plan now to attend CareerTech VISION 2012 and join thousands of your fellow CTE professionals at the most exciting CTE event of the year! Remember, ACTE members receive priority registration and discounted rates. Catch the VISION—because together, we make it work!

Join us in Atlanta, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2012!

2011 Mississippi Associated Builders & Contractors Merit Awards Banquet

Reported by Dr. Rick Saucier

The Mississippi Associated Builders & Contractors held their Merit Awards Banquet on November 3, 2011, at the Beau Rivage Resort in Biloxi, MS. Mr. Gary Bambauer, President of the MS Construction Education Foundation, presented the following awards:

MABC Adult Craft Instructor of the Year:

Marvin Moak, Electrical Instructor, Hinds Community College

MABC High School Craft Instructor of the Year:

J.D. Carr, Jr., Construction Technology Instructor, Gulfport High School Technology Center

Honorable Mention:

Phillip Manning, Construction Technology Instructor, North Forrest High School
Chevis Necaie, Welding Instructor, Hancock County Career Technical Center

Career & Technical Center of Excellence:

Hancock County Career Technical Center, Director, Dr. Rick Saucier

Honorable Mention:

Pontotoc Ridge Career & Technology Center, Director, Phil Ryan



Front Row: Mrs. Moak, Sherri Blount, Gay Saucier
Back Row: J.D. Carr Jr., Marvin Moak, Gary Bambauer, Chevis Necaie and Dr. Rick Saucier

Once Again... MS ACTE Brings Home the Award



For the eleventh year in a row, MS ACTE has been recognized as a Quality Association Standards recipient. This is the highest honor the association can achieve.

The award was presented at the State Association/Region Luncheon in St. Louis at the ACTE Annual Convention. Twenty-one states were presented this award. The states in Region IV who received this award were Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Ribbons were given to the members attending the conference to indicate that they were a member of a QAS state.

HindsCC's Martha Hill Recognized



Martha Hill, landscape management instructor on the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College, was recognized at the Professional Landcare Network's Green Industry Conference in Louisville, Ky., in October. She has served as a member of the group's International Certificate Council for the last six years. "This experience allowed me to gain a better understanding of what it takes to put together and manage an international industry recognized certification program for members of the landscape industry," Hill said. "It has been an honor to be a part of the successes of this council."

News for Petal High School CTE

Polymer Science Recognition

The Petal High School polymer science class competed at the Polymer Science State High School Competition at USM on November 11. The winner of the 2nd year general knowledge exam was Taylor McAlister. Petal had 2 group challenge winners: Taylor McAlister and Montana Williams. Karl Hammons, Taylor McAlister, and Montana Williams also received 1st place in Quiz Bowl, and the school received 1st place overall. By winning these events, the students received individual prizes, but the school also received trophies, a new laboratory balance, and a pH meter.

Polymer Science Halloween Recruitment

On Friday, October 28th, the Petal High School polymer science classes brought 9th graders to their classroom for some Halloween-themed fun. The polymer students used some creepy lab experiments and demonstrations, such as slime, foaming skulls, and cold bowls of water crystals, as a recruitment tool and to showcase some of the fun things they do in class, while the 9th graders got an inside look at what goes on in polymer science. The students were even escorted through the labs by some interesting Halloween characters throughout the day.

Digital Media Technology

The Petal High School digital media technology students were on hand at the PHS vs. Meridian football game to assist Fox 23 with broadcasting. Priscilla Barron and Joseph Bastine assisted the cameraman on the field and during the 3rd quarter were given the opportunity to be behind the camera of a live broadcast with Fox 23.

Allied Health

Petal High School Allied Health II students taught First Aid to the Boy Scouts at their regular monthly meeting. Boy Scouts rotated through various stations such as Bleeding, Burns, Fractures/Muscle Injuries, CPR, Heimlich, and Poisoning/Stings where the Allied Health students provided information and hands on activities for them to help prepare them for emergency situations.



Association for Career and Technical Education

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**2012
Region IV
Conference**



April 19-21, 2012

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Albuquerque, NM

*Join us April 2012 in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico!!
Your registration fee includes a reception, meals, break refreshments,
entertainment, vendors, and a full day and a half of workshops!*

NMACTE will be hosting a FABULOUS Region IV Conference with the continued goal of providing professional development for teachers, counselors, and administrators, both secondary and post-secondary!

**CEU &
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Credits
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CTE: Education that Works!!!!

Get your rooms reserved!

[Link to Region IV Reservations](#)

\$109.00 / night (mention Region IV ACTE)

Phone: 888-421-1442

Get registered on-line (opening soon):

www.thinkregistration.com/ACTE/NM/

Early-Bird Prices:

ACTE Member, with Awards Breakfast—\$200

ACTE Member, w/o Awards Breakfast—\$180

ACTE Non-Member, with Awards Breakfast—\$295

ACTE Non-Member, w/o Awards Breakfast—\$275

Information found at:

www.nmacte.com

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 19th	Times
Pre-Conference, TBD	8:00 - Noon
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Pre-Conference, TBD	1:00 - 5:00
Region IV Awards Committee Meeting	8:00 - 5:00
Region IV Policy Committee Meeting	1:00 - 5:00
Region IV Committee Meetings	3:30 - 5:00
Conference Registration	8:00 - 5:00
NMACTE Golf Scramble	1:30 - 6:00
NMACTE Reception & Cook-out	6:00 - 9:00

Friday, April 20th	Times
Conference Registration	7:00 - 8:30
Welcoming / Opening Session	8:30 - 9:45
Vendor Time & Refreshments	9:45 - 10:15
Break-out Session I	10:15 - 11:05
Break-out Session II	11:15 - 12:05
Buffet Lunch & Vendors	12:05 - 1:30
Break-out Session III	1:30 - 2:20
Break-out Session IV	2:30 - 3:20
Vendor Time & Refreshments	3:20 - 3:40
Break-out Session V	3:40 - 4:30
Vendor Time	4:30 - 5:00

Saturday, April 21st	Times
Awards Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00
Closing Session Speaker	9:15 - 10:15
Refreshments / Light Break	10:15 - 10:30
Region IV ACTE Business Meeting	10:30 - Noon