

## A Message From Your President, Mary Taylor



Mother Theresa said “the noblest acts come from nameless hands.” It is impossible to list all the individuals that work hard on behalf of MS ACTE, and those who work endless hours to make our programs and students successful. Let me begin this new school year by saying thank you. It was wonderful to see so many attendees at our one-day summer conference, and I can’t wait to see what is in store for us next summer working with our leaders in the OVAE. We are grateful for their assistance.

Everyone is well aware of the tough economic times facing our schools and even our homes, but it is a great opportunity for us to show our students the benefits of hard work and sacrifice. As we encourage our students to join their student

organizations, it is also important for us to be a part of an active organization that is busy fighting for CTE in Washington and in Jackson. Please take the time to enlist someone to join MS ACTE this year and be sure to contact your senators and congressmen every opportunity you can and explain the importance of CTE. If there has ever been a time for CTE to shine, it is now. Advertise every good thing your students, your peers, and your schools are doing. Let people read about your accomplishments and the success stories of our students and co-workers. Let us be an example of how to face the challenges ahead and demonstrate the advantages of team work.

I want to be as active as possible in the role as your president. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or ideas. This is your organization, and I want to work for you, our students, and our programs. I hope you have a great year!

## Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

To all of you who took time out of your busy summer, I want to say “Thank You” for attending the Annual Summer Conference in July. Even though it was a one-day conference, I know you received many informative ideas to take back to your classroom. To all the affiliate presidents, district presidents, and presenters, I want to congratulate you on a job well done.

Included in this Newsletter are the 2011-12 Legislative Goals. I would encourage you to print a copy and send to your local congressmen along with a letter asking for their support. I’ve been told by many of them that a personal letter from their constituents is the most effective means of communication. We need them now more than ever to keep our programs alive.

Each fall your district presidents plan a dinner meeting. They work hard to get speakers who will be informative. Please plan to support them by attending the

meetings. They will send out an email to you within a few weeks of the meeting.

One of the responsibilities of the affiliate presidents is to assign members from their affiliate to serve on the MS ACTE committees. If you are contacted about serving, I hope you will be willing. If you would like to be considered as a committee member, please contact your president. Their names and contact information can be obtained from our web site. Click on the Leadership button to access that information.

It has been my experience that sometimes all I needed to take action was a request by my peers. I would ask that you invite someone from your school who is not a MS ACTE member to consider joining our organization. You can download a membership application from our web site by clicking on the downloads and forms button.

The national conference will be held in St. Louis November 17-19, 2011. This location is one of the closest that the conference is to us. I hope you will consider attending. Visit the national web site, [acteonline.org](http://acteonline.org), to view the events planned, the registration form, and the hotel reservation information.

This is the first electronic Newsletter sent out by the MS ACTE office. A hard copy Newsletter will be sent out later this fall. Please send me articles and pictures that you would like to have included. I need these by October 31. This is a great way to showcase your schools, your programs, your peers, and your students.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 601.857.5763 or [edofms-acte@aol.com](mailto:edofms-acte@aol.com). I hope you have a successful school year.

## MS ACTE Legislative Goals 2011-12

1. MS ACTE commends the Legislature for supporting career and technical education and recommends continued efforts to adjust the salaries of career and technical educators to be consistent with the Southeastern average and industry.
2. MS ACTE recommends that the Office of Career and Technical Education be funded in the amount of \$96,300,000 from the general fund and other funding sources.
3. MS ACTE recommends the equipment funding for Occupational Skills programs in the amount of \$5,000,000.
4. MS ACTE recommends continuation of the requirement that the Associate State Superintendent of Career Technical Education meet the administrative certification standards set forth in the state licensure manual.
5. MS ACTE recommends funding health insurance for state employees retiring after 25 years of service.
6. MS ACTE recommends funding for the C. M. Brewer FFA Leadership Center budget in the amount of \$175,000. The FFA Center is used by all vocational student organizations.
7. MS ACTE recommends increased funding in the amount of \$350,000 for extended contracts of secondary career and technical teachers for the purpose of enhancing economic development.
8. MS ACTE recommends that scholarship funds be made available for current career and technical instructors who are pursuing appropriate course work beyond initial licensure.
9. MS ACTE recommends continuation of funding of workforce training and development to enable the community and junior colleges to prepare and upgrade the workforce for the new millennium.
10. MS ACTE supports pay raises for the state staff and career and technical staff.
11. MS ACTE recommends continued support for salary supplements and incentives for the National Board Certified Teachers.
12. MS ACTE recommends funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of establishing and equipping new programs in vocational and technical education.

## Calendar 2011-12

### **October 13, 2011**

Fall Board Meeting  
*Hinds Community College,  
Rankin Campus*

### **November 17--19, 2011**

National ACTE Conference  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

### **January 26, 2012**

Board Meeting  
*Hinds Community College,  
Rankin Campus*

### **January 27, 2012**

Deadline 2nd VP Candidate  
Application to be Submitted

Deadline for  
Outstanding Student Award and  
Outstanding MS ACTE  
Education Award  
**Applications to be Submitted  
February 3, 2012**

### **March 8-10, 2012**

ACTE National Policy Seminar  
*Crystal Gateway Marriott,  
Arlington, VA*

### **April 19-21, 2012**

Region IV Conference  
*Albuquerque, New Mexico,  
Hyatt Regency Hotel*

### **June 1, 2012**

Deadline for  
Student Scholarship Award,  
Outstanding Program Award and  
Outstanding Alumnus Award

### **July 24-29, 2012**

Summer Conference '12

## A Message From Aimee Brown, MS ACTE 2nd Vice-President



Greetings Mississippi ACTE members! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in electing me to serve as your 2nd Vice-President. I promise to work hard for our organization during the next three years. As I mentioned at the conference, I have several goals for Mississippi ACTE that I would like to accomplish during my time as an ACTE board member. I would like to discuss three of the major goals I have for our organization.

First, I would like to see Mississippi ACTE increase membership by at least 25 percent during the next three years. I believe this can be accomplished by promoting Mississippi ACTE as an organization that is valuable to the success of all career and technical educators in Mississippi. I would like to see us implement membership recruitment projects and an awards program to recognize Mississippi ACTE members who actively recruit new members into our organization. Secondly, I would like to continue to work with Mississippi's legislature and educational leaders to increase funding that is available for career and technical education. During this time in our state and country, it is imperative that we graduate students who have the skills and training needed to ensure our future success. In order for us to meet this demand, we must have quality equipment and materials in the career and technical education classroom. Lastly, I would like to see Mississippi ACTE use the annual district meetings as an opportunity to provide important information to all career and technical educators in Mississippi. There are several career and technical educators that do not have the opportunity to attend the Mississippi ACTE Summer Conference. Therefore, I feel it would be valuable to organize the district meetings as half-day mini-conferences that would be beneficial to all career and technical educators in Mississippi. If possible, I would like to see us have the same program format for all of our district meetings.

Again I look forward to working for our organization, and I look forward to meeting all the members of Mississippi ACTE. Please contact me if I can ever be of assistance. I can be reached at 601-859-6847 or [acbrown@madison-schools.com](mailto:acbrown@madison-schools.com). I wish all of you a successful school year!

## Achieve 100% Winners

Congratulations to the following schools for receiving the Achieve 100% Award for the 2010-11 school year:

- Choctaw County Career and Technical Center
- Madison Career and Technical Center
- Newton Career Center
- Petal High School Career and Technical Education Center
- Pope School
- South Panola High School
- Webster County Career and Technology Center

This award is presented to schools whose administrators, teachers, and counselors are all members of ACTE. Not only are they presented with a framed certificate at the Mississippi Summer Conference, but they are listed on the national ACTE web site. Their names are also listed in an issue of the Techniques magazine.

In order to qualify for this award, all staff must be a member of ACTE by November 30, 2011. A form provided by the national office must also be completed and sent to the national office by January 13, 2012. I hope your school's name can be added to this impressive list next year!



Lamar Technical Center is proud to announce three of its employees garnered honors/offices this year in CTE professional organizations. Mary Taylor, Health Sciences instructor, was elected president of MACTE for 2011-2012; Ken McCoy, Construction Technology instructor, was recognized as the 2011 Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher; and Gretchen Waters, Student Services Coordinator, was elected president of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators for Special Needs Personnel (MAVESNP) for 2011-2014.

# Summer Conference 2011

