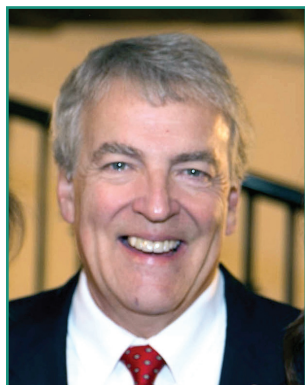


## A Message From Your President, Robert Barnard



Yes, I am CTE and you are too. I hope your school year has started off as smooth as mine has this year. As I write this article, several significant events are taking place.

We are now reviewing last year's summer conference and what a great conference it was. This was our first year for Summer Conference to use the entire Jackson Convention Center complex. The RCU and the MDE working with MS ACTE did a wonderful job in organizing a great conference. I still have teachers that couldn't make it asking me to share material from some of the sessions I attended. This might be the only way some of us have to see what our fellow CTE teachers are doing and hear from some great presenters on subjects we all can use, but we still need to get more teachers on board. I was really surprised to know we had some teachers from across the state that didn't know what summer conference even was! We need your help in trying to make it even better next year. Send your comments or recommendations to your district VP's, your affiliate Presidents or any MS-ACTE officer. All of your

contact information can be found on your MS ACTE web site, <http://www.mississippiacte.com> under the Leadership tab.

At summer conference we introduced our membership campaign, Drive to 1000, where we are trying to reach 1000 members by the end of the year. Some people ask why they should join ACTE. Here are just a few of the reasons:

- ACTE is the largest national educational organization dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers.
- ACTE staff and lobbyists work for you, the Career and Tech teacher, in Washington advising Congress on Career and Technical Education issues. Without the work of ACTE, there would be fewer C/T programs and teachers on the local level.
- ACTE provides an opportunity at the state, regional and national levels for professional development and student and teacher recognition.
- ACTE provides the ability to purchase \$1,000,000 of professional liability coverage for \$30 per year.

We have postponed the drawing from the October MS ACTE board meeting till the January board meeting to give more people a chance for the drawing and because some of the PO's for membership have not cleared. The entries must be paid before the person submitting for the drawing is eligible.

And speaking of regional level, this is Mississippi's year to host Region IV of ACTE in Mississippi. Members from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will join us at Beau Rivage in Biloxi on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast April 6th - 8th, 2017. Our Executive Director, Mrs. Linda Bath has worked very hard in getting this event planned. Linda is lining up different vendors, arranging tours and has booked our key note speaker, former Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove. You can now make your reservations online at (<https://aws.passkey.com/event/11657940/owner/22426/home>) or make your reservations by phone at 888-567-6667. Reservations are now being accepted and registration is now open on the MS ACTE web site. This is our opportunity to show our Southern hospitality to our co-workers from other states in our Region IV area. If you have not attended a Region IV conference, you should make your plans to attend this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President of MS ACTE for the 2016-17 school year. We need to keep spreading our story of Career Ready through Career and Technical Education. If I can be of any service to you or if you need to contact me, my email address is: [rbarnard@spsd.k12.ms.us](mailto:rbarnard@spsd.k12.ms.us) and my office phone is (662) 563-6019.

## Greetings From the Mississippi ACTE Office!

*Submitted by: Linda Bath*

Thanks to all of you who attended the Summer Conference in July. I've heard many positive remarks from many of you about the overall success of the conference. I know the breakout sessions were informative, and I think the guest speakers at the luncheon meetings were excellent!

There are many exciting events that will be happening during this school year for ACTE members. First I would like to encourage you to attend your Fall District Dinner Meetings. The district presidents are planning informative meetings that will be beneficial to you. Check our website to see when yours is scheduled. Your president will also email you a notice about the date, time, location, and guest speaker when their plans are finalized.

The National VISION Conference will be held in Las Vegas November 30-December 3. I know this is not feasible for many of you; however, I have great news! Mississippi is the host state for the ACTE Region IV Conference which will be held at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi April 4-6, 2017. I hope you will make your plans now to attend. This conference is made up of career/technical educators from MS, LA, TX, NM, OK, and AR. It rotates through our state every six years, so

you need to take advantage of attending a conference that will provide great professional development, networking with others in your field, attending informative breakout sessions, listening to great guest speakers, and meeting with vendors who will bring you the latest in textbooks, software, equipment, etc. I am also working on business and industry pre-conference tours that I think you will enjoy. These tours will be scheduled on the morning of April 6 prior to the opening of the Vendor Hall and the Welcome Reception. I have included a registration form in this email. To book your hotel reservation, go to our website and click on the Conferences button on the Home Page to get the link for Online Registration or use the telephone number listed. Be sure to use the code ACTE Region 4 Conference when making your reservation to ensure you get the conference rate. If you are interested in making a presentation, you can use the Call for Presentation Form included in this issue to send in your information to be considered for a presentation. If selected, you or your school district (whoever paid the registration fee) will be given a \$75 refund. This refund will be included in your conference packet during registration.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

## HOSA Students Compete at International Conference

*Submitted by: Dianne Daley*

We would like to congratulate the Biomedical Debate Team for representing Mississippi at the HOSA International Conference held June 22-26, 2016 in Nashville, TN. This is an achievement you will always remember and be justifiably proud. The fact that you were competing against the best students from the United States, American Samoa and Canada makes it all the more wonderful.

Your accomplishment demonstrates the kind of intellectual excellence that is the goal for our district. Thanks are also due to your parents and to Dr. Margie Pulley for their support.

Attending conference are: Fredreon Steele, Ambernisha Jackson, Tiera Lewis, Mrs. Anessa Morrow (Advisor), Ms. Dianne Daley (CTE Director), Jashaun Wilkins and A'Marionte' McCrary.



## Students Take Silver in FCCLA Conference

*Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer*

Kamryn Pruitt and Darricka White won silver medals in a “Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation” national competition that took place earlier in the summer. The two students competed with a project and presentation at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference held in San Diego, California during the first week of July. Kamryn and Darricka completed the Culinary Arts Program at Oak Grove High School in Lamar County. Their instructor, Debbie Miller, said, “The girls worked really hard. They met once a week in June to perfect their project. While their peers were sleeping or vacationing, these girls were going over the rules, crossing the t’s and dotting the i’s so to speak.” Kamryn and Darricka were thankful for the opportunity to represent Mississippi and be a part of the FCCLA National Convention.



## Student Volunteer at Central Office

*Submitted by: Wayne Pittman*

Cassey Hall is a senior at Petal High School. Last year, she completed the Teacher Academy program at Petal High School CTE. This summer, she was elected as a national officer (President) of Educators Rising, which is the student organization associated with the Teacher Academy program. As a senior, her schedule allows her to finish her school day at 1:16. Cassey approached the superintendent of Petal School District (Dr. Dillon) about helping out at the central office after she gets out of class each day. Dr. Dillon really appreciated Cassey’s initiative and accepted her offer. So, now each day when she gets out of school she goes to the district office and helps out with the directors of each department and the office of the superintendent. What a great opportunity for a future educator to see first hand the workings of a district office.

*Cassey Hall*



## Simpson County Technical Center Pilots Health Informatics Program

*Submitted by: Carol Ann Drane*

Beginning with the current school term, Simpson County Technical Center is piloting the only Health Informatics Program for the state of Mississippi. It is part of the Southern Regional Education Board’s (SREB) Advanced Career Academy. The Health Informatics pathway introduces students to the discipline through a series of authentic projects that merge information science, computer science and health care. Through real - world projects, students use information technology, data analysis software and statistics to address a range of health related topics.

Each course is designed around project-based units — featuring essential questions, project descriptions, authentic roles and tasks that require students to utilize an industry-recognized decision-making process. Students collaborate and work in teams and develop important 21st-century skills.

Health Informatics will appeal to students who have an interest in using technology and software to analyze data about health care and related fields, resulting in better decisions by consumers and health – care providers.

Simpson County Technical Center is under the leadership of Dr. Bo Huffman, Director of Career and Technical Programs for the Simpson County School District.



## Jones County Students Compete in SkillsUSA

*Submitted by: Brandi Edwards*

Shaden Bethel of Laurel won first place in the SkillsUSA National Championship Competition in Job Skill Demonstration A. The SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, KY, took place June 20-24, 2016, as part of the SkillsUSA 52nd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), a showcase of career and technical education students. During the week, more than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students—all state contest winners competed hands-on in 99 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

Shaden Bethel is a Junior at A P Fatherree/Jones County Career and Technical Center and Northeast Jones High School. The Job Skill Demonstration Competition is a contest designed for competitors to demonstrate a job skill they have learned in their field of study. Shaden Bethel is a student in the Automotive Service Technology program and took his skills that he learned about starters to win a gold medal, beating 39 other first place winners from the other states represented at the national competition.

Others students who competed at the SkillsUSA National Championship were Maggie Davis of Ellisville and Savannah Holifield of Laurel.

Maggie Davis is a Junior at A.P. Fatherree/Jones County Career and Technical Center and South Jones High School. She is an Architectural Drafting and Design student. Maggie Davis competed in T-shirt Design and placed 5th out of 30 national competitors.

Savannah Holifield is a Junior at A.P. Fatherree/Jones County Career and Technical Center and West Jones High School. She is an Architectural Drafting and Design student. Savannah Holifield competed in Promotional Bulletin Board and placed 6th out of 43 national competitors.



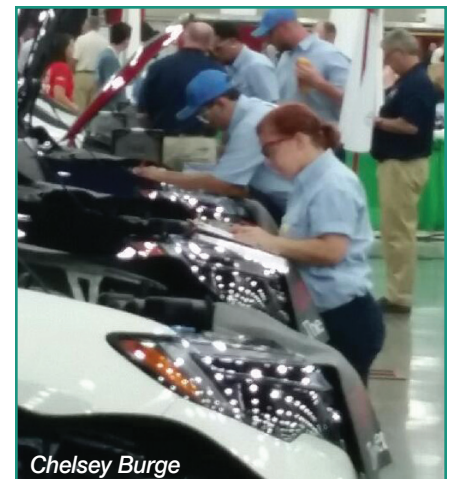
*(left to right) Tina Byrd (CTE Director), Clara Ellis (student), Deanna Dunaway (Health Science instructor)*

## Lamar County Students Attend National Competitions

*Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer*

Two Lamar County students participated in national competitions during the summer. Clara Ellis traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to compete at the HOSA National Leadership Conference for future health care professionals. Clara, a senior at Oak Grove High School, represented the Health Science Career and Technical Education program at the Lamar County Center for Technical Education. Chelsey Burge competed at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills

Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Chelsey, a recent graduate of Oak Grove High School, represented the Automotive Service Technology Career and Technical Education program which is also at the Lamar County Center for Technical Education.



*Chelsey Burge*



# News From Moss Point Career and Technical Education Center

Submitted by: Billy J. Carroll

## Moss Point CTE Receives \$1,000.00

The Moss Point STEM Team received a \$1,000.00 grant from Northrop Gruman Unmanned Systems Center of Pascagoula, MS. through their STEM Grant program. The STEM Grant program provides additional resources to educators that are promoting an educational foundation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Billy Carroll is the founder and head Coach of the Moss Point STEM Team. Dr. Durand Payton is the director of the Moss Point Career and Technical Education center.

## Moss Point CTE Conducts Reverse Job Shadow

Traditional job shadows bring students to the workplace. Mr. Billy Carroll and Ms. Heather Cody of the Moss Point Career and Technical Education Center bring the workplace to students! Mr. Carroll & Ms. Cody is partnering with local businesses to conduct Reverse Job Shadows throughout the school year. A Reverse Job Shadow introduces students to local area careers by bringing members of the business community to their classrooms. Volunteers are contacted weeks in advance and schedule a time to meet with students. During the Reverse Job Shadow, students learn about career opportunities available in the local area, the education and training needed to qualify for these careers, and how concepts being taught in the classroom are applied in the real world.



## South District Agriculture Teacher of the Year



*Submitted by: Melissa Graham*

Congratulations to FCAHS Horticulture teacher Rusty Coats on receiving the award for the South District Agriculture Teacher of the Year for the state of Mississippi. Mr. Coats has 36 years of teaching experience and is an advisor for the Brooklyn Chapter of FFA. The Horticulture program has grown significantly under Mr. Coats' direction, with enrollment going up sixty-two percent this fall.

*Rusty Coats*

## GreenTech Plant Tour

*Submitted by: Dianne Daley*

CTE students in construction, metal fabrication, automotive and business attended the Open House/Plant Tour at GreenTech Automotive new plant in Robinsonville, MS during Spring 2016. Pictured are the business students.

Instructors: Robert Monroe, Cedric Winters, Andrew Whittle and Beverly Daniel

Principal: Dianne Daley





**MSACTE** is hosting a recruitment campaign to reach **1,000 members by January 1, 2017**. For each **NEW MEMBER** you recruit, your name will go into a drawing for \$**250**. The person you recruit must not be a lapsed member; they must be new to ACTE. **Their payment must be received in the MS ACTE office no later than January 1 in order for you to qualify.** Each new member will also be entered into a drawing for a **cash prize**. We can accept checks, credit cards or PO's. **The drawing will be held at the MS ACTE Winter Board Meeting January 19.**



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### MS ACTE "Drive to 1,000"

*To Be Completed and Returned to the MS ACTE office by the recruiter no later than January 1, 2017.*

Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of New Member \_\_\_\_\_

New Member's School \_\_\_\_\_

New Member's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ New Member's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

**Select one of the following:**☐ Secondary Administrator☐ Superintendent☐ Post-Secondary Administrator☐ School Board Member☐ Counselor☐ Industry Representative☐ Faculty (program area) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Workforce/Economic Development☐ Tech Prep☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Rates</b>  <b>ACTE Member</b> Registration <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 <input type="checkbox"/> \$215 Retired Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$122 <input type="checkbox"/> \$135 One Day Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$185 Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat  ACTE Membership # ( <b>REQUIRED</b> ) _____  <b>ACTE Non-Member</b> Registration <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 One Day Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat  After March 10, all registration must be done at the conference and include payment.	<b>Early Bird</b> Postmarked / faxed by 2/9/2017  <b>Regular</b> Postmarked / faxed after 2/9/2017	<b>Cancellation Policy</b>  Cancellations received via email to edofmsacte@aol.com by March 10 will be refunded. After March 10, total registered amount is retained or payable to MS ACTE. Substitutions are welcome.  _____ Initial here to verify you have read and understand all terms of the cancellation policy.
<b>Optional Pre-Conference Tours</b>  Keesler Air Force Base (9 a.m., 4/6/2017) <input type="checkbox"/> no charge MGM Ballpark (9 a.m., 4/6/2017) <input type="checkbox"/> no charge Infinity Science Center (9 a.m., 4/6/2017) <input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<b>Mail</b> MS ACTE Registration P.O. Box 85 Raymond, MS 39154  <b>Fax</b> 601.857.5763  <b>Contact</b> edofmsacte@aol.com 601.857.5763	
<b>TOTAL DUE</b> \$ _____	<b>Deadlines</b> February 9 - Early Bird Deadline  March 10 - Last day for pre-registration  After March 10 - All registration must be done onsite  March 10 - Last day for cancellations	

**Form of Payment***Payment must accompany the registration form. Registrations will not be accepted without payment.*☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to MS ACTE) Tax ID 64-0637304☐ Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of the purchase order **required**)☐ Credit Card. Select one from below.☐ Visa☐ Mastercard

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*If selected to present, a discount check of \$75 will be paid to the person or school that submitted payment.  
Hotel reservation information can be found on the MS ACTE web site. [www.mississippiacte.com/conferences/](http://www.mississippiacte.com/conferences/)*





## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

### ACTE Region IV Conference • Beau Rivage • Biloxi, MS

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**Instructions: Please submit the following.**

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Please submit a title and a 50-word description for your presentation in a Word format document. Indicate audio/visual equipment requirements. Your presentation should be 30-45 minutes.

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