

President's Message

Hopefully your 2013 – 2014 school year has started off well! The heat has finally leveled off and those non air conditioned classrooms can get down to business.

Illinois ACTE had a busy summer as we hosted the ACTE Region III Conference, *Moving Forward: A New Vision for CTE*, June 20 –21, 2013, in Peoria. Sessions such as *High Schools Who Focus on the Finish*, *Pathways to Results*, *Taking a Leadership Role*, *Students: Past, Current & Future*, *Integrating NANO into the Traditional Science Curriculum* and *Improving Career and Technical Education through Statewide Implementation of Rigorous Programs of Study* offered timely topics and a tour of the Caterpillar facility provided an amazing question and answer opportunity regarding the role of CTE in the manufacturing industry. It was also wonderful to have national updates from ACTE President, Karen Mason, as well as a legislative update from ACTE's Deputy Executive Director, Steve Dewitt.

Speaking of ACTE, CareerTech VISION 2013, is being held December 4 – 7, 2013 in Las Vegas. In addition to sessions on assessment, business and industry partnerships, student engagement and success, policy and advocacy, and program models, the Friday, December 6, 2013 General Session speaker, Diane Ravitch, looks like one not to be missed. Ravitch is a research professor of education at New York University and a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. She has written ten books, including her most recent, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*. She was Assistant Secretary of Education and Counselor to the Secretary of Education during part of the George H. W. Bush Administration, and was appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board by the Clinton Administration. For ten years, she held the Brown Chair in Education Studies at the Brookings Institution and edited "Brookings Papers on Education Policy." Before entering government service, she was a professor of history and education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Ravitch is a former Guggenheim Fellow. Her writing has appeared in many newspapers and magazines, and she blogs for Education Week, Politico and the Huffington Post. Contact me at sullivad@newtrier.k12.il.us to let me know if you will be joining the Illinois contingent in Las Vegas!

I have touched on Regional and National updates, and now for what we are tackling here in our own backyard. The Task Forces are actively working to have conference call meetings by our November Board of Directors Meeting. Additionally, the IACTE Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Task Force will be holding a Strategic Planning Workshop the morning of that meeting. The result will be important as it will guide the program of work for our organization.

As we delve into these critical projects, it is important to remember together we can make a difference.

-Dawn Sullivan, IACTE President

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TEA of Illinois

IACTE/
ACTE
Awards
Program
Coming
Soon!

Watch for
information
in the
IACTE List
Serve!

TEA of Illinois held their annual conference on October 11-12, 2013, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal IL. Highlights of the conference were keynote speaker, Fred Young, CEO of Forest City Gear. Fred Young graduated from Rockford College in 1965, with a major in English Literature and with minors in math and physics. In the late 1960s, his parents, who founded Forest City Gear, retired and left Fred to run the family business. Today, Forest City Gear is known worldwide as a gear manufacturing business. The company sells gears to China, Australia, Singapore, Germany, Switzerland, and Canada.

Fred is an active member in the American Gear Manufacturer's Association, and was Chairman of the AGMA in 2000. He serves on the board for Rockford College and is active in many local charities with wife, Wendy. Forest City Gear remains a family business today. He married Wendy Nutter Young, 1999 MBA Rockford College graduate and President of Forest City

Gear. Daughter Kika oversees HR & marketing; daughter Mindy serves in graphic design and document creation; son-in-law Rustin Mikel oversees operations.

A tour was taken to Homeway Homes. Homeway Homes specializes in custom built modern, efficient modular homes with over 60 different floor plans. Their award-winning modular building process insures every home is built with high energy efficiency and with high quality construction in mind.

Conference sessions included: 3-D Printing and Student Projects, SketchUP, WPBD, and Media Fusion2 in the Classroom, Virtual Reality Technology (Welding), What IL Manufacturer's Need from Students, Utilizing Laser Technology, Tips & Tricks with Inventor Software, Practical Applications of Material Science, Thrill of Victory, Agony of Defeat, Room for All, Autodesk Suite with Engineering by Design, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS),

Student Competitions & Challenge Activities, Geometry in Construction, Design Thinking, Telling the Story: PLTW Reports and Practices, Strike 1, Yerrrrr OUT!, 3D Printing, Fads or Future of Engineering, and Ways to Engage Students.

It is with sad news that TEA of Illinois announces the passing of Jim Dye, TEA of UL Past-President, and past IACTE Board Member, on August 31, 2013. Jim Dye was a long-time resident of Richton Park. He graduated from Thornton H.S. in 1970, and was a 1975 graduate of IL State University. He was an Industrial Arts educator and retired as Department Chair at Plainfield South High School. James was also a board member and President Emeritus of TEA of Illinois. He enjoyed photography, playing the drums, riding his Harleys, and especially spending time with his family.

*-Bill Merchantz, TEA of IL
President*

IBEA Illinois Business Education Association

Greetings from the Illinois Business Education Association. We have started another school year and the time to think about professional development is upon us. Our planning committee has been very busy with plans for our upcoming conference. Our conference is November 13-15, 2013, at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Here are the details:

IBEA—The Core of Business Education is the theme for the 51st Annual IBEA Fall Conference! **The 2013 IBEA Conference offers a variety of professional development opportunities . . .**

Keynote Speaker Craig Lindvahl is a nationally recognized educator and filmmaker. In more than thirty years of experience as a teacher, filmmaker, and musician, his career has taken him to nearly 20 countries and allowed him to work with young people from more than 25 countries. In his keynote address, Craig will share insights for growing entrepreneurs.

Tours of Businesses and Education

- Illinois State University Technology (walking tour)
- GROWMARK (Bus transportation provided)
- Best Buy with Corrine Hoisington (Bus transportation provided)

Hands-On Computer Sessions

There will be two rooms for hands-on computer sessions. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to this year’s conference so that all session information is at your fingertips. **Numerous Break-Out Sessions** related to the latest trends in technology for your classroom, including, but not limited to, Microsoft 2013 and iPads in the classroom.



Jodee Werkheiser, Illinois Business Education Association President

CPDU and College Credit

- 14.5 hours of CPDU credit available
- One semester hour of graduate credit is available

Commercial Exhibitors

Find the latest textbooks and other useful items for your classroom

Networking Opportunities

Network with fellow business educators and future educators during the:

- Wednesday reception
- Thursday luncheon and affiliate meetings
- Friday luncheon

Conference Pre-Registration and Hotel Deadlines are both **October 23, 2013**, so don’t delay!

Make your travel arrangements today to attend the 2013 IBEA Fall Conference. We hope to see you there.

-Jodee Werkheiser, IBEA President



Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education

IACTE provides unified, visionary leadership to advance career and technical education.

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- President-Elect:** Elizabeth Kaufman
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- Secretary:** Connie Campbell
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Please encourage new CTE educators to join IACTE. The *Membership Form* is posted on the IACTE website.

Save the Date!

84th Annual
IACTE
Conference
February 20-21,
2014
Bloomington
Normal
Marriott Hotel
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Conference
Center

IACTE President-Elect's Message

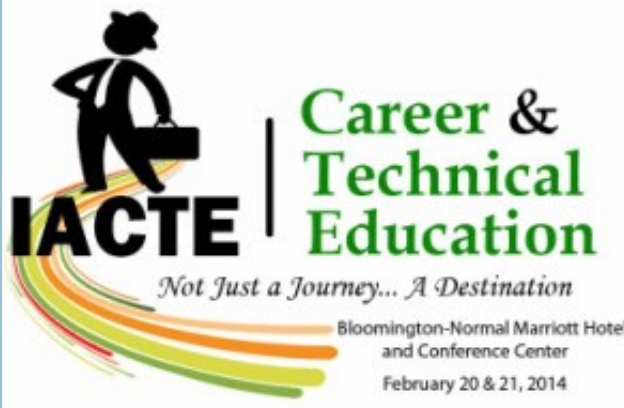
The 2014 conference will offer IACTE members with a variety of avenues to address the new evaluation framework. From planning and preparation to participating in a professional community, the conference will assist members in growing as educators in the CTE field. With plans for the 2014 Illinois Association of Career and Technical Education well underway, we encourage members with great ideas to share, to please submit a 'Call for Presentation.' A form is available on the IACTE website at www.iacte.org under the Conference tab.

The conference planning team is off to a great start enlisting Grant Baldwin to open the conference with a motivational presentation and follow up breakout session titled, *So Much to Do, So Little Time*. In addition to Mr. Baldwin, a few of our other presentations include: *The Winning Classroom*, by Zan Gray; *Building Up the SAEP: Unique Student Engagement*, by Dr. Penny Haase Wittler; *Stem Employment: What Our Students Really Need*, by Brian Gordan and Neal Kauffman; *Implementing Programs of Study at a Regional Level*, Dr. Anne Cothran; *Career Pathways in a Comprehensive High School*, by Kyle Burritt; *How to Convince Your Superintendent Your*

CTE Program is Worthwhile, by Jay Plese; *Teaming Up to Make a Difference*, by Eddie Slowikowski; and *Green FACS*, by Debbie Bolger. IBEA is planning a variety of hands-on computer sessions to help meet our technology professional development needs while ILAVESNP is planning sessions to address working with special needs students. Representatives from ACTE will be on hand to share information about Perkins reauthorization and other national trends and data. Throughout the conference, affiliates will be hosting meetings and social events for their members. The conference will be closed with a motivational speech by Eddie Slowikowski.

The destination is Normal, Illinois, February 20 – 21, 2014. We would love to have you along for the journey and help provide the navigational tools for success. Registration materials will be ready soon!

-Elizabeth Kaufman, President-Elect



IACTE Officers Needed

Please consider becoming an IACTE officer. Good leaders are needed as our organization continues to grow. For the 2014-2015 year, the following officer positions are open: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary. The 1st and 2nd Vice President candidates must be a member of one of the following affiliates: IAVAT, IBEA, IHOA, TEA of IL, or INRS. If you are interested, please contact your affiliate President.

IFACSTA Illinois Family and Consumer Science Teacher's Association

Benjamin Franklin once said "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." For me, this describes the essence of a CTE classroom. CTE students are involved in the classroom and learning is taking place. "Today's best CTE programs do a better job of preparing many students for college and career than traditional academics only programs." (Harvard Graduate School of Education Pathways to Prosperity Project, 2011).

I look forward to the new school year when we will again be involving our students and creating a learning environment. To prepare IFACSTA members for this new school year, the annual conference was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Champaign, IL. Teachers became involved as they experienced working with a 3-D printer, watched Chef Koetke (Kendall College) demonstrate science principles for food labs, learned how to incorporate Reading Strategies and Common Core into the FACS classroom, and participated in roundtable sharing of best practices.

At the Awards Banquet, the following members were recognized for their professional achievements:

Teacher of the Year Award: Elli Wilkey
 Arch of Fame Award: Melissa Williams
 Friend of IFACSTA Award: Marge Damm
 Billye Griswold Professionalism Award: Nancy Gaa

Two members were recognized for their 55th anniversary of membership in IFACSTA: Billye Griswold and Martha Zimmerman.

The Installation of new officers included Alice Slager as President and Melissa Williams as President-Elect. Next summer's annual conference will be planned by our members in the southern most part of the state. The tentative dates and location are July 22 and July 23, 2014, in the Fair View Heights area. Let's all have a great year involving and learning.

-Alice Slager, IFACSTA President

ICTA

There was an ICTA board meeting on September 26, prior to the Forum for Excellence Conference in East Peoria. Items on the agenda included approval of budget, List Serve and updates to the ICTA website.

ICTA hosted an Administrator Academy Workshop at the Capitol Area Career Center in Springfield on October 1. Greg Patrick, Assistant Superintendent ROE #10, presented "Teacher Supervision Training in the Danielson Model." Participants completed an in-depth study of the standards for performance in Charlotte Danielson's Enhancing Professional Practice model. Participants also explored the Illinois State Model for teacher evaluation, based on the Danielson Framework and learned how to synthesize these standards into their plan for evaluation of their department or school.

Gary Philippi, ICTA President

INRS

What is New and Related Services (INRS)? It is the affiliate of the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE) that serves the needs of all who are involved in training and development activities related to workforce preparation. Sub groups within INRS include Instructional Materials, Policy Makers, Professional Development, Public Information, Research, Support Staff, Teacher Educators, and others who do not fit into the other IACTE affiliates who wish to support career and technical education.

Meetings: INRS holds four business meetings per year. The next meeting will be on October 26, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. at the Chicago Marriott Hotel/Medical District (625 South Ashland Avenue at Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607, USA, (312-491-1234). Lunch is off the menu at your expense. The hotel offers free valet parking and is just off of the Eisenhower Interstate Highway 290. All members are encouraged to attend.

-Debbie Potts, INRS President-Elect

ACTE—Region III

Moving Forward: A New Vision for CTE, was hosted by Illinois at the Stoney Creek Inn in East Peoria, IL on June 20 and 21. This conference was attended by 64 CTE Educators from six states. Mark Williams gave an excellent Opening Session speech, “The Dignity of our Work” with great CTE statistics. The breakout sessions covered a variety of topics and all participants had an excellent tour of the Caterpillar Facility. Great dialogue took place between the conference attendees and the Caterpillar management staff concerning math requirements in high school. An Awards Reception was held during the conference and the Illinois Region III Award of Merit Recipients were: Dawn Sullivan, Jeff Jerdee, and Pam Weber.

The night before the conference, Carol Leach arranged a social at the Marina, which is right behind the Stoney Creek Inn. Mark Pfleiger provided boat rides. The weather was perfect for this event and a lot of great networking took place.

Nancy Kroll coordinated the door prizes and Silent Auction. She added a lot of energy, enthusiasm and laughter into the conference. The Silent Auction generated over \$550 for the ACTE Support Fund.

During the Region III Policy Meeting, a \$500 stipend was approved for each state that selects an emerging leader to participate in the ACTE Leadership program.

The 2014 Region III Conference will be hosted by Minnesota on June 19-20. The conference will be in Rochester.

-Cindy Stover, Region III Policy Committee Member

Region III Award of Merit

Each state of Region III may recognize two individuals or organizations for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical, and for practical arts, education. The host state, Illinois, was allowed to recognize three individuals.

Jeff Jerdee has been supporting IACTE and the IACTE affiliates for many years! He has served on the IACTE Board of Directors, has been President of IACTE affiliates, has served as the Chair for the Area Vocational Center Directors Council, hosts IACTE affiliate workshops at no cost, promotes membership on a continual basis, serves on IACTE and affiliate committees, and much more. He is very important to IACTE.

Dawn Sullivan is currently serving as the President of Illinois ACTE. She served for two years as the President-Elect of IACTE, during which time she completed the ACTE Leadership Training. Dawn was the IACTE Conference Chair for two years. Through Dawn's leadership as President Elect of IACTE, the state conference has become an inspiring and informative conference.

Pam Weber has served as a Legislative Consultant for IACTE Affiliates for many years. (IFACSTA and ICTA) She keeps the affiliate members up-to-date with legislative issues no matter how early or how late in the day it might be. She communicates regularly with members of the Illinois House and Senate to keep them informed about CTE and how important CTE is to students, schools, parents, and business and industry. Pam is a regular presenter at the IACTE Annual Conference.

-Gary Hutchinson, Awards Co-Chair