



IACTE

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TAMMI CONN

As we are making that final push to finish the 2016-2017 school year, I wanted to take some time to highlight some of the exciting events that occurred this year, give you a preview into next year and most importantly, thank those that work tirelessly to make the IACTE organization strong.

During the 2016-2017 year, IACTE:

- Organized and ran the State Conference in Springfield in February. Kudos to Alice Slager, Conference Committee Chair, and her conference planning committee for their hard work and hours of time put into planning a wonderful conference.
- Purchased, implemented, and continuously updated new website and membership processing software. In addition to this, a new position was created for a Website Coordinator to oversee the daily operations and upkeep of the website.
- IACTE held the CTE Showcase Day in Springfield on April 4, 2017, to allow our legislators an opportunity to meet our students and see what our students are learning.
- Travel stipends were given to members for attendance at the Region III Conference to encourage growth in leadership.
- Presented Leadership Training at affiliate conferences.
- Provided Professional Development Mini Grants to affiliates.
- Coordinated the Illinois Delegation to the ACTE National Policy Seminar.
- Sponsored an ACTE/IACTE Media Tour in the northern part of the State.
- Achieved the ACTE Quality State Association Award.

This year we have an aggressive agenda planned:

- The IACTE Board will be reviewing the strategic plan and making suggestions for updates for the next few years.

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- We were asked to compile a list of our programs for Dr. Purvis, Secretary of State for Illinois and Governor Rauner to visit over the next year. If you are interested in highlighting your program, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/snfkuaKPh0HOcZ302>.
- The board will be considering a change of the current logo to be consistent with ACTE, and it would be an update from the current logo to a sleeker, more current, design. For more information please visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-E5MWADYlhWNUJCbjhVWxxZDg/view?usp=sharing>

I would like to thank all of the people who work tirelessly to make IACTE strong:

- Chris Kendall, 2016-2017 President and Dede Woodard, 2015-2016 President, thank you for your leadership and on-going mentoring.
- Cindy Stover, thank you for all that you do, know, and for your help in planning for IACTE meetings, conferences, affiliate conferences and meetings, and leadership instruction.
- Current Executive Board: Chris Kendall, Past President; Alice Slager, 1st VP; Sue Doser, 2nd VP; Jodi Ferriell, Treasurer; Sally Lessens, Secretary. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to IACTE.
- Current IACTE Board Members: I look forward to working with you this year to continue to make IACTE strong and to help keep CTE in the public and legislative members view.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

You can reach me at connjtj@vvsd.org.

Tammi Conn, IACTE President

SAVE THE DATE!!!
88TH ANNUAL IACTE CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2018



February 15-16th, 2018
President Abraham Lincoln-Springfield, IL
(A Doubletree by Hilton Hotel)

MESSAGE FROM THE IACTE 1ST VP



Conference Thank You!

It was good to see many of you in Springfield at the conference in February. The opening and closing speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors and time to network with other colleagues was invaluable to our programs, our students and ourselves. Shared Powerpoints and a slide show of the conference are available at the IACTE website.

Congratulations to all of the candidates who were nominated for IACTE Awards this year. Winners of the IACTE awards qualify to move on to the Region III awards program. We look forward to several of you advancing to the ACTE CareerTech Vision in Nashville.

Thank you to all those who helped make this conference a success. The affiliates provided several of the 56 breakout sessions.

Thank you to each affiliate for encouraging your members to become an active part of the conference.

Thank you to Dede Woodard, Elizabeth Kauffman, and Dawn Sullivan for the excellent awards banquet and program.

Thank you to all the presenters, exhibitors and volunteers! The conference was able to run smoothly because of the work of the volunteers who helped by hosting sessions, checking in vendors, working at registration, presenting sessions and those who were available to jump in when needed.

Thank you to Dan Nichols, CACC SkillsUSA Advisor, and the members of CACC SkillsUSA for working at the conference.



Thank you also to the CACC Law Enforcement students for Presenting the Colors at the opening session.

Thank you to Cindy Stover, Tammi Conn, Dawn Sullivan, Chris Kendall, Dede Woodard, Elizabeth Kauffman and Connie Campbell for your guidance and assistance.

Alice Slager, IACTE 1st Vice President



ILLINOIS HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ASSOCIATION IHOA

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

Maria Robinson (Author of *The Brave Caterpillar*)

New beginnings—just like a caterpillar becoming a butterfly—can bring excitement, hope, and a fresh perspective to life. Many times, spring can bring those same feelings and outlook. The Illinois Health Occupations Association (IHOA) membership and Board are enthusiastic about reaching more Health Science Technology (HST) teachers throughout the State of Illinois and providing greater opportunities to learn, collaborate, and network with one another in the coming year.

At the 87th Annual IACTE Conference in February, IHOA elected new officers: President – Whitney Mehaffy, ISBE Health Science Technology Principal Consultant starting April 3rd; Past President – Jennifer Prior, Joliet Central High School; President Elect – Mary Spata, Joliet West High School; Secretary – Elizabeth Chambers, HOYA at Career TEC; and Treasurer – Karen Aldworth, WILCO. We are pleased that Past President Nance Budde will stay active, providing both enthusiasm, historical insight, and creative ideas. At the Conference, our very own Elizabeth Chambers was awarded the IACTE New Teacher of the Year Award and Dede Woodard the IACTE Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to both of you, and thank you for all you do to better Health Science Technology and CTE in Illinois!

As the IHOA Board begins setting this year’s goals and brainstorming speakers for next year’s conference, we would love to hear from you. We cannot make a new and improved “ending” for IHOA without the support and input from HST teachers throughout Illinois. Email me your questions and ideas at wmehaffycrp@gmail.com. Join IHOA – be the voice for Illinois HST teachers!

Whitney Mahaffey, IHOA President

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

As always the membership committee is monitoring our membership numbers and striving for ways to increase participation in our great association! Currently, committee members are putting together an info graphic that can be utilized for recruitment of new members into our association. We are utilizing a mixture of local and national data alongside facts that we feel are benefits to all of our members. Our hope is to have this info graphic approved and ready to go by this fall.

Nick Chatterton, Membership Committee Chair

ILLINOIS FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION -IFACSTA

This spring has been a busy time for IFACSTA! IFACSTA was well represented at the Illinois Career and Technical Education Annual Conference held in February. During the conference, two IFACSTA members were recipients of IACTE awards – Sally E. Arnett-Hartwick was presented with the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year and Regina Birch was the Outstanding Teacher in Community Service. Both recipients are now eligible for ACTE Region III awards during its conference to be held in June. Deb Holmes, President-Elect, represented IFACSTA at the 2017 ACTE National Policy Seminar, Arlington, VA in early March. Also, IFACSTA Region Representatives are busy scheduling events for members within their region for this spring.

The IFACSTA Annual Conference will be held on July 18-19, 2017, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, in Moline, IL. FACS to the Future will be the conference theme featuring:

- Break-out sessions for best practices
- Tours of local businesses
- Attendee social
- PDHs hours offered

For more information on calendar of events or conference details, go to the IFACSTA website: <http://ifacsta-info.weebly.com/>.

Sally Arnett-Hartwick, IFACSTA President

IACTE RECEIVES ACTE QUALITY STATE ASSOCIATION AWARD

The purpose of the ACTE Quality Association Standards (QAS) is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members. QAS is useful to states in evaluating their basic organization and whether their leadership is providing minimum, average or superior programs for the membership. Illinois ACTE received the 2016 QAS Award during Career Tech Vision 2016 in Las Vegas, NV.



CAREER TECH VISION



Registration is open!

Join the premier annual gathering of CTE professionals in an exciting, educational, informative and inspirational agenda packed with CTE sessions, expo show and career pavilion, awards and recognition, and a rich array of networking opportunities!

ACTE CareerTech VISION

Wednesday-Saturday, December 6-9

Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee

https://www.careertechvision.com/registration_sales.cfm

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS - IAVAT

This past summer SB2975 passed and was signed by Governor Rauner. The bill is still waiting funding, but it is a great step for agriculture education. Also, agriculture education was identified as a critical teaching shortage area, which will provide some student loan forgiveness to any agriculture teacher with student loans.

In December, IAVAT board members attended the NAAE/ACTE conference in Las Vegas, NV.

The IAVAT summer conference will be held June 20-22, in Bloomington, IL. The Region IV NAAE conference will be the following week in Indiana.

IAVAT now has a membership of 389. This is a 10% increase over last year.

John Heiser, IAVAT Board Representative

Where can you ...

- **Tour the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum & “Kiss the Bricks”?**
- **Take the Chip Ganassi NASCAR facility tour?**
- **Have lunch in an airplane hangar?**

AT THE REGION III CONFERENCE



June 21-23, 2017

Here is a sampling of the timely industry-related sessions you’ll find there:

FEMALE PROFESSIONALS SPEAK TO NONTRADITIONAL CAREER PLANNING

Beth Rovazzini, Moderator B&W Heating and Plumbing, Indianapolis

SAY Y.E.S! TO YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Brenda Duncan-Davis, Director Industry Outreach Region 8 Christi McBride, Hoosier Hills Career Center, Bloomington

REVENGE OF THE NERDS – HOW CTE KIDS WILL WIN THE FUTURE

Kim Brand, CEO 1st Makerspace, Indianapolis

COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION AND TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR GEN Y AND GEN Z: WHAT WILL AND WILL NOT WORK

Dr. Rita Brodnax, CEO Brodnax’s Better Brains, Jacksonville, Florida

TOOLS, RESOURCES AND HOW-TO-GUIDES FOR CREATING BLENDED LEARNING FOR CTE CLASSROOMS

Jason Hlavacs, Ed.D. Lyons Township High School, La Grange, Illinois

LEARN PRACTICAL WAYS TO INCREASE NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

Matt Fleck, Director Fleck Education, Indianapolis

So Gear Up and Take Off with us!

Conference materials can be found on the ACTE Website under Region III at:

http://www.acteonline.org/regioniii_events/#.WN7IWPnysan.

The conference hotel rate at the [Wyndham Indianapolis West](#), is \$99 per night. Make your reservation at (877)361-4511 and state that you are with “Indiana ACTE”.

Dawn Sullivan, Region III Policy Committee Member

ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMY WORKSHOP

Communicating and Lobbying With Legislators, AA #781: How to Make Your Views Known and Affect Change

Presenter: Calvin Jackson, IASBO

REGISTER NOW- SPACE IS LIMITED!

Complete the registration form with check and return to:

Diana Wilson
P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Education for Employment
2000 Pioneer Parkway, Suite 19C
Peoria, Illinois 61615



DATE: Monday, May 15, 2017

LOCATION: Room 413, Stratton Building – 401 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

TIME: 8:00 - 8:30: Registration and Check-in
8:30 – 12:00 Workshop featuring presentations from legislators
12:00 – 3:30 ***All afternoon activities will be on your own**
Lunch (not provided)
Meet with legislators
Sit in on legislative session in gallery
Attend committee hearing

COST: \$100 Members – Non-Members \$170
***Checks should be made payable to ICTA**
***Checks should be mailed with registration form. If check is not included with registration form, you MUST bring a check with you on the day of the workshop.**

HOTEL INFORMATION (Block available on May 14th and May 15th)
[Carpenter Street Hotel](#) (Free breakfast and they offer a free shuttle to the Capitol)
ICTA block of 20 rooms @\$89 + tax until April 14th
(888) 779-9100

Registration on next page.....

ICTA Illinois Career and Technical Administrators

May 15th ICTA Registration Form

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 8:30 - 12:00 Workshop featuring presentations from legislators
 12:00 - 3:30 ***All on your own**
 Lunch (not provided)
 Meet with legislators
 Sit in on legislative session in gallery
 Attend committee hearing

Location: Room 413, Stratton Building – 401 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

Name: _____

School/Organization _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Member registration fee: \$100.00

Non-member registration fee: \$170.00

I would like administrator academy credit (check) ___Yes ___No

To Register - Complete this form with check and mail/e-mail to:

***Check should be included with registration or brought with you on May 15.**

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(309) 693-7373

NOTE: Registration cancellations must be made at least five business days prior to the workshop to receive a full refund. Individuals who do not cancel their registration and are not in attendance are responsible for full payment, no exceptions.
*Checks made payable to **ICTA**

IACTE CTE SHOWCASE DAY



IACTE CTE Showcase Day was held on April 4, 2017, at the State Capitol in Springfield, IL. Students and staff from twenty one schools, area centers and EFE's participated in the event. Leaders from FFA were also in attendance. Approximately 75 students filled the Capitol Rotunda with displays, demonstrations and projects. Most of the students received visits from their State Senator and Representative. IACTE representatives and students delivered packets of CTE information and Fortune Cookies to all Representatives and Senators. During the CTE Pep Rally, 15 students spoke about their experiences in CTE Classes and student organizations and what it has meant to them. A big thank you to everyone that attended!

Cindy Stover, IACTE Executive Director/Consultant



IBEA



Illinois Business Education Association- IBEA

Plans are already underway for the **55th IBEA Annual Fall Conference** to be held in Springfield, IL, at the Wyndham Springfield City Center, **November 8-10, 2017**.

This year's theme is **Exchange ~ Engage ~ Enlighten...Empowering Business Education**. Additional conference details will be available soon at www.ibea.org.

The conference will feature:

- Keynote Speaker
- Tours of local businesses
- App development training sessions with Corrine Hoisington
- Numerous break-out sessions with takeaways to use immediately in your classroom
- PD hours

At the close of the conference, officers representing IBEA will be as follows:

Diane Mahinda, Immediate Past President
Christie Hovey, President
Kathleen Daugherty – First Vice President
Patrice Boyles – Second Vice President
Mary Alice Schmidt – Treasurer
Betsy Mehlberg, Secretary

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2017 IBEA Fall Conference **November 8 – 10, 2017**, in Springfield, IL. Program Chair, Christy Hovey, will be in charge of program planning. Join our list of speakers – go to the Illinois Business Education Association website at www.ibea.org and fill out the Call for Presentations online form today!

To learn more about the Illinois Business Education Association, visit and follow us:

<http://www.ibea.org/>
<https://twitter.com/ibeatweets/>
<https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisIBEA/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/IBEATube1/>

Kathleen Daugherty, IBEA 2nd Vice-President

IACTE AWARDS

2017 IACTE Awards

The Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education Awards Program seeks to promote excellence in career and technical education by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand career and technical education programs.

The IACTE Awards were presented at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the 87th Annual IACTE Conference in Springfield, IL. The evening began with greetings from Dr. Beth Purvis, Illinois Secretary of Education. The 2016 Region III Award of Merit winners, Mark Pfeifer and Dede Woodard, were recognized for their contributions and continued service to career and technical education prior to the presentation of awards.

The vision, mission and goals of IACTE cannot be met without the work, cooperation and dedication of each of its affiliates. IACTE recognized affiliates for the following **Affiliate Awards** based on efforts to build and maintain membership:

IAVAT - Largest Affiliate with 387 members

IAVAT – Greatest numerical increase of members with an increase of 60

INRS – Greatest percentage gain in membership with a 120% increase

The **IACTE Affiliate Professionalism Awards** recognize those affiliates whose achievements promote the mission of IACTE. Affiliates are eligible to receive this award each year. The affiliate award winners were IBEA and ICTA who both received a Silver Award.

The **IACTE Member Awards** recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among IACTE association members. Through these awards, IACTE seeks to commemorate exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of CTE through the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community. The following individual awards were presented:

Career Guidance Award - **Julia Ann Oglesby**

Carl Perkins Community Service - **Regina Birch**

New Teacher of the Year - **Elizabeth Chambers**

Teacher of the Year - **Tim McDermott**

Postsecondary Teacher of the Year - **Dr. Sally Arnett-Hartwick**

Administrator of the Year - **Dr. Jason Hlavacs**

Lifetime Achievement Award - **Dede Woodard**

IACTE AWARDS (CONTINUED)

All recipients of the IACTE Member Awards have moved forward to the ACTE Region III level. The Region III winners will be announced on June 23, 2017, at the Region III Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

The **Illinois ACTE Image Awards** recognize groups and individuals from the education, business and industry communities who enhance career and technical education by contributing to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE.

The IACTE Business of the Year Award was presented to **Chicagoland Speedway & Route 66 Raceway**. The IACTE Champion of the Year Award was presented to **Dr. Ken Wallace**, Superintendent of Maine Township High School District 207.

IACTE continues to honor members from the field of career and technical education, highlighting their leadership and impact on students, schools and communities. Many of you are doing great things in your programs. Tell us about it, nominate yourself or a colleague for next year's IACTE Awards and receive recognition for your efforts. The 2018 IACTE Awards Portal will open on July 1, 2017.

Dede Woodard
IACTE Awards Co-Chair



IACTE 2017-2018 OFFICER TEAM

President – Tammi Conn

1st Vice-President – Alice Slager • 2nd Vice-President – Sue Doser

Past-President – Chris Kendall

Secretary – Sally Lessen • Treasurer – Jodi Ferriell

PUBLIC INFORMATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Illinois ACTE sent a contingent of members to the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. The seminar was hosted by ACTE and ran from March 13th through the 15th. Attendees visited with many legislative aides, legislators, and attended a reception with several key Congressional leaders on the CTE front.

With Perkins reauthorization still being discussed at the national level, it is important to communicate with your federal legislators the tremendous value of the Carl D. Perkins funding for career and technical education. While the rhetoric surrounding the discussion is quite positive, we cannot afford to take this important funding for granted.



Career and Technical Education is enjoying a “Renaissance” at the national level. The hearing referenced below, took place in the week prior to the National Policy Seminar. This hearing was conducted by the Congressional Education and the Workforce committee and was titled “Providing More Students a Pathway to Success by Strengthening Career and Technical Education” that included testimony from Mike Rowe. The Committee members were overwhelmingly positive in their verbal

support and stated repeatedly this needed to be a high priority. Apparently the government does not employ a CTE student to edit video as the hearing does not start until 40:07 into the video clip found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH1RvQypm5o>

The following video is a short summation (under 3 minutes) of Mike Rowe’s testimony on the importance of CTE and Perkins funding before the committee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oAhQ4Za6Ds>

Brian Gordon, IACTE Public Information Committee Chair

