From the President,

It is back to school time in the middle of a pandemic and challenging times is an understatement. Schools have gone with various types of learning environments including virtual, in-person, hybrid, and creative scheduling. Some are using all four to keep all those involved in education safe and enabling students to learn within the State Mandates. Teachers are learning new ways to teach and are teaching in multiple platforms making this year, from my perspective, “the most challenging start of the school year in my lifetime.”

On July 30-31, IACTE, under the leadership of Cindy Stover, had a very successful “New Teacher Academy” with 11 of the participants moving into the yearlong academy with teacher mentors and assigned readings. The evaluations were very positive and participants seemed grateful for the opportunity to attend and to receive added-value through teacher mentoring going forward. Also, “Ready, Set, Remote” was another IACTE (Zoom) workshop presented by two IACTE members on August 6th (Illinois teachers) and August 12th (out-of-state teachers). 64 Illinois teachers and 12 out of state teachers attended with very high evaluations. Thanks to Cindy for all she does for our membership.

Businesses and industries have identified their essential workers, during this pandemic, and have altered their workforce numbers to reflect a much lower number of essential employees needed to get their respective products to market. This will alter their workforce numbers going forward, and CTE must continue to prepare our youth for these rigorous, high-wage, high-skill and in-demand careers essential to our recovering economy in established and emerging industries.

IACTE will continue to partner with you, the CTE teacher, in providing value added professional development, as described above, and to give you additional teacher skill sets to prepare students for tomorrow’s workforce in these challenging times. The mission of IACTE is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce and your participation and input is essential. I hope to see all of you at future CTE conferences at the local, state and national levels, whether it be virtual or in person, as we partner with business, industry, higher learning institutions and each other to fulfill this mission.

Neal Kauffman, IACTE President
2020-2021 ILLINOIS ACTE OFFICERS

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91ST ANNUAL IACTE CONFERENCE GOES VIRTUAL

Innovating for the Future!

91st Annual IACTE Conference
February 18-19, 2021
Conference Featured Speakers!

**Rachael Mann, Speaker, Author**

Rachael Mann is passionate about all things related to education, technology, and science. Rachel is an “edufuturist” who believes in the importance of shaping the educational philosophies and spaces of today by looking toward the innovations of tomorrow. Rachael is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences and events across the country, and she speaks and writes about disruptive technology, education and careers. She is the author of *The Spaces You Will Go* and coauthor of *Martians in Your Classroom*, an educational title about integrating STEM into the classroom utilizing space-related initiatives.

Rachael holds an MA in educational leadership and has 14 years of classroom teaching experience as a career and technical education instructor. Ms. Mann’s experience includes her work as the Network to Transform Teaching State Director, the Professional Learning Director of STEM, and the Arizona State Director for Educators Rising. She is a founding member of the Council on the Future of Education, president-elect for the NCLA executive board, vice-president of New and Related Services for ACTE and a member of the Region V Policy Committee. *From professional growth to motivational talks to workshops, Rachael loves to inspire audiences to think bigger and dream beyond.*

**SREB – Southern Regional Education Board**

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through doctoral education. They help policymakers make informed decisions by providing independent, accurate data and recommendations help educators strengthen student learning with professional development, proven practices and curricula and help policymakers, institutions and educators share scarce resources to accomplish more together than they could alone. SREB is well known for High Schools That Work, Technology Centers that Work and making Middle Grades Work. Staff from SREB will be doing several presentations during the IACTE Conference.

**Breakout Sessions!**

Breakout sessions will cover multiple topics related to assessment, technology and CTE curriculum and instruction, virtual learning, leadership, MyCaert, resources, CTSOs, legislative update, interactive learning, teaching to all students, cyber security, Post-Secondary Workforce Act, dual credit, health, partnerships, career pathways and apprenticeships (not an all-inclusive list, check the IACTE website for a current list of breakout sessions).

*Joe Sieczkowski and Krista Paul, IACTE Conference Co-chairs*
Virtual ACTE CareerTech VISION 2020
Monday, November 30 – Friday, December 4, 2020

Top Five Reasons to Attend the Largest Annual Gathering of CTE Professionals

1. 300+ Educational Sessions
2. Five days of Meaningful Professional Development
3. Inspiring Keynote Speakers
4. The STEM is CTE Symposium is our first-ever event that addresses STEM-related career paths through CTE programming for all students and especially young women.
5. Virtual Expo and Networking

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Happy Fall to everyone! It is the time of year to begin to think about those fantastic people around you that deserve to be recognized by the IACTE.

We are proud to have three candidates (listed below) moving on to the National Awards in December. We wish them the best as they interview and hopefully are chosen to receive the National Award as well.

**Lifetime Achievement**
Martha Eldredge Stark

**Career Guidance**
Laura Cook

**Teacher Educator of the Year**
Sally Arnett Hartwick

We know there are many other outstanding CTE educators who should be recognized for their achievements. Please go to the awards portal on the IACTE website, under about IACTE, to learn more about each award. The application is simple and can all be done online. If you have any questions, please contact IACTE Awards Committee Co-chairs, John Kugler at kuglerjohn@hotmail.com or Alice Slager at Glenview7884@gmail.com.

**Award submissions are due December 15, 2020.**
Below are the award categories:

- Administrator of the Year
- Carl Perkins Community Service
- Lifetime Achievement
- Teacher of the Year
- Career Guidance
- Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- Teacher Educator of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year

*Alice Slager and John Kugler, Awards Co-chairs*
I hope that each of you have stayed safe and healthy during this pandemic. What an unusual spring and summer we have had! My thoughts are with our CTE teachers who have had to pivot from their regular teaching routine and adapt to the changes required during this time. CTE teachers are among the most resilient, creative, and dedicated teachers, so I know they will really rise to this challenge and shine!!

I am grateful that my professional organizations have continued to conduct business and move the organizations forward during this time. I have appreciated that Zoom and Microsoft Teams meetings have given us a chance to “see” friends and colleagues and have that human interaction that, otherwise, we might not have had a chance to experience. I hope you have been able to maintain your professional relationships during this time.

Please continue to support IACTE through your membership, committee participation, legislative calls to action, and maintaining professional relationships with the many great IACTE members. Reach out to your teaching and retired CTE colleagues and encourage them to get or remain involved in IACTE and their affiliate organizations.

*Cathy Carruthers, Retired Liaison*

**IACTE New CTE Teacher Academy**

On July 30-31, IACTE held their fourth annual workshop for new CTE instructors. In conjunction with ISBE, this professional development activity has been expanded to a yearlong academy. Topics covered in July were lesson planning, classroom management, teaching all students, curriculum resources, laboratory management, ISBE Covid-19 guidelines, Universal Learning Designs, professionalism and student organizations.

Throughout the year, new CTE teachers will participate in a book study using the book, *Your First Year*, by Dr. Todd Whitaker. Lead teachers are keeping in contact with the new teachers through electronic means. Yearlong participants will attend the IACTE Conference and will also be recognized for participating in the yearlong activities. At the end of the year, each participant will write a reflection paper on their first year and their participation in the IACTE New CTE Teacher Academy.

*Cindy Stover, IACTE Executive Director*
**IACTE Nominations Now Being Accepted**

The IACTE Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for the following position: IACTE 2nd Vice President. This is a great opportunity to serve and promote CTE at the state level. The IACTE 2nd Vice President must be nominated from one of the following affiliates: IAVAT, IBEA, IFACSTA, IHOA, or INRS.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions,

1. A resume must be provided for each person nominated including the current address, position, and phone number of each nominee.
2. A letter from the nominee agreeing to serve, a letter of support from the nominee's affiliate president and a letter from the nominee's employer indicating willingness for the nominee to serve in the position shall be provided to the Nominating Chair prior to the deadline for receiving nominations.

The deadline to submit a nominee and the required paper work is January 12, 2021. Please submit nominations electronically to Jodee Werkheiser, werkheiserj@bhc.edu, IACTE Nominations Chair.

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**ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

The Illinois Business Education Association will host its 59th Annual Conference on Thursday, November 12, 2020. In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Executive Board realizes many members are reluctant or unable to travel. This year’s conference is going virtual! This is an exciting opportunity for Business Educators to engage with colleagues who normally are unable to attend the face-to-face conference.

The conference will use Microsoft Teams as the virtual conference platform. Ms. Corinne Hoisington, Professor of Administrative System Technology, Central Virginia Community College is the featured speaker. Professor Hoisington will host two Microsoft Teams Pre-Sessions on October 21 & 28, 2020.

As part of our ongoing efforts to align, integrate and strengthen business teachers across the state, the conference committee has scheduled innovative and timely content by the way of 24 breakout sessions and opportunities for Certiport Certification testing. Attendees will participate in sessions in real-time and have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 8 PD credits. All members are encouraged to register for the conference and renew their membership if needed at www.ibea.org.

The health and safety of our members is our priority! Together, we can do our part to keep everyone safe. A special thank you to this year’s sponsors!

*Patrice C. Boyles, Ed.D, IBEA President*
ICTA had a pretty busy August as we held two online events that were well attended, and we are excited about our fall workshop as well.

On August 6th, we held our inaugural New and Nearly New CTE Administrators Workshop. We had 18 attendees who heard from Marci Johnson and her CTE team at ISBE on the basics of CTE in Illinois, had veteran CTE Administrators share their wisdom, and gave our New and Nearly New CTE Administrators the chance to ask questions and share their experiences. We received positive and helpful feedback on what we hope becomes an annual event for us.

On August 10th, we hosted our annual Back-to-School Retreat, online for the first time. Thirty-five colleagues attended to hear updates and information on new initiatives from ISBE and our guest presenter, Jewyl Clarke, who shared a variety of resources and best practices for distance learning in CTE.

We want to thank everyone who attended the workshops, and I want to give a big thank you to our friends at ISBE who were essential in making those events happen.

Additionally, our Annual Fall Admin Academy was held online on October 19th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The title was “On PaCE to Thrive” and focused on the PACE Framework and the CTE Endorsements developed by the state. The tools and resources you need to implement the framework in your district was provided.

Finally, I just wanted to share with anyone new to the group that ICTA not only provides Professional Development opportunities, but the funds we receive from these events and membership dues go towards legislator education and CTE advocacy. We strongly encourage you to become a member and help us advocate for CTE.

_Kaleb Smith, ICTA President_
The IFACSTA Annual Conference was held virtually through Zoom, July 20-21, 2020. The conference was attended by 12 current, past and new Family and Consumer Science teachers. We had two breakout sessions and our Annual Business Meeting. Our presenters were Jill Craft from the U of I discussing the Food, Nutrition and Hospitality program at the University, and Janet Holden, CFCS Teacher of the Year, Kansas. Janet presented on a family meal night that she and her students did for the community.

Congratulations to Regina Birch for receiving the IFACSTA Teacher of the Year Award; Kelly Tripplet for receiving the New Teacher of the Year Award; Brittany Bauer for receiving the Carl Perkins Community Service Award; Dr. Jennifer Banning for receiving the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year Award; Nancy Bitner for receiving the Administrator of the Year Award, Cindy Stover for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award and Joan Hartley for receiving the Billye Griswold Lifetime Achievement Award.

Our own Jessie Day, Region V representative, organized a Zoom professional development in August, 2020, in conjunction with IACTE titled Ready, Set, Remote for all CTE teachers. It was a valuable training and well-received by everyone who attended.

As fall is in the air, IFACSTA is busy securing sessions for the upcoming IACTE conference in February and planning region meetings. Brittney Bauer, Region 1 Representative, has planned a Virtual Preschool workshop for October 27, 2020.

Kay Smith, President-Elect is planning our next Annual Conference to be held in Champaign, Illinois, at the I-Hotel on July 18-20, 2021. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Kay at facs.oths@gmail.com

We are always looking for ways to improve our organization. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let one of the board members know. Keep up with all things IFACSTA on our website www.ifacsta.org and on our Facebook page IFACSTA - Illinois Family and Consumer Science Teacher Association

Have a wonderful school year, stay safe and healthy!

Anne Emery, IFACSTA President
The Illinois New and Related Services (INRS) affiliate serves Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals who contribute to the success of CTE programming in their local district via professional development, research, policymaking, and other support services.

Many career pathways are not explicitly defined from entry to work placement. It is up to these professionals, alongside their CTE instructors, to guide students through the pathway whether that be computer science or advanced manufacturing. This oftentimes requires close collaboration between secondary and post-secondary programming to provide the student with a seamless career trajectory to ensure sustainable employment.

INRS will continue to advocate for these professionals and organizations who develop tools and research to support the CTE learning environment. INRS will also extend out to instructors who support their CTE teachers in applied academics such as the skills represented in mathematics and science courses.

One organization to highlight is the Chicagoland Progressive Pathways. This online tool organizes all CTE training programs in Chicagoland so that youth can easily determine if the program will support them in their career pathway.

We hope [www.careerpathways.net](http://www.careerpathways.net) can be a model to implement throughout the State of Illinois to support CTE instructors and counselors in guiding students through their respective career pathways.

**Look forward to more tools, services, and professional development in 2021!**

Questions or comments? Please email Michael Moriarty at illinoisnewandrelatedservices@gmail.com.

*Michael Moriarty, NBCT, INRS President*
The Technology Education Association of Illinois will host its annual conference alongside the Illinois Design Educators Association ONLINE starting November 6th, 2020. After November 6th all sessions will be available 24/7. Teachers may receive up to 6 Professional Development Hours (PDH). Online registration and more information about the conference can be found at [http://teaillinois.org/ITEC](http://teaillinois.org/ITEC).

Register before OCTOBER 30th and receive an ITEC GOODY BOX filled with all ITEC 2020 Conference Materials including this year’s official ITEC T-shirt!
ITEC Conference Session Information & Summary:

ITEC 2020 Online is starting to be built!!! We have over 20 amazing STEM teachers working on sharing their knowledge and innovative ideas by creating sessions for us to learn from.

Session topics include:

- New ITEEA STEL Standards
- VR at Caterpillar Proving Grounds
- VR headset for the classroom
- AR ideas for engineering
- Rocketbooks for note taking and collaboration
- ISTE Standards and your role as a teacher
- Woodworking Challenges for your students
- Cabinet door making easy
- VEX Clawbot
- VEX Programing and Logic
- 3d printing, arch models, student work
- Virtual teaching and learning
- Overview of IDEA student competitions
- OnShape - Best practices / lessons learned during remote learning
- Fusion 360 - Tips, tricks, examples of CNC
- Autodesk Inventor (e.g. assembly joints vs. constraints, etc.)
- Animation / 3DS and Maya
- Adobe package overview

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Register to enter to win a free “$100 value Trash Bot Robot and online curriculum”

Troy Bluier, TEAI Representative to the IACTE Board