From the President:

It was great to see so many of you in Normal on February 13 - 14, 2020, for the IACTE conference. We had a record number of attendees and many thanks goes out to all presenters, speakers and IACTE affiliates who continue to increase our IACTE memberships.

The world changed in March as the COVID-19 pandemic spread to over 150 countries and has had a global health and economic crisis never before seen in my lifetime or possibly before. This new American “temporary normal” includes the following:

- Remote internet/e-mail learning for all educators at all levels
- E-learning educator proficiency trending up
- Educators using internet to bring students together/apart
- All government/private business/industries identify “essential personnel”
- Social distancing/remote work, take-out food, family togetherness become the norm
- Healthcare/pharmacies, energy, supply change logistics, agriculture all essential

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From the President (cont.)

- The DOW down 10,000 points, $2.2 million stimulus package passed (largest in history)
- End of first quarter stocks of 2020 the worst since the “Great Depression”
- State Governors impose restrictions/stay at home orders based on health data
- Industries retooling, skilled labor essential
- Problem solving skills essential
- US Military active in floating/field hospitals and state security activities
- EMS/healthcare/police/firefighters stressed with volunteers answering the call

As we all do our part in fighting this invisible enemy, remember that the skills we teach in CTE allow the workforce to meet this invisible threat, the challenges listed above and those going forward. Remember, “Todays cutting-edge rigorous and relevant CTE prepares youth for high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand careers in established and emerging industries.” (ACTE)

IACTE will continue to partner with you, the CTE educator, to prepare students for career ready employability and technical job-specific skills for tomorrow’s workforce as our economy strengthens. The mission of IACTE is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce. I hope to see all of you at future CTE conferences and events at the local, state and national levels as we partner with business, industry, higher learning institutions and each other to fulfill this mission.

Neal Kauffman, IACTE President

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Career and Technical Education Vision 2025

Mission: To provide unified, visionary leadership to advance and promote all aspects of career and technical education.

Vision: IACTE will support educators

- to cultivate the great diversity of students’ talents and interests;
- to promote access and equity to all programs;
- to dissolve the divisions between academic and career and technical education programs;
- to build opportunities for all students;
- to honor all pathways, and
- to foster meaningful partnerships

Pillar 1: 21st Century Learning

I. College and Career Ready
   a. Implement pathways for All students
   b. Ensure all pathways are equally followed and supported
   c. Permit flexibility in State mandated requirements
   d. Develop and implement work-based learning opportunities: internships, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, job shadowing, etc.
   e. Integrate Curriculum
   f. Adopt Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PACE) framework

II. Stakeholder/Community Awareness of Programs and Practices
   a. Share successes of current programs
      i. Model innovation that works
      ii. Build data sets that provide quality performance information
      iii. Utilize data to drive decision making and address inequities
   b. Meet community workforce needs
   c. Build Middle School Awareness of CTE Programming and Career Pathways
   d. Support strong alignment and articulation between secondary and postsecondary programming, including collaborations with middle schools

Pillar 2: Highly Effective Educator Preparation

I. Recruit Teachers
   a. Assess Licensure requirements to identify barriers
i. Address CIP Restriction
b. Coordinate with Teacher Training Programs
   i. Develop initiatives to rethink teacher education programs for CTE
   ii. Build partnerships between Universities and Community colleges
      a. Create a RFP to encourage the development of an innovative licensure program
   iii. Redefine a path for “student teaching” (exemptions)
   iv. Offer a scholarship to CTE teachers
c. Initiate a statewide teacher recruitment/retention program similar to national Teach Ag

II. Retention of Teachers
a. Deliver Pedagogy Instruction
   i. Partner with a University or Community College
   ii. Develop Regional Cadres
b. Mentoring
   i. Create a network for new teachers
      a. similar subject matter area
      b. between secondary and post-secondary
   ii. Build a pathway for secondary teachers with License with stipulation
c. Maintaining Industry Content and Knowledge
   i. Expand externships for instructors
   ii. Industry workshops
   iii. Community College collaboration
d. Regional Supports
   i. Model similar to National Teach Ag model/Regional Coordinators
   ii. Identify Field representatives to assist
e. Leadership Development
   i. Identification and support of CTE leaders
   ii. Implement a Leadership Academy/Fellows Program

Pillar 3: Shared Accountability

III. Equity and Access Develop a value and belief statement around equity
   a. Provide Dual Credit opportunities to ALL academically-ready students
      i. Implement an Open Market Approach
b. Industry Credentials
   i. Investigate underwriting cost of credentials to ensure access and equity
   ii. Determine value of a credential
c. Remediation/Development of Skills
   i. Identify appropriate academics for Career Pathways
      1. Math pathways (continuation of P20 work)
      2. Literacy integration
3. Academics based on career pathways
   ii. Implement Employability Skills
d. Innovation through Perkins V Implementation
   i. Align to PWR Act College and Career Pathway Endorsements
   ii. Coordinate with Local Workforce Boards/Youth Councils
   iii. Develop and expand work-based learning
       1. Overcome Insurance and liability issues for secondary students
       2. Coordination time
       3. Partnerships
   iv. Build Instructional Partnerships (ex. Operating Engineers)
e. Program Development/Collaboration
   i. Initiate new strands within secondary CTE (ex. Finance, Computer Programming, etc.)
   ii. Collaborate to build integrated curriculum (ex. Geometry in Construction)
   iii. Implement STEM programs (ex. Cyber Security, robotics, bioengineering, etc.)
f. Statewide Standards
   i. Identify high quality
   ii. Align standards to credentials
   iii. Articulate across secondary and post-secondary
   iv. Develop assessments that validate standards

**Pillar 4: Equitable and Adequate Funding**

IV. Finance
   a. Capital
      i. Assess Facility needs (Safety, renovation, and additions)
      ii. Assess Equipment needs (Replacement and new program start up)
   b. Program and Instructional
      i. Increase funding to ensure equitable and adequate opportunities are provided
      ii. Ensure payments are timely to build and enhance student support services
      iii. Allow flexibility in spending to allow for innovation
   c. Innovation
      i. Develop curriculum that is responsive to Business and Industry
      ii. Implement Certifications and Early Access Opportunities
      iii. Create professional development sequences to implement Statewide
      iv. Explore assessments that lead to certification
This year we had a great turnout at the annual conference and look forward to continuing to build on the past. The theme for next year’s conference will be “Innovating for the Future” which will be held on February 18-19, 2021, at the Bloomington Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The conference theme was submitted by Christie Riddle, and she will receive a $50 gift card for submitting the winning theme.

We presently have our IACTE Conference Logo Contest underway. With the current times in education, this could potentially be a great design activity for some of your students if you are in need of ideas for remote learning experiences.

Logos should be related to the conference theme (stated above) and should include the dates and location as well. This is a conference logo, not an IACTE organization logo. When using images they need to be original, royalty - free images, or you must have permission to use them. On a separate document please identify where the image is from and if permission was granted. It is preferred that images be created in Photoshop or Illustrator. All entries should be submitted by April 30, 2020, to iactelogo@gmail.com for their consideration. Please include the name and email of the student, the instructor and the name of the school. The winner will have their logo featured in all conference publications and will receive a $50 gift card!

The conference can only be as good as the presentations so we encourage you to share the great work you are doing in your schools and districts with everyone who attends the conference. Be on the lookout in the coming months for communication on this or visit our website (https://www.iacte.org/cpages/iacte-annual-conference) for the “Call for Presentations” which will be due at the beginning of October.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Joseph Sieczkowski, IACTE 2nd Vice President
The Illinois Business Education Association (IBEA) will host its 58th Annual Conference in Springfield, IL, November 11 - 13, 2020 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield- A Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

The IBEA conference is the leading conference for business educators. The conference attracts business educators teaching in secondary, post-secondary and higher education in Illinois and surrounding areas. Teachers attend to learn, network, view the latest textbooks, obtain industry certifications and earn professional development contact hours.

We are excited to announce, Dr. Corrine Hoisington as our Keynote Speaker. Corrine is a mother, author and professor at Central Community College in Virginia. She has authored several textbooks with Cengage Learning on topics related to Windows, Microsoft Office and Coding.

With several sessions, tours and workshops planned addressing topics on policy, technology, industry certification and student engagement, educators have the opportunity to emerge in best practices and engage in the latest educational technologies for teaching and learning.

Do you know a deserving business education student? Encourage him/her to apply for an IBEA Scholarship or stipend. Ten conference stipends are available. There are ten $5,000 undergraduate and one $2,500 graduate scholarships available this year. Scholarship applications are available on the IBEA website http://www.ibea.org. The deadline and application requirements are posted on the website. Individuals receiving a scholarship and/or stipend will be recognized in November during IBEA’s Fall Conference.

Make budget arrangements before the end of the school year to attend the 2020 IBEA Conference! Check the website at www.ibea.org for updates.

Patrice C. Boyles, Ed.D., IBEA President
It was great to see and reconnect with everyone in February, at the 90th Annual IACTE Conference in Bloomington, IL. IFACSTA had a great showing of at least 30 members in attendance with several students from ISU who are studying Family and Consumer Sciences Education, also in attendance. There were many great sessions and speakers at this year’s conference! Congratulations are in order for Dr. Sally Arnett-Hartwick who was recognized as IACTE Teacher Educator of the Year! IFACSTA earned the Affiliate Professionalism Award-Gold Level; Affiliate Growth Award - Most New IACTE Members and Affiliate Growth Award - Largest Percentage Increase. Wow! So exciting! We wish Sally the best of luck at the Region III award level! She deserves it!

Kay Smith, IFACSTA President-Elect and her committee are busy planning the IFACSTA Annual Conference for this summer. Mark your calendars for July 20th & 21st, 2020. The conference will be held at the I-Hotel in Champaign, Illinois. Call for Presenters is open and can be found on our website ifacsta.org. Registration for the conference is open on the IACTE website. In order to get the member rate you have to login to the IACTE website.

I hope everyone stays healthy in this time of uncertainty and finds new and creative ways to teach and promote Family and Consumer Sciences.

Anne Emery, IFACSTA President
The IACTE Awards were presented at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at the 90th Annual IACTE Conference. At that time, the recipients of the awards were honored.

The following individual awards were presented:

- Administrator of the Year – Tammi Conn
- Carl Perkins Community Service – Karen Bear
- Lifetime Achievement – Martha Eldredge Stark
- Teacher of the Year – Mike Hagedorn
- Career Guidance - Laura Cook
- Postsecondary Teacher of the Year - Bob Clark
- Teacher Educator of the Year - Sally Arnett Hartwick

These award recipients have had their names moved forward to the ACTE Region III Awards. The Region winners will be announced at the virtual Region III business meeting in June.

Mike Hagedorn, Martha Eldredge Stark, Sally Arnett-Hartwick, Tammi Conn, Not pictured:  Karen Bear and Laura Cook
IACTE Affiliate Awards

The vision, mission and goals of IACTE cannot be met without the work, cooperation and dedication of each of its affiliates. The IACTE Affiliate Professionalism Award recognizes those affiliates whose achievements promote the mission of IACTE. Affiliates are eligible to receive this award each year. Those affiliates presented with these awards were as follows:

- **Gold Level** - ICTA and IFACSTA
- **Silver Level** - IBEA
- **Bronze Level** – TEAI
- **Largest Affiliate** - IAVAT
- **Largest Increase in IACTE Members** - IFACSTA
- **Greatest Percentage Increase in IACTE Members** - IFACSTA and ICTA

Troy Blunier - TEAI, Gary Hutchinson - IBEA, Anne Emery - IFACSTA, Jenny Miller - IFACSTA, Kaleb Smith - ICTA

*Tammi Conn and Alice Slager, IACTE Awards Co-Chairs*
Congratulations to the 40+ retired IACTE members who have chosen to stay involved in IACTE and in their respective affiliates. While some of us are fully retired, others are involved with CTE in another capacity—perhaps volunteering with CTE student organizations, teaching an occasional course, substitute teaching or working in a non-educational capacity in our individual career area. Retirees should offer our experience, skill sets, leadership knowledge and organizational history to newer members who can benefit from what we have to share. Retiree involvement in advocacy is critical to legislative issues that impact the efforts of those who are still in the trenches teaching and administering CTE programs.

Special thanks to IACTE retired members Peggy Miller, Peggy Strong, and Alice Slager for working registration and helping wherever they were needed during the February IACTE Conference! Thanks to retired member Mark Pfleiger for serving as Parliamentarian. I have the privilege to serve as IACTE Conference Secretary and working registration.

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

ICTA is hosting three upcoming events. First, a free online Administrator Academy, AA #781 Communicating with Legislators, Tuesday, April 21. For more details please contact kwsmith@ecusd7.org. Second, a Back to School Retreat, July 30-31, in East Peoria. We will be adding a new and nearly new workshop for CTE Administrators during the retreat as well. Lastly, there will be another Administrator Academy this fall, date and details will be shared at a later date. Both Administrator Academies are open to any administrator looking for quality professional development! Also, a new year has begun for ICTA, and the following members are officers this year: Past President – Nick Chatterton, President – Kaleb Smith, President-elect – Nancy Awdziejck, Secretary - Dave Messersmith, and Treasurer – Sebastian Kapala.

Kaleb Smith, ICTA President
Thank you to Sally Arnett-Hartwick for her work as the past Post-secondary Liaison! I am excited to serve IACTE in this role for the next two years.

With the increase in the number of CTE dual credit courses offered throughout the state, it is even more important that connections and collaboration happen on many levels between secondary and post-secondary educators. Much of that happens organically, but more emphasis and support needs to be given to bringing all CTE educators together to help our students.

One area on which I hope to focus is recruiting more post-secondary members to IACTE. I have found that post-secondary CTE faculty tend to gravitate toward professional development opportunities and organizations that are related to their disciplines rather than those that are general CTE-focused. I will be working with our current members to brainstorm ways to attract post-secondary faculty and administrators to participate in our annual conference as well as become members of IACTE. We need to provide various venues and opportunities to support and learn from each other.

I look forward to serving you and welcome the opportunity to talk with you! If you have ideas on how we can increase connections between post-secondary educators throughout the state, I would love to hear them. Please contact me any time.

Dana L. King, Ed.D., IACTE Post-secondary Representative
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ITEC Date and Time 2020

Receive up to 6 Professional Development Hours (PDH)

Friday, November 6th Holiday Inn Normal - Registration: (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)
Awards/Keynote/Brunch: (9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) Travel: to ISU Turner Hall: (11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) Exhibitor Time: (12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.) Session 1: (12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.) Session 2 (1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) Exhibitor Time (2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) Session 3 (3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 7th - Holiday Inn - Donuts & Coffee (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)
Session 1 (9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.) Session 2 (10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

ITEC 2020 Conference
November 6th and 7th

Virtual ITEC - VR Explorations!
ITEC Tour (Optional)
Friday Evening VR Experience at MASS VR Bloomington!
VR Tour, Dinner and Networking Social

Included as part of your conference registration!!!!

VR Experience Tour:
Join us Friday evening for a 30-minute tour of a local VR Gaming business in Bloomington/Normal Illinois. You will experience an up-close view of the engineering and gaming control systems that create an unbelievable VR experience. A light buffet dinner and networking social will follow at the facility. Transportation to and from the Holiday Inn will be provided.

There are 10 tour times 10 minutes apart starting at 5:00 p.m. with transportation back to the Holiday Inn at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (register early as there is a limit of 100 participants).

ITEC Hotel Information:
Holiday Inn and Conference Center at Trader Circle Normal
Phone: (309) 862-0101
8 Traders Circle, Normal, IL 61761
$60 a room!!!!

Troy Blunier, TEAI Representative to the IACTE Board