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Calendar At A Glance

May 2-5 ACTE Region V Conference, Prescott, AZ
<https://secure.acteaz.org/RegionV2007/>

Nov. 14 – 17 PDC – Anchorage Hilton
<http://actealaska.org/profdev.html>

Dec. 13 – 15 ACTE Conference, Las Vegas
<http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>

**'To be a teacher you must be a prophet -
because you are trying to prepare people for
a world thirty to fifty years into the future.'**
-- Gordon Brown, MIT

President's Message

By Kathlynn Andrews, AACTE President

One of my goals as President of AACTE was to increase the representation of our membership on the AACTE Planning Committee, which is the elected executive committee plus any volunteers who want to give leadership and direction to the Association. The committee has increased this year to 16 individuals who represent secondary, post-secondary, and industry training. Anchorage, Mat-Su, Fairbanks, Valdez, and Juneau are included as well as two rural sites off the road and one on the road system. ACTE Region V, Tech Prep, UAA, and the CTSOs are represented and teachers and administrators and coordinators. As we transition to a new set of officers, it is my hope that we can have broad geographic and stakeholder representation continue. If you think we are missing a component of our membership on the AACTE Planning Committee or you want to be included, please let me know.

The bid to host the Region V ACTE conference here in Anchorage in Spring 2010 is being finalized and will be presented at the Region V Conference in Prescott, Arizona, May 1-5. We will include more information on the conference bid in our next newsletter.

As you will read in this newsletter, plans are moving ahead for the 2007 PDC. It will be the 20th Anniversary for the PDC so anticipate some events to commemorate the past efforts of many volunteers. We all need to learn as much as possible about career clusters and programs of study as Carl Perkins IV is established so we know that will be a big topic as we meet in the fall. Strands will be offered in small engines/outdoor power equipment, business/entrepreneurship/hospitality, health occupations, & leadership. If any of you would like to be part of the planning for this conference, please let us know. The conference will be November 14-17, at the Downtown Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

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AACTE Elects New Officers

By Ellen Long, Past-President

Congratulations!! Your new state AACTE officers were recently elected: Sally Spieker, UAA, President-Elect; Dale Staley, Juneau, Treasurer; Jeanette Hayden, Fairbanks, Secretary. These new officers will begin their term on July 1, 2007, along with John Egan, who will become President.

Again, congratulations to these newly elected officers. We applaud their dedication to Career and Technical Education at the state level.

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The AACTE Planning Committee met in February in person since many of us were already in Anchorage for another meeting. We spent an entire day thinking through what was needed to take our organization to the next level of effectiveness. Some of the changes such as membership classifications, proposed dues increase, and the potential for an executive director will be coming to you at the business meeting at the November PDC. You will be receiving more information in upcoming newsletters on these topics and more as well.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. I wish you a successful closure. Please let me know if you have any question about the state of the Association.

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7th Annual Academy for the Construction Trades May 29 - June 2, 2007 Palmer, Alaska

Mat Su Borough School District announces the **7th Annual Academy for the Construction Trades: Outdoor Power and Equipment Technology**. As we embark on a new academy emphasis, we will be offering an intensive, one-week experience running from May 29 – June 2, 2007, targeting career and technical instructors.

This professional development opportunity is designed to help career & technical education teachers enhance skills, knowledge, and experience in outdoor power equipment technology. Participants will work with industry experts and an experienced OPET instructor to develop skills and teaching techniques. This is an opportunity to learn about occupations, tools, safety requirements, and up-to-date OPET skills from skilled professionals in the construction industry. Orientation to Engine Equipment Training Council (EETC) site certification, introductory skill preparation for Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association (OPESSA) certification, "hands-on" technical projects, field trips, and interactive presentations by guest speakers from industry will be highlights of the camp.

Participants will have the opportunity to gain UAA college credit.

If you are interested in participating in the academy or have questions, please call Academy Coordinator, Barb Shogren at 746-9282 or e-mail to barbara.shogren@matsuk12.us. Or visit:

www.matsuk12.us

Choose "Departments" then "Career & Technical Education"

ACTE Region 5

By Jerry Balistreri, ACTE Region 5 Policy Committee Member

From time to time you may have heard CTE folks talk about Region 5. The explanation of who and what is Region 5 is rather simple. Our national professional association, ACTE, has divided the United States into five Regions. Alaska falls within Region 5. Region 5 is predominantly states west of the Mississippi River with a few exceptions. Additionally, Region 5 also includes six Pacific nation/states (Guam, Palau, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Mariana Islands).

Our region is the largest geographical region of all ACTE regions. As of February 2007, Region 5 had 5,365 ACTE members of which 49 were from Alaska. The state with the largest ACTE membership from Region 5 was Utah with 1040 members.

Our region, like all other ACTE regions, exists to serve several purposes. It serves as an organizational structure for ACTE to disseminate information through its region leadership to the states in their respective regions. Regions also exist to have states in the same geographical area come together through regional conferences to discuss common issues in their region. It was out of deep concern for the profession and commonality of state issues that Region 5 established its history in 1967 with what was then AVA, now ACTE. As a result, professional development, CTE advocacy, recognition of awards, and camaraderie are all functions that ACTE regions offer.

The 32nd annual and consecutive ACTE Region 5 conference will be held this May in Prescott, AZ. Alaska has hosted two previous Region 5 conferences in past years (1987 and 2003). The region conference is a great opportunity for professional development and personal growth. If you want to learn more about the Region 5 conference this May and other activities, please see the Region 5 page on the ACTE website at <http://www.acteonline.org/about/regions/regionV.cfm> or go directly to the Arizona ACTE webpage at <http://www.acteaz.org/> and scroll down to "2007 Region V ACTE Conference."

UAS AIPC Award – Follow-up & Correction

Tony Martin, Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska Southeast, whose program won the Automotive Industry Planning Council's (AIPC) 2006 National Runner-Up award for post-secondary automotive programs, reports that the criteria for the award as listed in the previous AACTE Newsletter was not entirely correct. Also, starting in 2007, AIPC

will have a category of awards for non-ASE-certified programs. Please contact Tony at 907- 796-6126 or tony.martin@uas.alaska.edu if you want information on these awards. Again, our congratulations to Tony for having an outstanding program!

CTSO State Conference Held in Anchorage

The 2007 Career and Technical Student Organization Performance-Based Assessment Conference took place at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel March 26 to 28, 2007. Approximately 330 student competitors and advisors participated in the this year's conference, which included workshops and a dinner and talent show, as well as the career & technical performance-based assessment events.

BPA

By Steve Cook, State BPA Advisor for Events
Students from as far as the Kenai Peninsula, Unalaska, Nome and Barrow were part of the excitement and renewing and creation of friendships during the intense, but friendly, competitions.

Business Professionals of America achieved new success with a greater number of students participating, a wider variety of skill assessments entered for competition, and several new contests in the competitive events list portfolio.

Anticipation was running high during the awards ceremony as a high enough finish would result in qualification for participation at the National Leadership Conference this year in New York City. Workshops, the leadership academy, and of course skills competition at the national level await all of our students as they travel to New York in May. Good luck to all!

FCCLA

By Kathleen Vik, State FCCLA Advisor
Alaska's Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America was part of this year's CTSO conference held in Anchorage. Members of FCCLA came from Wrangell, Kodiak and Anchorage to "Soar into the Future with CTSOs". Students competed in Culinary Arts, Job Interview, Career Exploration, Illustrated Talk, Applied Technology, and Chapter Service Projects. Students earned medals, plaques and the right to represent Alaska at this summer's National FCCLA Conference.

Skills-USA and DECA chapters were also part of the conference.

For more information, see the Alaska CTSO website at: <http://www.ctsoalaska.org>

A True Learning Experience

By Loni Stepler, FCS Student Teacher

As a student teacher in the Anchorage School District this semester, it seems that my life has been a series of small epiphanies (professionally and personally). As a native of Montana growing up on a farm and ranch 25 miles from the nearest town (population 900), Anchorage has been a small transition to say the least, yet the support and encouragement offered by those around me has made this move quite enjoyable. As a student at Montana State University, the thought of teaching in Alaska was intriguing yet I didn't know what to expect; therefore, I decided that the best way to decide if I wanted to teach in Alaska would be to live here for a few months and complete my student teaching experience. Thanks to many generous, kind, and welcoming individuals, here I am—student teaching in Alaska.

For the first half of this semester, I was in a fourth-grade classroom in Anchorage and currently am at Chugiak High School with Kathy Vik in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department. At the end of this semester, my certification will be to teach elementary (K-8) and FCS (7-12).

People often ask me which area I prefer to teach in. Having enjoyed both placements thoroughly, my passion is for the content included in Family & Consumer Sciences (more specifically, personal finance & consumer economics, communication and relationships, and foods and nutrition) and teaching students at the junior-high and high-school levels.

Kathy Vik has been an excellent cooperating teacher. Her passion for students and FCS is encouraging. Also, as a state adviser, Kathy has taught me much about FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America). My knowledge of this organization prior to student teaching was limited; however, after assisting with the CTSO state conference in March, my eyes were opened to the opportunities available to students who participate in this program.

Finally, my original intention for this semester was to determine if I desired to teach in Alaska. I do not yet know what my desires are because, although this experience has been wonderful, living this far from home and family has been difficult at times. Regardless of where I teach, I am grateful for the last 12 weeks in Alaska. My experiences have prepared me (far better than I could have asked or imagined) to begin my teaching career.

Loni, AACTE welcomes you to Alaska, and we wish you all the best in your teaching career!

Wrangell Teacher Receives FCCLA Award

Therese Pempek, Wrangell CTE teacher and FCCLA Advisor, has won the 2007 Spirit of Advising Award for Alaska FCCLA. The award is to recognize chapter advisors who are constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students. Their patience, good humor, flexibility and skill form the foundation of FCCLA at the local and state levels. One FCCLA advisor from each state will receive this prestigious award at the national FCCLA conference in Anaheim this summer. Congratulations, Therese!

February ASD C&TE Conference Reflection

By Rick Rios, ASD C&TE Coordinator

The successes of the Anchorage School District's Career & Technology Education Conference were clearly identified at the conference team's debriefing assessment. Local C&TE staff were joined by others coming from as far away as Southeast and the Northern Interior, thanks to funding from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED). Five teacher strands in health, tourism, business, engineering and counseling drew the largest attendance in the history of the conference. The district's administration, community and State political leaders attended dynamic presentations such as the Cyber Crime double session and the Advisory Luncheon keynote address by Hans Meeder. The student-hosted cordon bleu luncheon provided an atmosphere of congenial sharing, collective unity, and common purpose in this 2007 stellar event. There were so many door prizes that everyone was a winner and some were double winners! Your conference team has already started on next year's plans. We are looking forward to sharing Dan Sparkman's promotional documentary which is in the works. What a great ride for C&TE!

National Business Education Association Conference - New York:

Business Education: A 2020 Vision
By Rick Rios, ASD C&TE Coordinator

What will business education be like in the year 2020? The Agnew Group (TAG), a think tank, includes 13 University professors from many institutions across the US. Their recent publication *Business Education: A 2020 Vision* was presented at the National Business Education Association Conference in New York this month. Here are their responses to the six questions facing business education in the next 13 years.

What will business education be? It will be education for business, about business, and in business. It will be integrated with other academic disciplines. It will be ever-changing to adapt to the needs of the community.

Where will it be? It will be at grades K-12 plus. There will be fewer offerings at the high school level and more at other (earlier) levels. Computer applications will be at the elementary level. It will be on a rolling cart, ready to travel as needed. It will be extensive in business.

How will it be delivered? It will be delivered via technology such as the PDA. It will be delivered using teams of teachers. It will be delivered in person, online, and virtually. Textbooks may disappear.

Who will teach it? More business people will enter business education programs. Teams of teachers will work together, each bringing their expertise. Licensure will be K-12. Dual certification in business and information technology is desirable.

Who will lead the profession? State supervisors or consultants are the driving force. Relevant professional organizations provide communications, networking, and learning opportunities. Pioneers not afraid to plunge in and try new ideas and needed.

Who will prepare the teachers? Those who prepare teachers will have teaching experience. More adjuncts will be involved. A combination of colleges, trainees, and peers will be necessary. Two year colleges and training centers will be preparers.

Dr. Burt Kaliske, of Southern New Hampshire University, presented the paper. He explained that there will be a blending of skills and practices taught systemically from elementary school through adult business careers.

Joann Pfisterer from ASD attended the presentation. She also plans and facilitates the ASD business teacher in-service training and professional development. The in-services are open to CTE teachers state wide. Check the ASD C&TE website and calendar for more information at http://www.asdk12.org/depts/career_technology/calendar/805apr05.htm



**Mark your calendars for
PDC 2007:
November 14-17, 2007
Anchorage Hilton**