

ALASKA ACTE

ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

ALASKA HOSTS REGION V ACTE CONFERENCE

Hurry! Now is the Time to Register!

Check the website at www.actealaska.org. Alaska ACTE is hosting the Region V ACTE Meeting in Anchorage April 28-May 1, 2010. Region V includes 18 Western states and territories. The Conference will be held at the Anchorage Downtown Hilton, and registration is now open. This is a great opportunity for CTE professional development and for conversation providing a clearer perspective on CTE in Alaska, the western region, and nationally.



Register before March 1 for the \$325 member price (\$350 for non-members). After March 1, registration will be \$375.

The theme is "On the Trail to Success" and will feature Sharon Bowman as Thursday's keynote speaker. Sharon is a national communications trainer, and it should be an exciting addition to our CTE trail to success. Fran Ulmer from UAA will speak on Friday. Both the national president of ACTE, Ed Melott, and the executive director Jan Bray are expected to attend.

The call for exhibitors is posted on the website. If you are associated with a business or have a business partner you think might be interested, please forward the information. Sponsorship for sessions and/or the overall conference is also being solicited. Please contact Barb Shogren at barbara.shogren@matsuk12.us if you or someone you know is interested in an exhibit booth or Kathy Andrews at kathlynn.andrews@acslaska.net for sponsorship.

Pre-conference opportunities on Wednesday include a session on distance delivery and participation in the State of Alaska Apprenticeship Conference (Department of Labor and Workforce Development). Space is limited for both of these so **register soon**.

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- * Trish Zugg, President
- * Terri Stavig, President-Elect
- * Guy Okada, Secretary
- * Deanna Schultz, Treasurer
- * Sally Spieker, Past-President

AACTE President's Message

Dear Fellow Members: **February is CTE Month!**

At the national level, this month-long celebration of CTE kicks off with [National Job Shadow Day](#) and concludes with [National Entrepreneurship Week USA](#). This year's theme is **CTE: Invest in Your Future**.

In Alaska we too are celebrating CTE Month. The Anchorage School District held its 20th Annual Career & Technical

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The conference starts with an opening session on Thursday morning and continues until Saturday noon. Distance delivery training is also planned for Saturday. CTSO Advisor training will be taking place in conjunction with the conference through a grant with the DOLWD. Educational tours to the UMed District and career high schools in Anchorage and Mat-Su are also offered. More information is available on the website.

**Region V 2010—
Anchorage:
On the Trail to
Success**

Scheduled presentation topics on Thursday and Friday include: National Trends and Issues in CTE, Legal and Ethical Issues in CTE, Successful Academic Integration and Rigorous Expectations, Integrated Career Planning, Partnering for Success, National Board Certification for CTE Teachers, On the Trail to Becoming Career Ready, Technical Assessments in the Western States, Work Force Ready Systems: Industry-driven Assessments, CTSOs—the Trail for Development of Employability and Career Pathways, Tech Prep: Sharing What Works, Town Hall Meeting for Distance Delivery, Apprenticeship and Workforce Development, and much more.

The registration fee will be \$325 for members and \$350 for non-members until March 1 and then goes up to \$375. The hotel cost is \$99 plus tax.

We are welcoming anyone who wants to volunteer to help with the conference. Please contact Kathy Andrews at 907-748-1599 or kathlynn.andrews@acslaska.net.

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Education Conference, EED hosted the State CTE Coordinators' Meeting, registration is open for the AACTE Region V Conference being held in Anchorage the end of April, Apprenticeship initiatives are happening statewide, student leadership organizations are working hard preparing for their state assessment conference coming in March, CTE training providers are busy instructing students in their winter terms, students have pathways to bright futures as they enroll in Tech Prep opportunities, your AACTE leadership team comes together this month to continue their plan of work on your behalf, EED and DOL are working together towards producing jobs and a qualified workforce in Alaska, Career Guides are working closely with CTE programs, awards are being given for many areas of achievement in CTE, and proclamations are being made to the successes and efforts career and technical educators are making in this great State!

For all of your efforts I applaud you and thank you for your continued support and for your commitment to doing what is best for CTE students in Alaska. Let us celebrate this month by taking the time to share with those around you the successes you've experienced in CTE, the relevance and embracing of education you've witnessed in students, and the great opportunities available in CTE in Alaska!

Thank you especially for being a member, for understanding the importance of an organization that goes beyond the one, two or three that do great things, the need for professional advocacy and believing you are a professional at what you do! My reminder to myself, our board members, and those of us that work diligently on your behalf is that we exist because of our members, not because of our association in and of itself!

With much respect, Trish Zugg, AACTE President

Nominees Sought for AACTE Board of Directors



Help influence Alaska Career and Technical Education and Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education by serving as a board member.


Nominations are being accepted until February 28, 2010 for President Elect and for Treasurer. Terms of office start on July 1, 2010. President Elect is a 3-year term with one year as President Elect, one year as President, and one year as Past President. Treasurer is a 2-year term.

Ballots will be sent to AACTE dues paying members the beginning of March. Make a difference by voting and by nominating yourself or other strong CTE advocates.

For more information, contact sally.spieker@uaa.alaska.edu.

2009- 2010 Career and Technical Education Awards

Congratulations!



The Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education recognizes deserving professionals, programs, and community members each year. The following winners will be honored at an awards luncheon during the Region V Conference in Anchorage, April 28 - May 1, 2010.

- Outstanding New (1-3 years) CTE Teacher:
James Smith, Anchorage Goldenview Middle School
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher: Darcy Glagolich, Kodiak High School
- CTE Administrator:
Jeanette Hayden, Fairbanks Hutchison High School
- Community Contribution Award:
Dave Rees, Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Alaska Business Education Compact, and BP retired
- Leadership Award:
Ray DePriest, Mat-Su Borough School District

To be considered for recognition, at least 3 letters had to be submitted per nominee. In addition to those selected, Vicki Pohl, University of Alaska Anchorage Community and Technical College; Marquam George, University of Alaska Southeast; Jeff Selvey, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Cindy Campbell, Anchorage King Career Center; Lorraine Stewart, Kodiak College; and Ben Eveland, Mat Su Career and Technical High School were nominated.

Applications will be accepted in the Fall of 2010 for the 2010/2011 awards. Please nominate your outstanding colleagues.

For more information and biographies (to be posted) of award winners please see <http://actealaska.org/awards.html>

Meet Your AACTE Secretary

Hi, this is Guy Okada, your secretary. I have been with the Anchorage School District for 26 years and have served in administrative positions for the past 20 years. Currently I am principal of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center.



I was born and raised on Maui, Hawai'i. I attended the oldest high school west of the Rocky Mountains, Lahainaluna High School, which started as a seminary and later, in the early 1900's, became a vocational-technical high school. Starting at age 14, I was a boarder and lived on campus where we were immersed in vocational and technical work and training opportunities. Many decades later I am principal of a unique vocational training center for the Anchorage School District. It is always fascinating to see how things come around in a circle in one's life.

Having lived my high school years in a vocational training setting and now as principal of a career center, I am a strong proponent of infusing the high school experience with C&TE opportunities. America's future depends on how we educate and train our youth for a productive life. Joining AACTE and being a member of the Executive Board is my contribution to being involved in C&TE and helping make it a more essential part of a student's high school experience.

One of my passions is travel. Over the past few years some of my travel highlights include: Turkey, Mexico, Europe, Thailand, Vietnam and, in a couple of weeks, Kenya. Between globe trotting I sandwich trips back to my beloved Hawai'i.

If you are in Anchorage and would like to tour the King Career Center, please do not hesitate to contact me via our website. It's been a great year so far and I am excited to be part of a dynamic organization that is making a difference.

Guy Okada, Principal
Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center
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Careers begin at KCC

Don't forget to renew your AACTE membership!

If you last paid your AACTE dues at PDC 2008, your membership has expired. Pay state dues with your national dues, or visit AACTE's website at

<http://actealaska.org/membership.html>.

for membership information!

Reflections on the National ACTE Conference, November 2009

By Guy Okada, ACTE Secretary

The 2009 ACTE Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo in November 2009, was the largest in many years according to ACTE Executive Director, Janet Bray. Perhaps it was the Nashville location at the opulent Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center or the stellar line up of keynote speakers, sectionals, workshops, meetings and expo that attracted so many but everyone that I know left feeling rejuvenated and energized.

Nashville, the home of country music, in itself is a unique destination. Coupled nine acres of lush gardens at the sprawling Gaylord Opryland Hotel made for a spectacular location for the ACTE Convention. With waterfalls, gardens, dining and shopping in a tropical environment under a glass roof, the Gaylord is one of the most spectacular hotels I have experienced. I was amazed at 30 feet tall "Christmas trees" made up of hundreds of poinsettia plants and there were three of these on the property!



The Anchorage School District sent a large contingent of C&TE professionals to the conference (see picture at left). Administrators, teachers, counselors, new middle career guides and curriculum consultants from Anchorage converged in Nashville and we were eager to learn, share, and have fun. Attending a conference with people you work with gives one the opportunity to get to know each other better with time to collaborate and share experiences which is invaluable. The synergy is what fuels innovation and an impetus to working harder and smarter.

Chef Jeff Henderson's stirring keynote was the motivational kickoff for the conference. Chef Jeff's story of rising from being a crack dealer and inmate to becoming one of Las Vegas' top chefs, television host and author inspired the audience whom gave him a standing ovation. As usual, the conference

featured many strands such as Marketing Education and Guidance/Career Development with affiliated sectionals, business meetings, social opportunities for attendees. The variety of depth of the sectionals demonstrates the commitment of ACTE and professionals across the nation to share knowledge and expertise to build stronger C&TE programs.

As a state officer for ACTE I attended the State Association Leadership Luncheon. Region and national awards were presented and motivating speeches were made by ACTE leadership. It was evident that many states are seeing the pendulum swing toward more C&TE courses in schools to provide student the exposure, skills and pathways to being productive adults.

The Expo covered a cavernous space in the Gaylord Convention Center. I thought we wouldn't see as many vendors with the state of the economy being what it is but I was pleasantly mistaken. One of the emerging trends that I noticed at the Expo was an emphasis on "green technology". A stronger environmental awareness seems to be incorporated into more products vendors were touting.

The Anchorage contingent managed to squeeze in some of Nashville's highlights including a dinner cruise and show on the General Jackson paddlewheeler. Since we were in the heart of country music, another evening was spent downtown with dinner at the world famous Jack's BBQ on Broadway followed by the Grand Ole Opry show at the venerable Ryman Auditorium.

Stedman Graham, successful businessman, educator, writer and speaker, was the Saturday keynote speaker. Mr. Graham left a memorable impression upon us about the critical role C&TE professionals play as educators and mentors. We do make a difference in the lives of our students and in the future of our nation.

***"If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
He doesn't have tenure."***

— Bill Gates

NCCER Instructor Certification Training — April 27-28

National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Instructor Certification Training Program (ICTP) Anchorage, Alaska on April 27 & 28, 2010

The Construction Education Foundation (CEF) and the Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) will provide the NCCER ICTP for the Core Curriculum in Anchorage, Alaska, on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Regional 5 meeting (Downtown Hilton).

WHO: Certified teachers in any Alaska School District. Suggested area of emphasis is Career, Technical or Vocational educators. If you wish to be certified to teach an additional craft (i.e. carpentry, electrical, welding) you will need to provide additional qualification information.

CLASS: Upon satisfactory course completion (passing nine tests and giving an oral presentation) the teacher will be certified to teach the NCCER Core curriculum.

COST: There is no cost to teachers to attend the class.

REGISTRATION: If you are interested in attending the ICTP, please contact Juanita Kardell at 907-770-1826 or email to Juanita@alaskacef.org to register. You will need to provide a copy of your Alaska Teaching Certificate at that time (fax 907-562-6118).

Calendar

- [CTE Month](#) — February 2010
- [Alaska Apprenticeship Conference](#)
April 28, 2010 Anchorage

[ACTE Region V Conference](#)
April 29—May 1, 2010
Anchorage



In Memoriam

We have learned of the passing of Don Verstrate, former Hutchison High School principal and Fairbanks CTE Coordinator, who died last August of pancreatic cancer. He was a great guy who tried very hard to bring CTE forward in Fairbanks. Don was a very religious man, which many folks didn't know. He served as an officer in our association — Treasurer from 1993 to 1995. AACTE extends our deepest sympathy to Don's family.

From the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, August 28, 2009

Former Fairbanks resident Donald James Verstrate, 71, died on Aug. 10, 2009, at Olympic Medical Center in Washington of pancreatic cancer.

Don's greatest love was flying, and during his 30 years in Fairbanks, he took advantage of the beautiful scenery and skies. Don moved to Sequim, Wash., in 2003 and continued to fly. He donated his time and his airplane to fly for Angel Flight, a nonprofit medical service.

Don is survived by his wife, Susan; sons, Greg Verstrate, Darrin Freeman and Brenden Freeman; daughter, Randi Montgomery; five granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Don's life was celebrated at the annual Airport Day where he lived on Diamond Point, Wash. The missing man formation was flown by local pilots and was a highlight of the day, as were stories and biographies of his life. A barbecue followed with a large crowd of neighbors and friends.