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What's Happening at AACTE
By John Egan, President

The Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education (AACTE) has a membership of about 100 members. Eleven individuals attended the ACTE national conference in Los Vegas, Nevada. Two members attended this year's Region V ACTE conference in San Diego. **AACTE will host the 2010 Region V Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.**

Our largest event of the year was the Professional Development Conference (PDC) which took place in November 2007 in Anchorage. It was co-sponsored with the Alaska School Counselors' Association (AkSCA) with 185 in attendance. 3 teacher strands were offered. Trish Zugg, currently a Region V Leadership Fellow, and Jerry Balistreri, Policy Committee member from Alaska, directed the leadership strand. This strand is always well attended by individuals from a wide variety of school districts. The hospitality/business strand and the health occupations strand filled to capacity as well. Doctor Carolyn Stone was one of the keynote speakers. Dr. Stone is a Counselor Educator at the University of North Florida where she teaches and researches in the areas of accountability, legal and ethical issues. Bridget Brown was another keynote speaker. Bridget is the Executive Director of America's Career Resource Network Association (ACRNA), which is an organization of professionals involved in providing critical occupational, educational, and career development information. They

provide resources to assist youth and adults in making informed career decisions.

The 2008 PDC will be in Anchorage November 19-22. Currently we are planning a leadership strand, workforce development, health occupations, and alternative energy. Our professional development strands have ties to other conferences and summer training institutes so that the training continues to the depth our teachers need. This is accomplished through a strong partnership with the Alaska Department of Education.

The state association has worked over the past few years to be more inclusive of all member stakeholders. The leadership team has expanded to include elected officers and representatives from different geographic locations within the state (both on the road system and rural). And we look to guidance from our post-secondary, Tech Prep, and industry partners as well. The association works closely with the Governor's office to include our efforts to make February CTE month an annual event. Our State association continues to work with the Alaskan industry and education consortium PARW (Putting Alaska's Resources to Work). PARW has the goal of preparing workers in the oil, gas, and mining industries. Additionally, PARW's efforts include recognition of the role that public education K-16 has in our state. PARW has in the desire to hire qualified Alaskans. AACTE plays a leadership role in the State CTSO conference in the spring. The executive board and planning committees spend considerable time as dual delegates to the various student organization conference committees.

Sally Spieker, a Career and Technical Education Associate Instructor at the University of Alaska Anchorage will take over as president this summer. Trish Zugg, a CISCO certified instructor with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District in Palmer will be the new president-elect. Deanna Shultz, a Career and Technical Education Associate Instructor at the University of Alaska Anchorage will be the new treasurer. Guy Okada, the principal of the Martin Luther King Career Center in Anchorage will be the new secretary. All newly elected officers will take office July 1, 2008.

Keep That April 2010 Date In Mind
By Kathy Andrews, Past-President

The 2010 Region V conference is being hosted by our association. The dates are April 28 to May 1, and it will be held at the Downtown Hilton in Anchorage. A state professional development conference is scheduled for this coming fall as usual (November 19-22, 2008). During the 09-10 school year, however, AACTE is planning to have its professional development in conjunction with the 2010 Regional Conference. Planning is already underway for this conference. We will send more information your way as it unfolds. **Save the date—April 28-May 1, 2010.**

**PDC November 19-22, 2008
Anchorage Downtown Hilton**

Leadership Strand

The AACTE/PDC Leadership Strand has been designed to explore and develop leadership skills with the ultimate objective of preparing future leaders for CTE in Alaska. Concepts covered will include; communications, leadership styles, management versus leadership, leadership assessment instruments, understanding and managing the change process, data driven decision making, public relations, and legislation to name a few. Please join us for an exciting strand that will offer a variety of well known speakers and fun.

Entrepreneurship and Logistics Strand

Students in 21st century schools continue to challenge secondary and post-secondary institutions to provide them with an education that will result in high wage, high demand occupations. Alaska’s unique lack of high wage jobs and manufacturing base causes many of our graduates to venture out into the world of owning their own small business. It is our challenge to provide a rigorous and appropriate curriculum that enables these graduates to be successful entrepreneurs. This strand will introduce educators to the nature of starting a business.

Alaska’s location, geography, climate, and population distribution all pose unique and specific challenges to potential business people or entrepreneurs, making a clear understanding of logistics imperative to business success. Therefore, after introducing the con of entrepreneurship, our strand will then move into the world of Logistics — how to teach Logistics in the high school and integrate logistics operations into a small business in order to make it successful and competitive in today’s global economy. Finally, participants will see logistics and entrepreneurship in action and learn how to prepare a successful logistics program for secondary school students.

More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available:

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

Introducing our new AACTE Officers

Sally Spieker, a Career and Technical Education Associate Instructor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, is the current President-Elect and will take over as President on July 1, 2008.

The following AACTE members were recently elected and will also assume their offices on July 1, 2008:

Trish Zugg will be our new President-Elect. Trish has taught in the Business/Information Technology discipline for the last 15 years and currently teaches CISCO networking classes at the Mat-Su Career & Technical High School. Trish was named the 2007 Alaska Career & Technical Education Teacher of the Year at last fall’s PDC and has been a Region V Leadership Fellow.

Deanna Schultz, who will assume the duties of Treasurer, taught secondary business education for 10 years before becoming the Career and Technical Education Consultant at an Iowa Area Education Agency. In 2004, Deanna moved to Anchorage to become the coordinator for the Alaska Tech Prep Consortium. Since August 2007, she has been an Assistant Professor of Career and Technical Education at UAA.

Guy Okada will be the new AACTE Secretary. Guy has many years of administrative experience including four years as the principal of the King Career Center in Anchorage. During his tenure at KCC they have expanded their services and now offer four "sessions" which include two sessions during the regular school day, an after school session and an evening session for adults and we also offer summer school courses.

We congratulate these new AACTE officers and thank them for their willingness to volunteer their time and energy for our organization!

Calendar of Events

May 31, 2008 PDC Presentation Proposals Due
<http://actealaska.org/profdev.html>

Nov. 19 – 22, 2008 PDC – Anchorage Hilton
<http://actealaska.org/profdev.html>

Dec. 4 – 6, 2008 ACTE Conference, Charlotte, NC
<http://www.acteonline.org/Convention/>

Feb. 5 – 7, 2009 ASD CTE Conference
http://www.asdk12.org/Depts/career_technology/

**April 28 – May 1, 2010: ACTE Region V Conference – Anchorage
SAVE THE DATE!!**