

ALASKA ACTE

ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

ALASKA HOSTS REGION V ACTE CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars and check the website. The Alaska ACTE will be 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 will be opening soon. Check www.actealaska.org for updates. This is a great opportunity for CTE professional development.

The theme is "On the Trail to Success" and will feature Sharon Bowman as the keynote speaker on Thursday. Sharon is a national communications trainer and should be an exciting addition to our CTE trail to success. The call for exhibitors is posted on the site. If you are associated with a business or have a business partner you think might be interested, please forward the information.

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

Tentative 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 check the web site soon and often. 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.

The registration fee will be \$325, and the hotel cost is \$99 plus tax. We welcome anyone who might want to volunteer to help with the conference. Please contact Kathy Andrews at 907-748-1599 or kathlynn.andrews@acslaska.net.

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- * Trish Zugg, President
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Meet Your AACTE 2009-2010 President

Patricia "Trish" Zugg teaches the Cisco Networking Academy CCNA courses for the Mat-Su Borough School District. This program is housed at the new Mat-Su Career & Technical High School (CTEHS). She also works with grants administration in the district's CTE department.

Trish has taught in the Business/Information Technology discipline for 17 years. Before entering education and after receiving her bachelor's in Accounting, she worked in the oil & gas industry and the legal profession; she and her husband have been small business owners for many years. *(cont'd page 4)*



**Trish Zugg
AACTE President**

Are YOU an ACTE National Member?



Below is a reminder of some of the benefits you will enjoy as a member of *NATIONAL ACTE*, work that is done on *YOUR* behalf. (Remember: there is a National membership in ACTE in addition to a separate State membership in AACTE.)

Advocacy ~

- A collective voice heard by policy makers, ACTE works to ensure benefits to CTE in Laws impacting CTE, Tech Prep, Career Guidance, Business-Education Partnerships and more.
- ACTE advocates with the Dept. of Education and Dept. of Labor.
- ACTE updates members on legislation affecting CTE, especially in areas of funding.

Networking and Information ~

- Full access to 'Members-only' information on the ACTE Web site.
- Techniques Magazine, Career Tech Update, Legislative Updates, News Briefs, and Position Papers.
- Best Practices, Lesson Plans, Research, Awards, Career Center, Job Listings, Leadership Development.

Benefits ~

- Discounted rates to ACTE's Annual Convention and CareerTech Expo and the National Policy Seminar.
- Savings on products from the ACTE Store and on other office products and merchandise available on the ACTE Web Site from ACTE's vendor partners.

Don't forget about your State membership, too! If you paid your AACTE dues last fall at PDC 2008, your membership will expire soon. Pay state dues with your national dues, or visit AACTE's website at <http://actealaska.org/membership.html>.

- An increase of \$5,000 on your common carrier accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy (up to a maximum of \$50,000).

Visit <http://www.acteonline.org/> for more information on ACTE: the largest **national** education association dedicated to education that prepares youth and adults for careers.

Career and Technical Education Awards Nominations Needed

Recognize your outstanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers, administrators, leaders, and community supporters by nominating them for

- Outstanding CTE Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding New (1-3 years) CTE Teacher of the Year
- Industrial/Technology Teacher of the Year
- Business/Information Technology Teacher of the Year
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year
- Health Services Teacher of the Year
- Hospitality/Tourism Teacher of the Year
- CTE Administrator of the Year
- Community Contribution Award
- Leadership Award
- Promising Practices Award

Award winners will be announced in December 2009 and will be honored at an awards luncheon during the Region V Conference in Anchorage, April 28 - May 1, 2010.

See <http://actealaska.org/awards.html> for information about nomination and selection of CTE's outstanding educators and supporters.

Please submit your nominations to Sally Spieker by December 4, 2009:

By mail: 3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508-4614

By fax: 786-6448 Attention: Sally

By email: sally.spieker@uaa.alaska.edu

If you have questions, want to volunteer to be on the selection committee, or choose to sponsor one or more of the awards, contact Sally Spieker, Awards Chair, at 907-786-6498 or sally.spieker@uaa.alaska.edu.

CTSOs – What an Education!

By Melissa Reese, Valdez High School, Advisor, Business Professionals of America

“What an education!”, “This was worth giving up a Saturday!” These are just a few of the comments from the CTSO Fall Leadership Conference held at the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School in Wasilla October 2-3. Students learned about topics ranging from parliamentary procedures to Internet safety. They even received specific training for individual CTSOs.

Thirteen teachers met for individual CTSO advisor training, facilitated by Kathy Andrews and their mentors. Business Professionals of America, National Secondary Treasurer, Brian Kelleher, presented workshops on promoting local chapters. Several teachers enrolled in a 1-credit course via Prince William Sound Community College and will create action plans to promote their chapters at the school, community, and state levels.

CTSO state officers and advisors continue teleconferences and will meet face-to-face for additional conference planning in January.

The CTSO Performance Based Assessment Conference is March 25-27, 2010 at the Anchorage Hilton. Here, the students will focus on competitive events with hopes of qualifying for national competition.

Alaska Apprenticeship Conference, April 28, 2010

By Gerry Andrews, State Apprenticeship Coordinator

Definition: Registered Apprenticeship. This is one time not to go to the “web” for a definition. Instead, hear what all the excitement is about regarding Workforce Development in Alaska through Apprenticeships.

Were you aware that there are over 900 apprenticeable occupations as diverse as Central Sterile Processing Technician and other health care careers, to Geospatial Specialist and IT Project Manager? In addition to these high pay/high demand opportunities, high school students may take part in School to Apprenticeship. This is a direct pathway into an apprenticeship while on track to graduate high school.

Attend the Apprenticeship Conference in conjunction with the Region V ACTE Conference in Anchorage, Alaska on April 28, 2010. You will be informed on how Alaska is connecting apprenticeship through Tech Prep to a university degree and how apprenticeship is a partner in creating an education/workforce development system for the 49th State.

In short, registered apprenticeship is a national system that offers paid on-the-job learning in many of today’s sought-after careers through partnerships with employers. This is an opportunity for adults and high school students alike. See how it may be a useful tool for your school district, motivating student success and parents’ interest through Pathways, Programs of Studies, Tech Prep on to Apprenticeship and a university degree; come see how. Information on signing up will be available at www.actealaska.org, through the Region V registration website. Space is limited—register early! Learn more today at: <http://www.jobs.state.ak.us/apprentice/index.html> or <http://www.doleta.gov/OA/>

CTSOAA Receives DOLWD Grant for Training

by Kathlynn Andrews

The Alaska Career & Technical Student Organization Advisory Association (CTSOAA) received a grant from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) for CTSO Advisor Training in order to provide a clear understanding of career pathways and employability skills for high school youth to enhance their employment opportunities in Alaska.

There are 13 participants being trained who have expressed interest in starting or revitalizing a CTSO in their schools or districts. All six CTSOs found in Alaska are represented, BPA, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, FFA, and SkillsUSA. The year of training is designed as a planning year, but some of the advisors will be starting in a small way during this school year. At the end of the year-long grant, teachers will have a plan in place to train other teachers in their school or district, expand their chapters and continue with the teaching of career pathways and employability skills through their CTSO.

In addition, the CTSOAA will be activating its Business Partnership Committee to help build sustainability for the group and revising the web site so that more resources are available for CTSO Advisors. For further information, please contact Kathlynn Andrews at 907-748-1599 or kathlynn.andrews@acsalaska.net.

Anchorage Engages Middle School Students with Career Guides

By Rick Rios, Anchorage CTE Coordinator

By the end of this school year, all Anchorage School District middle school students will have an Individual Learning Career Plan (ILCP). To lead this initiative, the district has hired ten certificated teachers as career guides. Every ASD middle school now has a career guide. Creation of ILCPs is a performance measure specified in the ASD stimulus funding grant. Two additional performance measures are targeted: students will share their ILCP with a significant adult, and career guides will provide special workshops and career fairs to better inform parents. All of this follows years of persistent efforts by the community to provide more career education for students.

The career guides have several tools at their immediate disposal. These include the ACT Explore program, AKCIS, and the Career and Technical Program of Studies. Last year, Perkins required every district to complete at least one career cluster pathway. ASD completed thirteen, with all ASD CTE courses included. With the new career guides on board this fall, this was done just in the nick of time! Two of the new career guides, Jill Gould and Kori Engstrom, will join an Alaska contingency in Nashville for the National ACTE conference.

Coming Events

- [National ACTE Conference](#) — November 19-21, 2009
Nashville
- [Alaska Board of K-12 Education Meeting](#)—December 10-11, 2009
Anchorage
- [Alaska EED Winter Education Conference](#)-January 13-15, 2010
Anchorage
- [CTE Month](#)—February 2010
- [Anchorage School District CTE Conference](#)—February 5-7, 2010
- [Alaska Apprenticeship Conference](#)—April 28, 2010 Anchorage

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

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In the Prudhoe Bay oilfield, Trish enjoyed working in non-traditional occupations such as driving trucks and loaders, labor, and experiencing work at 50⁰ below! She believes her experiences outside of teaching have helped her to add real life experiences and flavor to her interactions with students. Her “full-time” job is dedicated to her husband and three young daughters. Her family enjoys time getting away from it all at their cabin in the woods and camping & fishing in the beauty of Alaska.

CTE is Trish’s passion; she believes this is a very exciting and momentous time for CTE. In efforts to build the CTE model and advocate for CTE, she spent many years preparing for the opening of the Mat-Su CTEHS and now has the privilege to teach there. She served on many committees dedicated to deploying a CTE model for this school. Some of those include the building physical plan committee which is built on the career academy model, the learning signature committee, the business/IT advisory board, and the principal selection committee. She was heavily involved with the furniture, equipment, and technology purchasing for the building which all tied into the building’s learning signature. She has facilitated CTE leadership strands at several professional development conferences and served on many statewide CTE and education initiatives. She has worked with CTE professionals across Alaska, at the regional level with 18 western states, at the national level with the national ACTE office, and with Dr. James Stone at the National Center for Research in CTE. She has attended many regional and national CTE conferences.

In continuing efforts to stay up to date with CTE, Trish attained a masters degree in vocational education and is a Certified Cisco Network Associate & a Certified Academy Instructor. She has served multiple terms in other AACTE offices and was named 2007 Alaska CTE Teacher of the Year as well as BP Teacher of Excellence.