



NACTE NEWS

(Nevada Association of Career & Technical Education)

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Letter From President Dave . . .

Dear CTE Members and CTE Advocates:

The pace of Career and Technical Education really accelerates in the spring of each year. I am sure all of you have been very involved in student project and student organization responsibilities. This brings me to a very important point. Does the general public have any idea what you do for your students?

The answer is probably, “no!” As CTE teachers, you are probably too busy to stop and “toot your own horn.” This is a common pitfall and without professional organizations to provide this service, your efforts would go largely unnoticed.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Policy Seminar hosted by ACTE in Washington, DC. Each year ACTE assembles a delegation from each state, including the state president, and converges on Washington to provide information regarding CTE programs for elected officials. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my professional career.

It is so easy to be the “armchair quarterback” and criticize the efforts of others, particularly our elected officials. To have the opportunity for first-hand interaction with the Nevada representatives was enlightening and inspirational. I had no idea how well informed they are due to the efforts of ACTE. Every person we met was aware of career and technical education, the valuable role in America’s future, and that we are no longer just “vocational” teachers. I am sure that you do not see evidence of this in your paycheck or your school budgets. But, I can assure you that if the current economic trend was not so dismal, we would be recognized in some form of budget recognition. ACTE has done a remarkable job behind the scenes of providing information on the wonderful things that ACTE members are doing for the youth of America.

I was also amazed at how quickly they respond to their constituents. We met with Senator Reid’s policy advisor on Wednesday. We mentioned the new career and technical academy initiative in the Clark County School District, and, on Monday, which was during their spring break, he was in Las Vegas touring the new Northwest Career and Technical Academy with Superintendent Rulffes, Kathleen Frosini, Nicole Rourke, and me. This is one example of the countless hours the aides and policy advisors endure to gather information and keep the representatives informed. We should take the time to express our gratitude.

On the topic of staying informed, think of how good it would make you feel if you received 100 messages a week thanking you for the wonderful things you do for students. Now put that into practice. Take ten minutes every couple of months and send a message to your elected representatives. Two paragraphs, no more than 6-8 sentences. “Thank you for supporting CTE. Thanks to the funding provided by (AB151 and/or Carl Perkins) X number of students were able to; fill in the blank.” Include a photo if possible. That’s it! That is all it would take to make a huge difference in the perception of what CTE teachers provide for the future of this country.

As your state president, I encourage you to continue to support the efforts of ACTE and NACTE by paying your state and national dues so the advocates can continue to work behind the scenes for you. Maintain communication with elected officials, the general public, and attend the NACTE summer conference. The summer conference is a time to gather, celebrate, and share with your professional colleagues all the wonderful things in which you have been involved, not only in the spring, but throughout the year. I know how busy you all are right now, but don’t forget to take a minute and register for the summer conference. Hope to see all of you July 29 – August 1, 2008, at the Horizon Hotel in South Lake Tahoe.

Yours in CTE

David McElwain

David McElwain, NACTE President



Important Dates

- **NACTE Summer Conference,**
So. Lake Tahoe, NV
7/29/08—8/1/08
- **ACTE National Conference**
Charlotte, No. Carolina
12/4/08-12/6/08
- **National Policy Seminar,**
Washington, D.C.
3/9/09—3/11/09
- **Region V Conference,**
Blaine, WA
4/15/09—4/18/09

DIVISION NEWS

Agriculture Division

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The Agriculture Education Division has had an eventful, exciting Spring. The Annual State FFA Leadership Convention was held on March 20– 24 with close to 400 members, advisors, and support staff in attendance. Highlights of the Convention included student participation in Career Development Events (CDE's), conferring of Silver State FFA degrees to 38 students from around the state, and 50 students participating in an all-day Service Learning Project at Rancho San Rafael Park. Dignitaries from the Nevada State Legislature, The UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, The Nevada Farm Bureau, The Nevada Agriculture Foundation, and the National FFA Organization spoke to students during the eight action-packed sessions.

The Agriculture Education Division, along with the other divisions, is dealing with the loss of the State CTE Allocated and Competitive funding due to the State budget rollback. Shane Sutton testified, along with members of the Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education, at a Joint Legislative Education Committee Hearing in March regarding the funding cuts. Our Legislators realize the importance of CTE in our system and are fully supportive of our endeavors. Ag Division members will continue to make sure our voice is heard as events unfold in the next Legislative session.

Five members of the Nevada Agriculture Teachers Association including Aaron Albisu, John Kohntopp, Shane Sutton, Erica Haskin (Elko student teacher), and Elliot Krenka (long term substitute for Mr. Digenan at Spring Creek High School) attended the Region I Agriculture Education Leadership Conference in Park City, UT on April 14-16. They participated in several workshops focusing on CTE and academic integration as well as served in leadership committees conducting regional business items. Longtime advocate for AgEd in Nevada, Doris Hoskin from Douglas County, was named the Region I Outstanding Service Citation Award winner and will be recognized in Charlotte, NC this coming December at the ACTE / NAAE Conference. Dr. Vern Luft of the American Association of Agriculture Educators (AAAE) was also in attendance and outlined next year's NAAE/ AAAE Region I Conference plans to be held at Lake Tahoe next April.



2008-2009 FFA Officers:

Nicole Connelly, Charlie Mann, Jasmine Dulgar, Angela Vesco, Nathan Whipple, Jimmy Lotspeich"



Southern Region FBLA "speed dating"

The Agriculture Division is excited to be participating in this summer's NACTE conference. Representatives from the National FFA will be in attendance to conduct workshops for the membership, and, as always, a great BBQ and auction are in the works! We are also proud, yet a bit sad, to lose one of our great teachers, Randi Huniewell, to the State Department of Education, as she has taken over the position of Consultant for Health Occupations/Science. We are sure she will keep her close ties with us, and I'm sure you will all see her taking tickets at the BBQ. Best wishes, Randi !

Business/Marketing Division

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Basic High School Hosts FBLA Event

February marked National Career and Technical Education (CTE) month. As a part of the celebration on February 13, 2008, Basic High School hosted the Nevada Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Southern Region Skills Conference. It was a night filled with FBLA activities such as tests on marketing, introduction to business, business communications, entrepreneurship, and others.

As an ice breaker, Kade Desimone, former FBLA Region VP, ran a speed-dating exercise. This was an activity to show that the first date with someone is just like a job interview. Motivational speaker and author (How you Leave Them Feeling), Jesse Ferrell, spoke to the 150 FBLA members and dignitaries in attendance.

After all the activities, Basic High School's Family & Consumer Science (FCS) class served a delicious dinner including; salad, garlic bread, lasagna, and cake. During dinner, Joe Kloeckner, Southern Region Director from March of Dimes, spoke about the year's fundraising efforts. As the entertaining evening came to an end, Kelli Compton, advisor from Shadow Ridge High School, distributed the awards to the top three participants from each testing category. The night was concluded with a raffle for the students with prizes that included an Ipod, a digital camera, and other fun items.

**State CTE Office has moved
New address:**

755 N. Roop Street, #21
Carson City, NV 89701
775-687-7285 (Garry Wyatt)

DIVISION NEWS (continued from page 2)

Counseling Division

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Counselors enjoying the NVSCA Conference in Las Vegas

The Second Annual Conference for the NVSCA, which was held in Las Vegas, NV was well attended by more than 150 counselors from all areas in Nevada. The counselors attended significant workshops, collected lots of ideas and resources, and were entertained by the Mariachi Band of Las Vegas, NV. The NACTE Conference is scheduled for July 30 to August 1, 2008, at the Horizon Hotel, South Lake Tahoe, NV. We have several thought-provoking sessions prepared by our counselors and hope that you will join us. As we prepare to close out the school year 2008, I

am listing several summer conferences that counselors may attend.

WACAC Las Vegas, NV, May 28-30, 2008

Wacac.org

ASCA Atlanta, GA

AVID San Diego, CA

NACTE So. Lake Tahoe, July 30-August 1, 2008

Congratulations on the expansion of Regional Technology Institute, Reno, NV and the new programs that will be offered, as well as the opening of the East Career & Technical Academy in Las Vegas, NV.

Family & Consumer Science Division,

Michelle Gach

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Congratulations to Dr. Terry Kluever and her Best Teen Chef Winner, Johnny Grant, from Coronado High School, Las Vegas. Thanks very much, Terry, for all your hard work in helping Johnny win the contest. Please let us know the details of his winnings! Great job!

The Standards for Fashion, Textiles and Design, Foods & Nutrition, and Housing & Interior Design were approved by the State Board of Education in March. They are available on the Department of Education Website under CTE Standards.

The National Coalition for Family and Consumer Sciences Education has a website. The overall goal of the National FACSE Coalition is to increase communication, project a unified voice, and focus on Family and Consumer Sciences Education issues. You will also find the national standards. The website is www.facsecoalition.org.

I hope you are planning to attend our annual NACTE summer conference. There are many exciting workshops and activities being planned.

Health Science Division

Margo Bender

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We are proud and excited to announce our new leader in Health Sciences for the State of Nevada. Randi Hunewill was selected for the position of Consultant for Health Sciences, Department of Education in the State of NV. Randi had been teaching anatomy & physiology, vet. Medicine, and agricultural science for many years. She also has extensive experience with CTSO's. Randi will be our key speaker for the Health Science Division meeting at the NACTE Summer Conference. We are happy to have her.

In other exciting news, we just experienced our first ever HOSA State Leadership Conference. It was held in Las Vegas on April 25. Randi had about one month to get us all ready. There were a few rough edges, but the students had fun, looked professional, and gave it their all. Approximately 100 students attended and competed in various health-related events such as CPR & First Aid, Forensics, Health Education Projects, Posters, HOSA Bowl, Medical Assistant Medical Spelling, and Medical Terminology. Schools from Reno, Las Vegas, Battle Mountain, Elko, and Ely were represented.

We voted in our first HOSA State Officers for 2008-2009. Students came home flashing Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, but, more importantly, they made new friendships and gained a new appreciation and enthusiasm for health care professions. We can only grow from here.

Administration Division

Al Beebe

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Some important deadlines are approaching: Carl Perkins CTE grants are due in the Carson City CTE office before 5p.m., May 23rd, 2008. Please be sure and check with your district CTE office and verify the deadline they have established to receive grants.

June 2nd, 2008 is the last day to send in a "no cost revision", i.e., the transferring of CTE funds that have not been allocated and you wish to use them next fiscal year. Please check with Garry Wyatt if you have any question.

The admin division is asking for your input regarding guest speakers and/or topics for the admin division meeting during our summer conference at Lake Tahoe. Please contact Garry Wyatt or Al Beebe with your suggestions.

Audio Enhancement has tentatively agreed to sponsor the admin division lunch, as they did for us last year. I look forward to a great turn out for an exciting conference.



*Teen Chef Winner
Johnny Grant, Coronado HS*

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Postsecondary Division

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CSN Culinary Team Wins Nevada State Championship

The College of Southern Nevada culinary hot food team was victorious at the February 17, 2008 Nevada State American Culinary Federation Championship. The student team led by Chef John Metcalfe, Director of CSN culinary arts and hot food team manager, will represent Nevada at the ACF Western Regional Conference April 19-21 in Salt Lake City.

"They were judged very hard," Metcalfe said of his students. " But we have an unprecedented record for the state championships."

Their four-course meal was judged by three certified master chefs and one certified executive chef. The team's menu consisted of a fish appetizer: Shallow poached black sea bass with tomato-fennel, fondue, lemon-herb cream sauce and stewed leeks.

They crafted a spinach, endive and watercress salad tossed with papaya and passion fruit-orange vinaigrette and served with a goat-cheese cracker.

The entrée was a poulet sauté, bercy served with sweet potatoes and celeriac purées, sauté Savoy cabbage with applewood smoked bacon.

And for dessert: Chocolate Hazelnut and banana foster mousse cake, with pineapple - coconut ice cream, strawberry sauce and banana brûlé on a linzer crescent.

CSN has not lost a state championship in more than two decades, but the team will face a more daunting set of challengers at the upcoming regionals, Metcalfe said. In addition, CSN will also be sending a student to the regional championship to compete for the title of Junior Culinarian of the Year.

Trade & Industry Division

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 IT members please send news to VP.



Svetlana Almonte, left, Samantha Lew, team captain, Teejay Joaquino, Abel Ramirez and Bryan John.

Get Involved with NACTE

Elections will be held at the Summer Conference for:

President Elect
 Postsecondary VP
 Trade & Industry VP
 Information Technology VP
 FCS VP



ACTE Updates can be found online at:
<http://www.acteonline.org/>



Region V

Region V Updates can be found online at:
<http://www.acteonline.org/about/regions/regionV.cfm>

HISTORICAL BRIEFS . . .

GARY SUNDSETH . . .



In this month's NACTE Historical Briefs, we salute former NACTE 2005 President, Gary Sundseth. For many of us that know Gary, we can all attest to much more than just a friendly, warm-hearted individual, a genuine aggie, a rancher, and a staunch supporter of CTE and agricultural education for most of his life. Gary is NACTE's one and only quick-witted, fast-talking auctioneer that quickly became the life of the annual NACTE Ag Barbeque. It was not uncommon every year to hear folks ask, "Who is that guy?" or "When is Gary going to start the auction?" Some folks believe the Ag Barbeque, with the allure of Gary auctioneering, is one of the most memorable events at the NACTE Summer Conference. So what makes a great auctioneer? According to Dick Watson, famous auctioneering instructor from Lubbock, Texas, "A top quality auctioneer is a fair-minded, courteous, respected leader who has a good rapport with others." That certainly describes Gary!

Gary is a product of high school CTE. His interests date back to Bend Senior High School, located in Bend, Oregon. He was an active member of their Future Farmers of America (FFA) club. From high school, he went on to Oregon State University, where he attained his BS degree in Agriculture Education and his MS degree in Agriculture Education, with an emphasis in Animal Science. His long-standing history of giving back to education includes eight years of high school agriculture teaching in Oregon, five years of high school agriculture teaching in Spring Creek, Nevada, and

four years of teaching for Great Basin College (GBC) in Elko, Nevada.

Gary was instrumental in starting GBC's Agriculture program. He also served as a Health Science Consultant for the Nevada Department of Education. Additionally, for four years, Gary served as the President of the Nevada Agriculture Teachers' Association, our 2005 NACTE President, and NACTE Board member. He was the recipient of the National Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program Award from the National Agriculture Teachers Association.

It comes as no surprise, that a person of Gary's caliber has caught the attention of Barrick, the world's pre-eminent gold mining company, with mines and advanced exploration and development projects in five continents: North America, South America, Africa, Australia, and Asia. Barrick has made a formal announcement to its ranch managers and consultants that Gary has accepted the position of **Surface Resource Manager**, providing an important service within Barrick's regional land department.

In this new role, Gary will be reporting to the Regional Land Manager of North America, which is based out of the Elko Exploration Office. Gary is charged with ensuring the responsible and efficient management of Barrick ranch properties. He will focus his efforts on working with each ranch manager to identify best practices and encourage sustainable management of land, water, and livestock resources. Gary is also responsible for maintaining water rights at each of the ranch properties.

Despite being busy, Gary still finds time for a few hobbies and relaxation. He enjoys riding his horses, fishing, hunting, and providing auctioneering services for a multitude of benevolent organizations. However, what he enjoys most is spending time with his family.

And what about NACTE? Though all great things must come to an end, many of us are hoping Gary will return to join us at this year's 2008 NACTE Summer Conference in Lake Tahoe. We can always use a great auctioneer, a great educator, and certainly a great friend who will always be welcomed among NACTE members.



CTE SPOTLIGHT . . .

NACTE takes Region V Award for Outstanding Newsletter

At the recent Region V Conference held in San Diego, April 9-12, 2008. Nevada had eight conference attendees representing our association. Excellent keynote speakers, great workshops, and lots of networking with our region was done. Lynda Spann accepted the award for the Outstanding Newsletter from 15 Western States.

He has also provided several students with the "Grow Our Own" program with CCSD, a program which brings students into the CCSD support staff workforce. These students still have their positions with the district. Mr. Ertman was awarded \$1,000 from City National Bank for his dedication and commitment to teaching. Connie Meek, CTE Coordinator, nominated James for the award.

One Class at a Time Award.

One Class at a Time is a teacher recognition program that awards teachers \$1,000 that they can use to enrich their students' education.

Congratulations to Mr. James Ertman, BEST Company, Computer Applications, Broadcast Journalism teacher at Basic High School! He has been the Future Business Leaders of America and SkillsUSA advisor for 5 years and has had many successes with his students.



Connie Meek, CCSD CTE and James Ertman

Mark your calendars ACTE Conference 2008 Charlotte, NC December 4-6, 2008



Register for the
2008 NACTE Summer Conference
www.nacte.org
South Lake Tahoe
July 29—August 1, 2008

CTE WINNING STUDENTS . . .

ATTC Nursing Program

The Nursing Assistant Program at ATTC is accredited by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, and upon successful completion of the academic year, students are eligible to sit for the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam. Students study extensive anatomy and physiology at the beginning of the program. After practice in the laboratory setting, the students travel to a healthcare facility to perform CNA skills on actual patients. This year, the clinical (hands-on care) experience began in March.

The Nursing Assistant students have completed a busy first semester. In November, they completed CPR training. They also went on a field trip to the *Bodies Exhibit* at the Tropicana Hotel, where they were able to view actual human organs and tissues that they have learned about as part of their anatomy and physiology instruction. The students also toured Nathan Adelson Hospice, where they were exposed to the needs of the terminally ill.

Another component of the Nursing Assistant Program is community service. Students began the year by fundraising for the American Cancer Society's walk for breast cancer, and, as a class, the students raised over \$2,500! In October, the students walked not only for breast cancer, they also volunteered their services for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. A month later, the students assisted the American Lung Association by walking and fundraising for asthma. In December, the students collected presents and distributed these gifts to more than 190 senior citizens in a long-term care facility while they decorated each resident's room for Christmas or Chanukah.



Foothill High School Graphics Program

The non-profit organization, Americans for the Arts, partnered with the Art Institute to create the Poster Design Competition allowing students to express the slogan "Life Is Better With Art in It." This competition was open to high school students wishing to attend one of the 31 Art Institutes located throughout the United States. The competition, which began in February, took place in two stages - locally and nationally. The first place winners, which will represent the 31 Art Institutes, will be judged nationally. **Casey Bates, a senior at Foothill High School in Henderson, was awarded a \$3,000 Scholarship** and first place from the AI - Las Vegas. His artwork will be judged nationally, and he will have a opportunity to win up to a \$25,000 scholarship when representing the AI - Las Vegas in the national portion of this competition. Good Luck Casey! More information and past calendars can be found at <http://artinstitutes.edu/Competitions/BestPoster.aspx>



SECTA Television Program



Taylor Horky, a student SECTA Television II class, recently won several awards for his short film, *10 Seconds*. Included among the awards:

3rd Annual STN/ISM Films Film Festival, January 19, 2008, Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom, Anaheim, CA – Best Cinematography, Best Screenplay, and Best Editing

4th Annual Dam Short Film Festival, February 8, 2008, Boulder Theater, Boulder City, NV – Runner-up Best Nevada Filmmaker

Taylor was also recently accepted into BIOLA University in Los Angeles for their film program, and he is awaiting word from several other schools at this time. To see a copy of the movie, please visit:

<http://www.schooltube.com/fullsize.aspx#STITwoThirdsTop>



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & FUN

July 29-August 1, 2008

2008 NACTE Summer Conference, SLT, Nevada

Lake Tahoe Music Festival, July 31, 2008 Dave Mason Alpine Meadows, Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, August 2, 2008 Tahoe Donner (530) 583-3101 or (530) 581-1184, tickets

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival July 28-August 2, 2008; Sands Harbor State Park (30 miles) *Camino, A Midnight Summer Dream, Richard III*, and wine tasting nightly (800) 74-SHOWS OR www.laketahoeshakespeare.com

Spa Services Harrahs, Reflections the Spa 775-586-5088 and Montbleu Resort Casino, Onsen Spa 866-895-7894 6am to 10 pm daily, www.montbleuresort.com

Beaches (3 to 15 mi from SLT) Pope Beach, Nevada Beach, Tahoe Keys, Sand Harbor, and Lakeside Beach

Lake Tahoe Cruises (8 mi to Zephyre Cove) sightseeing, lunch, and dinner/dance cruises. Prices vary 888-896-3830 or www.zephyrcove.com

Rafting & Kayaking in and around Lake Tahoe

Heavenly Valley Ski Area, Scenic ride on the gondola 10 am to 7 pm daily

At most Hotels—arcades, movie theaters, bowling alleys, etc. Join NACTE for their annual golf tournament, Thursday, July 31, 2008 or golf on your own.

SHOPPING

- SLT factory stores at the Y, Hwy 89 & Hwy 50
- SLT Buble Boy Outlet, 4008 Lake Tahoe Blvd
- Heavenly Village Shops
- Tahoe/Truckee Factory shops (I-80 Donner Lake Exit)
- Carson City, NV



Nevada Career & Technical Education Summer Conference

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HORIZON HOTEL/CASINO

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Schedule—Day One, Tuesday, July 29, 2009

- Registration
- No-Host Get Together

Schedule—Day Two, Wednesday, July 30, 2008

- Opening Session
- Vendor Exhibits
- Division Meetings
- Bar-b-que

Schedule—Day Three, Thursday, July 31, 2008

- General Session
- Vendor Exhibits
- Breakout Session I
- Breakout Session II
- Breakout Session III

Schedule—Day Four, Friday, August 1, 2008

- General Session
- Vendor Exhibits
- Panel Rotations
- Awards Ceremony/Luncheon

