



# NACTE NEWS

(Nevada Association of Career & Technical Education)

## Letter From President Lynda . . .

Dear CTE members and CTE advocates

Happy New Year and all the best for 2007.

Those of you who attended the ACTE Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, enjoyed a great conference. Wonderful guest speakers including Dave Weber, who energized conference attendees at the opening session, and Christopher Gardner who told us his “rags to riches” story at the closing session. We had access to exciting workshops, seminars, and more vendors and materials than we could possibly absorb in the four days of attending.



Remember: next year’s ACTE conference is being hosted in our own Silver State in Las Vegas. Georgia has challenged Nevada to match or exceed the numbers of members in attendance. Are you ready NACTE members?

Attending the conference reminded me of all the other exciting ACTE conferences I have attended over the past 20 years. My first conference in 1988/89, my Principal Dan Berg, convinced all of the SNVTC attendees to travel by train to Los Angeles. It was quite an adventure leaving Las Vegas at 8:00 a.m. and finally arriving in LA around 8:00 p.m. However, Dan, in his “unique” way, made the trip very entertaining and tolerable. Those of you who know Dan would agree — he certainly knows how to entertain a group! This first involvement reinforced the importance of being involved in professional organizations and the opportunity to network with other professionals and hear what other educators are accomplishing across the nation.

NACTE members, get ready for exciting changes by “Achieving New Horizons” for the 2006-07 school year and participating in our annual summer conference. Our web site has been revamped — check out our new web site ([www.nacte.org](http://www.nacte.org)). New changes allow members to register online, and online conference registration for our summer conference is in the works. A fabulous new location at the south end of Lake Tahoe has been selected—check it out at [www.horizoncasino.com](http://www.horizoncasino.com) and get prepared for another cool summer in Lake Tahoe. Get involved and nominate your fellow teachers, administrators, and community members for our annual NACTE Awards! Forms are available online at our web site.

Again, all the best for 2007 and remember — “everyday is a gift, that’s why we call it the present.”

Yours in CTE -

Lynda R. Spann

Lynda R. Spann, President

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### Important Dates

- CTE Month —  
2/1/07—2/28/07
- National Policy Seminar,  
Washington, D.C.  
3/5/07—3/7/07
- Region V Conference,  
Prescott, AZ —  
5/4/07—5/6/07
- NACTE Summer Conference,  
So. Lake Tahoe, NV  
7/18/07—7/20/07



## Division News



Reno guys at ACTE



Las Vegas gals at ACTE

**NVBEA 2007  
State Conference**

**July 17, 2007**

### Administration Division, Al Beebe AP—ICDA Charter School, 775-857-1544

Beginning to write and revise CTE State Plan for upcoming Perkins IV, will be a yearlong process. It will include public meetings statewide.

Consultants from the Office of CTE conducted a two-day on site review for Office of Civil Rights at CCSN community college campuses. Western Nevada Community College is also scheduled for the same on site review in early December.

Currently, we are working with Dr. David Smith to put the finishing touches on the ORS (Occupational Reporting System) report and finalize our State Performance Indicators for Secondary and Post Secondary. All seven CTE Consultants from DOE are meeting with their regions to fine-tune their data.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT TO THE STANDARD DIPLOMA (Draft)

389.689 Endorsement to the Standard Diploma A pupil who successfully completes a program of career and technical education and who otherwise satisfies the requirements for graduation from high school must be awarded a high school diploma with an endorsement indicating that the pupil successfully completed the program of career and technical education. See [www.washoe.k12.nv.us/cte/](http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/cte/) and click on the CTE Endorsement for HS Diploma for a list of courses. The CTE Endorsement will be affixed to the high school diploma. The CTE Endorsement will be noted in the comments section of the student transcript.

### Agriculture Division, Randi Hunewill Teacher—Smith Valley HS, 775-465-2332

#### Indianapolis Convention a Success!

Several members of the Nevada FFA attended the 79<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The city welcomed the thousands of blue jackets with open arms. Other than the weather being a little rainy, the convention ran very smoothly. Congratulations to all the teams and individuals that competed; you represented our silver state with gold standards! Several of the Ag Teachers were National Proficiency judges this year; thank you for volunteering your time. The State Soils and Range contest was held on October 11 in Eureka. The soils 1<sup>st</sup> place team was Smith Valley and Range was Alamo. The ag teachers will have their annual winter meeting in Carson City on January 5 and 6.

### Business/Marketing Division

Melissa Scott

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Nevada will join the country in celebrating the first nationally recognized **Entrepreneurship-Week USA**, February 24-March 3, 2007. This initiative has been the effort of the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Nationally, Starbucks, INC Magazine, and the New York Times have signed on as sponsors to ensure awareness of entrepreneurship.

I encourage each of you, as well as your DECA and FBLA chapters, to get creative and celebrate this week. Your students may want to recognize local entrepreneurs in some way, invite a small business owner to speak to the class, or start a small simulated business. For more ideas and to learn about the national celebration, go to [www.entre-ed.org/E-week.htm](http://www.entre-ed.org/E-week.htm). A state leadership team is forming to develop creative ideas to showcase entrepreneurship during this week. Please let me know if your school is doing something exciting and take pictures!

Kim Fisher, Entrepreneurship/Business teacher, and Tina Fulks, Marketing/Business teacher, at Sierra Vista High School, were awarded scholarships to attend the Consortium's annual Forum in Phoenix AZ., November 3-6. They have shared information about *Entrepreneurship-Week USA* and will share new ideas for the classroom in upcoming newsletters!

### Counseling Division, Sue Ennis

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We are half way through the school year and preparing for our second semester. The recruiting counselors will be scheduling appointments for presentations to the middle and high school students to talk about their careers and post-secondary options.

Congratulations to the new Career Academies that will be opening up next year, and we extend a special invitation to the CTE counselors (and/or counselors) to join NACTE.

The Guidance and Career Division of ACTE and the Guidance Division of NACTE is looking for people who want to work on committees or to facilitate sessions at the conference or convention. If you would like to become more involved contact Sue Ennis, NACTE Guidance Division VP, at [zennis@Interact.ccsd.net](mailto:zennis@Interact.ccsd.net) and/or Judy Whitaker, ACTE Guidance & Career Development VP, at [judy.whitaker@granite.k12.ut.us](mailto:judy.whitaker@granite.k12.ut.us).

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### Important Dates for Counseling Division

**February 6-11, 2007**

NVSCA Conference  
Reno, NV

**July 18-20, 2007**

NACTE Summer Conference  
So. Lake Tahoe, NV

**December 13-16, 2007**

ACTE Convention  
Las Vegas, NV

### Business/Marketing News

- NV Business and Marketing Education Winter Conference January 24, 2007, Winnemucca, NV  
Contact Melissa Scott: [melissascott@doe.nv.gov](mailto:melissascott@doe.nv.gov)
- *Knowledge Matters* scholarship announcement. Go to [www.knowledgematters.com](http://www.knowledgematters.com)
- [www.eVenturing.org](http://www.eVenturing.org) is a website about entrepreneurship sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation. It has good information for students studying entrepreneurship.

### Family & Consumer Science Division

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News from Family and Consumer Science: this year's FCCLA state conference will be in Henderson, NV, March 6 through the 9 at the Henderson Convention Center. The state theme is "*Piecing Together Your Future with FCCLA.*"

### Information Technology Division

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### Trade & Industry Division

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Eldorado High School Robotics Club will be competing in the 2007 FIRST Robotics Competition in Las Vegas, NV, due to a \$6,000 grant that we applied for and received from NASA and support from family, friends and Industry to come. This competition is for high school students and will take place in March, 2007.

Students receive information on January 6 as to what the robot's competition event will be and receive robot guidelines. The robot must be assembled and shipped by Feb. 27.

### NOTE:

**NACTE members — contact your Division VP with news for the newsletter.**

### ◆ Shirley Carroll

Congratulations to Shirley Carroll, Coordinator IV with Career & Technical Education. Shirley has dedicated 30 years of service to CCSD and has been responsible for providing leadership to Business Education/ Marketing teachers, Health Occupation teachers, and Travel & Hospitality teachers. Shirley retired in December, 2006; she will be missed by us all.

### ◆ NACTE 2006 Quality Association Standards Awards

Congratulations NACTE members for being one of several states who received the 2006 Quality Association Standards Award at the ACTE Conference in Atlanta. This was a first for the State of Nevada. Way to go NACTE members!

### ◆ Christian Moriera, A-Tech

Christian "Jackie" was recently named Teacher of the Month for Las Vegas Newspapers in Education —

Christian discusses with her students the eight different program areas which are taught at her school. Then she has them research other career opportunities making a list of 10 career opportunities for each program area ( CADD, Law Related Education, Engineering Technology, Computer Graphic Design, Computer Science, System Technology Support, Information Technology, and Business and Finance). They may use this list as a reference for weekly current events assignment.

Then when the newspapers arrive, she asks the students to find current event articles that deal with the different careers within the eight different program areas. They must write a justification explaining how the article relates to the career/program area. This allows the student to see the importance of their future career choice to American society as well as stay up with current events.

## Historical Brief, Warren Hioki, Historian

### Roger Routsong and NACTE History



In this month's NACTE Historical Briefs, we salute former NACTE President, Roger Routsong. Nearly 16 years ago, Nevada Department of Education Consultant, Mike Raponi, nominated Roger to be the new Trade and Industry (T&I) Vice President. "I remember that being a time of experiencing the *fish-out-of-water* syndrome, as I didn't have a clue what to do next," explains Roger. Needless to say, Roger learned how to swim really quickly! Roger remembers his first Board meeting at the old Showboat Hotel in Vegas. Mike Pointer, NACTE President at the time, said the meeting would continue until someone volunteered to chair the forthcoming awards program. It was CCSD's Kathleen Frosini who encouraged the new kid on the block to take on the task. Despite Roger being told that the term would be for one year only, he remained in that position for many years. When you are effective at what you do, things like this just happen Roger.

In the following years, Roger went on to become a jack-of-all-trades, and a master at each. He held NACTE Board positions as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Awards Chair, President Elect, and NACTE President. During his presidency, he headed up the NACTE Region V Conference at the Rio Hotel

and Casino in Las Vegas. "As always, it was a team effort that made it happen," says Roger, "with each board member contributing his/her time and talents."

Roger contends that none of this would have happened, his long-time career with the Clark County School District included, without the encouragement and support from Dan Berg, his first high school principal, who was instrumental in getting him involved with, and eventually becoming the Clark County Vocational Association President; Kathleen Frosini, who has been his mentor over the years, always encouraging him to get involved in various teacher leadership roles and encouraging him to expand beyond his comfort zone, and then supporting him as he took on those challenges; and Mike Raponi, for whom Roger will forever remain grateful for giving him that first nudge into the NACTE position as VP of T&I. Roger has worked closely with Mike in SkillsUSA as registrar for the many conferences held over the years.

Roger retired from the Air Force in 1985 after 21.5 years of service. While in the Air Force, he held many positions, including Electronics Technician, Quality Control Supervisor for a communications group, Recruiter, and Flight Supervisor for a recruiting flight located in Eugene, Oregon. He started teaching in 1986 at the Area Technical Trade Center (ATTC) in the Electronics Department. He took a 2.5 year break where he worked in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) office for 1 year and was retired for 1.5 years. During his short retirement, he worked in the field of Real Estate. Roger rejoined the teaching ranks in January of 2005.

### 2006-07 Awards Chair, Mike Patterson says:

"It is really not too early to be thinking about that exceptional teacher or administrator you know who supports Technical and Career Education. Every year worthy educators go unrecognized because we forget to acknowledge the hard work they give their students. Be aware of these special friends and when applications are distributed offer their names for consideration."

Nomination Forms online @ [www.nacte.org](http://www.nacte.org)

