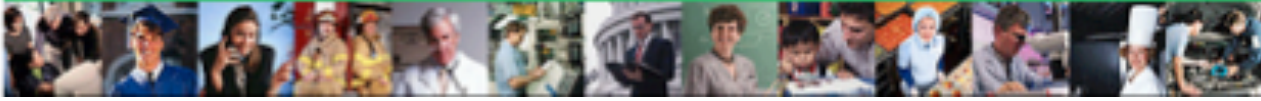




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IMPORTANT: Webinar on CTE in the Federal Budget

Today, join ACTE for a [Webinar](#) on how career and technical education (CTE) fits in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget process. President Obama's budget blueprint, released Monday, is a proposal that Congress considers as it develops the federal budget and appropriates funds. Hear what the president has proposed and how Congress may react. Specific information on Perkins and workforce development programs will be a focus of the Webinar.

[Register now](#) for this members-only event, today, at 3:00pm EST/2:00pm CST/1:00pm MST/12:00pm PST.

ACTE Fights Perkins Funding Cuts

On February 11, the House Appropriations Committee introduced a new FY 2011 appropriations bill, [H.R. 1](#). The legislation cuts funding for the Perkins Act by 8 percent by completely eliminating funding for the Tech Prep program for the 2011-2012 school year, and makes drastic cuts across other education and workforce development programs. H.R. 1 is being considered by the House this week and then will move to the Senate. In addition, the president released his budget proposal on February 14, with even deeper cuts proposed for Perkins for the next fiscal year.

ACTE staff are reaching out to Members of Congress, developing advocacy tools and working tirelessly to prevent these cuts, but this bill poses the most serious threat to CTE funding in years and requires all CTE stakeholders to take action! Visit www.acteonline.org/saveCTEfunding for the latest information, more background and ways you can join the fight to save CTE funding!

Social Media Advocacy Day

Administrators, teachers and students, we need you to advocate for CTE through your social networks all month, but especially on **Thursday, February 17!**

Participation is as easy as changing your Facebook status, tweeting about CTE with the hashtag [#careerteched](#), or writing a blog post about the importance of CTE. Get samples and talking points at ACTE's [CTE Month](#)(TM) page.

National Policy Seminar: March 7-9

CTE advocates are needed this year more than ever before. The recent election resulted in many new Members of Congress and new staff who are unaware of CTE's value. This compounds an already very challenging budget atmosphere; it is an uphill battle to convince Washington that CTE is worth the investment.

You're encouraged to make the commitment now to make a difference by attending the 2011 National Policy Seminar. For more information or to register, please visit us [online](#).

ACTE Board of Directors Election Results

ACTE thanks all members who voted during the 2011 Board of Directors election. The results have been received and verified and ACTE is pleased to announce the results as follows:

- President-elect is Karen Mason from Granby, Missouri. She is the family and consumer sciences teacher at East Newton High School. Mason will join the Board in July 2011.
- Region I vice president is Bob Scarborough from Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a director at Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development. Scarborough will join the Board in July 2011.
- Marketing Education Division vice president is LeAnn Dinsdale from Corpus Christi, Texas. She is a marketing teacher at Tuloso-Midway High School. Dinsdale will join the Board in July 2011.
- Adult Workforce Development Division vice president-elect is Andrea Pogue from Stillwater, Oklahoma. She is an adult and career development consultant at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. Pogue will join the Board in July 2012.

Mark Your Calendars Now for St. Louis

The 2010 ACTE Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo may have come and gone, but the 2011 event is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo, November 17-19, in St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis is known as the Gateway to the West. Let it become your gateway to quality professional development, an extensive exhibit hall and excellent networking.

Get the latest information by visiting www.acteconvention.com. Call for [presentations](#) is now open.

ACTE Announces the 2011 Achieve 100 Award Winners During CTE Month

ACTE congratulates more than 50 schools, campuses, and each member for their 100 percent ACTE membership participation in CTE. For the Achieve 100 Award winners list and announcement, please visit ACTE's [Press Center](#).

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

A strong word-of-mouth [campaign](#) is the surest way to promote the growth of ACTE. Seventy-eight percent of people trust their peer recommendations. And as an active member, you are the best advocate for membership. You know firsthand of the value your membership provides in advancing your career as well as strengthening the CTE profession. Any member in good standing is eligible to participate. Visit us [online](#) for more information and resources.

ACTE and USA Today Partner

As we begin a new year, there is no doubt career and technical educators will be focusing on how to improve literacy. One product worth checking out is the [CTE Reading Program](#) from USA Today. And the best part is that **ACTE members receive a discount!** Unveiled at the ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas, this online curriculum program is designed as a "grab-and-go" reading solution for career and technical educators who

would like to enhance their students' reading comprehension and higher-order thinking skills while seamlessly teaching course content.

ACTE members have been involved in this product throughout the planning and development stages, which means it has been reviewed by your peers. The lessons included in the program will work within any career cluster, and the assessments and reprint articles are specifically categorized by career cluster for real-world support of your course content. To learn more, visit the [special ACTE Web site](#) to receive your discounted price. Start now, and you will see results by June! Specific questions about the program should be directed to [Debby Dodge](#) at *USA Today*.

The Toyota International Teacher Program

The Institute of International Education is pleased to announce the 2011 Toyota International Teacher Program to **Costa Rica**, which will take place **November 19 through December 3, 2011**. Full-time classroom teachers of all subjects and librarians, grades seven to 12, are now invited to apply online. Please visit our [Web site](#) for more information and application instructions. The deadline to apply is May 4, 2011.

The Toyota International Teacher Program is a fully-funded international professional development program for U.S. teachers. Funded by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., and administered by the Institute of International Education, the program advances environmental stewardship and global connectedness in U.S. schools and communities. The Program to Costa Rica will explore environmental and cultural preservation, biodiversity, and sustainability through a variety of site visits, discussions, lectures, and hands-on activities.

Program participants will have an opportunity to meet with local experts, visit schools and museums, and experience the rainforest first-hand. The Toyota International Teacher Program values diversity and encourages educators of all backgrounds, subjects, and school types to apply for this unique professional development opportunity. Please help us reach out to educators by sharing this information with your members and constituents. If you post programs and professional development opportunities on your Web site, listserv, or newsletter, we would greatly appreciate you posting information on the program as well.

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