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## LOCAL EDUCATOR PARTICIPATES IN MONTANA ACTE FALL INSTITUTE

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(Your name) (Your title)

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(Name of institution) (Name of City/State)

was among the 180 attendees at the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education's (ACTE) Annual Fall Institute. The institute, held at Fairmont Hot Springs, October 19-20, offered dozens of educational sessions designed to instruct educators on the latest developments in career and technical education, including Free OSHA 10 Training for Montana High School Students, Next Generation Personal Finance, Build Baking STEAM, Increasing Student Professional Skill Proficiency, Baking Food Safety 101 Essentials and Banking Regulation: Why and How, to name few. More than 10 exhibiting companies and colleges, featuring the latest in technology, displayed their products and services.

The Institute's general session speaker was Bob Green. Mr. Green retired as the Head Football Coach at Montana Tech following the 2010 season after leading the Orediggers for 24 seasons and spending almost 40 years in the coaching profession. During his tenure, Tech had its most successful period ever in football. During Coach Green's time at the Butte college, the Orediggers placed first, tied for first, or second in the Frontier Conference 16 times. Green led the Diggers to the NAIA National Playoffs 5 times including the 1996 National Championship Game. The Orediggers were the first ever Frontier Conference football team to play for the national title. Green also produced 15 first team All-American players during his tenure; two of these selections were two-time All-Americans. Over 95 percent of Coach Green's senior players obtained their degree while completing their eligibility. Currently, Bob Green serves as a Development Officer for the Montana Tech Foundation. His duties include outreach with corporations and individuals throughout the country in advancing Montana Tech. Green also gives corporate/team building talks to a wide range of industries.

Power session by exhibitors included Reach Higher Montana (Reach Higher Montana is dedicated to Montana students' postsecondary success. The mission of Reach Higher Montana is to guide, prepare, and support Montana students with inspiration, information, and resources for college, Dakitic, a proven leader in industrial training and engineering education systems, discuss how their systems build bridges between education and industry to ensure the program you offer supports real market needs, Montana Career Information System, One Montana, Highland College, X-Cal and Stukent, a pioneering internet marketing education systems.

The main breakout general session was the roll out of the new Montana Career Pathways. Montana embraces a major shift in its career pathways program, from individual college and high school agreements, to statewide pathways. Montana Career Pathways are the next evolution of Big Sky Pathways, and change the way pathways are developed, displayed, and documented. Montana Career Pathways puts greater emphasis on integrating activities that strengthen connections to college and career including: work-based learning (WBL), industry recognized credentials (IRC's), and dual enrollment. We want to support educators in building these elements into their programs. These peer-to-peer roundtables provide the opportunity to connect with teachers, school leaders, businesses, and colleges who have built WBL, dual enrollment, and IRC's into CTE programs. Join the conversation and find inspiration, gain insight, and build the connections and support to help take your CTE program to the next level.

\_\_\_\_\_ attended sessions on (Talk about your experience here)

(Your last name)

Career and technical education encompasses a broad curriculum of knowledge and skills that provides students with the academic and technical skills necessary to succeed in today's workforce. These classes provide secondary students with a foundation of competencies that allow them the opportunity to pursue postsecondary education or move directly into careers. They also provide adults with the opportunity to focus their careers and acquire the technical skills needed to current meet workplace demands. Further, career and technical education meets the needs of today's employers for a highly skilled workforce.

The Association for Career and Technical Education is the national professional association for the field of career and technical education. Now in its 92<sup>nd</sup> year, ACTE's membership numbers more than 25,000 teachers, counselors and administrators at the middle school, high school and postsecondary levels.

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