

We Are CTE!

First I want to thank the members of Montana ACTE for allowing me to serve as President. I am honored to be a leader of an organization that prides itself on Career and Technical Education, and allows partnerships to be created to help bridge the gaps between our classrooms and industry needs. I am following the footsteps of some great leaders that have helped build our association to what it is today. These individuals were motivated and persistent in pursuing a goal of success for Montana ACTE and I hope to add to their legacy.

Our Executive Board has been working hard to put together a Fall Institute that is packed with session and speakers that will help add new and innovative ideas to your classrooms and profession. Make sure to attend this year's institute to get firsthand information on what's happening in CTE and have the opportunity to share and discuss ideas and lessons. I hope to see everyone in Bozeman in October to demonstrate how "We are CTE".

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. I encourage each one of you to get involved with Montana ACTE, without each one of you as a member our organization cannot be as strong as it is. I look forward to seeing everyone in October!

Scott Anderson, Montana ACTE President

Save the Date! 2016 Montana ACTE Fall Institute



This October, Montana CTE professionals from across the state will gather in Bozeman, MT, October 20-21 for the most exciting CTE event of the year in Montana. This year's theme is "**I AM CTE**". The Keynote Speaker this year will be **Joe Walkuski**, founder and CTO of TEXbase, a Bozeman based business that provides compliance, quality and materials management software solutions in the apparel, footwear, home textiles and consumer product industries. By attending the fall institute you will discover new teaching approaches, find solutions to your shared challenges, share your best practices with colleagues and leave with constructive new ideas to take back to your school. You'll gain valuable insights and proven strategies that will improve your program and increase student achievement in your district as well as assist you in implementing pathways in your district. [Online Registration](#) opens **September 1**.

MAFCSE Update



Ready or not here we go! I hope as you are reading this you are enjoying one last summer fling before the beginning of the new school year. I'd like to think of you all sitting on a deck somewhere enjoying a beautiful mountain view, drinking a cold ice tea (or something) and relishing the last bit of warm summer sunshine. As hard as it is to flip the switch I am confident that all of you will be ready to engage with your students and embark on a very productive year!

October 20th and 21st has been set for our MACTE conference in Bozeman. We have a great lineup of presentations and I hope you can join us for some rejuvenating workshops and fellowship. The theme for this year's conference is, "We Are CTE". Last year we voted to move the FCS social to Thursday as the attendance was generally low on Wednesday evening. We encourage you to attend the collective ACTE social on Thursday following the last session. Other conference highlights include; Science and Our Food Supply, Vogue Fashion Truck, Hiring and Hosting in a Global Economy, and an interior design workshop with Hillary from The Architect's Wife.

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Jocelyn Sumner, MAFCS President

MAAE Update

Summer is winding down and fairs are in full swing. I hope you had a good summer to spend time with your families and run a productive summer AgEd program. Every summer I say to myself that I am going to make more SAE visits and actually have my shop in tip top shape for a new school year. Well it hasn't happened again this summer. Maybe next year, yet I am glad for the extended contract that I have and am able to run year round Ag program. Our county fair is this week, and while it is a lot of work, it is a great way to have contact with your students and their families and showcase your program. As you begin your new school year I hope you are anxious to try some new things and make this the best school year yet. I know many of you will be at National FFA Convention over the MACTE conference, but if you are not attending nationals this fall, plan to attend the conference in Bozeman. We will still have our meetings and workshops.

Rodney Braaten, MAAE President

MITEA Chapter Spotlight



The Trades and Industries Department classes at Bozeman High School are designed to inform students how technological systems and their associated careers integrate into the modern workplace and our fast-paced society. Hands-on, minds-on activity-based classes and active lab environments allow students to use modern systems, manage resources and process materials. Students are asked to apply knowledge and creative thinking to design and create solutions to relevant, real world problems. Students also examine and assess the development, maintenance and use of technology as well as the resultant impacts its use causes to our culture, and environment. Our goals are for students to develop improved ability to follow specific detailed written directions, to schedule their own time, to follow through on projects, and to finish them on time. Whether our students are college or career bound, we ultimately want them to have some fun as they become effective members of a dynamic, progressive global community.

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Landon Stubbs, MITEA President

MBEA Update



As we are in the process of starting our new year let's not forget about the upcoming professional development opportunity. The MACTE conference in October will be held in Bozeman at the GranTree Inn. A wide variety of workshops will be available to you allowing you to learn some new skills as well as network with your fellow Montana vocational educators. The conference will current trends in business education such as Google Classroom/Apps, Project Lead the Way, an Adobe and Everfi breakout, as well setting up a project based classroom. And of course how could we forget Eric Swenson's business update! While making your plans to attend MACTE don't forget to renew your membership to ACTE. The earlier you do this the more money you save! Enjoy the last few days of summer and have a great start to your school year. I hope to see everyone in October!

Brad Mehr, MBEA President

Dig in on Pathways and Dual Enrollment!



Maximize your time at MT ACTE and minimize your time out of your classroom! This year Big Sky Pathways and MT ACTE are partnering on a hands-on approach on Pathways and Dual Enrollment. Friday's schedule will feature "Pathway Sessions." These allow conference attendees to sign up to work with Pathway coordinators at MT ACTE.

What is a Pathway Session?

It's a 30 minute session with a Pathway Coordinator that allows you to get to work on Pathways. You can choose to work on a new pathway, renew an old pathway, explore dual enrollment within a new or existing pathway, or schedule a focus session with attending faculty (see below).

How do I sign up?

Sign up now using this link, <https://goo.gl/forms/mA8d0Dr2leFgfkU63>, or use the link provided when registering for MT ACTE's fall institute. The sign up link allows you to choose the college, career cluster, and/or Pathway you want to work on. You may also choose to schedule a Faculty Focus Session. Once we receive your request we'll connect you with a Pathways Coordinator to schedule a Pathway or Faculty Session between 9am and 2pm on Friday, October 21st at MT ACTE.

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