

## President's Message

The Montana ACTE Board would like to send their greetings to each of you and wishes for a healthy, happy and hope filled New Year. 2016 was an outstanding year for Montana ACTE and the board worked hard to form new partnerships and strengthen existing ones to make sure CTE is not overlooked in the upcoming legislative session. Our accomplishments come from a clear strategic vision and having a team of professionals that have a true passion for Career and Technical Education. As I leave the position of President on the Montana ACTE Board, I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with the amazing and passionate individuals on the board. Most importantly, Montana ACTE could not have reached its achievements without the support of our dedicated members and industry partners. I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity to lead this amazing organization. Exceptional performance begins with exceptional people, and Montana ACTE members are the best leaders in CTE across this great state.

As Montana ACTE moves forward we must focus on keeping up with the changing world. Continued strengthening of partnerships with business and industry leaders along with the continued development of new pathways will help our organization stay innovative, adaptive, and strong. We must not fear future changes, but rather identify it, align with it, and adapt to be a stronger organization.

I encourage each of you to stay involved with the organization and take the time to serve as a member of the Montana ACTE Board. As an officer, I was given the time to network, talk, and exchange ideas that helped strengthen my ability to teach and improve my classroom. Once again thank you for your trust and confidence and I look forward to meeting with you all again next year in Fairmount! [<Read More>](#)

**Scott Anderson, Montana ACTE President**



## Montana ACTE Announces 2016 Award Recipients

### New Teacher of the Year

Shaye Skovgaard — Billings Senior

### Teacher of the Year

Cheryl Graham—Bainville High School

### Career Counselor of the Year

Sandy Woldstad, Harlowton Schools

### Community Service Award

Vicki Kaufman, Bridger High School

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Scott Anderson and Mark Branger receiving the ACTE Quality Association Award at CareerTech VISION in Las Vegas in December.

## MAFCSE News

The 2016 Montana ACTE Institute was held October 20th -21st in Bozeman. The institute was a huge success with approximately 50 attendees from the FCS division. The following are highlights from the FCS division sessions at the institute:

- Cathie Felz presented an informing lesson on food science and safety and will be offering a class in the spring to those who are interested
- Lee Johnson, ProStart director, presented on tourism in a global economy
- Lauryn and Keith from LUXE cupcakes spoke about opening and operating a cupcake catering and food truck business in Bozeman. Afterwards, FCS teachers sampled cupcakes from the LUXE food truck and were quick to buy out all the prepared cupcakes!
- Megan Vincent gave a presentation on, Making Sense of it All: Unifying the Plethora of FCS Resources. [<Read More>](#)

**Jocelyn Sumner, MAFCSSE President**

## MBEA News

Second semester is fast approaching and with it so is the upcoming [WBEA conference!](#) The committee has worked extremely hard the last few years to put together a great conference. I encourage all business teachers in the state to do their best to attend this great conference and learn a variety of new skills for your classroom. For those unaware of the WBEA conference it will be an opportunity to network with fellow business educators from around the western United States. If you haven't already signed up click on the link above for more information.

MBEA is focusing on the future. The fall institute had a great turnout in Bozeman and we're looking to carry that momentum into next year's conference. As we attempt to elevate business education I encourage all business and marketing educators to start looking to the future. We must be open to learning and developing new curriculum within business education. It's been an honor to serve as the president of MBEA this past year. Moving forward I know our next president Chad Eichenlaub from St. Regis who is ACTE Region 5 outstanding young teacher of the year will take our organization to the next level. I look forward to seeing everyone in Bozeman in February. Until then have a great finish to your first semester and a great start to your second.

**Brad Mehr, MBEA President**



## MITEA News

OSHA's Outreach Training Program and the Center for Construction Research and Training have developed a new OSHA 30-hour construction training elective course: Foundations for Safety Leadership. Responding to a training gap identified by contractors, unions and other industry stakeholders, FSL is designed to introduce construction workers, particularly foremen and lead workers, to five critical safety leadership skills needed to improve jobsite safety climate and safety outcomes. The course stresses the importance of leading by example, engaging and empowering team members, listening and communicating effectively, coaching and providing feedback, and recognizing team members who go above and beyond for safety. The FSL course will be available on OSHA's Outreach Training Program webpage starting January 1, 2017.

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**Landon Stubbs, MITEA President**

## MAAE News

Montana has been very well represented on a national level this fall proving once again we have some of the finest teachers and programs in the country right here in the Big Sky Country. At the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October the Missoula FFA placed fourth in Ag Sales and the Cascade FFA placed fifth in Ag Communications. In Horse Evaluation Flathead FFA placed eighth and in Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems Missoula FFA placed 10th. Besides success at the National FFA Convention, MAAE members were out in force at the National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention in Las Vegas November 29-December 3. Montana's Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Tom Andres from Missoula was selected as the Region 1 winner. [<Read More>](#)

**Rodney Braaten, MAAE President**

## Gazette opinion: Invest in Montana's future workforce



If you haven't visited the Billings Career Center lately, you haven't seen how this unique high school has grown to serve nearly 900 students, most of whom attend Senior, Skyview or West part of the day. The school on Central Avenue is serving about 250 more students this year than last. [<Read More>](#)

## Montana to host the first ever dual enrollment conference in the West!

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Western Regional Dual Enrollment Conference will be hosted at the new Missoula College in Missoula, MT April 3rd and 4th. In addition to speakers from across the country and attendees from across the Western US, this conference will feature breakout strands and best practice session on a wide variety of topics. [<Read More>](#)



**Amy Williams**