

President's Message

Cheers to Montana ACTE!!! This has been an exciting year for us at Montana ACTE with the kick off of Bob Green at our Big Sky Pathways Institute in Fairmont, Montana. Bob's enthusiastic and loud expressions were motivating and rejuvenating to begin our conference. The Division Presidents planned great sessions, socials and their hard work did not go unrecognized. With our first time attendees on the rise and CTE on the minds of local, State and National leaders we are the past, present and future of education. We will be experiencing a change in January of our Division Presidents for all divisions and they are ready to assist and serve our state to the best of their abilities. I am excited for the future of ACTE and the path we are embarking on. At the National ACTE Conference on December 5th-9th, in Nashville, Tennessee, I had the pleasure of Representing Montana at the Assembly of Delegates and our State Presidents meetings. The Keynote Speaker, Isaac Lindsay author of "Eyes Wide Open", brought a new perspective of focusing on overcoming our greatest fears to reach our full potential. The most exciting news from National ACTE comes from Region V.

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Landon Stubbs, Montana ACTE President



Landon Stubbs and Mark Branger receiving the ACTE Quality Association Award at Career-Tech VISION in Nashville in December.

Montana ACTE Announces 2017 Award Recipients

[New Teacher of the Year](#)

Kyle Senner — Richey High School

[Teacher of the Year](#)

Molly Barta—Skyview High School

[Administrator of the Year](#)

Mike Weatherbee, Sheridan High School

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Montana Fall Institute Trade Show Highlights

Power Sessions highlighted the 2017 MACTE Fairmont Hot Springs fall institute trade show. Power Sessions featured the trade show exhibitor's presenting their most important benefits for CTE teachers in a concentrated, 25-minute format. In past years exhibitors would have only a few minutes during breaks to introduce CTE teachers to the benefits of their products and services. Now Power Sessions allow them to focus on the benefits and not just on short visits with show attendees.

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Lyle Courtnage, Trade Show Coordinator

MAFCSE News

The MAFCSE division had another successful Fall Institute in Fairmont Hot Springs this October. Highlights of the institute include awesome roundtable sessions with all of MACTE on dual credit, job shadows and apprenticeships. Furthermore, the MAFCSE division sessions were jam packed full of resources and valuable discussions.

We began our division sessions Thursday evening with FCS best practices roundtables. These featured ready to teach lesson plans from seasoned, experienced teachers as well as fresh, innovative student teachers and new teachers. Afterwards our division enjoyed appetizers, good conversation (and wind!) by firelight outside at the beautiful springs at Fairmont.

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Shaye Skovgaard, MAFCSE President

MBEA News

Hope you all had a relaxing and restful holiday break! I'm sure you all are busy wrapping up the end of first semester and beginning a new semester shortly. The MT ACTE conference and NGPF FinCamp was a great start to the school year. I hope you all plan to attend next year's MT ACTE conference in Billings, MT. We have some great tours and we are bringing back the networking social. So save the date, October 17-19th, 2018.

It has been an honor to serve as interim president for MBEA this past year. I look forward to bringing my experience and knowledge next year as I serve as MBEA president. Hope to see you all at this year's WBEA conference in Boise, ID. They have some great sessions and a variety of networking opportunities available to "empower your why". Have a great end of first semester and excellent beginning to second semester. In the meantime, feel free to email me with any questions, bogunovichn@billingschools.org.

Nicole Bogunovich, MBEA President

MITEA News

Summer update will be a collaboration with the MAAE will be held on June 25th-28th, 2018 in Big Timber, MT. It will be an opportunity to receive training, networking and cross collaboration between MITEA and MAAE. This year's Montana Conference was a success for our numbers in MITEA. We are continuing to grow and our new leadership will help make our programs stronger. I would like to welcome Eric Croft as MITEA President, Jake Spearson MITEA Vice-President, and Veronica Robertson MITEA Secretary. I will be stepping down to the Past-President Position and Joe Wilkins will continue to be our Treasure. It was a pleasure to have served as your MITEA President for the last 5 years and I am excited for our future. Thank you for your support and I can't wait to "Make Shop Class Great Again"!!

Landon Stubbs, MITEA President

MAAE News

The MAAE members have kept their calendar full throughout the fall and it looks like there is no slowing down as the snow starts to fly. The National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 25 - 28. Over 67,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended. Teams competed in career development events such as Livestock Judging, Forestry, Mechanics, Veterinary Science, and many more. Other activities included tours, workshops for students and advisors, and the activities that make up Indianapolis downtown. Members were inspired by guest speakers such as Laila Ali and were entertained by Rascal Flatts and a group of seriously talented students from around the U.S.

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Casey Lunceford, MAAE President

2018 Region V Conference: Colorado Springs, CO

Region V is the Association for Career and Technical Education's (ACTE) western region and the 2018 Region V Conference will be held just down the road in Colorado Springs.

The 2018 ACTE Region V Conference will take place April 11-14 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado. If you are interested in presenting, at the 2018 ACTE Region V Conference, a Speaker Proposal can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

For more information about Region V and the 2018 Region V Conference, visit www.acteonline.org/regionv.

Montana Rolls out New Montana Career Pathways!

Have you checked out the new, state-wide Montana Career Pathways? Go to www.mus.edu/MCP and explore the new approach to Pathways for the state of Montana. For the past year the Montana University System and the Montana Office of Public Instruction have been working on a major overhaul of the Big Sky Pathways program. This overhaul updates and brings the program into better alignment with national trends and best practices in Career Technical Education.

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Amy Williams

