



MACTE Calendar



Howdy From Montana ACTE

Cheers to 100 Years!!! With this year marking the 100th year of the 1917 Smith-Hughes Act that authorized federal funds for the establishment and support of Secondary and Post-Secondary Vocational training in Agriculture, Home Economics and Trades and Industries. We are at a peak point in CTE with Legislation where they are now using the correct lingo. We are no longer Vocational Education to Lawmakers, we are CTE and we are stronger than ever. I am proud to serve as your Montana ACTE President this year.



Mark Branger receiving the Region V Hall of Fame Award at the 2017 Region V ACTE Conference in Rapid City

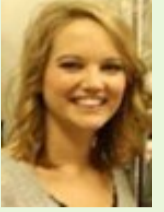
With Region V being held in Rapid City, SD in April, Montana ACTE walked away with the Quality Assurance Award, Newsletter of the Year, and the Conference Publication of the Year Award. In addition, Mark Branger, Montana ACTE Executive Director, was inducted into the Region V hall of Fame. If anyone knows all the work that Mark does for Montana and Region V ACTE, his recognition is well deserved. Don't forget National ACTE will be held in Nashville December 6th-9th, 2017.

So, with Montana ACTE Conference coming up in October in Fairmont Hot springs, I can promise you this will be a conference you will not want to miss. Our Board of Directors, OPI, OCHE, and colleges are working hard to make this one of the best conferences yet. With many positions on Division boards there is always room for newcomers to take charge and help Lead Montana to another 100 years. Cheers to 100 Years!

Landon Stubbs, Montana ACTE President

CTE Teacher Spotlight

Haley Barker, FCS teacher in Laurel is a dedicated CTE professional who is our featured CTE Teacher Spotlight for this edition of the MACTE E-News.



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Save the Date! 2017 Montana ACTE Fall Institute

This October, Montana CTE professionals from across the state will gather in Fairmont Hot Springs, MT, October 19-20 for the most exciting CTE event of the year in Montana. This year's theme is "**Cheers to 100 Years**" in celebration of the Smith Hughes Act. The Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act of 1917 was an act of the United States Congress that promoted vocational agriculture to train people "who have entered upon or who are preparing to enter upon the work of the farm," and provided federal funds for this purpose. 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. Important dates to know as you begin planning to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute include:

- * Online Registration opens **July 1**
- * Conference agenda will be posted online at www.montanaacte.org by **August 15**

MAFCSE Update

The Montana Association of Family Career Community Leaders of America held their 70th Annual State Leadership Conference on March 19-21st, in Billings. This year's event theme, "Creating Change Around the World" gathered over 645 students, advisors and chaperones from around the state.

This conference is a chance for Montana FCCLA members to expand leadership skills, explore careers and compete in competitive events. During the general session chapters were recognized for their Lead2Feed service projects to address hunger in our local communities. [<Read More>](#)

Shaye Skovgaard, MAFCS President

Big Changes are Coming to Big Sky Pathways

This year, Montana embraces a major shift in its career pathways program, from individual college/high school pathway agreements, to statewide pathways that are scalable to all high schools and MUS colleges. With this shift, Big Sky Pathways is getting a new moniker, Montana Career Pathways. This shift will change the way pathways are developed, displayed, and documented. Perhaps most importantly, it will free high school CTE teachers, counselors, campus staff and pathway coordinators to work on activities that add value to students' education and strengthen the pathways to career and college through active engagement and participation.

Montana Career Pathways helps students make more informed choices about college and career by providing:

- Clear, concise, labor market referenced information about career options in Montana
- Opportunities to engage in college courses that support a career pathway via dual enrollment
- Opportunities to explore and engage in careers prior to college via work-based learning

Contact Amy Williams amy.williams12@montana.edu with questions, or to volunteer to preview and review the new Montana Career Pathways.

MBEA Update

Secondary students from across the state of Montana attended the 2017 State Leadership Conference for the Montana Association of Business Professionals of America in Billings, Montana, March 2017.

The 2017 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference was held at Montana State University-Billings, Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, and the Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center. One thousand two hundred and forty-nine, local chapter advisors, and chaperones gathered in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as the Montana Association assisted the members through participation in the areas of competitive events, leadership, community development, and professionalism. [<Read More>](#)

Chad Eichenlaub, MBEA President

MITEA Update

It has been my pleasure to serve as the MITEA president for the last 5 years, but unfortunately at the end of 2017 we will be needing new leadership. If there is someone willing to step up and take MITEA into the beginning of our next 100 years please email myself Landon Stubbs at landon_stubbs@gfps.k12.mt.us. I had the opportunity to not only sit in on my first National Trades and Industries business meeting, but I had the chance to meet with the Region V representative. Oscar Olivas is a retired trades teacher from Arizona and he has great visions for Trades and Industries and our national Future. At Region V in Rapid City, South Dakota, we met and presented together to find out how we can better deliver Trades across Region V. [<Read More>](#)

Landon Stubbs, MITEA President

