

Say “Yes” to CTE—2018 Fall Institute Theme

I am Becky Bruce and it is an honor to serve as your MACTE President for 2018. I am happy to be a part of the MACTE family. At our recent board meeting we talked about why CTE is important to us. As a group we decided that the support we get from our organization, the professional development opportunities and the chances for leadership and collaboration with our members gives us a sense of shared purpose. We all share a passion for family, friends, peers, community and citizenship. CTE is a home for teachers and students who want to be part of something challenging and important. Let's all step up to the challenge and spread the word about CTE. Your executive board members just returned from Region V ACTE in Colorado Springs where we learned what other schools were doing to form partnerships with industry. CTE is changing the world and as educators we must adapt to the times. We need to help our students find the right pathway to be successful in the future. James Ogsbury, executive director of the Western Governors Association (WGA), opened the Region V Conference talking about how the west is leading the way in career readiness.

Becky Bruce, Montana ACTE President



Region V Newsletter of the Year



Mark Branger receiving the Region V Newsletter of the Year at the 2018 Region V Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs in April.

Save the Date! 2018 Montana ACTE Fall Institute

This October, Montana CTE professionals from across the state will gather in Billings, October 18-19 for the most exciting CTE event of the year in Montana. This year's theme is “Say “Yes” to CTE: Educating the Next Generation” with our keynote speaker, Andrew McPeak. Andrew is a millennial speaker and content developer with [Growing Leaders](#). His experiences as both a presenter and curriculum designer have led him to become well versed in communicating to and about the next generation. 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 include:

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

MAFCSE Update

As with all teachers, the joy of Spring is a reminder that the school year will soon be coming to a conclusion but many CTE teachers will just be starting a summer of workshops, conferences, national competitions and college courses. I have never met a CTE teacher that had “Summer off”, we are always being professionals working to develop our programs to provide the best opportunities for our students to be successful. We are preparing our students to meet the demands of the workforce while they are still in high school or college. This can be an important first step in helping close the skills gap. CTE classes can also prepare students for potentially lucrative and rewarding work, in many cases without the need for a four-year degree. I am one of those teachers who is very passionate about the benefits of our CTE program but as CTE teachers, we have to still sell our program to school boards, community and our students. [<Read More>](#)

Kimberli McCullough, MAFCSSE President

MAAE

Agriculture Educators have not had a chance to slow down since the semester started. District competitions, State FFA Convention, CDE Days, banquets, coaching teams, and filling out applications makes up the FFA portion of the job. As with every CTE teacher, a lot more time is put into IEP meetings, negotiations, committee meetings and, oh ya, we do have to teach once in a while. Thankfully, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and even the winter weather has started to lose its grip on Montana. That doesn't mean any of us will be able to slow down. The end of the year means we need to submit applications for NAAE award winners, National Proficiency applications, and try to figure out just which kids are going to the Washington Leadership Conference and can we get them back for fair time. The Update Conference will be held in Big Timber this year June 25-28. Montana FFA Alumni Leadership Conference is June 14-17 and Montana Range Days is June 18-20 in Red Lodge. As the school year comes to an end, don't forget to spend time with family and friends. The new year will be here before you know it and we will all need to be well rested for that.

Casey Lunceford, MAAE President

MBEA Update

The 2018 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference was held at Montana State University-Billings, Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center, and the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. One thousand two hundred and twenty-five students, 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. Students demonstrated their knowledge in business and technological skills and abilities in over 60 different competitive events from within the five core assessment areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Management, Marketing and Communication. The top finalists in each event advance to compete at the National Leadership Conference this spring in Dallas, Texas from May 9-13. [<Read More>](#)

Nicole Bogunovich, MBEA President

MITEA Update

I hope everyone has had a good and productive spring break. I would like to take the time to introduce the new officers as well as office positions for our association. Eric Croft from Capital High School is President. Jake Spearson from Helena High School is Vice President. Roni Robertson from Helena High School is now Secretary and Joe Wilkins remains the Treasurer. With have just a couple months of school left, it's time for the SkillsUSA state conference which is held at MSU Northern April 9-11. May 6-11 is SkillsUSA National Week of Service. Chapters are encouraged to participate. This event is to commemorate the founding of SkillsUSA. The SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference will be June 25-29 in Louisville KY. [<Read More>](#)

Eric Croft, MITEA President

Interim Education Committee Gets Schooled on High School Work Based Learning

Partnerships between the Montana University System, Department of Labor, OPI, and school districts to integrate high-quality Work-Based Learning (WBL) into Montana CTE programs was highlighted in a recent meeting of the Legislature's Interim Education Committee. The MUS's Amy Williams was joined by OPI's TJ Eyer, MTDLI's Casey Schreiner, Billings School District's Scott Anderson, Helena School District's Greg Upham, and Justin Helvik and Robert DoBell from Three Forks School District to present as a panel about CTE funding challenges and integrating Work-Based Learning (WBL) into high school programs. The panel had an informative and dialog-rich session with Committee members highlighting how schools are prioritizing partnerships with industry to give students career insight and experience through internships, apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeships. Also discussed were the impacts in budget cuts at the school and district level, and possible legislative solutions. Want to add to your ability to build WBL options for your students? Contact: MT Dept. of Labor's Work-Based Learning Director Casey Schreiner (CSchreiner@mt.gov), an OPI CTE Specialist, or Montana Career Pathways Coordinator!