

## Region V Conference in Bozeman—A Huge Success

The ACTE Region V Leadership Conference was a huge success! Thanks to the Montana Region V Conference Planning Team for their efforts in providing a fantastic professional development experience. More than 270 paid registrants were able to participate in a variety of business and industry tours, 37 breakout sessions, roundtable sessions, and excellent keynote speakers (Mark Perna and Terry Sumerlin) as well as the Gallatin Manufacturing business panel.

There were more than 95 first-time attendees and 18 of them were awarded \$250 stipends. Nancy Trivette, ACTE President Elect represented ACTE and spoke during the Thursday luncheon, bringing highlights of ACTE activities. Presenter presentations can be found [here](#). Conference photos are posted here. Thanks to all those who participated and made this time together memorable.

Make plans to attend next year's ACTE Region V Leadership Conference to be held April 10–13, 2019, in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

*Mark Branger, Executive Director*

### Region V Wind Publication Awards



Mark Branger receiving the Region V Newsletter of the Year, Membership Recruitment & Advocacy Publication of the Year Awards at the 2019 Region V Leadership Conference in Bozeman

## President's Message

Our harried sprint to summer is numbered in hours and minutes instead of weeks and days. It's almost time for that much needed break from our daily lives. Instead of just relaxing, many of us will spend our summer rejuvenating and improving ourselves. My grandfather taught me an important lesson when I was 19 years old. "Learn something every day." It can be something simple but "if you don't learn something every day you might as well be dead." Let's look toward the future a bit beyond just improving ourselves.

As we look toward improving ourselves, let's look at what we can learn that we can share with those around us. There is a teacher shortage in the upper grades; that is no secret. Those of us that have survived, maybe we need to work a bit to share what keeps us doing what we are doing. Maybe by helping and mentoring our younger teachers, and sometimes even our experienced teachers, we will start to see improvements in our numbers of teachers staying in the profession. This summer, I encourage you to examine a couple things; Why do you do what you do? Where do your passions lay? What not only keeps you in the profession but enjoying it? Analyze these things in yourself and then share it with others. I do not believe that everyone with a teaching degree should be a teacher, but maybe you can keep a person with quality potential in the profession.

*Carla Leligdowicz, Montana ACTE President*

### CTE Teacher Spotlight

Bev Tompers, Belgrade FCS Teacher, is our feature Teacher in this newsletter. [<Read More>](#)

## Save the Date! 2019 Montana ACTE Fall Institute

This October, Montana CTE professionals from across the state will gather in Great Falls, October 17-18 for the most exciting CTE event of the year in Montana. This year's theme is "**CTE: Strengthening Quality Programs**" with our keynote speaker, [Rachael Mann](#). Rachael is the founder of #TeachlikeTED and coauthor of *The Martians in Your Classroom*. Prior to #TeachlikeTED, Rachael was the Network to Transform Teaching and STEM Professional Learning Director for Northern Arizona University's AZK12 Center and State Director for Educators Rising Arizona. You will not want to miss Rachael's keynote presentation, **Prepare for Impact!** 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](http://www.montanaacte.org) by **September 1**

## MAFCSE Update

I am definitely looking forward to summer and taking some much needed time off before preparing for next school year. Montana is fortunate to have NRAEF training this summer in Missoula June 23rd-28th. If you have not taken advantage of this training in the past it is a great way to learn new skills for the culinary classroom. Don't have time this year, plan to attend next year and apply for a NRAEF scholarship in January, this scholarship will pay all your expenses for this outstanding training.

Just to keep things interesting National FCCLA starts on June 28th in Anaheim, California. Next year National FCCLA will be in Washington D.C. if you need time to plan ahead. Each year this is one of the best places to network and share classroom ideas with teachers from all over the U.S. If you don't already have a chapter and want more information please contact our NEW FCCLA STATE DIRECTOR, Whitney Whittcarr at [director@mtfccla.org](mailto:director@mtfccla.org) for information about FCCLA and the benefits for students. [<Read More>](#)

*Cathe Felz, MAFCSSE President*

## MBEA Update

Greetings MBEA and MACTE membership from your 2019-20 MBEA President Calie Wineinger from Froid Public School. During last year's fall conference we recognized Nicole Bogunovich as Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Jordan Hasquet as our Outstanding Young Business Teacher of the Year. It is very important to our organization to keep recognizing our outstanding educators. Please send nominations to Nicole Bogunovich @ [bogunovichn@billingschools.org](mailto:bogunovichn@billingschools.org) or Mandy Wichman @ [mandy.wichman@hobson.k12.mt.us](mailto:mandy.wichman@hobson.k12.mt.us).

This year your executive board for MBEA consists of Nicole Bugunovich, Past President; Calie Wineigner, President; Casey Donahue, President Elect; Mandy Wichman Vice President; Terri Norman, Treasure; Scott Anderson, Webmaster; Jeannette Barreto, Membership Director. There is an opening for Secretary this year. At the 2019 WBEA conference in Tucson, AZ, Jeannette received an award for Outstanding Membership Director. [<Read More>](#)

*Calie Wineingar, MBEA President*

## MITEA Update

- Upcoming training
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline: Montana Contractors Association- scholarships for students grants for teachers (\$1000 each) [www.mtagc.org](http://www.mtagc.org)
  - July 18-20: Mastercam workshop at Highlands
  - July 22-26: STEM Guitar Project; in Bozeman  
Dan Brown: [dan.brown@bsd7.org](mailto:dan.brown@bsd7.org); Scot Rabe: [Srabe@vcccd.edu](mailto:Srabe@vcccd.edu)
  - Highlands College: Snap-On Multimeter training; Jerry Stewart ([jstewart@mtech.edu](mailto:jstewart@mtech.edu)) (date to be decided)
- State conference for SkillsUSA
  - April 8-10 in Havre, MT

*Jake Spearson, MITEA President*

## Missoula Ag Center Recognized as Innovative Program for Region V

The Missoula County Public Schools Agriculture Center was recognized as a Region V Innovative Program at the Region V Conference in Bozeman in April. The Agriculture Center is located on a 100-acre working farm in the Missoula Valley of Montana. The program serves all three high schools in the county with a combined population of nearly 4500 students. The MCPS Ag Center is staffed by 4 Agriculture teachers and includes a land lab consisting of hay, pasture, feed crops, gardens and educational buildings. [<Read More>](#)

