



KACTE Board Moves Forward with Initiatives, Member Benefits

Under the leadership on Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) President Dale Winkler, principal, Montgomery County Area Technology Center, the 2009-2010 KACTE Board is striving to enhance program initiatives and strengthen member benefits.

Task Forces Address 2009-2010 KACTE Goals

The KACTE Board approved four task forces to address goals set by President Winkler. Each Board member has a responsibility to contribute to at least one of the task forces. They are:

- **Leadership**, led by Donnalie Stratton, which will build on the two-pronged focus of building leadership in CTE and in KACTE. The first KACTE Leadership Summit met twice, on July 8 and September 10, to develop leadership skills. The first group is charged with presenting leadership development programs at the 2010 Summer Program and with creating an on-going Leadership Summit program.
- **Industry Certifications/CTE Teacher Recruitment**, led by President Dale Winkler, has one project that will roll out in December 2009 to provide one-time grants to preservice teachers to assist them in meeting the initial financial challenges of student teaching. Applications have been sent to Kentucky's teacher educators. Additional initiatives are under consideration.
- **Public Relations/Membership**, led by President Dale Winkler, has approved a 100 Percent Challenge membership recruitment incentive. It also is working with Legislative Liaison Tim Thornberry and KACTE staff to enhance the image of CTE among the general public, associations, business and industry, opinion leaders, and elected and appointed officials.
- **ACTE 2010 Region 2 Conference**, led by Sarah Raikes, will fulfill the responsibility of Kentucky ACTE in being the host of the annual ACTE Region 2 conference Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2010. To be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, attendees from Alabama, Bahamas, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia will participate.

Continuing KACTE Programs Remain Active

- **CTE Student Leadership Day** (formerly Student Organization Leadership Day -- SOLD) will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, in Frankfort. This citizenship opportunity is expanded this year for all CTE students, not just members of student organizations. The registration deadline is Jan. 13, 2010. The registration form may be found at www.kacteonline.org in the Student Organization section.
- **Advocacy** will take priority when the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly convenes in January 2010. This is the budget session, and KACTE will advise legislators on the importance of CTE in a comprehensive educational system.
- **Communications** is critical for any organization, and KACTE is pursuing a complete overhaul and update of its website, www.kacteonline.org. The goal is to have a more relevant and interactive website that will serve as a more effective forum for KACTE members.
- **The 2010 Statewide Career and Technical Education Summer Program** will be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, July 18-21, 2009. The program currently is underdevelopment guided by the theme of *Focus on the Future*, with strands on Technology, Transitions and Teamwork.

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KACTE to Invest Funds in Benefit Programs

Utilizing accumulated funds from previously successful Summer Programs, the KACTE Board approved investment in several programs for member benefit and to support the CTE profession. The initiatives are:

- A Professional Development Fund for use by state agencies when state funds are not available to support broad-based professional development projects.
- Funding of an Entrepreneurial Contest to be created by Career and Technical Education Organization State Advisers with participation among all CTSOs.
- Grants for middle school teachers, who have no access to Perkins professional development funds, to attend the Summer Program.
- Grants to preservice teachers to support their student teaching experience.
- Support for the KACTE Leadership Summit project.

KACTE Participates in SB1 Task Force

KACTE President Dale Winkler was invited to serve on a Kentucky Department of Education Task Force to guide the professional development activities necessary to implement the goals of Senate Bill 1 passed in the 2009 Kentucky General Assembly session. Also representing CTE on the SB1 Task Force were RaAnn Miller, Division of Career and Technical Education, and Joe Morgan and Karen Nash, Office of Career and Technical Education.

KACTE Resolutions

The sought-out participation of KACTE and CTE professionals in the implementation of the SB1 project testifies to the growing recognition of CTE as an integral component of a comprehensive educational system. KACTE will continue to seek projects to further the goal of enhancing the image and promoting the relevance of Career and Technical Education in Kentucky. This includes projects to fulfill three resolutions passed at the 2009 KACTE Annual Meeting:

- 1. Study Trimester Scheduling and the Impact on CTE***
- 2. Promote the Role of CTE in Dropout Prevention***
- 3. Focus on Energy Education in CTE***

Much of the efforts in these areas will be reflected in presentations, sessions and workshops at the 2010 CTE Summer Program.

Got an Idea?

KACTE's Officers and Board will meet on Jan. 14, in Elizabethtown. Do you have a suggestion for KACTE action, a new program, or on an existing initiative? Your input is welcome and encouraged. Please send any ideas, questions, comments or requests for additional information to:

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