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45th Annual Conference Wrap-Up

The FACTE 45th annual summer conference and trade show took place July 25-28th, at the Hilton Clearwater Beach resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. This year's conference was HOT! Literally. The Friday prior to the conference, the air conditioner unit for the hotel's meeting space was struck by lightning. We moved a few of the meetings to different rooms, and the hotel compensated the attendees' discomfort by providing them with free beverages at the Scholarship Auction and Dinner on Tuesday night. By Wednesday, the air conditioner was working again. We would like to thank the attendees for their patience with this minor hiccup.

Unlike the morning meetings, the annual scholarship auction was

very cool. The 16 baskets and other items up for auction earned \$1695.00 for the scholarship fund. The FACTE scholarship fund is used to award outstanding secondary and post-secondary CTE students as well as outstanding CTE teachers. Each year, four individuals are selected to receive a \$500.00 scholarship from this fund. Their scholarships are used to purchase classroom supplies and/or tuition. A special thanks to all of our basket-donators, bidders, and auctioneer staff who made this year's event such a success.

Wednesday was packed with 45 various workshops and FACTE's Annual Award Luncheon. The workshop topics included *Biotechnology: Labs*

that Work, Maximizing Industry & Academy Partnerships, and How to Teach Financial Literacy in CTE just to name a few. All the workshops have received great reviews, and FACTE will try to post some of those Powerpoint presentations to the website.

In addition to our regular conference activities, this year FACTE hosted a post-conference to discuss FEFP issues. This meeting, conducted by Doug Wagner, did an excellent job explaining the importance of data and its impact on district funding.

Next month's issue of *The Enlightener* will provide in-depth review of all of FACTE 2011 award winners, who were honored at our annual award luncheon.



Pictured Below: We would like to thank our outgoing president, James Cooper (3rd from left) and welcome our incoming president Dan Davis (on the left).



Student Success Story from Orlando Tech

A scholarship recipient, Richard Reed, made everyone proud this year by representing Orlando Tech's Digital Video Production Program, and winning a state championship medal. He went on to represent the Tech Centers at the NATIONAL SKILLS USA COMPETITION. He says, "Just outside the trade skills that I've learned, I was also taught social media, networking, continued education and preparation to compete with competitors in the field". Richard continues, "Skills USA, along with winning and competing on the national level, was the highlight of my year". What started as a hobby, turned into an award winning education, skills and a new sense of self-worth for Rich-

ard.

Richard speaks on what he found most impressive about the tech centers, "The volume of hands-on experience, the lab work and professional studio environment are impressive." He also says, "Being that I had been out of the classroom for 30 years, I set myself up to fail, but the instructors challenged me. Without them, I would have quit. The personal support of the administration as well as classmates' encouragement kept me going".

When asked to use one word to describe his education at O-Tech, Richard states, "VALUABLE. It was here, at O-Tech that I had a chance to increase my

self-worth. That is valuable and no one can take that away from me".



Richard Reed, seated, works with Digital Video Production instructor Jeremiah Baumbach.

ACTE Releases Paper on the Impact of CTSOs

ACTE recently released "Expanding Career Readiness Through Career and Technical Student Organizations." The paper illustrates how students participating in career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) strengthen their career readiness through co-curricular programming in such areas as leadership development, academic and career development, professional development and community service.

National dialogue has escalated around the concepts of college and career readiness but most of the focus has been on academic skills alone. The paper is part of ACTE's Career Readiness Series, which concentrates on how elements of the CTE system support students' academic, technical and employability skill development. CTSOs provide students with different opportunities to learn all three skill sets, which American business and industry say are necessary in today's workforce.

More than 1.5 million students participate in a CTSO, and research has shown that participating in CTSOs has a definite impact on students' overall career readiness:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) high school seniors significantly outperformed their non-FBLA counterparts on four performance measures: ACT scores; SAT scores; GPA; and graduation rate.

- According to the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education, participating in leadership and professional development activities in a CTSO raises students' educational aspirations.

- Students who participate in CTSOs demonstrate higher levels of academic engagement, civic engagement, career self-efficacy, and employability skills than other students, and the more students participate in CTSO activities, the better the results.

- Students who participate in school organizations in 10th grade have higher high school grade point average and are more likely to be enrolled in college at 21 than other students.

Students participating in CTSOs learn contextualized academic instruction and have the opportunity to work in settings where the career skills learned in the classroom can be utilized. Each CTSO offers students a chance to explore career-related tasks aligned with state academic standards. By participating in these organizations, students are able to develop leadership, teamwork, creativity and technical skills.

"CTSOs provide students a unique opportunity to explore their career interests and learn the employability and technical skills necessary to be career-ready," said ACTE Executive Director Jan Bray. "Unfortunately, the cut to federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical

Education Act (Perkins Act) funding in the FY 2011 budget will impede student CTSO opportunities. In order to keep America's economy moving forward, it's critical that we continue to invest in CTE. We need to increase the number of students graduating from high school and postsecondary institutions that have the education and skills to fill the pipeline of workers business and industry need."

CTSOs encourage students to continue their career-path education and assume personal responsibility for their own career readiness. The U.S. Congress has specifically authorized CTSOs in the Perkins Act, and they operate as national not-for-profit organizations divided into state associations and local school chapters. Funds from the Perkins Act can be used to support local CTSOs.

There are 11 CTSOs recognized by the Department of Education are: [Business Professionals of America](#), [DECA](#), [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#), [Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda](#), [Future Educators Association](#), [Health Occupations Students of America](#), [the National FFA](#), [National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization](#), [National Young Farmer Educational Association](#), [SkillsUSA](#), and [Technology Student Association](#).

To obtain a copy of the paper, please visit ACTE's [Web site](#).

Career and Educational Opportunities

LPN Position at Orlando Tech

- Must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing
- Must possess a current/valid Florida RN license
- Must have five (5) years hospital clinical experience and/or home health nursing experience

Contact Angie Daigle for more information
407-246-7060 ext. 4801

LPN Program Coordinator Suwannee-Hamilton Tech Center

Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center is looking for an LPN program coordinator. Click [here](#) for more information.

Middle School Tech Ed Teacher Brevard County Schools

Brevard County is looking a middle school technology education teacher. For more information please contact Janice Scholz:

321-633-1000 x384
Scholz.Janice@Brevardschools.org

Culinary Arts Teacher

Charlotte County has a vacancy for a Culinary Arts teacher at Port Charlotte High School.

Interested teachers may go to the website for information:

yourcharlotteschools.net

Environmental Resource Teacher

Jefferson Middle/High School is looking for an Environmental Resources teacher.

Will be purchasing all new equipment and program will have lots of community support.

Contact Dr. Melvin Roberts for information

Roberts_M@Firn.Edu
850-342-0100 Ext. 226

University of West Florida offers online courses in workforce and adult education.

Fall 2011

Term B (Courses begins in August)

ECT 4380, BTE 4401, ECW 4310 & DEC 4401—Special Methods

ECT 4560/ ECW 6561—Selection and Guidance for CTE

ECW 6695—School & Community Relations

Term C (Courses begin in October)

ECT 3367—Instructional Evaluation

ECT 5266—Adm. & Supervision of CTE Programs

Spring 2012

Term B (Courses begin in January)

ECT 3004—Principles of CTE

ECT 5295—Curr/Staff Development

Term C (Courses begin in March)

ECT 4562/ ECT 5566—Intro to Special Needs Education for CTE

ECT 6669—Trends & Issues

Please contact Dr. Jill White for more information.

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850-474-3395

Tax Free Weekend

Florida's back-to-school sales tax holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 12, 2011, and end at midnight Sunday, August 14, 2011.

During this period, no sales tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$75 or less, or on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less.

Future Issues of The Enlightener

Next week FACTE will be spending out a special edition of The FACTE Enlightener. It will be spotlighting all of FACTE 2011-2012 free online courses, such as "Classroom Management for CTE" and "Career Academies: Building a Successful Foundation." You do not want to miss this edition, so be sure to keep checking your inbox.

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If you would like to submit article for future editions of The FACTE Enlightener, please do so by emailing your submissions to lboyd@facte.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



Florida Technology Student Association

Florida Technology Student Association (TSA) has become the top State for Award Winners at National-level competition. Florida's Manatee County chapters have received more awards than every county in America.

Gil Burlew, a long-time TSA Advisor and a fundraising guru, reported that his Chapter at Braden River High School won the this year First Place for Outstanding Chapter, with South East High and Lakewood Ranch of Manatee rounding out the top three spots.

Florida TSA has been breaking records in many areas. There were over 1000 student competing at State this year and their membership has increased through the roof. TSA offers a

wide range of student competitions from construction to electrical engineering, to film editing, to parliamentary procedures and everything in between. It is an engaging extra-curricular club that allows students to see the value of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in real world applications.

Florida TSA's Fall Leadership Conference is on November 3-5th in Orlando and their annual State competition is on



Gil Burlew (first row, far left) pictured with his "Outstanding" Braden River High Chapter.

February 22-25 in Beautiful Amelia Island. If you are interested in start a TSA chapter at your middle or high school, visit the association's website www.floridatsa.com.