

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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The Fair, The Fair:

Mark your calendars now for the Manatee County Fair (January 17th through the 26th). The ACT Department is gearing up for an impressive showing. We are having a department booth where we will showcase all of your great programs, plus we are set to showcase Manatee Technical Institute and all of the opportunities there. Please make sure you are working on your display boards (sent to each department head last month) and see your Career Connections Coordinators/Advisors to sign up for times to man the booth (plus free tickets to the fair for your efforts).

In-service Reporting:

Many of you are busy attending conferences and workshops to update your skills and knowledge. Remember, in order to receive in-service points for something you've attended please refer to page 3 of the Professional Development Training Calendar Fall/Winter (INSERVICE REPORTING FORM). The form is pretty much self-explanatory. Please note that this form must be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of return/completion of the approved activity/project.

Looking For A New Adventure:

The Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program is sponsored by the government of Japan and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). This program aims to increase understanding of Japan among American primary and secondary school teachers and administrators by funding short-term study programs in Japan. 600 participants will be fully sponsored for a three-week tour of Japan. Full-time teachers or administrators of grades 1-12 with little or no prior experience in Japan are asked to visit the website at: <http://www.iie.org/pgms/fmf> or call 888/527-2636 for more information. The Deadline is December 18, 2001.

Tech Prep Job Posted:

The Department of Adult, Career and Technical Education has posted the Tech Prep Specialist position. This re-designed position will now serve two days in Manatee County, two days in Sarasota County and one day at Manatee Community College. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the team to move Career and Technical Education forward please have them visit the web site at <http://pats.co.sbmc/pats/pats.nsf/> to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

District In-service Moved:

The School Board revised the district calendar and moved the spring in-service day from February 8 to March 8 to coincide with our Workforce Development Conference that will be held at Bayshore High School. We are in the final stages of planning for nearly four dozen sessions that are sure to make this in-service one of the best you have ever attended. Mark your calendar now for March 8, 2001, we are hoping to have 100% attendance from our 300+ Career and Technical Education staff here in Manatee County. Stay tuned for more information!

CTSO's Are Moving Forward:

We are now at record levels for the number of programs that are participating in CTSO's this year. Remember, each Secondary Career and Technical Education program in Manatee County has received monies (\$1700.00) from ACT earmarked for Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) development. We urge each teacher to accept the challenge and begin the student organization associated with his or her appropriate discipline. For many organizations affiliation may take place mid year, for those of you who are moving forward with this, thank you!

Program In Practice:

Reminder - each teacher is urged to identify and visit a Program in Practice. Four hundred dollars per teacher has been set aside for this effort. We provide the opportunity for each teacher to visit a program that feeds into his or her program within the district. The opportunity for each teacher to visit an exemplary site in another district has also been extended. After the visit is made, you are asked to share digital pictures and summarize what was learned over e-mail with other teachers in our district. This is an excellent way for others to benefit from your visits. Please do not hesitate to make your visits soon, as substitutes will become more difficult to secure as the year progresses. For those of you who have made your visits already, thank you!

Equipment Requests/Repairs:

Be sure to send in any equipment requests to us along with the Item Master Number. If you have something in your lab that is not working and in need of repair, fill out the Equipment Repair Request and send that in also, we have funds to fix what is not working, but we need to have your request to get things moving forward. In order for our labs to thrive we must stay abreast of new developments and have them on hand for our students.

Middle School Department Heads Meet:

On October 16th middle school department heads met at Lee Middle. Ms. Tracy Acquaro served an array of Halloween goodies for the group. All schools were represented except for one. It is our intent that the department head will go back to his/her school and disseminate the information shared with career and technical education teachers. We are now in the process of compiling financial information collected at both the high school and middle school department meetings. A big thank you is to be extended to all career and technical education teachers who put forth efforts to gather this important information for us. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Florida Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Conference:

If you missed the conference in Ybor City you missed a good one. The tour of H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the University of South Florida was fabulous! If you've never been it's well worth your time and effort. I would encourage a field trip for your students. We can not stress the importance of this, one of the fastest growing occupations in Florida with 44,628 PN's employed in 1998 and the need projected of 57,248 by the year 2008!

Attention Foods/Family & Consumer Science Educators:

Earn Graduate School credit through a 1-week Foods Educator Program Johnson & Wales University is offering, "Methods of Teaching Culinary Arts," a one-week program designed to prepare you to enhance your foods class curriculum. Through a combination of classroom lecture and hands-on learning in their labs, you will work with the Johnson & Wales chef-instructors to learn the methods of Culinary Essentials. To qualify to receive graduate school credit, educators should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree (approximate cost \$900.00). Teachers/students need to complete an application for the program. If interested e-mail Mr. Manuel Pimentel at mpimentel@jwu.edu.

Sea World/Busch Gardens Excellence Awards:

These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of students across the country working at the grass-roots level to protect and preserve the environment. Previous award-winning projects have been in the areas of: habitat restoration; schoolyard beautification; energy and waste reduction; environmental education and community outreach; wildlife protection and natural resource conservation. If you are looking for a small award (\$10,000 each) to move your idea forward click this website <http://www.seaworld.org/EEAwards/eea01.htm>.

Last Word:

A Different Perspective

I am thankful

.. for the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

.. for the mess to clean up after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

.. for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

.. for a carpet that needs vacuuming, windows that need cleaning, and a refrigerator that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

.. for the complaining I hear about the rules and laws of the US Government, because it means we have freedom.

.. for the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking, and that I have transportation.

.. for the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

.. for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

..for the family squabbles this time of year, because it means my family still surrounds me.

.. for the alarm that goes off very early every morning, because it means that I am alive.

And finally... for too much e-mail, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me ..

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Thank you,

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Trish Litton

Debbie Revell

Doug Wagner

