

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

Update #15 – March

Four Paid Summer Opportunities From The ACT Department

1. No Teacher Left Behind - One Day - (Paid \$15.00 per hour & 6 inservice points):

The application was sent out last month (over e-mail and hardcopied to principals), contracted services with trainers, workshop topics and participants are being finalized. What we are talking about is a joint project between Manatee and Sarasota County Schools to offer Instructional Technology Training to 513 Manatee and Sarasota Teachers at the K-12-TechCenter level. Level one (one day in length for each group) has been divided by grade level K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, MTI/SCTI and spread over five days (5/30, 5/31, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5). This training will encompass: Integrating Technology, Standards, and Instructional Practice to Impact Student Learning (just to list a few). Registration is capped at 513 participants from Manatee and Sarasota Counties. For more information call or e-mail Sally Read, the Project Coordinator at 351-8918 <SAGECORP1@aol.com> or anyone in our office at 708-8770 (ex2234).

2. No Teacher Left Behind – Nine Day - (Paid \$15.00 per hour & 65 inservice points)

Level Two - Advanced in-depth training information was sent out with the same e-mail and hardcopied to the principals, the same as the above. It will be June 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20. While we have many topics established for the group, for the interest of the ACT teachers we have setup global positioning systems (GPS) for the TE and Ag teachers; FACS & Health technology applications which will included the *Human Patient Simulator*; and BTE teachers will have applications centering around but not limited to MOUS Certification (which covers Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and PowerPoint); and for DCT and Marketing teachers Virtual Business has been setup. More information will be sent out in the weeks to come to the registered teachers about this paid training opportunity. Registration is capped at 100 participants from Manatee and Sarasota Counties. For more information call or e-mail Sally Read, Project Coordinator 351-8918 <SAGECORP1@aol.com> or anyone in our office at 708-8770 (ex2234).

3. Camp Tech Prep: Boot Camp 2002 (Paid \$15.00 per hour & 24 inservice points)

June 10-13 (8:30-3:30) is the date of this year's Camp Tech Prep. If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in **hands-on activities** at Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) while learning about the exciting programs they offer and how they relate to what you are teaching, please **register by April 26th**. There will be a registration form in your staff mailbox in the next couple of days (sent to each school early this week). Registration is capped at 30 participants from Manatee County. For more information call or e-mail Kelli Kennedy or Marge DiBello at 708-8770 (ex2234).

4. Summer Work Experience (Paid \$15.00 per hour)

In an effort to help vocational teachers gain current information about all aspects of an industry, update technical knowledge in a technical field, interact directly with various local business/industry representatives, identify the skills needed by high school graduates entering the workplace, and develop new teaching strategies to integrate vocational and academic content to enrich the classrooms with "real world" technologies, the ACT department is offering a paid work experience opportunity to teachers. Participants will work a maximum of 80 paid hours (the Non-contracted hourly rate). The work experience must be completed by the end of June. The Teachers in Industry for Educational Support (TIES) Program is funded by a federal grant under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The TIES internship activities are to

relate directly to the teaching assignment of the ACT teacher. A packet containing an Information Sheet, an Application for Participation and Training Agreement (hard copy) was sent to each ACT teacher on Friday, April 5. Your signed application must be received by April 15, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. and be followed by the completion of your Training Agreement by April 22, 2002. Registration is capped at 30 ACT participants. For assistance in completing your TIES application, call or e-mail Trish Litton at 708-8770 (ex2232).

½ Cent Tax Referendum - Time To Act

Did you know that our district has increased by 875 students each year since 94-95 and that we increased by 1500 students per year in 2000 & 2001! The new referendum dollars and impact fees will be used to build new schools, renovate existing schools, help with the elimination of portables, improve teaching and learning environments and much more. If you have not registered to vote please do so by simply calling 741-3823 or for more information check out this website <<http://www.votemanatee.com>>.

2002 Teacher Recognition Program

This year Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. has partnered with Phi Delta Kappa International, the world's leading education association, to implement the annual teacher recognition program. The company will donate \$2 million to local schools with winning teachers. Anyone can nominate an outstanding teacher by visiting a local Wal-Mart, or nominations can also be downloaded from the Phi Delta Kappa web site at <<http://www.pdkintl.org>> and turned in at any store. Nominations will be accepted through April 14, 2002. Winning teachers will receive a \$500 educational grant from the Wal-Mart/SAM'S CLUB Foundation to benefit their local school and an honorary Wal-Mart greeter's vest. They also have the opportunity to apply for the state and national Teacher of the Year honors.

ACT School Meetings

If you will recall, last year we met with all ACT teachers at each school (usually during your regularly scheduled vocational department meetings). We are offering to do the same type of meetings this spring. Please work with your school vocational department heads, who will work with us to schedule these meetings. We are looking forward to seeing and talking to you all.

News From Manatee DECA

Recently marketing students and teachers from Bayshore High School spent the weekend in Orlando for DECA's State Competitions. There were over 1400 students and advisors in attendance. Although Manatee County students did not place to qualify for Nationals in Salt Lake City, Utah, it was a learning experience for everyone. Tanja Tyranski, Marketing Teacher at BHS, said "I was able to collaborate with other advisors, and the students were able to do the same with their peers. I was very proud of how my students represented our school and county". Hats off to you Tanja for making the dreams of our students come true. They are all winners by having what it takes to attend.

2002 Workforce Development Legislative Summary

The Legislature adjourned on March 22, 2002. The bills that did pass that may impact workforce development providers are shown below. Make sure if you pull down copies of these bills that you select the text labeled "ER". This is the enrolled version that goes to the Governor. All enrolled versions are available on the web at <<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>>.

SB 1090 - Student Withdrawal from Postsecondary Education for Military Service

SB 1550 - Child Care Curriculum

HB 329 - NASAs Small Aircraft Transportation

HB 417 - Alcoholic Beverages/Curriculum
HB 519 - Nursing Solutions Act
HB 1641 - FDLE Requirements
HB 1661 - School Advisory Councils

Summer FACTE Conference July 21-24, 2002

As you will recall, last year we offered to send any ACT teacher who wanted to attend the summer FACTE Conference held annually in Orlando. Professional development is critical to ensure that you have the most up-to-date skills and knowledge necessary to facilitate a current real-world program. Please let us know if you would like to attend this year's 36th Annual Conference and Trade Show - July 21-24, 2002 – at the Hyatt Hotel in Orlando. Complete information is available at <<http://www.facte.org>>.

Annual End Of Year ACT Meeting - (Paid \$15.00 per hour & 2 inservice points)

We have been working behind the scenes to finalize the end of the year ACT-dinner meeting, which will be from 4:30-6:30 at a special location to be conveyed when you get your menu selection forms. Please make every effort to clear your calendar for May 7th for the two hours we need for this meeting. We know you will find this year's event as enjoyable as last year's was. Watch for the special e-mail coming out soon with your dinner choice form.

Opportunity For Showcasing Your Programs

Applications are due May 31, 2002 for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exemplary Programs Recognition Awards. If you have the time to put in this short application or know an outstanding secondary or postsecondary program that should be recognized, now is the time to apply for the 2002 nationwide awards program sponsored by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education. Applicants can register on line at <<http://www.nccte.com>> or you can print the application (which is saved as a PDF file) at the following website <<http://www.nccte.org/documents/exemplary/2002CoverApplication.pdf>>

Up Coming CTSO Events -

FCCLA - State FCCLA Conference, April 10-13, 2002, Twin Towers in Orlando.

TSA - State Leadership Conference, April 24-27, 2002, Adam's Mark, Daytona Beach.

DECA - National Conference, April 20-23, 2002, Salt Lake City, Utah.

CECF - National BPA Leadership Conference May 8-12, 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

FBLA - National Leadership Conference, June 29-July 2, 2002, Nashville, Tennessee.

FFA - State Convention – June 11-14, 2002, Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee.

HOSA - Competitive Events, April 5-6, 2002, Adam's Mark Hotel in Jacksonville.

SkillsUSA-VICA - State Conference April 29 - May 1, Mid-Florida Tech./Adam's Mark Hotel, Orlando.

Important ACT Dates To Remember:

5/7/2002 - End of year ACT-Dinner/Meeting 4:30-6:30

8/5/2002 - Back to School ACT-Kick-Off

Last Word

I know the price of success: Dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen. – Frank Lloyd Wright

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