

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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#### **Team Work Request**

Due to the fact that some of the vocational teachers computers are packed up for the summer, please take a few minutes to print, copy and insert this newsletter in your vocational colleagues mailbox at your school.

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#### **Summer FACTE Conference July 21-24, 2002**

Last call for professional development participation for the year. As you will recall, last year we offered to send any ACT teacher who wanted to attend the summer Florida Association for Career & Technical Education FACTE Conference held annually in Orlando. We are making the same offer again this year because 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 by the end of the day Tuesday, June 4th, 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>>.

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#### **Teachers In Industry For Educational Support (TIES) Program**

We were able to enroll all of the ACT teachers who signed up by the deadline to take part in the paid summer innovative Teachers in Industry for Educational Support (TIES) Program. These teachers will gain current information about all aspects of 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 their classrooms with "real world" technologies. Congratulations to: **Marie Chirico**-Manatee Memorial Hospital; **Garry Colpitts**-Ritz Carlton; **Randy Funderburk**-Taylor Publishing; **Dan Grantham**-Prudential Financial; **Lori Kish**-Central Systems & Security; **Suzette Marquette**-Longboat Key Club and **John Baldwin**-Sun Hydraulics. Upon completion of the project teachers will submit a PowerPoint presentation and digital photos at the workplace. This depicts another example of teachers moving their vocational programs forward.

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#### **Sugg Career & Technical Education Students Teach The Teachers**

Twelve TSA students were successful in providing district teachers one-on-one digital camera training. Teachers sat down with sixth, seventh and eighth grade technology students to learn the nuts and bolts of their new FD Mavica digital cameras. The teachers followed the instruction of the "teachers" to learn how to take an accurate shot and to use the memory sticks that were provided. This project was the first of its kind across the state! Teachers utilized the second half of their day visiting feeder programs to gather ideas to better their own programs. Each student (the teachers) completed a written homework assignment, accompanied by digital pictures and sent them to the office through e-mail!

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#### **Did You Know?**

Wondering what happens to all that equipment that supported the Winter Olympics? Gateway is donating up to 4,500 computers from the Salt Lake games to nonprofit agencies. Priority goes to schools and community centers whose programs help enhance access to technology for traditionally underserved students. Complete an application online between April 2 and July 31,

2002 and receive your free computer. For the application plus additional details see the web site at <http://www.gateway.com/olympics/donations.shtml>.

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### **Business Teachers Step Up To The Plate And SHINE!**

Sixteen teachers were successful in participating in an all-expense paid two day MOUS Certification Workshop on March 13-14. Braden River, Sugg, Bayshore, Lakewood Ranch, Manatee, Palmetto, Southeast and MTI were represented. Teachers worked hard to pass as many as five (5) tests! **Nicole Baldwin, Karla Brogdon, Bobbie Colson, Bonnie Condor, Chuck Griggy, Sheryl Griggy, MaryAnn Kauffman, Lori Kish, Steve Lorenzetti, Lil Maddox, Sally Rikard, Deb Riley, Cindy Rees, Larry Scott, Paul Stevenson and Wilda Svoboda** all received at least one MOUS certification. ACT teachers will have an additional opportunity to learn and test in June at the Leave No Teacher Behind Workshop. It is our goal to be the first county in the state to have 100% MOUS certificated teachers that teach with MS Office.

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### **Teachers Honored for Excellence**

Nominations for exemplary teachers and programs in career and technology education were submitted and reviewed with the top teachers being honored at the end of the year ACT dinner/meeting on May 7, 2002.

**Mr. Mike Buckley**, SEHS, Agriscience teacher received the *Teacher Award of Excellence*. Mr. Buckley holds professional certification in agriscience and has 7 years of teaching experience in the county. He adapts curriculum and provides opportunities to meet the varying needs of all students and provides rigor for all. He utilizes community resources to enhance the instructional program at Southeast. He has brought new ideas to the table by serving on the district-wide OJT and CTSO Supplement Task Forces. He has been active with his students this past year in participating in FFA events to include: National FFA Convention, Sub-District Contests, District Contests, Manatee County Fair, State Meats Judging Contest, just to name a few, and plans to travel to the 74th State FFA Convention with twelve students this summer.

**Ms. Linda Chambers**, Harlee, Technology Education teacher received the *New Teacher Award of Excellence*. Ms. Chambers is in her first year in the classroom after being Harlee's tech support. She holds professional certification in Technology Education and has successfully begun a Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter this year at Harlee. Ms. Chambers has worked hard this year to adapt her curriculum to the Standards for Technological Literacy. She spends time attending professional development opportunities to become more effective in the classroom. She will spend much of her free time in training this summer in order to introduce "Project Lead the Way" to students at HMS next year. Both teachers received a plaque in their honor.

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### **No Teacher Left Behind Training Request**

All ACT teachers who signed up for the paid multiple day No Teacher Left Behind training will take place June 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 18 (some will also have the 19th depending on your training). Please bring your Sony digital cameras to the workshop. We will have memory sticks for you plus a few hours will be spent on advanced training for the units. Since our training will be in partnership with the Career and Technical Education teachers in Sarasota County (who do not have cameras) we will ask that you be generous and share the use of your cameras with the other teachers in your workshops (we all need to work together to move forward). Thank you for your efforts and we will see you on July 6th at Lakewood Ranch at the new MTI East Campus at 8:30 a.m. for the first group session of the multiple day workshops. 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).

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### **Up Coming CTSO Events -**

FCCLA – National Leadership Conference, July 7 - 11, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TSA – National Conference, July 25-29, Denver, Colorado.

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

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

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

FFA - State Convention – June 16-20, 2002, Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee.

HOSA – National Leadership Conference, June 26 - 29, 2002 Anaheim, California.

SkillsUSA-VICA – National Championship, June 26-27, Kansas City, Missouri.

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### **Manatee County Tech Ed Students Take Top Honors**

You might have read the positive letter to the editor in the Bradenton Herald on Monday May 20th, or watched the nine first place winners receive recognition at the last televised Board Meeting, or attended or heard about one of the many school-based recognition ceremonies for their superior participation. Being the first year for TSA participation in our county in many years, these students have come a long way this year. The Technology Student Association better know as TSA, was founded over 20 years ago. According to the Florida Department of Education and State Board Rule, "TSA is to be integral part of the Technology Education curriculum". This year our students from Lakewood Ranch, Bayshore High, and Manatee High School along with Haile, Harlee, King, and Sugg Middle Schools, stepped up to the plate, and participated in force against the top students from across the state at the Annual TSA State Competitions held in April. Our students took home 48 trophies, with dozens more finishing in the top 10. Thank you to all who made these dreams come true for our students to have this opportunity to participate in a co-curricular organization.

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### **ACT End-Of-Year-Meeting A Huge (85%) Success**

Our office would like to thank the secondary teachers who took their time to attend our annual (paid) End-Of-The-Year Dinner/Meeting on May 7th. We had a noteworthy 85% or 79 people from our secondary ACT Department attend this important event. Much was celebrated by the accomplishments of our teachers and career staff. If you missed the dinner meeting please contact one of the teachers at your school to find out about the important information that was presented and discussed (this information is only available at these kinds of meetings). Our goal is 100% participation at these meetings, so we will know that 100% of our teachers receive the critical information that is presented; please help us meet this goal of 100% involvement.

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### **ACT Back-To-School Meeting/Luncheon (August 5, 2002)**

Remember to mark your calendar for the upcoming annual (paid) Back-To-School Meeting/Luncheon that will be held the day before school officially starts. This workshop will give all of us ample time to address the important issues (we have many) that will be new to all of the ACT teachers as we move in the restructuring process for our ACT programs. In addition, based on what you indicated on the survey that you filled out at the ACT End-Of-Year-Dinner/Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>, we have an exciting program in the works for you. Plus, as always, you will be paid, fed, and partake in a few great give-a-ways. Please make every effort to be at the meeting. We are

sure you will find it worth your time. We will be sending home reminders to each ACT teacher during the summer about the meeting in the fall (8/5/2002).

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### **Summer Task Force Meetings**

With all of the new initiatives going on in the ACT Department and the need to get it right the first time around, we have been utilizing teacher (paid) and administrator participation task forces. If you are here this summer and would be willing to put your name in a selection pool for consideration to help move initiatives forward, please e-mail us your contact information.

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### **Tech Prep News**

We are making plans for an exciting (paid) Camp Tech Prep. *Boot Camp 2002* will be four days of intensive training on the Tech Prep Programs offered at MTI, MCC and SCTI. It will be LOTS of fun too! If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for next year; applications are usually available in early April. We will also be adding 2 new camps next year at MCC and SCTI. Watch the ACT Update for more information.

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### **Last Thought**

As you close your door to another year in teaching keep in mind that you are a part of a larger group, one that shares the same underlining beliefs as yourself. The teachers and staff of our Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) programs whether here in Manatee County or across the state are devoted to preparing our students for the challenges of today (education) and tomorrow (workforce) both for college or careers we all need to work together to move our programs forward. Have a great summer break!

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### **Important ACT Dates To Remember:**

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

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