

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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ACT LOGO DESIGN CONTEST (PRIZES)

Having completed almost all the program visits one thing that is apparent from site to site, program to program, is the need for our department to be recognized. Everyone reading this newsletter is part of the Department of Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT), whether you teach BTE, AG, DCT, MK, DE, FACS, TE, Health or any of the programs at MTI, you are part of the department. Starting next year we will begin to promote our new logo on brochures, letterhead, posters and business cards (secondary teachers cards will be provided by our office). We need a logo; this is where you come in design two logos; the first must be just the letters "ACT" (used for lapel pins, business cards and things that are small). The second part of the competition is the first logo "ACT" that you designed plus the words "Adult, Career and Technical Education" incorporated somehow into it. Your students can also compete in the event. Each ACT teacher is eligible to submit 3 entries that must be received by this office by midnight May 15, 2001. We will accept any media (black and white and/or color), hand drawn, painted, stitched on a sewing machine, designed using any computer software and so on. Entries will be copied and forwarded back out to this group for judging. The logo receiving the majority of votes wins. The top three (3) teachers with the winning entries (1-3) will receive something great from this office to be used in your program (making it worth your time to enter, plus you are helping to move this department forward). Take a few minutes to put something together, who knows you just might win???

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION COURSES

USF offers the four courses that meet the professional preparation requirement for non-degree vocational teachers. Attached is a "blurb" sheet describing the four courses. Of the four, EVT 4065 - History and Principles of Vocational Education and EVT 4165 - Curriculum Construction are being offered this summer (and are usually offered every semester). To enroll in one or both of them, go to <<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/LFAD>> and you should be able to enroll online. Both of these courses are offered as Web-based courses. Dr. Alan Kohan will teach 4065, and I'll be teaching 4165. An orientation session explaining how to access and navigate the web site will be held Saturday, May 19th here on the Tampa campus in EDU 417 (4065 from 10:00-12:00 and 4165 from 12:00-2:00). EVT 4365 will be taught this fall and again in the summer of 2002. EVT 4562 will be offered this fall and spring. Both EVT 4365 and 4562 are offered on a Saturday format (each course meets 4-5 Saturdays).

COCA-COLA FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Scope: The Coca-Cola Company makes grants to support K-12 public education through its Classroom Teaching and Learning Funding program. This initiative funds unique, groundbreaking public school programs, those "outside the four walls of the [traditional] classroom," teacher development programs, and small projects that provide youth with educational opportunities and support systems to encourage community involvement and civic awareness. Preference will be given to programs supporting elementary and secondary schools. The deadline is open and the grants range from \$500-\$200,000. You must be a public or nonprofit school to be eligible. For more information contact: The Coca-Cola Foundation, P.O. Box 1615 Atlanta, Ga. 30301-1615. Applications for the grant may be downloaded from the Coca-Cola Company website <<http://www.thecocacola.com/foundation/application.html>>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Barb Kitzman, Vocational Department Chair at Lakewood Ranch High and **Becky Phillips**, Lakewood Ranch High's Tech Specialist who both achieved Authorized Instructor status during the MOUS Certification Workshop on April 3rd and 4th! Lakewood Ranch has four AI's on campus. Manatee Technical Institute and Southeast High have one each! This certification will serve as an indication that our high school business programs are meeting current industry standards! Thanks to one and all who participated!

USF FREE COURSE

USF-Stavros Center for Free Enterprise and Economic Education offers a FREE course. Our department has slots for two people to participate in a graduate level course entitled, "Preparing PreK-12 Students for Workforce Success" (EDG 6931). The purpose of this course is to provide PreK-12 educators with knowledge related to the attitudes, skills and competencies required for success in the changing workplace. Educators selected for the course will receive tuition grants to defray the cost of tuition, which is approximately \$430. The course meets on Tuesdays from Semester 1, 2001 – December 4, 2001 on the USF campus. Participants are required to attend each session and develop a program relevant to their particular area of employment. For example, a teacher may wish to develop an interdisciplinary instructional unit incorporating course content with their subject matter curriculum whereas a counselor may elect to develop materials on career opportunities. Please contact Debbie Merrill by Tuesday, May 8, 2001 if you are interested. We will submit the names in the order that we receive them!

GOING WIRELESS

Texas Instruments' TI-Navigator Collaboration Grants program will award up to 100 grants that can be used to help outfit classrooms with the company's newly announced TI-Navigator wireless classroom learning system. Recipients will be able to purchase the TI-Navigator system for \$5,500, vs. list price of \$9,800 and will receive network hardware for one classroom, online professional development, and a one-year subscription to the TI-Navigator server. For more information contact, TI-Navigator Collaboration Grants at: (866) 846-2844 (toll-free) or e-mail <ti-navigator@ti.com> or visit the web site at <http://education.ti.com/>. Our office (ACT) will pick up the required match (\$5,500) for the first ACT teacher who is successful in landing this grant for the first year to get you started in this new innovation in technology.

FFA LEADERSHIP IS SHINING BRIGHT

Southeast High School is very honored to have Sorrell Vickers as a candidate for Area 5 State FFA Vice-President at this year's convention. If this young lady is successful in her quest, she will be the first State FFA Officer in 30 years from Manatee County. As you can guess, we are very excited! Her accomplishments are many and her dedication is unquestionable. Congratulations to Mike Buckley and all of the FFA Advisors for your dedication and providing this kind of leadership opportunities to your agriscience and natural resources students.

END OF THE YEAR ACT MEETING

As we wind down the year and look ahead it is critical that all of the ACT teachers get together for an end of the school year meeting. We are asking everyone to vote for what works best for a meeting/meal/roundtable by e-mailing Debbie Revell, by April 23, 2001.

#1. Thursday, May 10, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant, each teacher will receive inservice points, three hours pay at the inservice rate, updates about ACT Ed, dinner and priceless conversation with your colleagues who teach the same thing you do across the county.

#2. Thursday, May 17, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at a local restaurant, each teacher will receive inservice points, three hours pay at the inservice rate, updates about ACT Ed, dinner and priceless conversation with your colleagues who teach the same thing you do across the county.

#3. Thursday, May 31, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. (last teacher working day for the school year) at a local restaurant, each teacher will receive inservice points, two and a half hours pay at the inservice rate, updates about ACT Ed, a snack supper, and priceless conversation with your colleagues who teach the same thing you do across the county.

#4. Friday, June 1, 7:30-10:30 a.m. (first day of summer break) at a local restaurant, each teacher will receive inservice points, three hours pay at the inservice rate, updates about ACT Ed, a light breakfast, and priceless conversation with your colleagues who teach the same thing you do across the county.

SUMMER FUN THAT LASTS ALL YEAR LONG

Busch Gardens has extended the deadline to get the Florida Fun Card! You have until April 30th to get a year round pass with the purchase of a one-day ticket. If you are looking for a great way to enjoy the weeks of summer, this may be your ticket!

Last Word:

*Your first and foremost job as a leader is to raise your own energy level and then to help orchestrate the energies of those around you. **Peter Drucker***

Thank you,

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Tirsh Litton
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Debbie Revell
Doug Wagner