

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

Update #7 – July 2001

WELCOME BACK!

Get ready for new and exciting changes in Career and Technical Education!

NEWS FLASH

The Balanced Literacy Initiative that is scheduled at your school site from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday will be part of the program at our (ACT) content area in-service meeting from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

We want all teachers in Career and Technical Education to be a part of the Balanced Reading Initiative AND participate in the inservice necessary to move our programs forward. Linda Guilfoyle, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, has offered us the opportunity to share the Balanced Reading information as part of our inservice.

An e-mail has been sent to your Principals outlining this change in format for all Career and Technical Education instructors and related staff. Please contact Debbie Revell in the ACT Ed office and confirm your attendance at the meeting and to reserve your place at the optional lunch workshop, which is from 11:45-12:45! Reservations for lunch MUST be in by 2:00 p.m. TODAY!

DISTRICT-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL IN-SERVICE:

August 8, 2001 will kick off the start of the 2001-02 school year with Dr. Dan Nolan live on TV on every screen in the district. **After** his broadcast, teachers will be released from their schools to attend **content area** in-service meetings. The ACT department will host a short Secondary, Career and Technical Education (ACT Update 8) meeting at the Leatherman Auditorium at MTI, which will start at 1:00 pm, with content area specific break outs to follow. We have a full agenda that will update you on the new and exciting developments that are taking place in the area in which you teach in addition to many new initiatives that will go into effect this year. This is one in-service you can't afford to miss, please be on time.

INVITATION FOR A "CAMERA-READY" LUNCH & WORKSHOP:

August 8th is the District In-service Day when all instructional employees have from 11:00-12:30 off for lunch on your own. We would like to invite all of the Secondary Career and Technical education teachers **to participate** in our Digital Revolution lunch and workshop from 11:45 to 12:45. We will provide a box lunch from Publix, (1/2 sub, bag of chips, apple, cookie and a drink) to all secondary career and technical education teachers who would like to participate in this voluntary lunch/workshop.

The workshop (and lunch) will focus on the use and implementation of the new **Sony FD-92** Mavica Digital camera. All participants of this workshop will **receive a free camera** (a \$700.00 value) for your career and technical education program (limit one per teacher).

(see the web for more details about the Sony)

<<http://www.sel.sony.com/SEL/consumer/ss5/home/digitalstillcameras/digitalmavicartm/mvc-fd92.shtml>>)

Please take time to **reply to Debbie Revell to hold your spot if you are interested** in attending this exciting workshop.

FACTE ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

Each year the Florida Association for Career & Technical Education (FACTE) hosts the Annual FACTE Conference and Trade Show. This year it was held July 22-25, 2001 in Orlando. Thank you to all who attended this event last month. It is so important that we keep our skills and knowledge current to better serve our students. It was apparent at the conference that Manatee County had more participation (based on size of the counties) than any other district in the State. For those of you who took time out of your summer break to attend, thank you!

MANATEE FFA BRAGGING RIGHTS:

Each year FFA elects State officers from across Florida. This year we are pleased to announce that Mike Buckley, FFA Advisor and Agriscience and Natural Resources teacher at Southeast High School has had a student elected to serve. Ms. Sorrell Vickers was elected to serve as the Area V Vice-President for the 2001-02 year. Manatee County has not had a State Officer elected since 1971. That year it also was a student from Southeast High School, Eugene Yancey. Congratulations Mike - you brought state attention to our Career and Technical Education programs in Manatee County.

TECH PREP SUMMER WRAP-UP:

This summer was HOT. . . with Tech Prep activities! Camp was fantastic, with more participants than ever, thanks to some additional funding from Manatee Technical Institute. Thirty-seven teachers and counselors participated in hands-on activities to learn about technical programs and the academic knowledge required for a student to be successful in them. Trips to business and industry provided some insight with regard to the application of education and training. Salary levels were shared and campers were amazed at the amount of money that can be earned with a certificate or an A.S. degree.

New promotional materials were created for Tech Prep, including a new poster! We have posters and a new fold-over flyer that incorporates the poster design to distribute to all of you on August 8th. We are counting on you to help us! We want students to be reminded of Tech Prep visually and to hear about the benefits of the program from you. We are finally making some headway with transitioning students to postsecondary education, which has been the most difficult component of Tech Prep over the years. This promises to be the best year yet for Tech Prep!

WEB SITE EDUCATION COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

A new methods course to fulfill the requirements for business teacher certification, licensure, or advanced study is now available online. A Web-Based Business Education Methods Course, developed by business teacher educators and sponsored by NBEA, is being offered at the University of South Florida. This Web-based course provides a flexible alternative for learning as well as responds to the need for business teachers across the nation. Developed by practitioners and experts in business education, this tailor-made course provides comprehensive methods instruction and teaching strategies specifically for the business teacher. For more information contact Dr. Janet Scaglione, University of South Florida at (813) 974-0038 or <scaglione@tempest.coedu.usf.edu>.

RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENT

Joan Stencik was recognized at FACTE in July for her outstanding contributions to Family & Consumer Science over the years. Joan was named **Outstanding Teacher of the Year**. Joan has been teaching in our county for 25 years at both the middle and high school levels with three additional years spent at the district level. Joan was recognized for her ability to "build programs". This is easily demonstrated through her efforts in opening Harllee and King's Family & Consumer Science departments. Joan was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Synergistic System at Johnson Middle in their FACS department. She took a leadership role in developing the Early Childhood lab at BHS. It was her dedication that began the **Canes Café** at MHS.

Joan has taken a step forward in active involvement in her professional organizations. She has been an active member in FCCLA for 20 years. Joan takes students each year to compete at both the state and

national levels. She has been a district advisor for FCCLA for 7 years and gives freely of her time and energy so students may achieve. Way to go Joan, you brought state attention to our Career and Technical Education programs in Manatee County.

PROGRAMS IN PRACTICE:

Starting in September each vocational (career and technical) teacher will have the opportunity to spend two days visiting other programs. One day you might visit a program that feeds your program and a program that your program feeds within the district. For your second day, you might also visit a similar program in another district! The ACT office will provide a list of exemplary sites in other districts in each program area for you to visit. After the visits are made, you will be asked to share digital pictures and what you have learned over e-mail with other teachers in Manatee County. The sooner you visit, the sooner you will be able to implement new ideas! **Get ready because 2001-2002 promises to be a super year!** Participation information will be distributed at the August 8th meeting.

NEW FACES JOIN THE ACT TEAM

We are very excited to welcome new teachers to this year's ACT team. They will include:

- * Bonnie Condor – BHS Business Department
- * Tammy Schuler – BHS Technology Education Department
- * Linda Stokes – LWRHS Family & Consumer Science Department
- * Paul Stevenson moves over from Math to the Business Department at MHS
- * Angelica Mannino – SEHS Family & Consumer Science Department
- * Linda Chambers moves over from Tech. Support to Technology Education at Harlee
- * Frankie Murdoch moves from Lee to King's Family & Consumer Science Department
- * Mary Ann Kauffman moves from MHS to the BHS Business Department
- * John Baldwin moves from Harlee to SEHS and PHS as the new Leadership Coordinator
- * Terry Estep - BHS and CHS as the new Leadership Coordinator
- * Jacqueline Dulin- LWRHS Career Advisor

Our Department (ACT) is growing as we face the 2001-02 school year with boundless energy and excitement!

Last Word

“Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must first be overcome.”
Samuel Johnson

Thank you,

Marge DiBello
Trish Litton
Debbie Merrill
Debbie Revell
Doug Wagner