

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

Update #9 – September 2001

New Faces Join The ACT Team

In the last e-mail issue (Update #7) we listed 11 new positions or transfers at the secondary level for Career and Technical Education. Today we are adding a few more welcomes and are very excited to welcome our new teachers to this year's ACT team. They will include:

- * Don Taylor – SEHS DCT Coordinator
- * Richard Bookwalter – PHS Engineering Technology 1
- * Douglas Peck – BRMS has switched program from computer science to BTE
- * Lisa Ackerman – BHS Child Development and Parenting Skills

Department Head Meetings:

In order to keep everyone in the loop about what is happening in Adult, Career and Technical (ACT) Education we are establishing secondary level department head meetings. We will rotate monthly, starting with the high school level during September and middle school level to follow during October. The meetings will rotate from school to school with four separate middle school and four separate high school department head meetings each year. We will schedule one joint meeting (ms and hs) around January. The intent of the meetings are to keep department heads up-to-date about issues that effect our programs and to identify and solve any concerns or issues coming from the school level. We will devote a portion of each meeting to professional development focusing on one narrow area that affects all programs. We will be covering the FEFP system (state funding for schools) as the first topic. Your department heads will then pass along the discussion information to all of the ACT teachers at your school (could be through e-mail, meetings or whatever method they choose) but the end result should make the teachers and staff in the ACT department more informed and proactive.

Budget Cut Information:

We did contribute our 10% share of our discretionary fund to aid in the current budget cuts, which will help move Manatee County forward. However, some of our funding sources were not affected. For example, the *Programs in Practice* program, which is funded by a grant from the Florida DOE, was not reduced so it is still in effect. This will provide each teacher a maximum travel and substitute teacher budget of \$400 to be used to visit a program that feeds your program and a program that your program feeds within the district. It also includes a visit to a similar program in another district. Then you will share digital pictures of what you have learned over e-mail with other teachers in Manatee County. **Congratulations to Ray Weiland who has submitted all of the paperwork to be the first ACT teacher to take advantage of this program.** Forms were handed out at the back to school update on August 8th, and we can e-mail them to anyone who cannot locate theirs. The CTSO Program was also cut 10% and is addressed below.

We have dedicated a major portion of this month's update to the new CTSO project, which was funded for this school year. A series of question and answer segments have been included for your reading enjoyment and also to bring everyone up to date on what information has been distributed. We want to be sure that every program area is successful in implementing a CTSO.

Q. What are the Approved CTSO budgets for 2001-2002 for each program area?

A. Funds have been adjusted for budget cuts. Listed below are the funds you have to spend:

5 substitute days per organization, at an average cost of \$64 per day = \$320, dues and fees of \$500 and travel of \$880 for advisors to attend leadership and state conferences and competitions, which brings us to a total of \$1,700 per CTSO Chapter.

Q. How do I know which CTSO's are for my program?

A. If you look on the first page of your Florida Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks (handed out at the ACT back to school meeting on August 8th) you will see the appropriate CTSO listed for the program you are teaching. We have also enclosed a shortlist, but you will need to check in your own frameworks.

Business = Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), or Business Professionals of America, Inc. (BPA).

DCT = Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida, Inc. (CECF) and now affiliated with Business Professionals of America, Inc. (BPA) at the national level.

Marketing = (DECA, Inc.), an association of marketing students, secondary.

Family and Consumer Science = Florida Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Health = Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

TechEd = Technology Student Association (TSA).

Ag = Florida FFA Association.

Industrial = SkillsUSA-VICA.

Q. If another group is inactive, can we inherit their monies to go toward our affiliated students?

A. No, each program area has a budget and, if it is not used, it will be lost. Next year we will ask for funds to support the CTSO programs that started under this new program. Understand, the county is investing in each of your programs this year to get things started, so let's show that we can rise up to our request for funds.

Q. I would like to spend my funds for my lab, but I do not have the time to start a CTSO.

A. Funds were granted through the district budget for the implementation of CTSO's. This is addressed on the first page of your frameworks and in the State Board Rules. If you have funds left over at the end of the year, after you start a CTSO, and would like to purchase items that relate to the components of your CTSO, that would be permissible and encouraged.

Q. I have heard that some teachers are compensated for running a CTSO. Why can't all of the teachers in the State be compensated for CTSO's.

A. That is a topic for the bargaining unit. However, we (the ACT office) developed a proposal this year for compensation for all current CTSO advisors. However, we found out that we had to secure the funds first, and then put in another proposal for next year. That is what we will do, but we would like teachers to implement CTSO's this year, so we will have a reason to ask for the funds to compensate advisors (back to the chicken and the egg scenario) next year. We will ask again next year for teacher compensation, if we have the funds in hand.

Q. Why after all of these years of not having funds to run CTSO's do we have money this year (in a year when everything is being cut)?

A. The request for funds was made based on the goal to implement Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) in all secondary Career and Technical Education Programs in Manatee County, in accordance with State Board Rule 6A-6.065, FAC. CTSO's are a documented component of the Florida Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks for all vocational programs. Just because they have not been funded in the past in Manatee County does NOT mean they are not beneficial for the students, or that the law should be ignored.

Q. I thought I remembered hearing of many programs in our county that had CTSO's in the past.

A. Of the 80(+) Secondary Career and Technical Education teachers in Manatee County, there is a possibility of offering 49 co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's). Last year at the secondary level in Manatee County fewer than a dozen official (dues paying state and national) CTSO's were implemented.

Q. After reading the CTSO handout that was given to us at the ACT back to school meeting on August 8th, why do some teachers get the full amount of funds when others have to share them?

A. Lets take Bayshore High School as an example: Both Tim Estep and Tammy Schuler teach under the Technology Education program area. The appropriate CTSO for TechEd is TSA. They have \$1700 total to spend on TSA (we are starting out with just one CTSO per program area, per school). They can split the work and the travel requirements but the funds should still cover the same amount of chapter activities that Joe McConkey (King Middle) will need to do. Joe is the only Tech Ed teacher at King and, therefore, he will also get \$1700 for his TSA chapter.

Sidebar: If this new system does NOT work equitably this year, we will make adjustments for next year.

Q. When will the funds be deposited in my school account so I can access them?

A. They will not. For this year, funds are held here (ACT Office) under our control so that we can process all of the paper work and see that they are spent evenly and equitably to support all official CTSO activities.

Q. What are the benefits to the programs?

A.1 Professional development – Each CTSO, as a part of its national and regional meeting program, provides professional development opportunities for both teachers and students.

A. 2 Strengthen academic, career and technical skills of students – CTSO programs enhance both academic and career and technical education course work through hands-on, “real world” applications, measured against students from across the state and nation.

A.3 Providing students with a variety of experiences outside the confined walls of the classroom can only help them in future endeavors. Students have the opportunity to learn about varied aspects of the program.

A.4 Involve parents, business and the community in the design, implementation, and evaluation of Career and Technical Education Programs. Supporters of CTSO's frequently get involved as chaperones, event judges, or sponsors of program activities.

A. 5 In addition, through CTSO programs, students are exposed to business and labor leaders in their communities. A natural consequence of adult/student interaction through CTSO's is increased support for career and technical education.

A. 6 Improve career guidance – Each CTSO has programs that supplement and complement the curriculum of its specific discipline. Through their work with guidance counselors, career connections coordinators and advisors, CTSO's provide a valuable component to the career guidance process.

Q. Where are the locations of the 48 funded CTSO's for 2001-02:

A. See list below (if someone finds a mistake please let us know):

Bayshore HS - FBLA or BPA, CECF, DECA, FCCLA, TSA

Manatee HS - FBLA or BPA, CECF, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, TSA

Palmetto HS –FFA, FBLA or BPA, CECF, FCCLA, TSA

Lakewood Ranch HS –FFA, FBLA or BPA, CECF, FCCLA, TSA
Southeast HS –FFA, FBLA or BPA, DECA, FCCLA, TSA
Community High School, TSA, FBLA
Braden River MS – FBLA or BPA, FCCLA, TSA
Haile MS – FFA, FBLA or BPA, TSA
Harlee MS - FBLA or BPA, FCCLA, TSA
Johnson MS – FCCLA, TSA
King MS - FBLA or BPA, FCCLA, TSA
Lee MS - TSA
Lincoln MS – FFA, HOSA, TSA
Sugg MS - FBLA or BPA, FCCLA, TSA



FFA

FFA will have their annual Area Leadership School at Southeast High School on Saturday, September 15, 2001. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The day's events will wind up about 12:30 p.m. Representatives from the Department of Education, along with hundreds of teachers and students statewide, will descend on Manatee County for this leadership opportunity. We are pleased that 100% of our Agriscience and Natural Resources teachers will be attending and participating in FFA this year.



HOSA

Health Science Education is having a combined HOSA advisor/HOEAF teacher meeting October 19-21 in Ybor City. This meeting is for new advisors who wish to start a chapter. The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1700 East 9th Avenue, Ybor City, Tampa 33605. Registration fee for members will be \$65.00 and \$105.00 for non-members. Participants will also take part in a tour of the Moffett Cancer Center. Registration packets are being sent directly to the school advisors and should arrive next week.



SkillsUSA-VICA

The Florida Association of Technical and Industrial Education will have the annual conference this year at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Harbourside on Indian Rocks Beach. This is a joint conference with the Florida Technology Education Association. There will be an informative session about the SkillsUSA-VICA student organization, which is the appropriate CTSO for all industrial education programs. Everything you ever wanted to know about what it's about, how to get involved, and the benefits it offers your students will be discussed. We have a special room rate of \$89 per night for the conference. Your reservations need to be made before September 26, 2001. To make reservations call 727-595-9484 ext. 7040 or email: csheets@hiharbourside.com. -- Remember to identify yourself as a FATIE/FTEA participant. Visit the hotel web site at: www.hiharbourside.com. Make your reservations early @\$89.00 a night for conference rates - cut off is September 26th for the discounted rate - it goes up to \$197 which is the typical Clearwater Beach nightly rate.



FCCLA

All FCCLA teachers received e-mail on 9/4/01 concerning the A+ Conference (the conferences are conducted by National FCCLA leaders and designed to develop both youth and adults) as well as receiving a hardcopy

informational packet on 8/8/01 at our district in-service. If you missed registering for the Sept. 21-22 conference in Lakeland you can still register late, if the dates will work with your schedule. Be sure to take steps to register for the second conference, which will take place Friday, October 12-13, at NOVA Southeastern University, 1750 NE 167th Street, North Miami Beach, 33162. Their number is 800-986-3223. Registration is \$60.00 per person. Registration is due by September 19th for the Miami conference. It would be great for FACS teachers to get a taste of FCCLA even if they are not able to take students. This is a great opportunity to learn about chapter management, competitive events, and organizing within the county.

Registration is \$60-\$70 per person. This fee includes: National and state registration, Youth or adult sessions, Supplies for the workshops. Florida A+ registration forms and checks should be sent to Kevin Tyson, Florida FCCLA, PO Box 600147, Miami, FL, 33160-0147. A returned check fee will be applied to those accounts with insufficient funds. Please make checks payable to Florida FCCLA, Inc. National A+ registration forms and checks should be sent to A+ Registration, FCCLA, LBO Dept M, PO Box 995, Falls Church, VA, 22040-0995. Make checks payable to FCCLA.



CECF

Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida (CECF) will hold the Leadership Training Workshop on October 25 - 27, 2001 at the Delta Orlando Resort. The conference registration deadline and the hotel reservation deadline is September 28, 2001. Affiliation deadline for CECF/BPA is October 15, 2001. The CECF registration packets have been sent (9/7/01) to all DCT Teachers in Manatee County. Patrick Grady is the new Executive Director for CECF/BPA and can be reached at 352-568-1074 or 352-793-8234



TSA

<http://www.florida-tsa.net>

Do you want to learn more about TSA (Technology Student Association)? Do you need some help getting started? Are you looking for a level of support as you venture out into new territory? Do you just need to know that there are other teachers out there trying to do the same thing? Are you a new Technology Education teacher (or even one who has been around) who wants to start a chapter of TSA at your school? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should attend the Annual 2001 Florida TSA New Advisor Training Workshop! The New Advisor Training Workshop is specially designed for new advisors in an effort to demonstrate how easy it can be to implement TSA into your classroom activities. If you attend the workshop you will receive Technology Activities (middle school competitive event rules), Curricular Resources Guide (high school competitive event rules), free affiliation for all students in your chapter, Advisor's Guide, hands-on competitive event activities, plus everything you need to start a new TSA chapter

Hotel Information:

The TSA Advisor Training takes place on October 17th and 18th, which is prior to the Florida Technology Education Association annual conference to be held on October 19th. FTEA is the professional teacher's organization for all Florida teachers in technology education. The Holiday Inn Harbourside, a Key West style resort, is located on a barrier island between Clearwater and St. Petersburg. For the FTEA Conference we have a special room rate of \$89 per night. Your reservations need to be made before September 26, 2001. To make reservations call 727-595-9484, ext. 7040 or email: csheets@hiharbourside.com. -- Remember to identify yourself as a TSA/FTEA participant. Visit the hotel web site at: www.hiharbourside.com. Make your reservations early @\$89.00 a night for conference rates - cut off is September 26th for the discounted rate - it then goes up to \$203 which is the typical Clearwater Beach nightly rate.

The TSA registration packets have been sent (9/7/01) to all Technology Education Teachers in Manatee County.



FBLA

<http://www.floridafbla-pbl.com>

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is an education association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The Association has four divisions:

- FBLA for high school students
- FBLA Middle Level for junior high, middle and intermediate school students
- PBL for postsecondary students
- And the Professional Alumni Division for business people, educators and parents, who support the goals of the Association.

The FBLA-PBL Mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Welcome packets are being sent from Nationals and will be forwarded to each Business Technology Education (BTE) teacher as soon as we get them.



DECA

This year's advisor workshop will be held October 25-28th at the Clearwater Beach Hilton, 400 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach, 33767. Any teacher wanting to attend strictly to observe is free to do so. Activities will begin on Thursday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. with a meeting for teachers/advisors followed by an Opening Session. The days to follow are packed with information on Team Building, Quiz Bowl, Scholarship Information, Certified Teachers Program, Competency Based Events, Marketing Research Events, Chapter Team Events, and Chapter Activities Projects. New advisor packets are to follow in the near future.



BPA

Business Professionals of America has picked up Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida, Inc. (CECF) which is the CTSO for DCT. This was done in order to provide a way for affiliation with a national organization. Therefore, any DCT teacher who has a CECF CTSO will also be affiliated with BPA. We would recommend that if you are a Business Technology Education Teacher you affiliate with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) since FBLA has been operating successfully in Manatee County for years. New advisor packets will go out in the county mail on Monday to all DCT Teachers, if you are a BTE teacher and would like a BPA packet, please e-mail us and one will be sent. For more information about BPA or CECF contact Patrick Grady who is the new Executive Director for CECF/BPA and can be reached at 352-568-1074 or 352-793-8234.

Last Word

Determine that something can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.

Abraham Lincoln

Thank you,

Marge DiBello, Trish Litton, Debbie Merrill, Debbie Revell, and Doug Wagner