

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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ACT Back-To-School Meetings Break All Records

We would like to thank each of you who returned back to work one day early to attend our annual ACT Back-To-School Meeting and Luncheon. It was a long and productive day which was filled with great information and networking opportunities for all Career and Technical teachers. We had record-breaking participation - 95% of our secondary ACT teachers attended. Please mark your calendars for next year's meeting, which will be held at the MTI East campus on August 4, 2003. Our goal is to have 100% of all Secondary Career and Technical Education teachers in attendance at the 2003 meeting.

A Golden Opportunity Awaits You And Your Students

The first ever "Manatee County CTSO Leadership School" is available to all Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) students and advisors. This event will take place October 5, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Southeast High School Auditorium, 1200 37th Avenue East, Bradenton. We ask that all advisors and students wear their official (if your CTSO has one) competition dress. If not, then please respect the County dress code policy and have your students dress appropriately since this is a business type function. You might be wondering who should attend this golden opportunity. All club officers or students with leadership potential and chapter advisors. We are asking that each of the 50 CTSO chapters in Manatee County hold their attendance to ten people (this is a good number to hold to since space is limited, if we have 500 people attend that would be a great start for the first year). We will expose new CTSO officers & advisors to five broad areas of leadership development during the leadership school. Your student's parents can drop them off at Southeast, or they can drive themselves. We will have an advisor summit that will be held at the same time. Refreshments and breakfast foods will be served at no charge. This is a GREAT (free) opportunity that is available right here, crafted for you and your students. So mark your calendars today and begin planning with your chapter to attend.

October 18th In-service Scheduled!

Each October the Florida Department of Education designates one day as the statewide in-service day when all teachers are supposed to attend their respective content area professional development conferences. We have listed your professional area conferences below and ask that you send in the proper forms to attend. Expenses for attending the conference (travel, food, and registration at the member rate) will be paid by this office. Please get your paperwork in ASAP to attend these critical content area professional development conferences. It is imperative that we keep our career and technical education skills and knowledge up-to-date so our students in Manatee County will be prepared to compete in a global marketplace.

Agriscience and Natural Resources Education – With the Ag Expo scheduled for the prior week and the National FAA Convention the preceding week, nothing scheduled on a statewide basis for this week.

Business Technology Education – The Florida Business Technology Education Association (FBTEA) 2002 Fall Conference "Energizing Transitions in Business Technology Education" is scheduled for October 17-19, 2002, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cocoa Beach.

Diversified Education - Nothing scheduled on a statewide basis.

Family and Consumer Sciences – The Florida Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (FEFACS), Annual State-wide Teachers Conference, is scheduled for October 17-19, at the Holiday Inn City Center in Tampa.

Health Science Education – The HOEAF/HOSA Annual Conference is scheduled for October 18 -19, at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Ybor City (Tampa).

Industrial Education – The Florida Association of Technical & Industrial Education (FATIE) conference will be October 16-19, at the Holiday Inn Harbourside Hotel, at Indian Rocks Beach. (<http://www.uwf.edu/pals/noFatie/html/index.htm>)

Marketing Education - Nothing scheduled on a statewide basis.

Public Service Education – Nothing scheduled on a statewide basis.

Technology Education – The Florida Technology Education Association (FTEA) conference is scheduled for October 17-18, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Harbourside Hotel, at Indian Rocks Beach. (<http://www.FTEA.com>)

ACT High School Meetings Set - The ACT Department will be having their annual fall visits at schools to meet with all career and technical education teachers during the third week in September. The meetings will be for the purpose of providing teachers with individual career paths for the Tech Prep programs offered on-site, and to review course masters with individual teachers (to help with correct data reporting). The schedule for school visits is as follows: 9/16-BHS, 9/17-LRHS, 9/18-MHS, 9/19-PHS, and 9/23-SEHS. The meetings will begin at 2:15. Please see your department head for more information.

HOSA Takes Top Honors At Nationals

Manatee County HOSA students have just returned from Anaheim, California where they participated in the 25th Annual HOSA National Leadership Conference. All 12 students had a memorable learning experience, as did the advisors who attended with them. Manatee County showed the entire US what they are made of. The 12 students who attended all made it as finalists in their categories, plus they brought home four National Medals and a National Honor. HOSA advisor, Kim Bland, and HOSA Chapter President, Elisa Winter, were brought to the stage and presented a plaque for having the postsecondary chapter with the highest membership in the nation. This was done during the fabulous pyrotechnic opening session. What a wonderful honor for all of us who teach in Career and Technical Education to share in this success story. We are so proud of all of our students who participate in CTSO's.

Dr. Mary Cantrell Honored for Excellence

We are very proud to announce that Mary Cantrell has been selected by the Florida Association of Career and Technical Education as the 2002 recipient of the Carl Proehl Award for her significant contributions to our field, spanning almost three decades. This is quite an accomplishment, and one that will be recognized at the next Board Meeting on September 9th.

Tech Prep News

We have had a banner summer with Tech Prep students who have taken advantage of the MCC articulation agreements. Our agreements will come up for renewal in January, so don't be surprised if you get asked to serve on an articulation agreement committee. It's very important that we have classroom career and technical education teachers sit on these committees in order to make our agreements work better for our students. If you would like Kelli Kennedy to visit with

your classes to talk about Tech Prep and what it can do for your students, please contact her as soon as possible so you can get on the schedule.

Paid ACT Summer Training Workshops “A Huge Success”

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the ten and a half day Teachers In Industry for Educational Support (TIES) Program, the four-day Camp Tech Prep Boot Camp workshop, the one-day No Teacher Left Behind, and the seven-day No Teacher Left Behind workshops. We also want to thank those of you who drove to Orlando to attend the three-day FACTE Summer Conference, and the teachers who went to New York for 12 days to attend the Project Lead the Way workshops. We also thank the teachers who traveled to Pennsylvania for the Family and Consumer Science five-day module training and those who went to Washington DC for the Model Schools Conference. We also sincerely thank all the teachers who worked so hard this summer on any one of the many ACT Task Force committees. Everything we pulled together was a huge success because of your participation and willingness to advance your skills and knowledge. Please watch for next year's full complement of paid summer offerings from the ACT Department.

Up Coming CTSO Events –

FCCLA - <http://www.fcclainc.org>, District Leadership Meeting, Fort Myers, November 14.

TSA - <http://www.Florida-TSA.net>, New Advisor Training, October 16-17, Holiday Inn Harbourside Hotel, Indian Rocks Beach.

DECA - <http://www.fIDECA.org>, Leadership Conference, October 26-28, Double Tree Hotel, Tampa.

CECF/BPA - <http://www.bpa.org>, Leadership Training Workshop, November 7-9, Daytona Resort & Convention Center, Daytona.

FBLA - <http://fbia-pbl.org>, National Fall Leadership, November 22-23, Adam's Mark Hotel, Jacksonville.

HOSA - <http://www.flhosa.org>, Advisor Conference, October 18 -19, Ybor City (Tampa).

SkillsUSA-VICA - <http://www.flskillsusavica.freesevers.com>, October 19-22, CMI SkillsUSA-VISA Advisor Workshop, Holiday Inn Harbourside Hotel, Indian Rocks Beach.

FFA - <http://flaffa.org>, Area Leadership Workshop, September 20, Woodland Baptist Church, 9607 State Road 70, Bradenton.

Please note the web site address for each organization listed above. Please use these to locate important information concerning membership, calendars, steps in getting a Chapter started and important contact information. The ACT department is here to support you in any way we can to help you achieve a successful Chapter. Attending conferences is one of the most exciting and most demanding aspects of being a CTSO advisor.

OJT Site Training Agreements & State of Florida Application for Employment Due

All OJT teachers are reminded to return the pink copy of both the Site Training Agreement and State of Florida Application for Employment. These were due on September 3, 2002. Along with this application please submit a listing of each student with employer name, address and phone number (spreadsheet). These will be turned in to the Risk Management Department by school.

FCAT Follow Up

Now that things have settled down somewhat, please be sure to review the materials shared at our August 7th FCAT staff development training. We urge you to obtain the data available at your school to identify those students needing some additional attention with FCAT concepts. Be sure to put your hands on a copy of **Lessons Learned** and utilize some of the strategies available in that valuable resource. FCAT will be here before you can say MEOW! Let's not let it catch us napping. We know ACT teachers are leading the way! Be sure to know who your ESE students are and document the modifications and accommodations you are implementing.

Career & Technical Teachers Could Win BIG!

FBLA and VISA U.S.A. are sponsoring a joint effort to recognize teachers who creatively teach financial literacy lessons in their classroom. The top educator will receive a personal computer, a classroom subscription to *USA Today*, a mini-lab of computers for the school, and a \$2,500 gift certificate to a leading on-line merchant for school supplies and books. Let's show VISA that the teachers in Manatee County have what it takes to win the gold. Visit <http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com> to sign up before September 30, 2002.

Three New ACT Grant Funded Positions Posted

We had much discussion at the May Act Update Meeting (#16) about the three new grant funded positions (Articulation and Advisory Advisor, Student Enrollment Advisor and a Vocational Career Counselor) that we have been awarded by the Florida Department of Education to help support what we are doing in career and technical education. They are now posted on the web at <http://www.manatee.k12.fl.us>, click HR, click job listing and online application. If you know qualified candidates who would like to work with this Department please have them apply on-line.

Additional ACT Workshops For October

The Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) Department will host five exciting workshops, all of which are listed below. All workshops will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Workshop registration, transportation costs and substitute expenses will all be covered by this office (ACT). These workshops are on a first come first served basis, and space is limited in each. Location information and registration applications will be forthcoming in the next few days to your vocational department heads, for distribution at your school.

10/21/02, MOUS Certification

Participants will be able to practice and take up to 2 tests that will lead to MS Office Mastery Certification. Practice CD's are available for all Manatee BTE programs.

10/28/02, Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

This will be an introductory overview class for those new to the technology or those who want to brush up on their skills. GPS equipment will be provided for the duration of the training but bring your own GPS from the summer seven day workshop for a more tailored learning experience.

10/25/02, Digital Camera

This class will focus on the use of digital cameras in the career and technical education classroom setting. Cameras will be provided for training but feel free to bring your own Sony for a more tailored learning experience.

10/29/02, Computer Integrated Basics

The class will review basic concepts for Windows, Word & PowerPoint that you may have forgotten, as well as teach some new tips and tricks. Also covered will be Integrating the Internet in the career and technical education classroom.

10/30/02, National Business Technology Education Standards

Business teachers will gain an in-depth understanding of the National Standards for Business Education at an all day staff development on October 30th. Teachers will learn how to most effectively key lesson plans to the Standards. Each teacher in attendance will receive a copy of the new standards. Be on the lookout for additional information from the ACT Department.

Last Thought

To get up each morning with the resolve to be happy...is to set our own conditions to the events of each day. To do this is to condition circumstances instead of being conditioned by them.

--Ralph Waldo Trine

Important ACT Dates To Remember:

10/5/2002 - CTSO Leadership School - 8:30-12:00 (1 month away)

5/6/2003 - End of year ACT-Dinner/Meeting - 4:30-6:30 (7 months away).

8/4/2003 - Back to School ACT-Kick-Off - 8:00-2:00 (11 months away).

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