

Update #23– January, 2003

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

Get Ready To Promote Career & Technical Education

It is that time of year again to get fired up and heavily promote career and technical education. February 9 - 15, 2003 is the official Career and Technical Education Week. The theme this year is "Career Tech - Working On Your Future". To aid you in celebrating this national event with your students, we have prepared special promotional kits, loaded with classroom instructional aids, promotional items and something special for our career and technical teachers (a small thank you for your dedication and service to career and technical education). You are the connection that can make a difference in the lives of our Manatee County students and where they are headed in the future. Watch for your promotional kit in the county mail and contact us if you need further assistance with your planning of activities for February 9-15.

Perkins Funding Threat For Manatee County

In the last few months we have had much discussion about the threat of losing our Perkins grant, which for our county is just over \$500,000.00 annually (this of course, is adding secondary and post secondary together). The initiatives we address using this money are critical to the success of the students who are impacted by the Adult, Career and Technical Education Department. The *Call For Help* packets, which include an issue sheet, address list to send the letters, and sample letters, have been prepared by our office and sent to all secondary vocational department heads for teacher distribution. The MTI Board of Governors were updated and provided packets at the last meeting in December. Extra packets were left at MTI for distribution, and letters were sent in November by all ACT county office staff to President Bush, Senator Nelson, Senator Graham, Representative Harris, Governor Bush, Secretary Paige, and Assistant Secretary D'Amico. The letters voiced our strong objections to the elimination of funding of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act in the 2004 budget. We must not let up now. We cannot stress enough the importance of retaining these critical funds for our ACT programs. Please take time to help in this effort. The *Call for Help* packets have everything you need to get started. Together we can make a difference on this one. Please send us a copy of your sent letters so we can compile one master file on this effort (hopefully to be used at a celebration, if our efforts prevail).

Recruiting For Career & Technical Education

How do you get young women and men to sign up for specific career and technical education activities or career academies? Recruitment into the non-traditional realm requires: proactive marketing and advertising, sending the message "you can do it," and career and salary information. Some role model strategies that have been successful in other areas are: presentations by successful female and male alumni, presentations by women in the community in the target occupational area, articles in the student newspaper with information on career academies to include an interview with a successful female or male in that occupation. The Department of Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) here in Manatee County will be working on these activities as we bring our career and technical education programs forward with non-traditional job shadowing, tours of lab/tech classes, Career Day, speakers and mentors. If you are interested in these opportunities or would like a visit to your classroom so an article can be written on any career and technical activity, please contact Diane Lehman, Student Enrollment/Marketing Advisor, ACT.

Leadership Requires Action

For the first time in this new century the 2003 Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Annual Convention & Career Tech Expo is coming to the Orlando Convention Center. The conference theme is "Discover Your Future", and will be held later in 2003 (December 11-14). As leaders, we need to show the county all of the great things we are doing. This is a golden opportunity to showcase our success to the nation while giving exposure to you as a national conference presenter. Please discuss this among the ACT staff at your school and formulate a topic on which to submit an application to present. The application is located at <http://www.acteonline.org>, click "Convention & Education". If selected to present (which is a big honor), our office will cover your attendance expenses at this event (which will be over and above the allocated professional development budget you receive each year from this department). Please forward a copy of your application to our office so we can keep up with the great things you are doing. The ACTE call for presentations deadline is February 7, 2003.

Consumable Supply Funding

All ACT teachers received a copy of the Consumable Supplies Allocation sheet and monies identifying their particular program, with base student allocation, total number of students, ESE student count, program weights, and student overloads. All of these factors played an integral role in determining the overall total consumable supply allocation for each instructor. The first round of funding was sent to the schools during the first week in December. These funds may only be utilized for items that are consumed within your classes. It would be an impossible task to list every item that would qualify as a consumable supply, however, it is suggested that the teacher ask the question, "will this item be used up during the course of a school year". If the answer is "yes", then more than likely the item qualifies as a consumable supply. Student numbers recorded during the FTE count in February will be used to determine the second round of consumable supply funding to be sent to teachers during the month of February. Teachers are asked to keep all receipts associated with the consumable expenditures occurring this school year for documentation purposes.

District Inservice Set for February 5, 2003

The 2003 District-Wide Inservice Day February 5th promises to be a great learning experience for all. Middle and high school teachers will begin the day by listening to Dr. Crystal Kuykendall at the Manatee Convention Center from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Dr. Kuykendall, Esquire is a very powerful speaker with a very relevant message. Teachers will then have the opportunity to visit the MHS cafeteria where many vendor displays will be available for teachers with fantastic door prizes to be won! Approximately 60 mini-sessions will then be available for teachers to attend from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Most of these sessions will be limited to 30 participants so be sure to arrive early. Be sure to receive your Certificate of Attendance before leaving a session if you choose to complete the additional requirements to receive staff development points. This inservice day promises to be most beneficial to our teachers. We look forward to seeing all of you at the inservice.

CTSO Operating Funds

This is simply a friendly reminder to CTSO Advisors concerning the CTSO funds that were generated this year and placed in your cost centers. Remember that these funds may be used for travel, registrations, hotels, and official CTSO products. These funds will be rolled from year to year so do not feel that all dollars must be spent this year. These funds you received from the Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT) Department are to be used only to support the operation of the CTSO at your school. Be sure to refer to the CTSO Supplement Checklist 2002-2003 that was distributed in August to fully implement your organization. Many teachers have requested information concerning matching funding. It is never too late to request these funds. Simply send in documentation of earned funds along with a copy of the Request For Career And Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Operating Funds form filled out and signed by both Advisor and Bookkeeper and the ACT Department will match those funds. The third round of checks has been cut and will be forwarded to those who submitted the proper paperwork for funds.

Teachers Strive for Level 3 Academy Attainment

On December 10 and 11 academy teachers from both BHS and PHS came together and spent time refining their Action Plans. This was to ensure that the pieces of the puzzle will be in place so that Level 3 attainment is reached while using the Documentation of Academy Assessment Criteria instrument. Teachers spent time learning from experts about curriculum mapping, the three levels of successful school-based curriculum integration, and the five keys for successful career academies. Assistance was given with the development of active advisory committees and for the development of marketing tools for each academy. While each school is approaching the challenge of academy implementation differently, each feels confident that they will achieve success. Teachers are now planning to attend a week long workshop during the first week in June and the Eleventh Annual Model Schools Conference in Kissimmee June 29-July 2, 2003.

Sidebar: The new Academy criteria we have developed for moving our programs forward, has been replicated by other districts across not only Florida but across the nation. Those of you who are involved with this effort have our appreciation and our full support!

Manatee County Fair – School Events

“Celebrate Manatee in 2003” started January 16, 2003 and runs through the 25th. Thank you to those of you who have offered to help out by manning the Career and Technical Education booth which depicts our educational system’s technological advances from the early 1900’s to our current technology. If you did not have a chance to sign up, please contact Marge DiBello at 708-8770 (ext. 2234) to get on the schedule. All participants who help will receive fair passes (this is our way of saying thank you). Check out the fair website at <<http://www.manateecountyfair.com>> for a complete events schedule. The events are as follows

*** Art Exhibit**

There will be a countywide school art exhibit held in the Chaires Building throughout the 10 days of the Fair. It will be showcasing students K through 12 creative art from all our county schools. With the help and hard work of the district art teachers, this art display demonstrates the students’ creativity. Special thanks to organizers Elaine Graham and the K-12 Art teachers for their dedication to this event.

*** Agriculture**

Five schools with Agriculture programs (Palmetto, Lakewood Ranch, Southeast High, Haile and Lincoln Middle) will show their animals in the Autoway Ford Arena at the Fair. Students are responsible for the daily care of their swine, cows, and steer. Students were responsible for getting to the preliminary weigh-ins and periodic checks prior to the final fair competition. Animals will be judged on weight and condition. Students will be evaluated on their showmanship abilities.

*** Career & Technical Education (Ayers Building)**

The Career & Technical Education program will provide a display depicting our educational system technological advances from the early 1900’s to our current technology and will have representatives available each day at the Fair to talk with students, parents and community members about the benefits of career and technical education. They will provide pamphlets of information about our programs currently at the schools for the public.

*** National FFA Organization (Ayers Building)**

Students will showcase FFA Chapter work related to leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education. The broad areas of agriculture, food, fiber, natural resources and environmental sciences will be on display. Each of the 5 schools with Agriscience and Natural Resources programs will be represented.

*** Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)**

MTI will be offering free demonstrations/mini classes on the following:

- 1/16 - 5:00pm - Fire Science (MTI Fire Engine on location) - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/17 - 12:30pm - EMT Blood Pressure - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/17 - 5:00pm - Law Enforcement Academy - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/17 - 6:00pm - CPR Demo - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 11:00am - Culinary Ice Carving - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 11:00pm - Culinary Cookie Baking/Icing - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 1:00pm - Electricity Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 1:00pm - Precision Machine & HVAC - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 5:00pm - Electricity Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/18 - 5:00pm - Precision Machine & HVAC - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/20 - 12:00pm - Healthcare Chair Massages - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/20 - 3:00pm - Healthcare CPR - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/20 - 5:00pm - Fire Science Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/21 - 1:00am - Travel Presentation - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/21 - 5:00pm - A+ Demo - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/22 - 12:00pm - CPR - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/23 - 5:00pm - Automotive Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/23 - 5:00pm - Healthcare Chair Massages - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/24 - 5:00pm - Welding Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/24 - 5:00pm - Healthcare Chair Massages - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/25 - 1:00pm - Welding Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area
- 1/25 - 1:00pm - Healthcare Chair Massages - Kendrick Demonstration Area
- 1/25 - 5:00pm - Welding Student Demos - Outside Demonstration Area

* Tech Bowl

Be sure to come out on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 P.M. at the Manatee Herald-Tribune Stage to support your high school 2003 TECH BOWL team. Stick around and watch your administrators compete, with our very own Herb Tschappat hosting this event!

MTI CTSO Students Recognized In Tallahassee

Governor Bush and his Cabinet at the last Department of Education Cabinet Meeting in Tallahassee recognized MTI's National SkillsUSA-VICA medal winners. 3 of our 4 national medallists, Schuyler Cook (Culinary), Justin Warren (Criminal Justice) and Tonja Edwards (First Aid/CPR & Cosmetology) were recognized and presented with a Resolution from the Governor and the Cabinet for their accomplishments, and the accomplishments of their instructors. Dennis Valone (Law Enforcement) was unable to attend. Congratulations to these students, and their dedicated instructors Carol Mueller, Garry Collpitts, Suzette Marquette, Kevin Murphy, John Simpson, Marilyn Ingold, Judy Millard and Marcia Maier.

Programs And Practice

Remember each of you have travel funds (from our Perkins Grant) for professional development. The Programs in Practice program we set up last year is still a great way to update your program knowledge from master teachers in award winning programs locally and from around the state. The opportunity you have to visit and see what is going on in programs that are similar to what you teach is a great way to bring back new and innovative teaching strategies that can help move our career and technical education programs forward. If you are still looking for an out-of-county program to visit please contact us.

January Department Chair Meeting

Our middle school department chair meeting will be held January 28, 2003 at Braden River Middle School from 4:20-5:20 P.M. Primary topics of discussion will be funding issues, legislative issues and Advisory Committees.

Up Coming CTSO Events –

CECF/BPA - <http://www.bpa.org>, District Conference, January 29, FCCI, Lakewood Ranch.

DECA - <http://www.flDECA.org>, State Conference February 27-March 2, Royal Caribe Hotel, Orlando

FBLA - <http://fblla-pbl.org>, District Leadership Conference, February 20, Sebring High School, Sebring.

FCCLA - <http://www.fcclainc.org>, District Proficiency Events, February 10, Ft. Myers.

FFA - <http://flaffa.org>, District Contest, January 23, Woodland Baptist, Bradenton.

HOSA - <http://www.flhosa.org>, District Conference, February 20, MTI East, Bradenton.

SkillsUSA-VICA - <http://www.FloridaVICA.org>, Regional Competition, February 27-28, MTI and SCTI.

TSA - <http://www.Florida-TSA.net>, District Competition, February 15, Sugg Middle School, Bradenton.

Please note the web site address for each organization listed above. Please use these sites 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.

Last Thought

Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward; they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet

Important ACT Dates To Remember:

5/6/2003 - End of year ACT-Dinner/Meeting - 4:30-6:30

8/4/2003 - Back to School ACT-Kick-Off - 8:00-2:00

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