

## Update #35

November 11, 2004

### Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

#### Manatee County School District

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#### **Dr. Steve Barone Presents - Promise Keeping Workshop**

Earlier this semester over 150 Adult, Career, and Technical Education (ACT) teachers gathered at the DaySpring Conference Center to hear Dr. Steve Barone, Transformation Systems, Ltd., present a three hour workshop on promise keeping. This stems from the district-wide focus lead by Dr. Roger Dearing, Superintendent, on building trust through making and managing commitments, which was presented to some 240 educational leaders across the district last year. Teachers listened intently as Dr. Barone outlined the procedure for making and accepting promises and the importance of promise keeping. ACT knows that in order for the focus of the Superintendent to trickle down to each and every classroom teacher they needed to hear this information first hand, just as it had been presented to the 240 educational leaders last year. Teachers were enthusiastic about the information they heard, with many commenting that it was the best in-service they had attended in years. The ACT Office is committed to following the procedures set forth by Dr. Barone and truly feels if each and every employee follows these easy steps of promise keeping a higher level of trust will be experienced by all.

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#### **Are You Giving Your Students A Choice?**

The new version of Choices has arrived and should be installed on the computers at the high schools. The program has been modified and many new enhancements have been added. Peggy Land, from the DOE, was here to present a workshop on it for our high school instructors. The workshop was held earlier this semester and had a great turnout. If you have still not implemented this great learning tool in your program call Angie to find out how to get started. Thank you goes out to Bob Jenkins, Judy Bodmer, Barb Kitzman, T.C. Collins, Joy Voelkel, Melissa Gagnon and Phil Upton (LRHS), Peggy Hill, Peggy Coon, Deb Alwin, Mike Ingram, LaQuita Parent, Charles Griggy, and Bill Bishop (PHS), Mary Beth Poncin (SEHS). Laurie Kitchie, Lauren Sato, Laura Moran, Cheryl Rigney, Charlie Mills, Flo Brazukus and Boots Hodges (MHS) for taking their time to attend this important career and technical education workshop!

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#### **Program Enhancement Funding Opportunity**

All secondary ACT teachers have a voluntary opportunity to receive additional funding to enhance their programs. The January 20, 2005 deadline is fast approaching. The ACT Department will fund programs that submit appropriate documentation within their notebooks. The following 11 areas cover the possibility of points:

- Rigorous and Relevant Curriculum
- Final Class Reports
- Tools, Equipment & Safety
- Recruitment and Articulation of Students
- Legislative Content Area Support
- Professional Development-Content Area
- Professional Participation-Content Area
- Community/Guidance/Principal/Support Center Visits
- Positive Public Relations
- Awards Teacher/Student/Program
- Student Achievement

Teachers, please record the appropriate information under the "Total Points" and "Date" columns on the outline sheet, and complete your sign-off sheet with all signatures, prior to submitting the notebook. Notebooks are due to the ACT Office on or before January 20, 2005. Notebooks will not be accepted after January 20th. Each notebook will be evaluated and funds transferred as soon as possible. If you miss this opportunity for this round of additional funding the second submission date is June 10, 2005. Keep in mind this is a voluntary opportunity and could be used by programs that are in need of additional funds. Congratulations to last year's participants - the numbers show that a majority of our ACT teachers are taking advantage of this golden opportunity to increase the funds for their programs.

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### **We Are M.A.D!**

"Making a Difference" was the theme of the 2004 Florida Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference held October 14-16 in Tampa. Manatee County teachers present were: Jill Bergeron (BRMS), Elaine Bowling (LRHS), Jennifer Collier, Colleen Keip, and Elaine Nuenschwander (SEHS), Peggy Coon and Lynda Elkin (PHS), and Joan Stencik (MHS). Trish Litton, Secondary Vocational Program Specialist (ACT) also attended. They enjoyed great speakers, sessions, and luncheons. It was a great professional growth opportunity to learn and network. If you are teaching Family and Consumer Sciences and did not attend, please make every effort to attend next year as professional development is critical to the advancement of the program.

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### **Curriculum Development Mini Grant Opportunity**

Please be sure to send in your Application for ACT Mini Grant Funding for Curriculum Development by November 15, 2004 if you are interested. If you are a new teacher this year, or new to our department, and are unsure what this opportunity is all about be sure to check your ACT Notebook behind tab #9 to get the details. This is an outstanding opportunity for teachers that wish to go the extra mile to develop curriculum in their area. This opportunity is unique to Manatee County and provides teachers the means to "beef up" and expand the curriculum that they bring to their students on a daily basis. Be sure not to miss the deadline! We anxiously await your application. This is a completely voluntary opportunity we offer our ACT teachers in Manatee County!

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### **It's Farm City Week Now!**

November 12-20 is a big deal for us in Manatee County! Among lots of events during these 9 days comes the Ag Venture on Wednesday, November 17. This is an opportunity for 1,500 third graders across the district to attend an activity at the IMC Arena, Palmetto Fairgrounds and rotate to various Agriscience learning centers learning about animals, produce, plants and a variety of life skills related to agriculture. Our Agriscience teachers and 4-H leaders are heavily involved in this activity. If anyone would like to volunteer from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. (or a portion thereof) on this day helping out, please contact Kate Smith at the Palmetto 4-H Center. It's important to wear comfortable shoes. Lunch is provided. You MUST contact Kate prior to the event to register. For those who helped out last year I'm sure you would agree that the day is a fun one! Congratulations to the following winners of this year's Farm City Week Essay Contest! High School: C. Dust, First Place and L. Coarsey, Second Place (SEHS), M. Weiland, Third Place (LRHS). Middle School: L. Liles, First Place, B. Tarpley, Second Place and R. Frey, Third Place (LMS). Thanks to Southeast, Lakewood Ranch and Lincoln for submitting essays this year! The appropriate plaques have been ordered. This year's high school and middle school winners, and their parents, will be honored at the Historical Luncheon on Thursday, November 18 at the Woman's Club of Palmetto on 6th Street.

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### **Business Teachers Rock'n Forward!**

Manatee County was out in full force at the Florida Business Technology Education Association conference last month in Orlando. This conference enabled business teachers from around the state to come together for developing rubrics, networking, DOE updates, workshops on new technology and software, encounters with curriculum and textbook representatives, and to elect new state officers. Manatee County had more participants than any other county in the entire State of Florida (your actions are speaking loudly that we are moving forward with our business programs). A big thank you goes out to Patti Bouwer, Janet Dominis, Lil Maddox, MaryAnn Kauffman, Bonnie Condor and Maddy Ross (BHS); Chuck Griggy, Sally Rikard, and Gayle Twitty (PHS); Sheryl Griggy, Linda Rio, and James Highley (MTI); Cindy Rees, John LaBelle, and Mary Beth Poncin (SEHS); Larry Scott and Ashley Elles (MHS); T.C. Collins (LRHS); Zina Taylor, Elaine Waldron and Gretto Sancho (Johnson MS); Dan Grantham (King MS); Beth Erickson (Sugg MS); Vana Meyers (Lincoln MS); and Vicki Cunningham (Haile MS). If you are a Business Teacher and did not attend this year, please make every effort to attend next year. It is critical that you keep up to date with the ever changing world we are preparing our students for.

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### **Advisory Councils Flying Full Speed Forward!**

While we wish Diane Lehman good luck in future endeavors, the School District of Manatee County is actively seeking a replacement to head up the secondary advisory council efforts for Career and Technical Education. We want

to thank Laura Roberts for stepping up to the plate and doing two jobs to ensure that this effort continues. The calendar of meetings for the last few months is impressive. October 21, PHS Business, October 28, MHS Medical, November 4, BHS Technology - November 9, PHS Agriscience - November 10, @ 2:30, SEHS Family & Consumer Science - November 11, @ 3:30, LRHS Agriscience - November 15, @ 2:30, LRHS Business - November 18 @ 3:30, LRHS Technology - December 2 @ 6:30, PHS Early Ed - December 8, @ 3:45, MHS Business. If you still have not started down the path of implementing your program area advisory council, please contact our office so we can start the process. We need to have 100% of the ACT programs with active advisory councils.

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### **Tech Prep Update**

It's that time of year again - Kelli Kennedy, Tech Prep Specialist, would like to come visit your classroom and talk about Tech Prep and Gold Seal completion. Although the next couple of months Kelli will be very busy with 8th grade presentations, she would like to schedule a time to come visit your class. Please call her at 708-8770 x 2233. It's not too early to schedule visits for January and February. Thanks to all the teachers who have already had her in their classes!!

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### **Blast Into The Digital Revolution!**

On Saturday, September 25, and then again on November 6, almost two dozen ACT teachers participated at Palmetto High School from 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the Digital Camera workshops. Participants received a new state of the art Sony digital camera, experienced training, and a chance to network with other ACT teachers, and were paid for their time to attend. This is just one of the many paid in-service opportunities for teachers provided by the ACT Department. We want to thank the following people who attended and gave up their Saturday to learn new and exciting technology that can be used with the students. M. Ingram, J. Tillet, D. Garcia, D. Crumpler, B. Bishop, (PHS); K. Lough, S. Jarrell, V. Meyers, (LMS); M. Gagnon, C. Carlucci, (LRHS); J. Devine, (BRMS); L. Lynch, E. Playdon, (SEHS); B. Erickson, (Sugg MS); D. Jeffers, (Nolan MS); P. Hartman, (Harlee MS); G. Sancho, Z. Taylor (Johnson MS), J. Simpson, B. Stephenson, (MTI); K. Hamilton, (BHS); P. O'Neil, (MHS), and S. Bergman, (SSC).

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### **CTSO Leadership School Three Times A Charm!**

Last month on a crisp Saturday morning, hundreds of middle, high and post-secondary students from our career and technical student organizations (CTSO's) attended our annual CTSO Leadership School, held at Lakewood Ranch High School from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This was an action packed event with 65 (yes 65) of our ACT teachers in full attendance with eager to learn students. This annual training is critical to allow our co-curricular organizations to climb to the next level. If you missed this annual event, please make every effort to attend next year and see what the talk of the town is all about.

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### **Manatee Technical Institute Is Number One In The State & Nation And This Is Why!**

Did you see MTI on Channel 7 - ABC? We continue to receive a great deal of media attention on our SkillsUSA winners—they received the most medals in the Nation. Manatee Technical Institute recently won 17 medals at the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, MO. This is more medals won than any other school in the Country. The SkillsUSA Championships are the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. The Championship is a multi-million dollar event that occupies a space equivalent to eight football fields. In 2004, there were over 4,500 contestants in 77 separate events. Nearly 1,500 judges and contest organizers from labs and/or management make the national event possible. The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, and to involve industry by directly evaluating student performances and keeping training relevant to employers' needs. The table below identifies the schools that had the highest number of medalists from the 2004 SkillsUSA National Championships:

School		City, State	No. of medals won
Manatee Technical Institute	-	Bradenton, FL	- 17
Utah Valley State College	-	Orem, UT	- 16
Harris County HS	-	Hamilton, GA	- 14
Cuyahoga Valley JVS	-	Brecksville, OH	- 12
Albuquerque Tech	-	Albuquerque, NM	- 11

Bay Arenac Career Center	-	Bay City, MI	- 11
Illinois Central College	-	East Peoria, IL	- 11
Salt Lake Community College	-	Salt Lake City, UT	- 11
Americas HS	-	El Paso, TX	- 10
West Jordan H	-	West Jordan, UT	- 10

The two years prior to this, MTI won the second most medals at the national competition. MTI has been first in the State three years in a row.

- MTI was the only large tech center in Florida to meet all six benchmarks of the June 2004 OPPAGA report, indicating that MTI is delivering adult vocational certificate programs more efficiently than other tech centers which met fewer benchmarks. OPPAGA is the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, an office of the Florida Legislature.
- For the past three years, the MTI chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) has been recognized for having the largest postsecondary membership in the nation. This year, MTI's chapter won three gold, one silver and one bronze medal at the national conference.
- MTI-East sheltered over 700 Manatee County special needs residents during the Hurricanes this year.
- Over 50 percent of MTI's vocational students have participated in some form of community service. This year's goal is 100 percent. Thus far, more than 100 students, staff and faculty have participated in hurricane relief efforts in DeSoto County. Carpentry students built roofs, culinary students provided hot meals, and cosmetology students washed residents' hair when they had no power and no running water.
- Enrollment in MTI's career preparation programs grew by 12 percent from 2002-03 to 2003-04.

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### **SLC Implementation Grant**

Each month for the last year our department produces a SLC Newsletter to keep everyone up to date on this Federal funded initiative (over \$2 million in grant funds secured this year). If you have not been getting this full color professionally printed newsletter packed full of news and stories about our efforts at the high schools, please let our office know immediately (you all should be in the loop on what is going on with your department) and we will add you to the distribution list. As the 2004-05 school year starts, we have begun the process of implementing Smaller Learning Communities at each of our five large high schools and Community High. Last year the staff at each high school spent many, many hours planning to bring these SLCs to fruition and they have succeeded. In addition to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade centers at BHS, LRHS, MHS and PHS, we expect to add four new academies to the four already in place by January 2005. SEHS will be preparing to open their 9<sup>th</sup> grade center in August 2005. The school administration, guidance, and staff members involved in making this happen have worked long and hard this past year and should be congratulated on a job well done.

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### **Technology Education Teachers Take Conference By Storm**

With the release of the National Standards for Technological Literacy, and the need to change and advance our programs, our technology education teachers here in Manatee County are showing the State that we are taking this challenge head on. We had 100% of our schools with Technology Education programs attending the annual FTEA Conference last month in Orlando. We had more participants than any other district in the entire State (even Miami-Dade, who we beat by just one person). A special thank you goes out to all who attended. Tim Estep and Charles Heister (BHS); Ray Weiland (SEHS); Dan Crumpler, Doug Garcia and Bud Elkin (PHS); Bryon Stedman, Steve Harvey and Greg McGrew (LRHS); Justin Devine (BRMS); Joe Orr and Dewayne Fintel (MHS); Tom Volpe (Haile); Brian Stephens and Linda Chambers (Harlee); Steve Venesky (King); Hollis Bostic (Johnson); Suzanne Jarrell (Lincoln); Bill Kebler (Nolan); and Don Davis (Manatee Elem.). If you did not attend this year please make every effort to attend next year. It is critical to keep up to date with the ever changing world we are preparing our students for.

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### **Industrial Teachers Show What Number One Looks Like**

The secret is out that MTI is number one in the Nation. Being number one is hard work and takes much effort. One way to maintain this national title is to advance the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in professional development, which will filter down to the students. In October we had more teachers attend the annual FATIE conference than any other district in Florida (hands down). It is critical that we continue to grow professionally as a department. We are committed to providing our teachers every chance to gain that new educational advantage which will better prepare our students for the challenges on the horizon. A special thank you goes out to Bill Icely, Cecil Trumbo, Michelle Meluch, Garry Colpitts, Robert Ruggiero, Marcia Maier, Brenda Ayers, Jim Staffiles, Carol Mueller, John Ferraro, Jim Eisner, Judy Millard, Linda Francis, Suzette Marquette, David Sell, Alan Angel, Dave Grenier, John Kenney, Anna Golub, and Kelly Ewing (MTI); and Mike Niewodowski (SEHS) for taking the time and effort to use the state-wide in-service day productively by attending this event.

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### **High School / High Tech Kick Off**

High School / High Tech held its annual kick off on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Currently, Manatee County has approximately 30 high school students from Manatee High and Lakewood Ranch High who participate in the High School / High Tech enrichment program. High School / High Tech is a community based partnership of parents, educators, rehabilitation professionals, and business representatives. Its main focus is to encourage high school students with disabilities to explore the fields of science, engineering, and technology. High School / High Tech is a nation-wide program. Florida is currently leading the Nation with 20 sites. The Manatee site, coordinated by Carolyn Marchbank, was recently recognized as the "High / School High / Tech Program of the Year" by the ABEL Trust Foundation. For more information please contact Diane Roberts, Transition Specialist at 708-8770 ext. 2186.

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### **Manatee TSA Has A Great Showing at Nationals**

Here are the results of the 2004 TSA National Competition in Nashville, TN. Over 4,100 middle and high school students attended this year's competition from all over the United States and Germany. Manatee County entered 32 middle & high school students in various competitions, the results are as follows: Braden River Middle School, Advisor - Adriana Radigan (now Justin Devine), 1st Place - Problem Solving; 5th Place - Career Challenge; 8th Place - Flight Challenge. Haile Middle School, Advisor - Bill Kebler - 5th Place - Transportation Challenge; 6th Place - Mechanical Challenge; 6th Place - Flight Challenge; 8th Place - Challenging Technical Issues; and 13th Place - Structural Challenge. Manatee High School, Advisor - Joe Orr, 5th Place - Manufacturing Prototype. Additional attendees, with students, were Bud Elkin (PHS), Stephen Venesky (King MS), Dan Crumpler (Sugg), Greg McGrew and Bryon Stedman (LRHS).

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### **Vocational Department Head Meeting**

The high school and MTI department chair meeting will be held on November 16th at 2:30 p.m. at Lakewood Ranch High in the FACS classroom. All are invited. Come learn about our department!! See you there.

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### **Shining Stars - Way To Go!**

The Annual CTSO Spirit Stick was awarded last month to Southeast High School. Way To Go!!

MTI exceeds the United Way Challenge and raised thousands of dollars with personal donations and proceeds from the Annual Chili Cook-off October 22. Congratulations to all who participated! Way To Go!!

Kelli Kennedy (ACT) and Deb Alwin (PHS-AG) were presenters at the National Tech Prep Conference. Way To Go!!

Sally Rikard (PHS) was elected secretary to the Florida Business Technology Education Association (FBTEA). Way To Go!!

The Lee Carter Brown Chapter of the National Adult Education Honor Society at MTI inducted 31 students in a ceremony on October 19. Membership standards include attendance, cooperation and self-reliance. Carol Barcena is the chapter's advisor. Way To Go!!

Angie Grasberger (ACT) was accepted as a presenter at the National Career Academy Coalition Conference. Way To Go!!

The Ag Academy (PHS) received a grant to build a hydroponics lab in the classroom. Deb Alwin and the Ag academy teachers authored the grant in combination with the academic teachers of the academy. Way To Go!!

MTI culinary arts students and Florida Navy Moms are teaming up this year to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to over 200 Navy men and women who will pull out of port in Jacksonville prior to Thanksgiving day. Way To Go!!

Nine educators from Bermuda flew in to Manatee County to visit the Project Lead The Way - Technology Education Program (BHS), taught by Tim Estep and Charles Heister. Way To Go!!

PHS had one of their accounting students chosen (only 30 selected state-wide) to attend the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Program in Jacksonville. This is the second year in a row that PHS accounting students have been honored with this opportunity. Way To Go!!

Cecil Trumbo (MTI) was notified that his automotive program is the State winner of the AIPC Award of Excellence in the Post-Secondary, Generic program category by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. The award and prizes will be presented at the ACTE Convention in December. Way To Go!!

Dan Crumpler (PHS) was elected to the Florida Technology Education Association (FTEA) as the Publications Editor. Way To Go!!

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National Conference in Denver, Colorado, advisor attendees who took students were Cindy Rees (SEHS); Gayle Twitty (PHS); Judy Bodmer and Lori Kish (LRHS). Way To Go!!

Cheryl McGrew (MES) has just returned from Harrisburg, PA, where she was selected as a national participant in experimental technology education at the elementary level project. Her students are researching energy and have created energy flow chart presentations with hands on design and implementation of windmills and structures to support them. Way To Go!!

Congratulations to Jane Arnoldi (MTI - East), who teaches our Medical Assisting Program. She passed the Medical Assistant test given by the American Association of Medical Assistants and scored in the 99th percentile. Way To Go!!

Marie Chirico (Lincoln MS) was selected by HOSA to organize the whole operation for the middle school events in the State competitions. Way To Go!!

Joan Stencik (MHS) was a presenter at the October FEFACS conference for Family and Consumer Science teachers. Way To Go!!

Teams from PHS and LRHS just returned from the annual CECF Leadership Training Workshop at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort. The teams were lead by Bob Spahr (PHS) and Melissa Gagnon (LRHS). Way To Go!!

Seminole Cafe (SEHS) is up and running under the direction of Michael Niewodowski (Chef Mike) and his students. The low price of \$4.25, with dine-in or take-out service, is fast becoming the hub for great food. Way To Go!!

Steve Harvey and Greg McGrew (LRHS) facilitated their second annual TSA Car Show on October 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was a big success. They had everything from modified to classic vehicles and sound systems, market vendors and a few games for little kids. Pictures, and food too! Way To Go!!

Linda Chambers, (Harlee MS) was elected by the Florida Technology Education Association (FTEA) as the Region 4 President. Way To Go!!

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**Up Coming CTSO Events:**

**CECF/BPA** - <http://www.cecf.org> or <http://www.bpa.org>. March 13-16, State Leadership Conference, Airport Marriott, Orlando.

**DECA** - <http://www.flDECA.org>. January 13, District 10 Finalists, Edison Mall, Fort Myers. February 24-27, State Career Development Conference, Hilton, Orlando.

**FBLA** - <http://floridafbla-pbl.org>. January 18, District Leadership Conference, Dayspring, Bradenton. March 28-31, State Leadership Conference, Peabody Hotel, Orlando.

**FCCLA** - <http://www.flfccla.org>. December 7, District Conference, The Golden Apple Dinner Theatre Sarasota 9:00 a.m. refreshments, 9:30 opening. April 13-16, State Leadership Conference, Airport Marriott, Orlando.

**FFA** - <http://flaffa.org>. December 3, Sub-District Contest. January 21, District Contest. June 13-17, State Conference, Wyndam Palace, Orlando.

**HOSA** - <http://www.flhosa.org>. February 2, District Competition, MTI East Campus. April 21-24, State Leadership Conference, Doubletree Universal, Orlando.

**PBL** - <http://floridafbla-pbl.com>. March 31-April 3, State Leadership Conference, Sheraton World, Orlando.

**SkillsUSA** - <http://www.skillsusa.info>. February 24-25, Regional Contests. April 27-30, State Skills/Leadership Contest.

**TSA** - <<http://www.Florida-TSA.net>>. December 15, Florida State Fair TSA Events, Entry Forms Postmark Deadline. Annual State Conference April 20-23, Orlando Airport Marriott.

The ACT Department is here to support you in any way we can to help you achieve a successful Chapter. Attending conferences with students is one of the most exciting and most demanding aspects of being a CTSO advisor, while providing student centered educational opportunities that last a lifetime.

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**Important ACT Dates to Remember:**

5/5/2005 - ACT End-Of-Year Update Dinner (ES, MS, HS and MTI) - 4:30-6:30, Location - TBA

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**Last Thought:**

High expectations are the key to everything. – Sam Walton (1918-1992) Founder of Wal-Mart.

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Kelli Kennedy, Tech Prep Specialist (works for MCC, Sarasota and Manatee School District) (ext. 2233)

Trish Litton, Secondary Vocational Program Specialist (ext. 2232)

TBA, Coordinator, Career & Technical Advisory Councils (full time at Chamber) (748-4842 ex.137)

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