



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

It's a tremendous honor to serve as your President for the Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). As we begin this year, I want to thank you for your commitment to our students and for making Virginia a leader in CTE. Together, we'll continue to build on this legacy by focusing on three key priorities: enhancing our CTE Resource Center, securing critical funding for our Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), and advocating for legislation to strengthen Work-Based Learning (WBL) across the Commonwealth.

Our CTE Resource Center is a vital hub for curriculum development and professional growth. To ensure our educators are equipped with the most up-to-date and relevant tools, we must invest in this resource. This year, we'll advocate for increased funding to expand access to high-quality instructional materials, implement cutting-edge curriculum frameworks, and provide more professional development opportunities.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a cornerstone of CTE. They provide our students with essential leadership, teamwork, and career skills through hands-on learning and competitions. To fully support these invaluable experiences, we need to secure dedicated, stable funding for our CTOS.

High-Quality Work-Based Learning (WBL) is crucial for bridging the gap between education and employment. It connects students directly with employers, allowing them to gain practical skills and explore career paths. However, the success of these programs relies heavily on the individuals who coordinate them. We will advocate for new legislation that formally recognizes, supports, and enhances the role of WBL coordinators across Virginia.

The Virginia ACTE Board of Directors appreciate and need your continued support with these endeavors, so assist in any way you can. Our joint leadership is imperative in guiding educators, students, and administrators to strengthen the Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education and joint division associations. Please continue to spread the word about the importance of joining our CTE professional associations, mentoring new educators, and performing professional responsibilities. Lastly, we must continue to support and encourage our young leaders to pursue their dreams and to develop themselves as good citizens.