Greetings from the President

As we move into spring and welcome the blossoming flowers, warming weather, and the end of another school year, Virginia ACTE is excited to announce a few changes that are on the horizon. To begin with, the VACTE acronym will no longer be used. Instead, Virginia ACTE will be the proper name and abbreviation used to associate Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education to its members.

The new name more accurately and clearly represents the organization and the mission of the organization. Like the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), Virginia ACTE promotes career and technical education public policy initiatives on behalf of the division associations; informs policy makers about the great work occurring in career and technical education programs across the commonwealth; and represents its members across the commonwealth as the voice of career and technical education.

Virginia ACTE will enhance the professional development campaign for members to improve their advocacy skills, media relations, and program promotion to key stakeholders. Virginia ACTE expands opportunities for leadership development and award recognitions with links to regional and national awards.

Data points are key to sharing information, and Virginia ACTE develops the CTE Fact Sheet with statewide CTE data and job market opportunities in Virginia for each Career Cluster. The Fact Sheet is a great visual tool to share with business, industry, and parents.

Other changes you will want to watch for are some exciting professional development opportunities, a new Web site (www.VirginiaACTE.org) under construction, and a marketing campaign for membership. The marketing campaign promotes the relevancy of membership through activity and advocacy for all career and technical education professionals (teachers, school leaders, business partners, and parents).

The 2014-15 school year so far has spotlighted CTE. In the fall, it was announced that this year’s Virginia Teacher of the Year is Jaclyn M. Roller Ryan, a middle school agriculture teacher from Shenandoah County Public Schools, and in January it was announced that Lisa Barnett, Botetourt County Public Schools coordinator for career and technical education, would be the guest of U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, D-Va., at the State of the Union address in Washington. These top honors along with all of the exemplary work being done in every school division only helps to promote career and technical education in the commonwealth.

Virginia ACTE works for you. Virginia ACTE membership brings more than its benefits of advocacy — Virginia ACTE is about standing up as a career and technical education supporter pushing for change, inspiring innovation, and preparing tomorrow’s workforce! TOGETHER, WE MAKE IT WORK!

Chad A. Maclin
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Join Virginia ACTE and Your Division Association Today!

Do you know how easy it is to join Virginia ACTE or renew your membership? Go to www.vacte.net, click on membership, complete the online form, and hit return. A one-click process! What’s stopping you?
More than 115 career and technical education teachers, administrators, students, and business partners participated in the 16th annual seminar. Virginia ACTE plays a critical role in monitoring policy concerns and information and sharing that information with the association membership. Also, Virginia ACTE meets with policy makers to provide CTE data and updates and encourages their support of CTE priorities.

In addition to updates on policy issues affecting CTE, advocacy training, and preparing for visits with General Assembly members, business partner Dr. Robert Mayfield was the guest speaker, emphasizing a stronger need for collaboration with business, industry, and education.

One of the highlights of the seminar was recognition of the outstanding support from state Senator John C. Miller as the Virginia ACTE Policymaker of the Year. Virginia ACTE is aligning the state awards timelines with the Association for Career and Technical Education. Therefore, the 2014 and 2015 awardees were recognized during this year’s seminar.

Virginia ACTE recognized the 2015 Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year, Jessica Jones, agriculture teacher from Pittsylvania County. Jessica is an honors graduate of Virginia Tech’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences earning a bachelor’s in education and agriculture, along with a bachelor’s in interdisciplinary studies. She also earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from Lynchburg College and currently is working on her Ph.D. in leadership studies. Jessica is actively involved in local, state, and national agricultural education associations, including the Association for Career and Technical Education. She is a past board member of Virginia ACTE.

Jessica’s information has been submitted for consideration for the ACTE Region II Outstanding CTE Teacher.

G. Andrew Seibel, former Virginia FFA specialist, received the 2015 Carl D. Perkins Community Service award. Since beginning his career in agricultural education in 1986, Andy has promoted the communities in which he has worked and lived while developing future members to ensure growth and productivity. CTE has provided the platform for his successful career spanning 16 years as an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser, 13 years as a state FFA specialist, and currently as associate extension specialist developing hands-on, community-based outreach programming. A three-time CTE graduate of Virginia Tech, Andy has dedicated his life to bettering Virginia communities through civic and local engagement that allows him to take classroom teaching outward.

Andy’s information has been submitted for consideration for the ACTE Region II Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award.

Also recognized was the 2014 Carl D. Perkins Community Service recipient, Grace Quarles, a family and consumer sciences teacher from Louisa County Middle School. She has a bachelor’s in family and consumer sciences from Virginia State University and a master’s from George Mason University. Gracie has taught family and consumer sciences for 35 years and advises Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) in Louisa County Public Schools. She constantly encourages students to use their talents to improve their school and community.

Receiving awards were (clockwise from upper left) Senator John C. Miller, Jessica Jones, Grace Quarles, and G. Andrew Seibel.
Evelyn Sussman, of Stafford County Public Schools, received the 2014 New Career and Technical Education Teacher Award.

New Teachers. In her first year after college, teaching dual enrollment courses introduced her to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, and she began taking courses to receive specialized training. She received her associate degree in culinary arts while gaining additional industry experience and teaching young adults with special needs part time at the community college.

Margaret L. “Peggy” Watson was recognized for her dedication and service to career and technical education and specifically Virginia ACTE. Peggy served more than 30 years with the CTE Resource Center, including 24 years as the Center’s director. She is a graduate of Westminster College of the University of Richmond and has a graduate degree in mass communications from Virginia Commonwealth University. The Center, a grant-funded project of the Virginia Department of Education, operates in support of CTE teachers and develops and distributes curriculum materials to middle and high school educators in public schools throughout the commonwealth. The Center works closely with CTE directors throughout Virginia to provide professional development and also supports the professional associations. Peggy retired from the Center in April 2014, when she had the opportunity to return to her alma mater as the director of the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at the University of Richmond.

Secretary of Education Anne Holton took time from her busy schedule to voice her support of career and technical education during Friday morning’s breakfast. Secretary Holton encouraged the participants to continue to provide rigorous and relevant programs for all students and increase credentialing opportunities. She reiterated the strong connection of secondary CTE to enhance a future qualified workforce. Secretary Holton took time to chat with individuals and pose for photographs with CTSO students and others.
Virginia ACTE Policy Report

It was a busy year in the General Assembly, even though this was a 45-day session. Virginia ACTE monitored several bills, and a list of bills and outcomes may be accessed at the Virginia ACTE Web site. More than 3,000 bills were filed, including several workforce bills.

Opportunities to work with policy makers before the General Assembly (GA) session included sharing information with them from Career and Technical Education Issues and Solutions and the 2015 CTE Learning That Works Fact Sheet. Virginia ACTE co-hosted a reception before the assembly’s opening night session and talked with policy makers about the role CTE plays in enhancing a qualified workforce.

Virginia ACTE member activity helped provide legislation in support of Virginia ACTE’s Issues and Solutions planks and reduce conflicts with existing law.

Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones and members from Secretary of Education Anne Holton’s staff met with Virginia ACTE members and discussed CTE as the foundation to developing a strong workforce for the commonwealth. Virginia ACTE hosted the policy makers’ breakfast at the General Assembly Building, and members met with House Speaker William J. Howell to discuss CTE concerns and solutions.

Virginia ACTE will seek input from members for the Issues and Solutions in CTE publication as we move forward to the 2016 session. With this being an election year, it is critical to begin networking with candidates—either incumbents or new challengers—to get their support, as well as inform them of the integral role CTE has in education.

ACTE National Policy Seminar

Nine Virginia ACTE members participated in the ACTE National Policy Seminar from March 2-4 in Washington.

Taking the policy concerns from the state level to the national level, participants discussed the need for continued and increased funding from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act with congressional representatives. The participants did a lot of work to ensure that each of Virginia’s representatives and senators received information on Perkins funding and how that funding affects their local school districts. ACTE is monitoring the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Perkins, and the Higher Education Act. Each has components important to CTE. We were able to leave information that helps members of Congress understand CTE issues.

Virginia Senator Tim Kaine (pictured at left) was recognized by ACTE as the Policymaker of the Year. Senator Kaine is a great supporter of CTE and co-patron of the launch of the Senate CTE Caucus. He is submitting additional bills that will enhance CTE.
The ACTE Regions were established in 1975 as a framework for supporting the state associations and providing opportunities for members to get involved at the state and national levels. Virginia ACTE is part of ACTE Region II, which includes eight states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas.

The Virginia ACTE Region II representative’s term of office is three years. This person is a member of the Region II policy committee, which meets every conference. The Region has an elected vice president, bylaws, and standing committees.

Each year, on a rotating basis, the region states host a conference to provide members with professional development, leadership development and networking opportunities closer to home.

On September 26-28, 2014, Virginia ACTE hosted the Region II conference in Richmond. Our theme was Advocacy, Curriculum, Trends, and Excellence. Breakout sessions were presented along with guest speakers and the Region II awards program.

During the National Policy Seminar policy committee meeting, current issues included membership, regionwide CTE conditions, awards, fellow selection and development, and state updates. Georgia and Tennessee have new state superintendents. Alabama is preparing for the Region II conference in September.

South Carolina’s superintendent, Molly Spearman, presented budget requests of $4 million for career and technical education equipment and $2.1 million for increased bandwidth in school districts. Kentucky will open its first regional career academy in August. Region II continues with a strategic plan for the future.

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Virginia ACTE was recognized during the ACTE Visions Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, with the Quality Association Standards Award.

The purpose of the Quality Association Standards is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members. The QAS award prompts Virginia ACTE to improve and maintain the best possible organization and leadership for their members within the association’s means. ACTE is committed to assisting state leadership in reaching Association goals.

Virginia ACTE President Chad Maclin and board member Laura Smith received the award on behalf of the association.
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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dates
September 24-27, 2015

Location
Renaissance
Montgomery Hotel & Spa
at the Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Hotel Reservations
Due by August 23, 2015
Conference: 2015 ACTE Region II Leadership Conference
Reservations may be made by phone or on the hotel website (Marriott Hotel). Be sure to state that the reservations are for the ACTE Region II Conference.
Phone Numbers
1-334-481-5000 (Direct line)
1-877-545-0311 (Marriott)

Hotel Accommodations
Deluxe Room $133.00 per night
14% tax plus $2.25 per night not included in above rate
Parking
Self-parking $ 12.00 per day
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*Note: This rate may be subject to change

Conference Registration
Due by September 10, 2015 (Form attached and on website)
Registration Fee by September 10, 2015 $200
Registration Fee after September 10, 2015 $250
Registration fee includes conference materials, breakfasts, lunch, Awards Luncheon, etc.
Extra Meal Tickets
All Meals Included $100

Who Should Attend
All educators (teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and business/education partners) who wish to develop their professional/leadership skills

Directions to the Hotel
By Car
Information can be obtained on Map Quest or Google
Hotel is located off of I-65. Take the Clay Street exit. The hotel is located a few blocks on the left adjoining the Convention Center.

By Air
Hotel is 9.2 miles from Montgomery Regional Airport

Silent and Not-So-Silent Auction Items
Minimum: 2 per state

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The Conference at a Glance

Tentative Agenda

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
ALACTE Board Meeting and Work Session
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Region II Policy Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Registration and Exhibitors
6:00 pm -  
Southern Hospitality (ALACTE Board and Policy Committee)

**Friday, September 25, 2015**
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Exhibitors
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Silent Auction
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Opening Session
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Break
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions
2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Lunch and State Reports
5:00 p.m. -  
Concurrent Sessions
Explore Montgomery
Dinner on Your Own

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Exhibitors
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
General Session
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Concurrent Sessions
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Awards Luncheon
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Not-So-Silent Auction
3:30 p.m. -  
Silent Auction Winners
Concurrent Sessions (possibly Round-table Sessions or Region II Committee Meetings)
Choice of Activities Provided

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast and Wrap-Up Session
ACTE Region II Leadership Conference 2015

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September 24-27, 2015
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Montgomery, Alabama

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Subject Area or Title: ______________________________

REGISTRATION FEE:

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Return Payment and Conference Registration Form by September 10, 2015 to:
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A Few Points of Interest in Montgomery, Alabama

Downtown

State Capitol

First White House of the Confederacy

Montgomery Performing Arts

Shakespeare Theatre

Archives of History
Maxwell AFB
The Shoppes at East Chase
Governor's Mansion
Old Alabama Town
Riverboat
Montgomery Zoo
Biscuits Stadium

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Division Reports

Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators

VAAE Winter In-service
The first VAAE winter in-service was held December 6-7 at Riverheads High School in Staunton. There were 55 workshop presenters and participants in attendance, and 12 workshops were offered.

Virginia Middle School Agriculture Teachers Conference
Our annual Virginia Middle School Agriculture Teachers Conference was held March 6-7 in Woodstock.

Virginia ACTE Awards
Andy Seibel was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award. Jessica Jones was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. Andy and Jessica received their awards at the Virginia ACTE Seminar in Richmond on January 22. Their applications will move on for judging in ACTE Region II!

Curriculum Review Teams
Outdoor Recreation, Biological Applications and Biotechnology Applications, and Agricultural Education Development and Preparation curricula are among several courses under review.

The business panels are completed, and Carly Woolfolk will be working on developing the teacher panels in January so they can meet in March and April. Interested teachers must apply through the CTEAPS process. The website is https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/CTEAPS. If you have any difficulties with the CTEAPS process, contact Ashley.Brown@doe.virginia.gov or 804-225-2052.

Welcome to two new faces!
We would like to welcome Carly Woolfolk, state agricultural education specialist, and Lane Woodard, FFA executive secretary! We look forward to working with these individuals!

Outstanding Teacher Recognition
Jaclyn M. Roller Ryan, a teacher at Signal Knob Middle School in Shenandoah County, has been selected as the 2015 Teacher of the Year for Virginia.
Also, Jessica Jones was the Virginia Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture Program winner and a national finalist. Sarah Scyphers won the Virginia Farm Bureau Discussion Meet and advanced to the national contest as well.

VAAE Upcoming Events
April 14-15: State awards judging/VAAE executive committee meeting
July 13-16: VAAE Summer Conference

Looking Ahead ... 2015 CTE Summer Conferences

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Virginia Association of Career and Technical Education-Special Needs Division

On July 31, 2014, VACTE-SND partnered with VADCDT to host the first Virginia Coalition Career Conference at the Peninsular Workforce Development Center at Thomas Nelson Community College in Newport News.

Dr. Van Wilson of the Virginia State Community College System was the featured speaker for the pre-conference session focusing on preparing for the college entrance placement tests.

The focus of the conference, which attracted 70 participants, centered on manufacturing apprenticeships. Speakers included Katherine DeRosear of the Virginia Manufacturers Association; John Calver, director of the Advanced Manufacturing Project Business Development & Corporate Training at Thomas Nelson Community College; Sherri G. Thompson, Marcie Bombelyn, and Grace Hayes of Newport News Shipbuilding; and Glenn Marshall, former president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association. Participants toured the Advanced Manufacturing Excellence Center.

Elections were held in January for VACTE-SND Board positions. The results: president, Kari LaBell; President-elect, Marianne Moore; treasurer, Al Staggs; secretary, Dawn Decker; Virginia ACTE Board representative, Faith Hottle.

We currently have 22 paid members.

Virginia Business Education Association

The Virginia Business Education Association has been busy planning the 2015 VBEA Summer Conference for July 27-30 in Virginia Beach, at the Founders Inn. More than 40 workshops are planned, along with pre-conference training for IT fundamentals, cyber security, Adobe, Microsoft IT and MTA boot camps, and programming. Currently, VBEA has more than 230 members.

Several VBEA members and officers attended the Virginia ACTE Legislative Seminar, VACTEA, VBEAWinter Board meeting, SBEA, ACTE, and NCPN. The next conference on the VBEA schedule is the National Business Education Association Conference in Chicago on March 31- April 4. VBEA will be assisting with the Virginia Future Business Leaders of America Conference in April.

The following VBEA members were elected to the 2014-2015 Southern Business Education Association (SBEA) Executive Board at the 2014 conference in Little Rock, Arkansas: President-Elect, Robin Albrecht; Secretary, Dana Dingell; Treasurer, Janet Kreider.

Judith P. Sams was recognized as Virginia’s Outstanding Economic Educator for 2014 at the VCEE 2014 Economic Educator Awards Program held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond on December 5, 2014.

Virginia Association of Marketing Educators

VAME is pleased to announce that our annual summer conference will take place July 29-31 in Virginia Beach.

The conference theme will be “Instruction That Sticks!” A pre-conference day will be July 28. For more details about the conference or to sign up for the conference, please visit www.vame.org.

Teacher of the Year Finalists

VAME would also like to announce the three finalists for VAME 2015 Teacher of the Year:

Reitha Abed, Mountain View High School (Stafford)
Duke Gardner, Riverbend High School (Spotsylvania)
Karen Gray, Oscar Smith High School (Chesapeake)

The announcement of our Teacher of the Year will be made during our annual summer conference in Virginia Beach.

Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association

Virginia Tech will be hosting the second annual STEM Summit on May 7-8 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. More details will be sent soon.

The VTEEA will hold its annual conference July 29-31 in Albemarle County. Registration packets will be coming out soon!

The conference is built on STEM and the belief that “members of the association have envisioned a citizenry which is technologically literate, where each person is prepared to function effectively in and contribute to a technological society and global economy.”

Information about the conference, resources, and technology and engineering in Virginia may be found at www.vteea.org.

Technology Student Association (TSA) Regional Fairs were well attended and the annual Technosphere will be held on May 1-3 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton. Students from all over Virginia “compete, learn, and lead through interaction with fellow members, teachers, and industry professionals at the highlight of the Virginia TSA experience.” If you are interested in participating as a judge or volunteer, contact Andy Stephenson at stateadvisor@virginiatsa.org or visit http://virginiatsa.org/technosphere/ for registration information.

Virginia Children’s Engineering Council had its annual convention at DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg on February 19-20. Undaunted by extreme cold and 6 inches of snow on the ground, 716 of the 766 registrants attended.

The next convention will be on February 11-12, 2016, in the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, with up to 1,000 attendees anticipated.
Virginia Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators

Save the date now for the VACTEA fall conference. This year’s conference will be held October 13-16 in Williamsburg at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites.

The VACTEA Board last met at the Virginia ACTE Professional Development Seminar in Richmond in January. President Corey McCray announced the following officers were selected for 2015-16: Allen Vernon, president-elect, Region 8, Amelia County; Albert Green, vice president, Region 3, Mathews County; Cathy Glenn Seal, secretary, Region 4, Clarke County; and Todd Lynn, treasurer, Region 4, Winchester City. Mary Beth Dobbins from Prince William County Public Schools will serve as president.

Other matters to be discussed by the board at future meetings are proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws for VACTEA regarding the membership year and how future changes to the Constitution and Bylaws can be made by the membership. If the board approves these recommendations, the changes will be sent out to the membership in the conference packet to be voted on at the fall conference.

Virginia Association for Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences

The VATFACS Board met on February 28. Planning is underway for the 2015 Professional Development Conference, July 26-29, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

The next board meeting will be March 28. The FCCLA State Leadership Conference and STAR Events Competition will be held April 17-19 in Virginia Beach.

Virginia Health and Medical Sciences Educators Association

The VAHAMSEA Conference is scheduled for July 21-23 at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. There will be a Practical Nursing Directors meeting scheduled pre-conference on Monday, July 20, and a flipped-classroom presentation (eight contact hours from DOE) as post-conference on Friday, July 24. The rest of the conference is a work in progress. Information on the hotel is available on the VAHAMSEA Web site.

Registration will be available after the board meeting on March 20.

Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators

VATIE is still in the planning stages for the 2015 Summer Professional Development conference, which will be held in Roanoke.

We are working on organizing OSHA 500 and 510 update classes, a human growth and development class through James Madison University for new-teacher certification, and a cosmetology technical update class through Blue Ridge Community College. Four lead teachers have submitted requests and needs for their technical updates, which will be held on Thursday of the conference.

Coordinating and planning are going well, with involvement from VATIE officers and members. We anticipate that this is going to be the biggest and best conference. A board meeting was held March 13, in Roanoke.

Virginia ACTE Awards for 2016

The information for Virginia ACTE awards is accessible on the “Awards/Scholarships” page at http://vacte.net/awards_scholarships.html. Virginia uses the same online awards portal as ACTE, which makes it easier for applicants if their application moves to the regional and national levels. Divisions can use the same online awards portal for division awards that align with Virginia ACTE awards.

Certain awards must go through the division nomination process, then through the Virginia ACTE review process and ACTE Region II. Finally, the award is reviewed for national consideration at ACTE. The awards are:

- CTE Teacher of the Year
- New CTE Teacher of the Year
- CTE Administrator of the Year
- Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award
- CTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- CTE Career Guidance Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

These nominations are for the 2016 awards. The awards applications should be presented to Virginia ACTE via the online portal no later than November 1, 2015.

There are three awards for which nominations go directly to ACTE and are due May 1 each year. These include:

- ACTE Business Leader of the Year (for individuals)
- ACTE Business of the Year (for businesses)
- ACTE Advocate of the Year (for individuals, groups, or businesses)
Together, We Make It Work!

Virginia ACTE is the statewide professional association that advocates for, supports, and serves all aspects of career and technical education for the benefit of education and the economy in the commonwealth and promotes leadership with division associations.

Membership in Virginia ACTE provides the opportunity to come together to address common concerns; leadership activities; information on how to be a professional and how to protect and promote your profession; relationships and networks; and the chance to give something back to your profession.

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