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### A Word from the President, By Clark Miller, Indiana ACTE President

Welcome back everyone as we begin a new school year, even though we are several weeks into it by now. This school year has found many of you in different positions and in different schools. The new year always brings about new changes and challenges. I hope everyone has gotten settled in are working hard toward improving student achievement.

Things have really changed for Indiana ACTE. As you all know by now, Janene Dawes is well into her retirement. Her husband is thrilled to finally have her at his side and they have many activities planned for themselves and of course the family. We all wish Janene the best of luck and hope to see her back involved in Indiana ACTE in some form or another. You can't keep a good person down, and Janene is one of the best.

Mrs. Cynthia Biggs has been hired by the Executive Board to fill the position of Executive Director. She spent many hours with Janene making the transition as smoothly as possible. Everything has been transferred and Cynthia has set up her office and has been busy ever since. She is doing an excellent job of getting up to speed and has many ideas that she wants to bring to the organization. Please feel free to contact her at any time. Her contact information can be found on the IACTE website.

Our goals have not changed, but they have been "tweaked" a little. We always want to increase membership and we have begun working on that particular goal in earnest. Membership is our life-blood and as a professional organization, we need to recruit as many new members as we can. It is all everyone's responsibility, so please do all you can to promote the organization. As a Board we have begun working on promotions and incentives. The Affiliates are going to be a big part of this and we will be in close communications with them as they plan the activities associated with their particular affiliation.

Our second goal is to increase public and political awareness of Career and Technical Education. I encourage all of you to promote your programs through community activities, local media, school boards and advisory boards.

Our third and final goal is to provide members opportunities for professional development. We are developing strategies to support our goals and if you have any information or ideas, or would like to actively contribute in anyway, please feel free to contact myself or Cynthia.

Thank you for all that you do in support of Career and Technical Education.

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## Office of Executive Director – Cynthia Biggs

Greetings from Logansport. It seems that I have hit the ground running on this new position. There is so much to learn and so many tasks to complete. I hope to continue the exemplary job begun by Janene and help your core of officers keep this organization viable and valuable for all members. I will be emailing surveys concerning conferences, reasons for joining, your perceived benefits of membership, etc. and requesting your opinions. These surveys will be sent at different times during the year. They are important and will be used to improve this organization.

### **Membership**

The new membership forms are on the website. Sherry Dockery, Indiana ACTE Membership Chairman, and I have a continual membership drive. She will email you three months before your Indiana ACTE membership expires and then again a month later. I will send a written notice and a membership form the month your membership expires. There will also be later notices sent. Your membership is based on a revolving year, and whenever I receive your dues, I add a year to the expiration date.

When you send in membership dues for ACTE and your affiliate, I send the money to the respective treasurers within the month. You should get your membership cards by the month after you pay your dues.

### **Meetings**

The officers, delegates and conference planning committee members of each affiliate continue to meet to plan next year's conference and conduct the business of the organization. The board and the Affiliate Presidents have met on October 7th at Kokomo Area Career Center. A delegate meeting and conference planning session is scheduled for November 11 at the Kokomo Career Center. Remember that these meetings are open to all members. The votes from each Affiliate are based upon membership, but anyone can attend the delegate assembly and have his/her opinions heard.

The Indiana ACTE Calendar for the year is posted on the website. I also emailed the calendar to officers, committee members, and delegates. It is also printed in the leadership directory.

### **List Serve**

The task of keeping member email addresses current is challenging to say the least. I had to make a lot of changes when I changed the Indiana ACTE address. There are still about 15-20 members whose addresses return as undeliverable.

I work for you. Please send any questions, opinions or requests and I will attend to it as soon as possible. I can be reached at [iacte@verizon.net](mailto:iacte@verizon.net) or Cynthia Biggs 1029 Lynas St. Logansport, IN 46947, 574-722-2368.

## 2006 ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo

*Connecting Education and Careers: Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006*  
*Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia*



Atlanta is gearing up for a great professional development experience. At the end of November, more than 5,000 career and technical educators will travel to the Peach State to participate in the only professional development event dedicated to the entire career and technical education (CTE) field.

From November 30 to December 2, career and technical educators will have their choice of workshops, seminars and sessions on a wide variety of CTE topics.

Register today and you can get the best rates, your choice of hotel options, and first choice on the pre-Convention workshop. All of the information you need is located in the right-hand navigation bar. So, take some time, take a look, and then make the choice to join your colleagues in Atlanta.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Submitted by James Little*

#### Online Master's Degree in CTE from Ball State

Career and Technical Education teachers in Indiana can take advantage of the Master of Arts program in CTE offered by Ball State University's Department of Technology (NCA accredited). The entire degree can be completed online without having to come to the Muncie, Indiana campus. To be admitted, one needs to have a bachelor's degree in any area from an accredited institution, with an undergraduate grade point average of 2.75, or 3.0 in the latter half.

The degree requires 30 graduate credit hours (10 courses) that must be completed in a six-year timeframe. Student can transfer in up to 9 hours of graduate coursework from other institutions, subject to approval. A thesis is optional.

Students select a minimum of three courses from a core (six if licensing is pursued):

- ITEDU 550 Career & Technical Student Organizations
- ITEDU 552 Career & Technical-Related Class Content
- ITEDU 568 Principles and Philosophy of Career & Technical Education
- ITEDU 569 Organization and Coordination of Career & Technical Education
- ITEDU 696 Techniques in Coordinating Cooperative Education
- ITMFG 560 Industrial Safety and Health

The program also requires a professional education course and a research methods course, but leaves open 9 to 15 hours for electives.

Students use coursework in this program combined with appropriate work experience to add a trade area to their Indiana Teaching License. In addition, earning a master's degree can allow a teacher to move to a different salary level. These courses could also be applied toward a Director's License.

Online courses are just as rigorous as face-to-face courses, but they have the advantage of being accessible from any computer on the Internet at a time convenient for the learner. Ball State's courses are

generally rolled out on a week-by-week basis (in Fall and Spring semesters), so students can log in at times best for them. Shorter Summer Session courses require more frequent participation. Online students should have broadband Internet access.

But online education is not individual or correspondence education. It is interactive, with a great deal of discussion among colleagues in Indiana and across the nation. Classes are limited to no more than 20 students, and are only taught by qualified graduate faculty. Just as in-state tuition is lower than out-of-state tuition, the tuition for online classes is far less than one would pay for an on-campus class at Ball State. There are also savings of time and transportation costs with online education. However, online education is not for everyone. It is ideal for those who are self-motivated, have at least basic computer skills, and can devote 9 to 12 hours per week to each class.

Students must be admitted to the graduate program before registering for a class. To apply for admission online, one would submit an admission application, pay a one-time \$35 application fee, and have all undergraduate transcripts sent to the BSU Graduate School. Those interested in Ball State's Master of Arts in Career & Technical Education should visit <http://www.bsu.edu/technology/onlinemasters/cte/> for additional information, and links to graduate admissions, or contact faculty in the program at [onlinetech@bsu.edu](mailto:onlinetech@bsu.edu).

Sam Cotton and Jim Flowers

### **Plugging communication and creativity into your program, staff, and students...**

Give your staff bags full of resources to use in their classroom, activity period, advisory hour or whatever. Rather than that constant, "What can I do to get them to learn to work together?" the question will be "Which activity do I do?" While they are experiencing and learning the activities, stronger bonds will grow and new relationships will form. The more people get along, the more productive the setting.

Whatever staff development you choose, i.e. two hours, a half or full day, or a retreat, know that as skills become apparent and communication grows, productivity soars. With fourteen years of team building experience ranging from collegiate sports to corporate retreats, Dan Massa, the Coordinator of the Challenge Education Program of the Porter County Education Interlocal, Valparaiso, IN, will help to develop a conference, program or workshop to meet your specific needs. The overall goal will always be "Laugh and Enjoy the Day." Once that begins, learning is easy. Please contact Dan Massa at (219) 464-9607 ext. 334 or e-mail at [Dan\\_Massa@mail.poconet.k12.in.us](mailto:Dan_Massa@mail.poconet.k12.in.us).

### **Purdue University - Leadership Development Program (LDP)**

If you are looking for an outstanding professional development opportunity, consider the Purdue University Leadership Development Program (LDP). Three programs are being offered for the 2007-2008 school year: Career Education (12-month, 9-semester hour program), Special Needs Education (12-month, 12-semester hour program), and Generalizable Skills Instruction (12-month, 9-semester hour program). The Career Education program places emphasis on updating educators with contemporary knowledge, practices, and programming related to career education. The major goal of the Special Needs Education and the Generalizable Skills programs are to provide in-depth training for local leadership personnel to improve and expand career and technical education programs and support services provided to youth and adults. Nomination packets are now available for these outstanding programs. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Prof. James P. Greenan. [jgreenen@purdue.edu](mailto:jgreenen@purdue.edu) (765) 494-7290.

## **WCC Cosmetology Hair Show**

The Cosmetology department at **Walker Career Center** is having their annual hair show on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM. Come and check out our extremely talented young stylists. You will be amazed by their creative work as well as their imagination. This event will have short to long styles, kids, color and great updo styles. Also the highlight of last year was our fantasy category.

For students interested in Cosmetology this is a great way for you to see first hand just what kind of things they will be doing in class they will enter the program as a junior and finish their senior year. Application for next year will be available soon.

Please come and join in the fun on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM. Tickets will not be sold at the door so please buy your tickets early. They will be available in the cosmetology department as well as the cafeteria the week of the show. Tickets are \$3.00. All money collected is used for the student's activities fund. It pays for the additional classes outside of the Career center, Hair shows, and also the fees for our SkillsUSA Club.

Come join us this year. It will be a very entertaining night! The holidays are just around the corner, maybe your new party style will walk out on stage! Please come and support the young stylist of the Walker Career Center Academy of Cosmetology.

### **Professional Development Plan Information Dr. Sam Cotton - Ball State University**

There is still much confusion about the changes that the Professional Development Plan process has undergone. This information should help clarify some of these points and be helpful in obtaining needed information and forms.

Many teachers and directors are concerned that current PDP requirements have become much more restrictive than the requirements of the past. Actually, the requirements have become far more flexible than in the past. All activities that were permitted under the previous guidelines are still allowed, but many features that have been requested over the past two decades that were not allowed are now possible. The primary changes are the improved guidelines, the point chart, and the information about how to document the activities. An example of one important change: In the past, no more than 45 contact hours (points) were allowed in the trade area training, but there is an option now to achieve 90 points in this area if all of the training is in college credit hours. The restriction allowing only one half of the professional development in trade area topics has been in place since 1986, so it is not new.

There are many new activities that are now allowed that have never been officially allowed in the past, such as curriculum development, in-service training, publishing, presenting, or CTSO activities. All Occupational Specialist II teachers are encouraged to review the materials regarding the new process that are available at <http://scotton.iweb.bsu.edu/PDP.htm> to become more familiar with the requirements and license application process. There are several other helpful links and tutorials at this site regarding PDP development and who the current PDP representatives are.

There are no current plans to make any further revision to these rules when the new Workplace Specialist license pattern replaces the Occupational Specialist license pattern. The official date for the change to the Workplace Specialist license has not yet been announced, pending final promulgation of the new rule. The new guidelines were introduced to reduce the level of confusion that resulted from the lack of specific published information explaining the restrictions and processes involved for PDP's. For additional information regarding the licensing process or rules, visit the Division of Professional Standards homepage at <http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/>.

## PCCTC Marketing Teacher Publishes Text



The Porter County Career and Technical Center is proud to announce that Marketing instructor Mrs. Judy Commers, has just authored a new *Marketing Dynamics* textbook published by Goodheart Wilcox. The *Marketing Dynamics* text includes DECA role playing example and other DECA activities. This is Mrs. Commers first text. The 700+ pages of text include chapter tests, teacher strategies, enrichment activities, project ideas, and suggestions for field trips and guest speakers. Critical thinking, workplace skills, and employment relevant objectives are featured throughout the text. The book is on the book adoption list and designed for Marketing Programs in grades 9 – 12.

### 2007 Super Mileage Challenge Announcement

Indiana High School students will again be challenged to engineer solutions for our nations energy needs in the 2007 Super Mileage Challenge. Today, with the increased concern about rising fuel prices along with increasing concerns for the environment, creating solutions to achieve maximum gas mileage continues to be a very important topic. The 2007 IMSTEA Super Mileage Challenge has been tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2007 at Indianapolis Raceway Park. The objective of this event is to challenge students to apply (STEM) science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a cooperative effort to construct a student-engineered vehicle to obtain the highest calculated miles per gallon. An [overview](#) of the project and the [Letter of Intention to Participate](#) are attached as PDF files. We request your assistance in sharing this information and forms with the appropriate teachers in your corporation. All materials may be down loaded from the Web and photocopied as needed. If you have any additional questions, please visit [www.imstea.org](http://www.imstea.org).

## ISTA RECOGNIZES CTE INSTRUCTOR AS OUTSTANDING MINORITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



*Jeannette Newton*

Jeannette Newton, a health occupations teacher at the Elkhart Area Career Center, received the 2006 Outstanding Minority Educator Award from the Indiana State Teachers Association. The award is given annually to honor outstanding minority teachers in Indiana. It was presented at the annual ISTA Summer Leadership Conference held in Merrillville in July.

*Jeannette Newton* Newton was nominated for the award by Sara Wood, president of the Elkhart Teachers Association. "Jeannette appreciates and values education and she demonstrates that by taking classes and by sharing with others what she has learned," Wood said, adding Newton is a team player and leader, both as a teacher and an association representative. Newton, who is beginning her 11th year with the Career Center, said she was humbled and honored to be nominated by Wood. "I was really surprised," she noted. "I know so many

great teachers who are deserving."

While she was pleased to be nominated for the award, Newton thought that would be the end of it. So she was totally surprised when she learned in June she had won. "I have to admit, I got a little teary-eyed," she said.

Her Career Center students and teaching colleagues weren't quite as surprised. Health occupations teacher Laurie Hund-Schieber said Newton is extremely deserving of the honor. "Jeannette won't let students give up," Hund-Schieber said. "She strives for students to be responsible for themselves and meet their challenges with goals."

Students respond to Newton's instruction and motivation because they can see it comes from the heart, Hund-Schieber added. "Many students share their challenges and achievements with Jeannette as she fulfills a role of a caring guardian," she said. "I overhear students say 'I wish she was my grandma.' In the same manner, Jeannette serves as a role model for students as she relates her personal struggles as a teen that did not complete high school to her present position as an RN with a Master's degree. Her professional attitude and attire give students a perspective on what perseverance and dedication can accomplish."

## **Largest Robotic Competition earns recognition for Warren students**

On Saturday, October 14th, members from the robotic teams at Stonybrook Middle School and Warren Central High School joined forces to compete in the Robo-Expo 2006 Vex Challenge held in Anderson, IN. It was the largest official robotic competition ever held by VEX Robotic Design System as there were 50 teams competing against one another. Each robot was individually designed and built by each two-member team. Warren Central had two robots and Stonybrook had one robot at this competition. Each robot had to meet specifications that were inspected by officials. The object of the game was to see whose design enabled them to pick up racquetballs and score into different sized cylinders. Each cylinder was worth different points and the total scores were tallied to determine who accumulated the most points overall. Greigh Davis, Chris Mills, Pat Miller, Kyle Sizemore and Coach Randy Decker represented Warren Central. One of their robots made it to the final rounds. Coach Craig Harvey and eighth grade students Nick Shaffer and Brandon Englert presented Stonybrook. Although their robot was defeated in the final rounds, they still walked away with the Runner-Up Award. Eighth grade student, Nick Shaffer was presented with a special "Young Guns" Award. It went to the student who showed the most potential, interest, and played well during the competition. The two Warren Township schools won a Team Spirit Award for showing support for one other as well as sporting their matching outfits. Team Roboto 447, Ivy Tech State Community College of Indiana and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development presented the competition.

## **2007 ACTE National Policy Seminar**

### **Start Planning for the 2007 National Policy Seminar**

Career and technical educators interested in Capitol Hill policy and its effect on career and technical education are encouraged to attend ACTE's 2007 National Policy Seminar (NPS), which will take place March 5-7 in Washington, D.C.



The 2007 program will feature keynote speaker Jeff Birnbaum, an award-winning author, television commentator, and columnist for *The Washington Post*. It will also feature sessions on working with the media and updates on all the legislation activities that impact career and technical education.

Registration will open shortly. In the meantime, interested attendees can make their hotel reservations at the Capital Hilton by calling 202-393-1000 or going to [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com). Please use code "ACT" when making your reservation. Rates are \$199 for a single and \$223 for a double.

## *Awards for Excellence*

### **2006/07 INDIANA CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

*Special Recognition of  
Career & Technical Students,  
Career & Technical Programs,  
Partnerships,  
Guidance & Career Services*

The Twenty-Third annual awards program recognizing Indiana career and technical education excellence will be a featured event during Career and Technical Education Week in February 2007.

For more information or nomination packets, email your name and mailing address with the category and number of packets needed to [terrellk@nccsc.k12.in.us](mailto:terrellk@nccsc.k12.in.us) or download the desired packets from the links below. **Completed nomination packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 1, 2006.** To ensure delivery of your package you may want to send the nomination packet "certified mail, return receipt requested."

#### STUDENT INFORMATION AND NOMINATION PACKET

#### SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAM NOMINATION PACKET

#### SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND ADULT GUIDANCE & CAREER SERVICES PACKET

#### PARTNERSHIP NOMINATION PACKET

Any program, guidance/personnel services or partnerships receiving an award in the past five (5) years is ineligible to be nominated.

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