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KACTE Continues Moving the Needle

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LOOKING FORWARD, the 2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Program will be held at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, July 8-11. Due to major, national conferences and events in Louisville in late July, the 2024 CTE Summer Program will be held earlier in the month than usual.

A highlight for KACTE members will be a Gala held on the Belle of Louisville Tuesday, July 9. The event is free for members (and children of members), \$25 for a member's spouse or partner, and \$75 for non-members. Registration by July 1 is required. Boarding the Belle will begin at 6:30 p.m. following the KACTE Annual Meeting. The two-hour cruise on the Ohio River departs at 7 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served, and each registrant will receive two drink tickets. A cash bar will be available. Grafenburg will provide music.



For the 23rd consecutive year -- every year since its inception -- the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) was recognized as an Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Quality Association Standards honoree. The recognition signifies that KACTE pursues quality customer service and administers its programs in alignment with accepted association best practices.

The KACTE Annual Meeting will be held at the Galt House Hotel on Tuesday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be available, and door prizes will be given. KACTE will elect two officers at the Annual Meeting. Angela Gott, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Educator, Western Kentucky University, is the President-Elect candidate. The president-elect serves a one-year term before serving as president. Sharon Collins, Career Studies Program Consultant, Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE), and Megan Kincaid, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, North

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Hardin High School, are the candidates for Secretary, which is a two-year term.

Christi Hack, Principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, will succeed Josh Mitcham, Director, FFA Leadership Training Center, as KACTE President. Michum will serve as Past-President on the 2024-25 Board. Also serving as officers in the 2024-25 administrative year will be Treasurer Dexter Knight, University of Kentucky, who will be serving the second of a two-year term, and ACTE Region 2 Policy Committee Representative Kelli Norman, Council on Postsecondary Education, who will be serving the second year of a three-year term. The 2024-25 officers and Board will be sworn in at the end of the meeting.

One Bylaw amendment will be decided. It corrects a technical error that was missed in last year's Bylaw amendments. (Please see bottom of next page.)

Hack will introduce the theme guiding her year as KACTE President and present the goals she wishes pursued during her term in acceptance remarks closing the Annual Meeting. A list of dates and activities planned for the next year is included in this **News&Notes**. The 2023-24 KACTE Board adopted a budget balanced at \$203,759.00 at the April 25 Board Meeting. The budget maintains existing programs and staff, and adds funding for a strategic planning retreat and a stipend for social media/communications assistance. About 40 percent of the budget is derived from CTE Summer Conference income, which was achieved by larger attendance than anticipated and cost efficiencies.

LOOKING BACK, Mitchum's theme in 2023-24 was **Moving the Needle!** KACTE moved forward during the year. Membership increased to about 650. KACTE's advocacy efforts supported the successful codification of the distribution method of CTE funding, which was maintained at the record level established in the 2022-24 biennial budget. Further, money was included in the state budget for Area Technology Center (ATC) maintenance and construction, and for further improvements at the FFA Leadership Training Center, which will be used by all Career and Technical Education Student Organizations (CTSOs).

The Board committed to funding a new KACTE Leadership Fellows Program in 2024-25 (please see application included in this **News&Notes**). More than 400 CTSSO members participated in Student Leadership Day on Feb. 13. CTSSO state officers made more than 50 visits to members of the Kentucky General Assembly. KACTE officials attended the ACTE National Policy Seminar March 17-20 and met with the staff of each of Kentucky's eight federal legislators, including a personal meeting with District 2 Rep. Brett Guthrie.

Angela Gott, the 2024-25 KACTE President-Elect candidate, was a finalist for ACTE's national Career Tech Teacher Educator Award. She was recognized at the ACTE Career Tech Vision Awards Banquet in Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 29.

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KACTE Action Schedule **2024-25**

All times listed are Eastern

- ➔ July 8-11 — 2024 CTE Summer Program, Galt House Hotel, Louisville.
- ➔ July 8 — 2024-25 KACTE Board Orientation, Galt House Hotel, room and time TBD.
- ➔ July 8 — KACTE Awards Dinner, Galt House Hotel.
- ➔ July 9 — KACTE Annual Meeting, Galt House Hotel, 5:30 p.m., room TBD.
- ➔ July 9 — KACTE Member Gala, Belle of Louisville, Louisville riverfront, departs at 7 p.m.
- ➔ Sept. 12-13 — KACTE Board Meeting, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green; strategic planning.
- ➔ Sept. 13-14 — KACTE Leadership Fellows Program, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green.
- ➔ Sept. 25-27 — ACTE Region 2 Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL.
- ➔ Oct. 1 — CTE Learn Stipend Application Deadline.
- ➔ Nov. 14 — KACTE Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., virtual.
- ➔ Nov. 25 — KACTE All-Member **News&Notes** e-mailed.
- ➔ Dec. 4-7 — ACTE Career Tech Vision Conference, San Antonio, TX. (Info at www.acteonline.org)
- ➔ Jan. 6 — 2025 Kentucky General Assembly Session convenes, 30-day session adjourns by April 15.
- ➔ Jan. 15 — 2025 CTSSO Student Leadership Day registration deadline.
- ➔ Jan. 23 — KACTE Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., virtual.
- ➔ Feb. 3 — 2025 CTE Summer Program Call for Presentation forms submittal deadline.
- ➔ Feb. 3 — 2025 CTE Summer Program Registration Form released.
- ➔ Feb. 10 — CTSSO State Officer Legislative Leadership Training, Frankfort, Best Western, 5-8 p.m.
- ➔ Feb 11 — CTSSO Student Leadership Day, Frankfort, Frankfort High Schools and State Capitol.
- ➔ Feb. 13-14 — KACTE Leadership Fellows Program, Frankfort, State Capitol and site TBD.
- ➔ March 7 — 2025 CTE Summer Program presentation titles posted to www.kyacte.org.
- ➔ March 16-19 — ACTE National Policy Seminar, Crystal City, VA, and Washington, DC.
- ➔ April 24 — KACTE Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., site TBD.
- ➔ May 19 — All-Member **News&Notes** e-mailed.
- ➔ June 1 — Kentucky Farm Bureau CTE Awards deadline.
- ➔ July 28-31 — 2025 CTE Summer Program, Louisville, Galt House Hotel.
- ➔ July 29 — KACTE Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Galt House Hotel.

KACTE was recognized at the conference for meeting Quality Association Standards.

Mitchum's term as President will culminate at the 2024 CTE Summer Program. At the KACTE Annual Meeting, he will present a stewardship report of the year's accomplishments. He also will recognize the members of the 2023-24 KACTE Board who worked to make the year a success.

On May 8, registration for the CTE Summer Program was about 1,350, placing it on track to meet or exceed the 2023 CTE Summer Program's 1,907 registrants. As of the same date, the CTE Meeting Place exhibit space was completely reserved. There will be program updates for each CTE pathway, and 234 breakout sessions are scheduled encompassing every program area.

THE OPENING SESSION on Tuesday, July 9, beginning at 8 a.m., will be keynoted by inspiring speaker John O'Leary. He delivers a powerful, moving message. The following is from his bio:

"In 1987, John O'Leary was a curious 9-year-old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, John created a massive explosion in his home and was burned on 100 percent of his body. He was given less than a 1 percent chance to live. This epic story of survival (first showcased in 2008 with his parents' acclaimed book *Overwhelming Odds*) has never felt more relevant.

"Today, John is the author of the #1 National Bestselling books *ON FIRE* and *IN AWE*. The latter was released in May 2020 with many saying it is the message we all need right now. John is the host of the top-rated Live



John O'Leary

Inspired podcast and a live and virtual event speaker teaching more than 50,000 people around the world each year how to live inspired."

For more information on KACTE and its activities, please go to www.kyacte.org or e-mail kmstone1951@gmail.com.

2024 KACTE Bylaw Amendment

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) Board reviewed possible amendments to the KACTE Bylaws at its meeting of April 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the KACTE Board recommended the following KACTE Bylaw amendment be presented to the KACTE membership at the Annual Meeting scheduled for the Galt House Hotel, Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the KACTE Board determined the following KACTE Bylaw amendment is needed for efficient management of the organization's business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the membership of the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) meeting at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, Tuesday, July 9, 2024, to amend the association's Bylaws to read:

ARTICLE VI — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

B. The President-Elect, the Secretary-Elect, and Treasurer-Elect shall be nominated by a nominating committee. The President-Elect shall serve a one-year term beginning August 1 following election and automatically ascend to president. The Secretary-Elect of the State Association shall be nominated in even-numbered years for a two-year term beginning August 1 following election. The Treasurer-Elect of the State Association shall be nominated in ~~even~~ **odd** numbered years for a two-year term beginning August 1 following election.