

# You're Invited

to celebrate Kentucky's  
CTE Professionals on the  
Belle of Louisville!

**SPONSORED BY THE KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION  
FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**



Buffet dinner by City BBQ



Live music by Grafenburg



High value door prize



Cash bar, drink tickets included



KACTE MEMBERS - FREE

SPOUSE/PARTNER OF KACTE MEMBER - \$25

NON-MEMBER \$75

CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE

**TUESDAY,  
JULY 29**

**7:00 - 9:00  
PM**

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**Reservations must be made by July 14 by  
clicking [here](#).**

Reserved tickets for this event may be picked up  
at the CTE Summer Program registration desk  
beginning on Monday, July 28 at 3:00 PM.

Payment for tickets is cash only.

*A limited number of tickets will be available to  
purchase at the CTE Summer Program  
registration desk.*



# Unlock **ALL** of Your **KACTE BENEFITS**



KACTE and ACTE implemented a new process for record management that requires **members to individually update their information**. Update your KACTE & ACTE Membership Record to continue receiving all benefits and maintain your professional connections and support network.

## *Here's how...*

1. **Log in** at [acteonline.org](http://acteonline.org)
2. **Select "Profile", update or confirm your personal email address.**  
This ensures our emails will not be filtered by school districts.
3. **Add personal home contact information** in the event you change positions or retire.

**We are here to help!**

Contact KACTE with questions or for assistance.  
502-682-5677, 502-682-6204  
[krisstone56@gmail.com](mailto:krisstone56@gmail.com), [kmstone1951@gmail.com](mailto:kmstone1951@gmail.com)

## *Shape the Future of Your Professional Association*

**KACTE Annual Meeting**  
**Galt House Hotel**  
**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**

- **Stewardship Report of 2024-25 Actions: "Advocate: Tell the CTE Story"**
- **Consideration of Resolutions to Guide KACTE Program of Work**
- **Election of 2025-26 Officers**
- **2025-26 Board Installation**
- **President Angela Gott's introduction of her theme for the year.**

*Door Prizes and Light Refreshments*

## KACTE to Celebrate at CTE Summer Program

The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) will celebrate the 2024-25 administrative year under the leadership of Christi Hack, principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, at the 2025 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Program in Louisville at the Galt House Hotel, July 28-31. A guiding force for the success this year under her theme, *Advocate: Tell the CTE Story*, was updating the KACTE Strategic Plan. The plan elements, adopted by the Board last September are:

- **LEADERSHIP** — Goal: Provide and Promote Professional Development opportunities for Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals.
- **MEMBERSHIP/BENEFITS** — Goal: Increase KACTE membership through expanded knowledge of member benefits and association programs.
- **ADVOCACY** — Goal: Advocate for CTE and CTE professionals with legislators, policy makers and the community by expanding awareness of the KACTE brand.

Hack will review the successes at the **KACTE Annual Meeting** to be held at the Galt House Hotel, Tuesday, July 29, 5:45 p.m. Items of association business on the Annual Meeting agenda include consideration of resolutions, election of officers, and installation of the 2025-26 officers and Executive Board, which will be led by President Angela Gott, professor, Western Kentucky University. In acceptance remarks, Gott will explain her theme, *Empower, Engage, Elevate — CTE for ALL; Building Stronger Educators. Growing Stronger Futures*. She will relate objectives of the Strategic Plan that will guide the next year's activities.

There are no contested officer elections, although nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. The candidate slate approved by the KACTE Board for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting are:

- **PRESIDENT-ELECT** — **Shane Norris**, agriculture teacher, Paris Independent High School. Norris served on the 2024-25 KACTE Board as an Agriculture Service Area Vice-President.
- **TREASURER** — **Dexter Knight**, University of Kentucky. Knight is the incumbent Treasurer.

In addition to President Gott, Past-President Hack, and the two elected officers, the 2025-26 leadership will

include **Secretary Sharon Collins**, program consultant, Kentucky Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) and Association for Career and Technical Education (**ACTE**) **Region 2 Policy Committee Representative Kelli Norman**, family and consumer sciences teacher and career counselor, Glasgow Independent Schools.

**Door prizes and snacks will be provided at the Annual Meeting, which will be followed by the KACTE members' cruise on the Belle of Louisville, 7-9 p.m. Please see invitation included with this News & Notes.**

The proposed resolutions, included elsewhere in this **News & Notes**, emphasizing continuing support for CTE and consideration of a new membership category that links to positions rather than individuals. Where this method is used in other ACTE affiliates, membership has

**Continued on next page**



Since 2002, the year it was initiated, KACTE received recognition for meeting ACTE's Quality Association Standards. The award signifies KACTE maintains basic standards for operations, management and customer service.



increased substantially, and the memberships are paid with federal Perkins funds or school or district funds.

As this **News & Notes** was written, Summer Program preregistration was nearing 1,700, which projects to a possible 2,000 participants. The Opening Session on Tuesday, July 29, 8 a.m., will be **keynoted by Morris Morrison**, an acclaimed speaker who addressed the ACTE Vision Conference in 2023. The Kentucky Farm Bureau CTE Award winners will be recognized, and OCTE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis will speak on accomplishments and future directions. **The CTE Meeting Place** is nearing a sell out of exhibit booths, including several new exhibitors of CTE products and services.

Additional room accommodations have been secured and preregistrations may be made by going to [www.kyacte.org](http://www.kyacte.org) and visiting the Summer Program page.

**ADVOCACY WAS** an important aspect of the last year's program of work. Although it was the odd-year, short session of the Kentucky General Assembly, KACTE communicated directly with legislators in support of CTE. Notably, KACTE was alerted by Legislative Agent Jeff Busick, principal, McCarthy Strategic Solutions, with whom KACTE contracts for advocacy services, that **House Bill 190** raised a concern.

Written by Rep. Robert Duvall, the bill directed all qualified students to participate in advanced coursework, like Dual Credit and Advanced Placement. This could be a detriment to CTE concentrators who are required to participate in career-focused courses. KACTE's officers and Advocacy Committee Chair Kiley Whitaker, administrator, Jefferson County Public Schools, met with Rep. Duvall in a meeting arranged by Busick. After listening to KACTE's position, the bill was amended to provide options for CTE students. The bill passed and will be implemented.

Another noteworthy development was KACTE Leadership Committee Co-chair J.T. Payne, assistant principal, Henderson County Career and Technical Center, was seated as a state representative. He is the first sitting KACTE Board member to hold the office. He introduced **HB193** that expanded Dual Credit eligibility. It passed and will be implemented. Other notable legislation that passed in 2025 that will impact CTE were **HB342** to establish a financial literacy credit as a requirement for high school graduation and **SB68** that adds CTE as one of the required learning capacities.

The annual **Student Leadership Day** was cancelled in February due to weather. Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) members still were able to highlight their organizations with legislators by letter and e-mail.

March 17-18, KACTE officials met with the staff of Kentucky's eight members of Congress in Washington to inform them of CTE's value and accomplishments, urging the **Perkins Act** be supported with adequate appropriations.

## Proposed Resolutions

The following resolutions will be considered at the KACTE Annual Meeting at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, on Tuesday, July 29, 5:45 p.m. A majority vote of members attending the Annual Meeting is required for adoption of the resolutions.

### Resolution One

#### SUPPORT FOR CAREER

#### AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**WHEREAS**, Career and Technical Education (CTE) is recognized as an integral function of Kentucky Education and a majority of high school students, plus many middle school students, participate in one or more CTE courses; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in Career and Technical Education impacts high school graduation rates and is also economically relevant; and

**WHEREAS**, curriculum is continually changing along with industry certifications to keep up with the trends of industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, KACTE will continue to provide leadership and advocacy for Kentucky Career and Technical Education stakeholders; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, new teacher support and professional development will continue to be provided to increase retention and support; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the CTE Summer Program will continue to not only be offered but to also adjust to meet the ever-changing needs of KACTE's members.

### Resolution Two

#### POSITIONAL GROUP DUES INVESTIGATION

**WHEREAS**, other states have begun to offer positional group membership dues paid for an entire staff through Perkins or local district funds; and

**WHEREAS**, The association wishes to meet the needs of all members; and

**WHEREAS**, KACTE values providing opportunities for all Career and Technical Education stakeholders to enjoy membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) board will investigate the implementation of positional group membership dues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, KACTE will work with OCTE and KCTCS staff regarding implementation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, KACTE will also ensure that unified organizations are included in the process, as well.



**ONLINE  
LEARNING  
CENTER**



*May 7, 2025*

## ***As Summer Approaches, CTE Learn Offers Virtual Access for Convenient PD Hours***

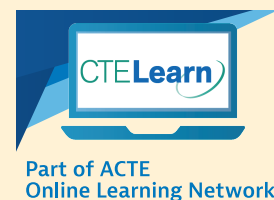
The requirement for Professional Development (PD) hours can be fulfilled virtually through **CTE Learn**, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) on-line learning portal, <https://ky.ctelearn.org>. Available through an agreement with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), **CTE Learn** is managed by MaxKnowledge, a national leader in virtual education. (See page 4 for details.)

**ADDING VALUE** for Kentucky CTE educators are:

- The **High-Quality CTE Series** presents 12 courses, with each course aligning directly with the ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework. Teachers and administrators can learn actionable insights and strategies to improve programs and student outcomes. (See page 3.)
- A new course, **EC135: Strategies for Building Relationships with Parents or Guardians and the Community** is free for Kentucky Educators. (See next page.)

Comprehensive Professional Development Opportunities for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teachers and Administrators Are Available Through **CTE Learn**, the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) Online Learning Center -- <https://ky.ctelearn.org>.

- ★ **More Than 200 Self-Paced Online Courses**
- ★ **Each Course Provides 4 Hours of Continuing Education**
- ★ **Digital Badge & Certificate of Completion**
- ★ **Opportunity to Apply for College Credit**



Please visit the KACTE Online Learning Portal -- <https://ky.ctelearn.org> -- to learn more about the Professional Development opportunities available for all CTE professionals at all levels of CTE instruction. Discounts for KACTE members and organizational/school groups are available, as well as free resources.

**Watch a 1-Minute Video on CTE Learn's Kentucky Professional Development Portal**

[https://youtu.be/AXeRYl\\_6ldI](https://youtu.be/AXeRYl_6ldI)

# ***New Module Authored by Kentucky Teacher Now Available Free on KY Online Learning Portal***

The Course Module was authored by Jamie Scott, engineering teacher, Hopkins County Schools, who earned a \$1,000 stipend for his effort. The course is available free to Kentucky teachers and administrators by using the access code: **MK903213**. Please see below how any Kentucky educator can earn a \$1,000 stipend by authoring a CTE Learn course.

## **EC135- Strategies for Building Relationships with Parents or Guardians and the Community**

This course provides educators with essential tools to cultivate strong connections beyond the classroom. It explores effective communication methods, collaborative problem-solving techniques, and ways to engage diverse stakeholders. Participants will learn strategies for building trust, navigating conflicts, and leveraging community resources to support student success. Through interactive sessions and real-world examples, educators will develop the skills to

enhance parental involvement, promote community partnerships, and create a supportive learning environment. By strengthening relationships with parents and the community, educators can build a collaborative network that enhances student learning and overall school success. This course empowers educators to bridge the gap between home, school, and community, fostering a culture of collaboration and support.

Here is a direct link to the course: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/EC135>.

## ***Earn \$1,000 for Authoring a CTE Learn Course***

Any KACTE member may submit a **CTE Learn** course development proposal. If accepted and completed, and made available through the **CTE Learn** online professional development portal, the author will earn a \$1,000 stipend award. For more information or to obtain an application form, please e-mail KACTE Executive Director Mike Stone, [kmstone1951@gmail.com](mailto:kmstone1951@gmail.com).

## **CTE Learn Course Modules Authored by KACTE Members Free to Kentucky Teachers, Administrators**

Go to <https://ky.ctelearn.org> and use the access code: **MK903213** to waive the fee for these courses.

- **EC111** — Learning Through Student-Based Enterprises
- **EC131** — How to Develop Virtual Reality Lessons
- **EC132** — 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing
- **EC133** — Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- **ED134** — Strategies for Teaching Finance to CTE Students
- **EC135** — Strategies for Building Relationships with Parents or Guardians and the Community

# Get Empowered with High-Quality CTE Series

**CTE Learn** launched the entire ***High-Quality CTE Series***, which is designed to empower educators with the knowledge and tools to excel in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Each course aligns directly with the ***ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework***, providing actionable insights and strategies to improve your programs and student outcomes.

## Why take these courses?

- They are tailored for CTE professionals.
- They are focused on the critical elements of high-quality CTE programs.
- It is self-directed learning.
- Individuals complete at their own pace and gain skills to address specific areas for improvement.
- It fosters professional growth.
- CTE professionals can use the Framework's self-assessment tool to identify where you can expand your expertise.
- It offers convenient access.
- As part of the CTE Learn subscription it is accessible 24/7 online.

## High-Quality CTE Course Series

1. Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ101>
2. Sequencing and Articulation: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ102>
3. Student Assessment: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ103>
4. Prepared and Effective Program Staff: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ104>
5. Engaging Instruction: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ105>
6. Access and Equity: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ106>
7. Facilities and Equipment, Technology and Materials: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ107>
8. Business and Community Partnerships: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ108>
9. Student Career Development: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ109>
10. Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs): <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ110>
11. Work-Based Learning: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ111>
12. Data and Program Improvement: <https://ky.ctelearn.org/HQ112>

Visit <https://ky.ctelearn.org/category/high-quality+cte> to learn more!

# ***CTE Learn Offers Professional Development Credit From the Convenience of Your Personal Computer***

**CTE Learn's** credit courses are endorsed by the University of Central Missouri (UCM), a regionally accredited public university. Participants have the opportunity to earn college credits for their completed **CTE Learn** courses. They can earn 1 Semester Credit Hour (SCH) for any block of 4 **CTE Learn** courses. In addition to eligibility to apply for both undergraduate and graduate college credit, completion of **CTE Learn** courses also provides participants with a professional development recognition badge and certificate of completion.

CTE Learn offers more than 200 self-paced online courses for CTE professionals. Each course provides 4 hours of continuing education credits. Participants can enroll in any course at any time to meet their individual learning needs.

Visit <https://ky.ctelearn.org/college-credit/> to learn more!

## ***Free Resources Available on CTE Learn***

**CareerPrepped** is a FREE online career success system that supports work-based learning programs with virtual activities, tools, and resources to help students build, prove, and showcase their workplace skills with authentic evidence.

Use **CareerPrepped** to engage students in building employability skills and knowledge, documenting and reflecting on their learning, and showcasing their qualifications with online tools.

**CareerPrepped** is FREE for individual educators to use with their classes or for schools, districts, consortiums, agencies, and other organizations in workforce development who want a centralized, organization-wide implementation.

### ***How Teachers Can use CareerPrepped***

- Use Skill Builders as online lessons with companion workbooks to help students build employability skills.

- Engage students in reflection through question prompts in Skill Builders that can be used as assignments.
- Enable students to document and reflect on their learning through a digital portfolio with unlimited storage.
- Empower students to showcase their qualifications through a Career Site that can be shared with employers.
- Use provided rubrics to give students feedback on different learning activities available on **CareerPrepped**.
- Cultivate students' ability to articulate and justify their claims of skill with curated, authentic evidence.
- Help students earn competency badges.

*Please be sure to access **CareerPrepped** through your **CTE Learn** website -- click on "CareerPrepped" location in the navigation to learn more!*

## ***CTE Earn Access Available Through ACTE Member Accounts***

Members can now access **CTE Learn**, offering free professional development resources plus more than 200 for-credit, on-demand courses, through their ACTE member accounts. The single-sign-on process makes it even easier for members to access their 10 percent discount on all for-purchase CTE courses. Log in to **CTE Learn** by clicking the link at the top of the ACTE homepage and then click the "CTE Learn/Webinars" icon.



## ***CTE Learn Network Change -- No 5-User Requirement***

The 5-User requirement for subscription purchases across the entire **CTE Learn** network was removed. Among the reasons for the change is to facilitate smaller schools with small CTE staff to still access the training through group purchase. Individuals, too, may purchase subscription access to all courses. For more information, please contact [tarlonm@maxknowledge.com](mailto:tarlonm@maxknowledge.com).

## ***Career Ed Lounge Is Free Sharing Service in KY Portal***

The Career Ed Lounge (<https://ky.ctelearn.org/lounge>), a free service provided through the Kentucky **CTE Learn** portal, provides peer-to-peer learning and sharing opportunities for CTE professionals. More than 220,000 career education professionals across the nation have joined the lounge to connect and collaborate with their peers. Lounge members can join any public community group to engage with their peers on topics of interest, or they can create their own group(s), public or private, and choose the engagement tools they want for their group(s) such as discussions, blogs, bookmarks and files.

## **CTE Learn Introduces Unified Subscription System**

**CTE Learn** now provides a unified subscription system for both individuals and institutions. Individual users get a subscription key that gives them unlimited access to all courses, and institutions get a single subscription key that they can share with all their users.

This unified system was created based on feedback received from **CTE Learn** purchasers and users. Purchasers were confused because they had to comprehend and consider two different purchase units (keys vs. users), and users were confused because of the different characteristics of enrollment and subscription keys. This change was made in consultation with ACTE leadership team to eliminate confusion, ease purchasing process, and simplify implementation and usage.

Additionally, a gateway pricing page has been created to enable ACTE staff to more easily direct national inquiries to partner portals. You can view this gateway page here: <https://www.ctelearn.org/pricing>.

***CTE Learn** is one of the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education's (KACTE) commitment to fulfill its purpose to enhance the professional development of Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals. Additional programs are the KACTE Fellows Leadership Program, Professional Development Grant opportunities, and logistic management of the annual Kentucky CTE Summer Program.*

