



“The Colorado Promise – Perkins 4.0” CACTA Annual Mid-Winter Conference

The Colorado Association for Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA) Mid-Winter Conference, held Feb. 14 -16 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, drew more than 175 CTE administrators and teachers participated in the workshops and round table discussions that enhanced the themes presented in keynote addresses by national experts.

The conference theme, “The Colorado Promise – Perkins 4.0,” established a vision of Career and Technical Education in Colorado as an essential component of the entire educational system, and critical to the state’s ability to compete in a global economy.

Hans Meeder, former deputy assistant secretary for education in the U.S. Department of Education, opened the conference with a presentation on career and technical in the 21st Century and the international dynamics of our changing workforce. Later in the conference, Dr. Ann Benson, national career clusters consultant, shared her experiences and challenged the participants’ ideas regarding career clusters, an important part of the Perkins IV Reauthorization.

Eight Colorado CTE Administrators were honored at the Retirees Luncheon for their service and contributions to Colorado Career and Technical Education. They included: Karen Ellis, Mary Stecklein, Carole O’Brien, Laurie Maxson, Art Bogardus, Kerry Youngblood, Michael Moore and Dale McCall. The awards ceremony provided an opportunity for CACTA members to congratulate these outstanding leaders.

The highlight of the three-day conference was a panel discussion led by Meeder and featuring panelists RuthAnn Woods, president of Trinidad State Junior College; Dr. Matt Gianneschi, education policy officer for Governor Bill Ritter’s Cabinet; Dr. Linda Bowman, president of Community College of Aurora and vice president of educational services for CCCS; Gully Stanford, executive director of College in Colorado; and Dr. Jeanette Cornier, senior consultant for the Office of Learning and Results at Colorado Department of Education. The panel members shared their ideas regarding Perkins 4.0 legislation and how the implementation of the new law plays a critical part in the Colorado Promise.

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TSJC Receives \$1.5 million Grant for EPIC Program

Trinidad State Junior College has been awarded nearly \$1.5 million to benefit their new Energy Production and Industrial Construction (EPIC) program.

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration Community-Based Job Training Grant program awarded \$125 million to 72 community college partnerships who successfully competed under the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants initiative.

The grant will assist TSJC's EPIC program through the acquisition of state of the art, industry specific equipment and tuition scholarships for 150 students over the three year grant period.

TSJC's proposal identified a need for highly trained employees in the energy production and support industries related to coal bed methane production. As a result of this need, TSJC introduced the EPIC program in the fall of 2006. Students focus on welding, heavy equipment operation or diesel mechanics to receive their certificate in less than one year. Students interested in all three disciplines will spend two years at TSJC and may elect to add general studies courses for AAS degree. Students completing this training are immediately desirable in the industry and typical starting salaries are around \$20.00 per hour and up.

The main objectives of the grant are to recruit, train and provide job placement services for TSJC EPIC students. An exciting aspect of the project will be the acquisition of state of the art industry specific equipment for students to learn and perfect their skills.

TSJC brought together many partners for the project including: Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Purgatoire Valley Construction, Weatherford International, Wagner Equipment Company, Colorado Workforce Center, Rocky Mountain SER and Trinidad High School.

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Anderson Presented CATFACS Distinguished Service Award Headley, Rains Also Honored

Gail Anderson, State Family and Consumer Science program director, was surprised with the Colorado Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences Distinguished Service Award at the recognition dinner during the CATFACS Winter Conference, Jan. 27 through 29.

Anderson was recognized for her curriculum development work and for her positive leadership as well as serving as spokeswoman for FACS in Colorado.

Additionally, Gail Headley from Chaparral High School received the CATFACS New Professional Award and Patti Rains, Arapahoe High School, was presented the CATFACS Teacher of the Year award.

CATFACS Conference Report

The Colorado Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (CATFACS) Winter Conference was held at the Boulder Millennium Harvest House, Jan. 27 through 29, with 135 FACS teachers attending.

A three-hour pre-conference workshop, "The Culprit and the Cure," was presented by Kathy Corder from Health Promotion Management focused on health research and unhealthy lifestyle habits that contribute to disease and a lower quality of life. During the conference, Gail Anderson and Dawn Mallette presented the "Hot Consumer Trends" workshop while Cindy Miller and Lynn Zemanek presented two FCCLA workshops.

FCCLA state officers Randi Ortner, president, Wray High School addressed the assemblage while Ashley Stroh, First VP, Holyoke; Deidra Shutte, VP of Finance; Marie Newby, VP of Public Relations; and Kayla Johnson, VP of Publications, all from Pueblo county, networked with teachers.

On the concluding day of the conference, the state officers traveled to Denver to meet with Senator Greg Brophy, Wray, to thank him for his support and provide him with additional FCCLA information.

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Webinar for CTE Professionals Slated for March 14

A web-based seminar – Webinar – entitled "Breaking Barriers: Recruiting Nontraditional Students in Career Technical Education" will be offered March 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MST at http://www.innovativeeducators.org/product_p/59.htm

Mimi Lufkin, executive director of the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), a consortium of state and local education and workforce agencies providing national leadership for equity in education and workforce development, will be the speaker. She has more than 26 years of experience as an educator and as an administrator of local and state level projects and has been NAPE executive director since 1994. She works closely with states to share best practices for serving special population students and developing and analyzing accountability data to determine their progress and outcomes. At the federal level, Lufkin works with other national organizations to advocate for equity in all federal legislation including the Workforce Investment Act, Welfare, No Child Left Behind, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Perkins and others.

The Webinar will address:

- Why are students less likely to participate in career and technical education (CTE) programs that are nontraditional for their gender?
- What barriers do they face?
- What strategies can we implement to eliminate those barriers and increase the participation of nontraditional students in CTE programs?

The programs that prepare students for nontraditional careers, those in which one gender is underrepresented by 25% or less, will be discussed. The session will introduce the tools needed to increase the participation of students in nontraditional CTE programs. Participants will come away able to

- Identify current nontraditional occupations for men and women;
- Identify the nontraditional programs at their institution;

- Understand the root causes for a lack of participation of underrepresented gender students in nontraditional career and technical education programs; and,
- Identify effective strategies to combat the root causes and increase participation of students in nontraditional CTE.

Register by March 1st and save \$50 off the regular registration price of \$395.

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Proposed Bush Administration Budget Would Slash CTE Funding 53 Percent

In its budget, the Bush Administration proposes a massive 53 percent funding cut for career and technical education (CTE). The Carl D. Perkins program would be funded at \$617.4 million, down \$686.3 million from FY2006 funding and the presumed level for FY2007. The President's budget would also eliminate the Tech Prep program which funds math and science classes to prepare high school students for technical colleges.

It is unclear how much weight the President's budget will have on congressional spending decisions for FY2008. While it is possible that Congress will write its own budget, it is also possible that members will use some of the president's proposals as a starting point for drafting the congressional Budget Resolution.

In coming weeks, committees in the House and Senate will hold hearings on the areas of the budget within their jurisdiction. Following the hearings, Congress will work to draft the Budget Resolution – a blueprint that sets spending and revenue targets for the year.

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Cosby to Headline AACC Convention, April 14-17

Actor/comedian and education advocate Bill Cosby has been confirmed as speaker for the closing session of the 2007 AACC Convention, April 14 through 17 in Tampa, Florida. During a 10 a.m. to noon brunch session on April 17, Dr. Cosby will address the growing threat to educational access and the critical role of community colleges as a gateway to higher education. For additional information on ticket purchases for the brunch, see www.aacc.nche.edu and click on the Convention link.

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FCCLA Leadership Conference, Apr. 13

The Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, scheduled for April 13 at the Denver Marriot Tech Center, is expected to attract nearly 1,000 high school students and teachers from across Colorado.

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NAPE Institute Slated for April 16-19

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity will hold its 28th annual Professional Development Institute, "Collaborations: Creating Success for Special Populations," April 16 through 19, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Institute offers programs for equity coordinators, non-traditional coordinators, state and local special population coordinators, Title IX coordinators, professional development and resource project staff, CTE researchers, single parent/displaced homemaker program coordinators, CTE teachers and administrators, TANF program personnel, one-stop program personnel and community-based organization staff.

Highlights of this year's Institute include:

- Keynote speech by Dr. Patricia Stanley, deputy assistant secretary, USDOE, OVAE;
- Intense training, workshops, and forums;
- National experts discussing current issues in education and workforce development;
- Strategies sharing opportunities with state and national leaders;
- Opportunities for interaction with members of Congress and their staffs;
- Opportunities to meet with your own legislators to discuss critical equity issues;
- Participate in a Silent Auction to benefit the NAPE Education Foundation;
- An evening cultural event with your colleagues.

Register at: http://www.napequity.org/nape_online_registration.htm

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Colorado CTE Event Calendar

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar. You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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Regional CTE Workshop Slated

The final half-day "condensed" Career and Technical Education workshops that provides CTE educators an opportunity to meet with the state CTE staff is scheduled for Feb. 23 at San Juan Basin Technical College in Cortez. The workshop will cover a range of topics including the impact of Education Reform on CTE, the development of the new Perkins State Plan, how to measure program effectiveness, and how to develop a five-year plan. The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to network or take a campus tour.

For more information or to download an agenda or an application for substitute pay reimbursement, or to register online, go to <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/Workshops.html>.

For more information, contact Gail Anderson (303-595-1616), Darrell Green (303-595-1580), Patsy Krechel (720-858-2746), Cindy Le Coq (303-595-1590), Scott Stump (303-595-1578) or Pat Sagrillo (303-595-1568).

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VE-135 Follow-up Due Soon

Attention all institutions with approved CTE programs! By now you should have begun the process of gathering placement data on your past year program completers as part of the VE-135 Follow-up **due March 1**. ALL institutions with active CTE programs are required to report this data even if you do not receive CVA or Perkins funding.

The VE-135 website is at <https://ve135.cccs.edu> (new URL). 2006-2007 VE-130 Teacher Updates and VE-135 Follow-up and Enrollment data can all be entered onto the website at this time.

If you have any questions about reporting either the VE-130 or VE-135, please contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527.

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Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at www.cccs.edu. Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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Valuable CTE Websites

CTE Directory: http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf

Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Credentialing Office: <http://www.coloradocredentialing.org/>

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>

FCCLA: www.fccla.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA: www.deca.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA Newsletter: <http://www.deca.cccs.edu/NEWSLETTER.HTM>

SkillsUSA: www.skillsusa.cccs.edu

FBLA-PBL: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/>

FBLA Newsletter: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/newsletters.htm>

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TSA Colorado: <http://www.cotsa.cccs.edu/>

ACTE: www.acteonline.org

E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>

Colorado Technology Education Association: www.cteaonline.org

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