

The Association of Career and Technical Educators (ACTE) Region V held its annual conference on April 11-14 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, CO.

Three career and technical education professionals were inducted into the Region V Hall of Fame on Thursday. This award recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of those person who have been identified with the work and purposes of Region V. Those honored include:

- Mary Ann Behrens, Teaching Teachers Techniques, Inc. President/Consultant, Arizona ACTE
 - Mary Ann most recently served as the Region V Fellowship Coordinator. In addition to serving a term as president, conference presenter and the conference/leadership planning committee for AZ-ACTE, she served on the Region V Publications Awards and Conference Planning Committees.
- Dodie Bemis, Executive Director, South Dakota ACTE
 - Dodie currently serves as the Region V Vice President on the ACTE Board and was recently elected president of the National Executive Director's Association. She served as a site committee co-chair for three Region V Conferences and has presented at numerous region conferences as well as Region V state ACTE conferences in addition to serving on numberouse Region V committees.
- Doug Meyer, Interim Skilled and Technical Sciences Program Supervisor, Washington ACTE
 - Doug is a past President of ACTE. In addition to serving a two-year termo as the WA-ACTE President, he served on the Legislative, Resolutions, CTE Support Fund and Policy Committees for Region V.

The Publication Awards and Innovative Program Awards were presented on Friday. The following states received ACTE Region V Publication Awards and received a digital badge to display on future publications:

- Newsletter – Montana, *Montana ACTE-ENews*
- Membership Recruitment – Arizona, *What is ACTE AZ?*
- Conference Publication – North Dakota, *CTE: Growing Leaders and Learners for 100 Years*
- Advocacy Publication – Nebraska, *CTE in Nebraska*
- Website Publication – Nevada, *Nevada ACTE*

The Innovative Program Awards recognize innovative career and technical education programs from each Region V state that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education. Receiving Innovative Program Awards this year were:

- Troy Gabaldon, Arizona – Aviation Technology

- Joan Leik, Montana – Culinary Arts
- Dalon Grimm, David Axt, Sarah Beereth, and Shawn Brink, North Dakota – Career Ready Practices
- Bret Johnson, South Dakota – Architecture & Construction Cluster
- Brenda Grabski and Angel Elam, Washington – Capital High School Marketing

On Saturday, 54 state award winners from 14 states vied for the title of ACTE Region V Excellence Award winner. These awards recognize members for their contributions to career and technical education. The following people were chosen as award recipients for 2018.

Katie Hatt was presented with the ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes teachers who have made a significant contribution toward innovative CTE programs and have shown accomplishments early in his/her professional career. Katie is a Medical Careers instructor for Grand Forks Public Schools/ Grand Forks Area Career & Technology Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Kathleen McCune was presented the ACTE Region V Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes the accomplishments and innovations contributed to the CTE community by a postsecondary teacher/educator. Kathleen is a Business instructor at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Nebraska.

Peder Gjovik was presented the ACTE Region V Teacher Educator of the Year award. This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs. Peder is a Professor of Engineering and Technology Education at Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota.

Bernadette Russoniello was presented the ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes teachers who have provided outstanding CTE programs in their respective fields and communities. Bernadette is a Marketing instructor at Maricopa Unified School District in Maricopa, Arizona.

Meg Giancesello was presented the ACTE Region V Administrator of the Year award. This award recognizes an administrator who has made significant contributions to CTE programs in their communities and/or state. Meg is the Executive Director of Educational Programs for Chandler Unified School District in Chandler, Arizona.

Amy Dillard was presented the ACTE Region V Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes a CTE professional who has made significant accomplishments and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote community service. Amy is an Agriculture Education instructor for Gilbert Public Schools in Gilbert, Arizona.

Shelly Thome was presented the ACTE Region V Career Guidance Award. This award recognizes a school counselor or career development professional who has made

significant contributions to CTE programs in his/her communities and/or state. Shelly is a Counselor Liaison at Western Maricopa Education Center in Glendale, Arizona.

Jeanne Roberts was presented the ACTE Region V Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes contributions and distinguished accomplishments of individuals who have been identified with the work and vision of the Association for Career and Technical Education. Jeanne retired as the Deputy Associate Superintendent/CTE State Director from Arizona Department of Education in Scottsdale, Arizona.

LeAnn Wilson, ACTE Executive Director, commented “From students to businesses, the American economy relies on high-quality career and technical education. All across the country, CTE professionals work hard to lead these programs and prepare students for both education and career success. The National ACTE is grateful for the efforts of these CTE leaders here in Region V, and we congratulate them for this well-deserved recognition.”

The ACTE Region V Excellence Award winners will advance to the national level where they compete against the other 4 Regions at CareerTech Vision 2018 to be named the ACTE Excellence Award winner of the year. CareerTech Vision 2018 will be held November 28-December 1, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas.