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**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
2018 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Washington ACTE 2018 Excellence Awards. The award winners were announced during the Awards Breakfast at the Washington ACTE Summer Conference on August 7, 2018, at The Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane.

The **Washington ACTE Teacher of the Year Award** recognizes the finest Career and Technical Education teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students, and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Teacher of the Year



Matt Johnson
Snohomish School District

Matt Johnson is a Manufacturing and Technology teacher at Snohomish High School in the Snohomish School District. Matt has been a Washington ACTE member since 2017.

The **Washington ACTE Administrator of the Year Award** recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, or state level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and effective Career and Technical Education programs.

Administrator of the Year



Sara Hatfield
South Kitsap School District

Sara Hatfield is the Career and Technical Education Director for South Kitsap School District in Port Orchard. Sara has been a Washington ACTE member since 2006.

The **Washington ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of members who have been identified with the work and purposes of Washington ACTE over an extended period of time.

Lifetime Achievement Award



Jim Nelson
Blaine School District

Jim Nelson is the Career and Technical Education Director and a Technology Education teacher at Blaine High School in the Blaine School District. Jim has been a Washington ACTE member since 1992.

The **Washington ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year 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.

Teacher Educator of the Year



Deborah Handy
Washington State University

Deborah Handy is a Clinical Associate Professor for the Department of Human Development at Washington State University in Pullman. Debbie has been a Washington ACTE member since 1993.

The **Washington ACTE New Teacher of the Year Award** recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique Career and Technical Education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers.

New Teacher of the Year



Shari Brink
Selah School District

Shari Brink is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Selah High School in the Selah School District. Shari has been a Washington ACTE member since 2013.

The **Washington ACTE Career Guidance Award** recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

Career Guidance Award



Terry Derrig
Renton School District

Terry Derrig is a CTE Work Site Learning Coordinator for the Renton School District. Terry has been a Washington ACTE member since 2005.

The **Washington ACTE Community Service Award** recognizes individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.

Community Service Award



Cheryl Uceny
Kittitas School District

Cheryl Uceny is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and FCCLA adviser at Kittitas Secondary School in the Kittitas School District. Cheryl has been a Washington ACTE member since 1991.

The **Washington ACTE President's Award** is presented by the Washington ACTE president to the person that they feel helped them the most during their year as president.

President's Award
Presented by Kevin Plambeck, WA-ACTE President 2017-2018



Tim Knue
WA-ACTE Executive Director

The **Washington ACTE Achieve 100% Membership Award** recognizes schools or districts that have 100% Washington ACTE membership participation from each and every member of their Career and Technical Education staff. The 2018 recipients: **Bethel School District, Blaine High School, Clover Park School District, Fife School District, Grandview High School, Longview School District, Lynden High School, OSPI CTE Department, Sumner School District, and Yelm Community Schools.**



The **Washington ACTE Membership Award** recognizes the Washington ACTE section with the highest percentage increase in membership. **WACTA** is this year's recipient with a 18% increase in membership.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2018 EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

The Washington ACTE Awards promote merit in Career and Technical Education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to Washington ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE. The state winners will progress on to compete at the regional level next year at the ACTE Region V Conference in Bozeman, Montana, April 10-13, 2019.

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is the state's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Washington ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals including educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors, and others at all levels of education. Washington ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development, and leadership opportunities.