



**e-News Blast**  
**UPDATE**  
**April 2021**



**Spring Into Action and Register Today!**  
**Early Bird Registration Rates Through June 30**

**WA-ACTE Summer Conference**  
**"CTE...Without Limits"**  
**August 8-11, 2021**  
**The Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane**

Washington ACTE's Summer Conference will offer attendees a highly interactive conference experience online and onsite in Spokane that will give you unlimited access to learning, sharing, and networking this August 8-11. Registration is now open with early bird rates available through June 30. The total number of clock hours and how many qualify as STEM will be determined at a later date as we get closer to conference. Recorded sessions will be available to earn clock hours until August 25.

**Call for Presentations**  
**Priority Submissions by May 3**

*Conference sessions start at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 8 and end at noon on Wednesday, August 11.*

**Paper Registration (checks or purchase orders): [Word](#) | [pdf](#)**

**[Online Registration \(credit cards only\)](#)**



**Opening Keynote Speaker: [OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal](#)**

**The Davenport Grand Hotel \$114/night**

Reservations Starting on August 6 and Ending on August 11

Last Day to Book: Friday, July 9, 2021

Hotel offering special group rate:

The \$10 daily Destination Amenity Fee will be waived for all reservations/room nights.  
All attendees will receive \$10 discounted overnight self-parking for the duration of stay.

**[Book Your Group Rate](#)**

# FUTURE EVENTS

## [Upcoming Conferences](#)

WA-ACTE, Sections, Region V, and National ACTE Conferences

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## [Washington ACTE Membership Webpage](#)

Renew your membership for WA-ACTE, Sections, and/or National ACTE.

Advocate for your CTE interests and achieve your career goals by ensuring your membership is current.

[Join or Renew Membership Dues with a Check or Purchase Order](#)

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## [College, shipyard partner on specialized training](#)

A Washington state college is partnering with an area shipyard on a new program to train 10 employees in marine and pipe welding. The program is expected to begin in the summer and is designed to help shipyard employees advance their careers via specialized training.

## [CTE students prepare for annual plant sale](#)

Students enrolled in floral and horticulture courses at a Washington state high school learn hands-on lessons in growing vegetables, herbs and other plants as part of the career and technical education program. Students now are preparing for their annual spring plant sale.

## [Partnerships key to district's CTE expansion](#)

A Washington state school district is preparing to expand its career and technical education programming in the coming years under a plan recently approved by the school board. Plans include a focus on local partnerships to strengthen and grow internship opportunities and more.

## [Wash. faces shortage of dental hygienists](#)

Dental hygienists are in short supply throughout Washington state, partly due to the pandemic, according to a survey by the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association and the Washington State Dental Association. The survey, from February, found about 220 hygienists were looking for a job, while there were more than 900 openings, with jobs remaining open, on average, for four months.

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### Are you a fully certificated teacher who wants to add a CTE specialty area?

CWU is currently accepting applications for the CTE Business & Industry Route (Plan 2) Summer Intensive Session which will be fully online again this year, with zoom sessions the first week followed by 4 weeks of independent online work. Fully certificated teachers who already hold a degree in education typically meet all the pre-requisites to attend this 5-week summer session.

You can find more information about the schedule and the specific courses offered on our website <https://www.cwu.edu/family-consumer/CTEschedule>

The priority deadline for applications is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please review program requirements and submit your application via our website <https://www.cwu.edu/family-consumer/cte-teacher-preparation-program-application>

Questions? Email [cte@cwu.edu](mailto:cte@cwu.edu).

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### Applications are Open!

Now in its fifth year, the 2021 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence will award \$1 million in prizes to public high school skilled trades teachers and programs in the U.S. Apply by **May 21**, or share this opportunity with a deserving teacher.

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### ACTE Student Trophy Design Contest Returns

ACTE is excited to announce our sixth annual student contest to redesign the 3D-printed trophies for the ACTE Excellence Awards. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Stratasy and presented to the 10 national award winners at the 2021 ACTE Virtual Awards Gala on **Dec. 1**. We highly encourage you, your peers and students to participate in this year's contest — the deadline for design submissions is **May 1**.

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### 2022 Video Contest Theme Announced!

NOCTI is excited to announce its 2022 Video Contest theme: "Employable: A CTE Story." We are seeking creative submissions where students produce a video telling the story of their CTE journey. The contest opens September 2021; encourage your students to start thinking about a submission! Stay tuned for more details and watch our 2020 winners [here!](#)

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Apply for the fall Career and Technical Scholarship by June 6, 2021!

The [Career and Technical Scholarship](#) is now open for Washington residents interested in pursuing an eligible trade, STEM or health care program at Washington's community or technical colleges. This scholarship offers **\$1,500 per quarter** in scholarship funding towards eligible **certificate, apprenticeship or associate degree programs**.

The scholarship can be used to cover tuition, fees and other costs of attendance like housing, transportation, food and more! CTS supports Washington residents of any age on their path to **high-demand, family-wage careers**.

In addition, eligible CTS applicants that meet additional criteria will be automatically considered for the [Rural Jobs Initiative](#), earning even more scholarship dollars to support them in obtaining the skills they need to access opportunities in their own backyards.

[Learn more and apply today!](#) If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [awards@waopportunityscholarship.org](mailto:awards@waopportunityscholarship.org).



Through the EAGLES Scholarship, you can earn your degree in one of Heritage's non-medical STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) majors– Biology, Environmental Science/Studies, Pre-Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics– with no out of pocket cost for tuition. Twenty EAGLES Scholarships will be awarded annually. These scholarships are renewable annually while you work towards your bachelor's degree.

You can turn your passion for protecting the environment into a rewarding career. The EAGLES Scholarship is a need- and merit-based award that, when combined with federal and state grants, covers the entire cost of attendance at Heritage.

In addition to the financial award, EAGLES scholars receive mentorship from faculty and members of the scientific community as well as opportunities to participate in special environmental pollution research, and paid internships. Plus, pre-engineering students can transfer seamlessly into the civil or environmental engineering programs at Portland State University, and retain their scholarship for the duration of their undergraduate studies at PSU.

**ELIGIBILITY:**  
The EAGLES Scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Have a 3.0 GPA (GPAs of 2.75-2.99 may be considered under certain circumstances.)
- Low-income and PELL Grant eligible
- Committed to majoring in one of the STEM studies areas
- Interested in research experiences within your major that support environmental sustainability
- Priority will be given to first-time freshmen and transfer students.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**  
**PRIORITY DEADLINE**  
November 30, 2020  
**FINAL DEADLINE**  
MAY 3, 2021

Learn more and apply today!  
[HERITAGE.EDU/  
SCHOLARSHIPS](https://heritage.edu/scholarships)



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### **Grants now available to support professional learning for educators**

The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) is offering grants of up to \$15,000 to strengthen educator retention through professional learning opportunities. Grantees will organize and support learning communities using competency-based professional growth plans (PGPs) in the 2021-22 school year.

Professional learning communities (PLCs) must include paraeducators and educators from populations that have been historically underrepresented and systematically excluded from the educator workforce. Each grantee must support a minimum of 20 educators completing PGPs.

[View our informational packet](#) to learn more about the grant.

### **Focus areas**

Applicants will choose one of three areas to focus their learning community work and must include strategies to increase educator retention. Focus areas include:

- Community building
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) integration
- A grantee specified area

### **Who may apply?**

Washington State school districts, tribal schools, ESDs, approved clock hour providers, and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. If individual educators are interested in participating in this grant, they should communicate their interest to one of these organizations.

### **What is a PGP?**

PGPs are job-embedded, self-directed professional development. With a PGP, educators set goals, align them to standards, design an action plan, collect evidence, and reflect on the process. PGPs for certificate renewal or used in the paraeducator certificate program are eligible for 25 clock hours. [Learn more about PGPs on our website.](#)

### **How do PGPs support educator retention?**

PGPs can serve as an innovative retention strategy. Competency-based learning provides educators the opportunity to apply and demonstrate their skills in ways that differ from traditional professional development. This learning can inspire growth within the educator's existing role or within the educator field.

### **How can grant funds be used?**

Grant funds can be used for compensation, substitutes and release time, grant-related efforts, and programming.

### **When is the application due?**

Grant applications are due by Tuesday, June 8, 2021. No extensions. [View the application.](#)

### **Attend an informational webinar**

PESB will host an informational webinar on Thursday, April 1 at 1 p.m. to provide an overview of the application process for organizations interested in the grant. [Register to attend.](#)

### **Questions?**

Contact information

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### Congratulations, Region V Award Winners

On **Saturday, April 17**, 60 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 (CTE). The following people were chosen as award recipients for 2021:

- **Miranda Bright** 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 their professional career. Miranda is a Family and Consumer Science educator from Crete, Nebraska.
- **Ben Hamlett** was presented the ACTE Region V Postsecondary Teacher of the Year award. This award recognizes the accomplishments and innovations contributed to the CTE community by a postsecondary teacher/educator. Ben Hamlett is a professor in Twin Falls, Idaho.
- **Natalie Hancock** 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. Natalie Hancock is an assistant teaching professor in Provo, Utah.
- **Laura Miller** 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. Laura Miller is an Agricultural Education educator from Junction City, Kansas.
- **Shani Watkins** 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. Shani Watkins is the director of West Sound Technical Skills Center in Bremerton, Washington.
- **Richard McPherson** 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. Richard is an Agricultural Education educator in Rio Rico, Arizona.
- **Heather Webb** was presented the ACTE Region V Counseling and Career Development Professional 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. Heather Webb is a professional school counselor in Surprise, Arizona.
- **John Mulcahy** 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 ACTE. John Mulcahy is an assistant superintendent in Glendale, Arizona. Also recognized for Lifetime Achievement from Region V were Julie Felt Snowball (UT), Cindy Brace (SD), Tina Statucki (NV), and Stella Tharp (KS).

The ACTE Region V Excellence Award winners will advance to the national level where they compete against the other four regions at ACTE's Hybrid CareerTech VISION 2021 to be named the ACTE Excellence Award winner of the year. VISION 2021 will be held **Dec. 1-4** online and on-site in New Orleans, Louisiana.

## Communications/Innovations Recognized

The Communication Awards and Innovative Program Awards were presented at the Region V Leadership Conference virtually. The following states received ACTE Region V Communication Awards and a digital badge to display on future publications:

- Newsletter — Washington, e-News Blast Update December 2020
- Membership Recruitment — Washington ACTE
- Conference Publication — Arizona, *Midwinter Conference*
- Advocacy Publication — Montana, *Fast Track to Your Career*
- Website Publication — Montana, [www.montanaacte.org](http://www.montanaacte.org)



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

- Deer Valley High School Marketing and Hospitality Program — Arizona
- MCPS District Automotive — Montana
- Harrisburg High School Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management — South Dakota
- Toppenish Middle School STEM Academy — Washington (Nicole Hitchcock)

## Region V Opportunity Funds Recipients Announced

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Opportunity Fund Grant: Alaska, Arizona, Nevada and Washington! Although we were unable to recognize these outstanding organizations in person, we were thrilled to share with our Region V members at our recent 2021 Region V Conference and through this electronic communication. Each of these state organizations submitted detailed plans to use these funds for advocacy and growth.

Alaska ACTE is creating a public accessible website which will serve as a clearinghouse for online CTE curriculum and resources. They are awarded \$2,000 to assist in their efforts to develop this new website and resource repository. Alaska is working with their State Department of Education and Early Development as well as their own association to co-fund this project.

Arizona ACTE is furthering an advocacy program by using their \$2,000 award to co-fund the development of the Premier Series Brochures. Stakeholders, such as industry and new teachers and retiring teachers, will be targeted for dissemination of these CTE advocacy brochures.

Nevada ACTE is creating advertising materials to also use in advocating for CTE. They are awarded \$2,000 for their efforts.

Washington ACTE is following in the advocacy theme and producing seven separate 30-second video spots branded to the Washington ACTE. They are awarded \$2,000 for their advocacy efforts, and they will match our award with their own funds to complete the production of these videos.

Please join us in congratulating them and celebrating the exciting work that is happening in all our states to move CTE forward.