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In Memory of



Gordon L. Quick

Former Washington Vocational Association (WVA) Member, Gordon Quick, 92, of Tacoma, Washington, passed away on March 12, 2024, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Gordon was born on October 25, 1931, in York, Nebraska. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from 1959 to 1966 and received his Doctorate. He served as Principal/Superintendent for the David City, Benedict, and Curtis School Districts in Nebraska. He worked at Clover Park Technical College (formerly Clover Park Education Center and Clover Park Vocational Technical Institute) starting in 1966 until his retirement in 1988 where he started vocational training for people coming from industry and serving as a teacher training supervisor as well as the director of elective high school and adult education.



[WA-ACTE Summer Conference](#) – Join us for the Career and Technical Education event of the year for Washington State! Washington ACTE’s Summer Conference is the must-attend event for Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals. The WA-ACTE Summer Conference is happening August 4-7 at The Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, Washington. Summer Conference will provide attendees program sessions, networking opportunities, exhibitor trade show, and much more! We hope to see you in Spokane!

Upcoming Conferences

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

WA-ACTE CTE Director Preparation Program



Student-run Wildcat Cafe to teach culinary skills, more

Lincoln High School's Wildcat Cafe, a student-run initiative in Port Angeles, Wash., will introduce culinary arts students to practical kitchen skills and teach economics, marketing, and management aspects of the hospitality industry. The cafe, a part of the Salish Sea Ecotourism and Hospitality program, aims to expand into eco-tourism experiences, blending academic and hands-on learning to prepare students for diverse careers.

High-school programs aim to help fill in-demand roles

Clark County high schools in Washington State are addressing the growing demand for skilled labor by introducing Career and Technical Education programs. As the construction sector leads with an average of 2,600 annual job openings in Southwest Washington, Ridgefield High School is opening a new construction trades building, and several schools plan similar initiatives to provide students with real-world construction skills and pathways to high-demand, high-wage jobs.

Wash. district taps ChatGPT for AI policy development

The Peninsula School District in Washington State, an early adopter in crafting AI guidelines for K-12 classrooms, has enlisted ChatGPT to develop its policy document, says Kris Hagel, the district's executive director for digital learning. Hagel shares insights AI policy creation process and encourages other districts to take an adaptive, hands-on approach to integrate AI into education.

Wash. student earns flight training scholarship

Lauren Hoyt, a high-school senior in Bothell, Wash., whose parents and grandfather are all pilots, has earned her second \$2,500 scholarship from the Cascade Warbirds to defray the cost of flight training. "Aviation has always been part of my life," Hoyt wrote in her scholarship essay. "Some of my most vivid young memories consist of days at the airport driving around on my grandpa's tug, or getting to sit in his planes and playing with the headsets, imagining the possibility of my dream job."

High-school welding program blends skills, relaxation

The Career and Technical Education welding program at Battle Ground High School in Washington State offers students a pathway from basic freshman classes to entry-level welding or fabrication jobs. While some see it as a therapeutic hobby, others are considering welding as a potential career.

Wash. district launches Health Care Careers Academy

To combat health care worker shortages, a Washington State school district is introducing the Health Care Careers Academy, enrolling 350 students between two high schools. The hands-on program provides valuable experience and introduces students to various health care professions and career paths.



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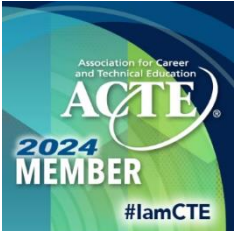
- **Renew your membership for WA-ACTE, Sections, and/or National ACTE.**
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKS STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

The State Board of Education is seeking a current high school sophomore (rising junior) to serve a two-year term as a Student Representative. Eligible students should have a passion for improving K-12 education and be able to devote sufficient time, including but not limited to, participating in all scheduled Board meetings. The Board will consider the geographic and demographic diversity of the student’s school and the ability of the student to understand and communicate the experiences of a wide range of students, particularly those who have not been well served by our education system. More details at: <https://buff.ly/3P8H2Xz>



The Workforce Board seeks volunteers to review this year's applications. We're looking for people from business, labor, education, community organizations and more. This commitment involves just a few hours of your time. Learn more about [volunteering here](#).

Student Video Challenge: Why Go to the Moon?

ACTE -- the host of CTE Month -- and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the 2023-24 student video challenge, which offers students the opportunity to showcase the application of CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on Earth as well as in space. This year's theme: "Why Go to the Moon?" The contest is open to students of all ages, including elementary, middle school, high school and postsecondary students in any school or who is homeschooled. Submit a two-minute video by **April 1**.

The application period is now open for the 2024 **Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence®**. The prize honors outstanding U.S. public high school skilled trades teachers and their programs. The application deadline is Friday, May 3. [Apply now!](#)

Space is still available for both HVAC and autogas vehicle educators – The Propane Education & Research Council is offering priceless knowledge for your students — and a free* trip for you! As a HVAC or autogas vehicle educator, you still have time to make plans to attend one of our “Train the Trainer” sessions featuring two days of in-person instruction from propane industry experts. And to make attending even easier, we are offering you a free* flight, free meals, free hotel room and free ground transportation during your stay.

Space is limited — submit your application today!



Announcing WAMOA's \$1000 John Helmlinger Memorial Scholarship for Secondary Students.

The application window is now open through the end-of-day, March 31.

WAMOA – Washington Association of Maintenance and Operations Administrators – supports K-12 school districts through legislative advocacy, leadership, networking, and training.

In brief, two \$1000 scholarships are available: 1 Member Scholarship and 1 Student Scholarship.

- **Member Scholarship:** Eligible applicants are active WAMOA members pursuing continuing education or renewing certification related to their career in Facilities Maintenance & Operations.
- **Student Scholarship:** Eligible applicants are graduating high-school students (students completing secondary education) who are continuing their education at an accredited university, community or trade college, or who are continuing with a career-oriented apprenticeship offering professional certification.
- Scholarship Payment, in the form of tuition and curriculum reimbursement up to the value awarded, will be made to the Scholar by WAMOA upon verified completion of course work.

Details can be found on the attached application which is also available at:

<https://www.wamoa.org/Forms-and-Links>

Please submit applications and questions to: programs@wamoa.org