

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WA-ACTE PAST PRESIDENT

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1. General Thoughts:

Spring is in the air! It's been a burst of sunshine for the past several days, providing a nice reprieve to the dreary January and part of February that we had. I am excited about the direction we are headed in Career and Technical Education and the opportunities that are coming up for us.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

While I have not been able to be on the last couple of conference calls for summer conference, I am excited about the way it is shaping up. Such an exciting time for all of us.

If you have not already, please make sure that all sessions have been entered into the online survey monkey system and the presenters know what was submitted, in case the presenter didn't submit the information themselves.

I continue to advocate for career and technical education and the value of participating in your professional organization when I meet with others. Over the past month, I have had the opportunity to meet with several different Rotary members from various Rotary clubs, and it's been a great opportunity to advocate for the value of CTE and how it contributes positively to our communities and society. One of our local Rotarians is now advocating for the rotary to provide award opportunities for CTE students specifically, so I am excited to see where this leads.

3. Matters of Interest:

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- Preparing for pathways and what that work will look like next year
- Understanding the bills that are out currently that may impact CTE programs/programming
- Understanding the comprehensive local needs assessment for Washington and how to use this tool to better support and inform about CTE programming

4. Executive Committee Activities:

Upcoming: National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C., Region V in Lake Tahoe