WACTA / WA-CCER Spring 2023 Conference
Event Schedule

Mon, Feb 13, 2023

7:00 AM

REGISTRATION
🕐 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM, Feb 13
📍 LOBBY

All Attend…

7:15 AM

BREAKFAST
🕐 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

7:30 AM

WACTA Committee Meetings
🕐 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

WACTA

WACTA Committee Meetings: Awards, Scholarship, Legislative, Inservice, CTE Admin Advisory, Marketing

📢 **Speaker**

M **Mark Wreath**
Director of Career and College Readiness
Vancouver Public Schools

8:30 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE
🕐 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

Steve Bergquist and Dr. Avanti Bergquist will share their perspective of what is needed from Career and Technical Education leaders to best serve our students.

📢 **Speakers**

S **Steve Bergquist**

D **Dr. Avanti Bergquist**
Renton School District

9:30 AM

VENDOR TABLES
🕐 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 NORTHWEST B

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9:45 AM

Panel Discussion on Educational Leadership and Legislative Advocacy

🕐 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

Moderator: Kevin Smith
Discussion with WA-ACTE, AWSP, WASA and WSSDA on these questions: What have been the recent successes in K-12 education over the last decade? What are the challenges facing K-12 education in the next decade? What is your current leadership and advocacy work to address these challenges? What would be the 1-2 most critical issues facing K-12 education in which Career and Technical Education leaders must know of and work to resolve? Possible questions from the audience

📢 **Speakers**

Kevin Smith
Career and Technical Education Director
Renton School District

Roz Thompson
Director of Government Relations and Advocacy
Association of Washington School Principals

Scott Friedman
Association of Washington State Principals

Dan Steele
Legislative Consultant
Asst. Executive Director, Government Relations Washington Association of School Administrators

Marissa Rathbone
Director of Strategic Advocacy
WSSDA

Tim Knue
Executive Director
WA-ACTE

Regional Equity Labs

🕐 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM, Feb 13
📍 NORTHWEST C

WA-CCE…

The Regional Equity Labs project is intended to bring key stakeholders together to assess the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts around decreasing barriers and increasing access for students furthest from educational justice, specifically as it relates to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. The labs will define and model partnerships between community, education and industry.

📢 **Speaker**

Lawrence Garrett
Eight Twenty Eight LLC

OSPI CTE Technical Assistance

🕐 9:45 AM - 3:00 PM, Feb 13

📍 FALLEN TIMBERS

`All Attend…`

Having challenges or need assistance with CTE tasks? Come visit the OSPI CTE Team during the open technical support session (Monday only). All OSPI CTE Program Supervisors will be available to provide one-on-one conversation to address your individual technical assistance needs. Let us help! Stop by our session to get the support you need to make the rest of your year go smoothly. If you don't need technical assistance, drop by to say, "hello" or meet the team in person. We look forward to seeing you!

📢 **Speakers**

Dr. Jill Diehl
CTE Program Supervisor Lead
OSPI

Tamara Whitcomb
CTE Agriculture Education Program Supervisor
OSPI

Holli Kalaleh
CTE Business & Marketing Program Supervisor
OSPI

Michelle Spenser
CTE Family & Consumer Sciences Program Supervisor
OSPI

Roger Rich
Program Supervisor
OSPI

Jessica Poyner
CTE Administrative Assistant
OSPI

11:00 AM

A Leadership That Impacts - Understanding Your Context
🕐 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

`All Attend…`

Effective leadership is vital to the success of a school. Leaders must continually reflect on their work and be aware of the context in which they lead. A leader must pay constant attention to, and successfully navigate the contexts in which they lead. The social, political, community, and school contexts provide a leader with knowledge regarding their actions. By actively engaging with each other during this session, participants will understand the important role context plays in their own school and see the application to their leadership around culture, systems, and learning.

📢 **Speaker**

Scott Friedman
Association of Washington State Principals

"Show Up Every Day and On Time: The US Labor Market Attendance Crisis"
🕐 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 NORTHWEST C

`WA-CCE…`

In a short period of time the US labor market has seen a rapid increase in attendance issues. From small businesses to large companies, private sector and government, office workplaces and virtual/remote, the problem with employees meeting attendance requirements has become epidemic. Why is this happening and is there anything we can do to help?

📢 **Speaker**

Ben Compton
Sr. Labor Market Analyst & Career Transition Specialist
Compton & Compton LMTS

11:05 AM

Developing Effective Communications Skills.

🕐 11:05 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON F

All Attend…

In the ever increasing online world, the ability for students to activate their ideas, their story and vison is needed now more than ever! Students who develop these habits now will have a clear advantage. Highly interactive workshops where students work on communication issues that are real to them and then apply what they've learned during the workshop. Participants walk away with immediately usable tools they can implement right away. Skills they can use in school, at home, in personal and professional relationships and ultimately for networking and interviewing.

📢 **Speaker**

Matt Crevin
Founder
Talk Shop

12:00 PM

LUNCHEON

🕐 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Washington STEM - High School to Post-Secondary Project (H2P)

🕐 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

LUNCHEON SPEAKER:
Washington STEM is using a qualitative and quantitative approach to address adult bias and knowledge about student aspirations, perceptions and student interest in pursuing postsecondary credentials (1-, 2-, 4-year, apprenticeship or certificates). We know dual credit is a key lever we can push in order to ensure Washington students are career- and future-ready and it is vital that all students, particularly those who have historically been excluded, have access to these opportunities. Come learn about the High School to Postsecondary (H2P) project and the efforts to scale across the state.

📢 **Speaker**

Angie Mason-Smith
Washington STEM

1:15 PM

One Solution for HSBP, WBL, Industry Certifications, & Employer Connections

🕐 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON B

Come and learn how YouScience can help with your HSBP. We are the only digital aptitude-based guidance platform on the market. We uncover natural talents in ways an interest survey cannot and show students their natural abilities to help guide them to best-fit pathways, majors, and careers. We will show you how we are connecting students to over 1000 employers in Washington based on their certifications, aptitudes, and interests. And how we can help track, record and report your work-based learning activities.

📢 **Speaker**

Alex Iund
YouScience

Earning Industry Certifications Beyond the Classroom - The New Reality of CTE

🕐 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON F

From northeast districts taking CTE programs on the road to outside-the-box strategies for delivering hands-on content and skills in-person and remotely, discover how students and adult learners can prepare for and potentially earn up to 33 industry credentials in health science, advanced manufacturing, transportation, and agri-science pathways using augmented and virtual reality.

📢 **Speaker**

Justin Kopesky
Director of CTE, Workforce Development & Certifications
zSpace, Inc.

Administrative Assistants- Tracking Support Tools

🕐 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON C

Administrative Assi…

One district's approach to tracking budgets, travel, teacher certifications, conditionals, and projects in a collaborative environment.

📢 **Speakers**

Kelly Wildey
Support Specialist
Renton School District

Megan Farmer
CTE Administrative Assistant
Renton SD

Corissa Trice
CTE Administrative Assistant
Renton SD

Thalyia Vargas
CTE Administrative Assistant
Renton SD

"Cultural Diversity & Workplace Communication Perspectives"

🕐 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM, Feb 13

📍 NORTHWEST C

WA-CCE…

The US labor market faces increasing challenges regarding miscommunication, misunderstandings and missed opportunities. Many can be easily addressed, and the workplace made stronger with a shift in how we view common communication. This presentation will underscore the strength of recognizing the existence of common cultural characteristics. We will highlight the importance of understanding how these characteristics define how we each have our own unique communication perspectives and the need to appreciate common cultural characteristics as an ideal method for conquering stereotypes.

📢 **Speaker**

Ben Compton
Sr. Labor Market Analyst & Career Transition Specialist
Compton & Compton LMTS

2:30 PM

WA-CCER Business Meeting
🕐 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Feb 13
📍 NORTHWEST C

WA-CCE…

WA-CCER members are invited to participate in the business meeting.

📢 **Speaker**

Shelley Jellison
Career Counselor
Puyallup School District

WACTA Business Meeting
🕐 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Feb 13
📍 SALON A

WACTA

Spring Business meeting for all WACTA Members

📢 **Speaker**

Mark Wreath
Director of Career and College Readiness
Vancouver Public Schools

3:30 PM

Travel to Olympia
🕐 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Feb 13

All Attend…

Travel time to Olympia for Legislative Reception

4:00 PM

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION
🕐 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Feb 13
📍 WOMEN'S CLUB - OLYMPIA

All Attend…

Location:
WOMENS CLUB
1002 Washington Street SE
Olympia WA 98501

Tue, Feb 14, 2023

7:00 AM

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BREAKFAST
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7:30 AM

Intentional and Targeted Outreach Practices in Diversifying Staff
🕐 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, Feb 14
📍 SALON A/B/C

All Attend…

BREAKFAST SPEAKERS:
Systemic oppression has been rooted in educational policies and hiring practices for decades. As a result, our schools and districts lack the creative voice and enthusiasm to propel students and society forward to be more inclusive, collaborative and human-centric. In this presentation, we will explore ways that our internalized biases impact how we diversify our staff, provide steps to address those biases, and then explore how to retain staff once they are part of our organizations.

📢 **Speakers**

Kirsten Thornton
GEAR UP District Coordinator
Renton School District

Dr. Winston Benjamin
Renton School District

8:45 AM

Work-Based Learning
🕐 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Feb 14
📍 NORTHWEST C

WA-CCE…

Information regarding the key components of work-based learning (WBL) and worksite learning (WSL). An overview of WBL activities; their benefits to students, schools, and employers; the skills to be developed through WBL; suggestions for planning the overall WSL program.

📢 **Speaker**

Kris Neal & Debbie Smith
Work Based Learning Coordinator
Battle Ground

Industry Recognized Credentials from Microsoft for FREE
🕐 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Feb 14

📍 SALON E

Join us to learn about legislatively funded Microsoft certification, curriculum, software and support. There is so much more than just Microsoft Office certification. Join us to also learn about Microsoft Fundamentals!

📢 **Speaker**

Kathy Schmit
Former Teacher
CCI Learning

I see you: Student Inclusion Simplified
🕐 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Feb 14
📍 SALON B

All Attend…

"For equity initiatives to succeed, we believe that educators must focus on shaping inclusive environments intentionally designed to foster a sense of belonging by honoring the dignity of each and every person" (Cobb & Krownapple, p. 2). In this workshop, we explore the question of how a student feeling seen can have an impact on their education. Learn the steps we took to improve the visibility, celebration, and inclusion of the diverse identities in our school. Leave with resources and tools to begin and guide the critical work that creates a culture of belonging at your building.

📢 **Speaker**

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Margaret Rice
Washougal School District

Designing CTE Programs with an Equity Lens
🕐 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Feb 14
📍 SALON F

All Attend…

When Chief Leschi Schools revamped their CTE program in fall of 2020, they did so using an equity lens. Learn about their strategy and what additions they have made since then to lift up all students.

📢 **Speaker**

Nancy P Nelson
CTE Director
Chief Leschi Schools

Using Innovation and an Equity Lens to Grow Our Own Teachers and Paraeducators
🕐 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Feb 14
📍 SALON C

All Attend…

Renton School District leaders share their history, lessons learned, and vision for the future of teacher recruitment, retention, and renewal, from within our community. Grounded in research, this presentation includes process conditions and partnership necessary to meaningfully address the racial disparity in the teaching workforce.

Becca L'Amour
CTE Facilitator
Renton School District

Carla Smith
RWT Teacher Academy - District Coordinator
Renton School District

10:00 AM

OSPI Update
🕐 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Feb 14
📍 SALON A/B/C

`All Attend…`

This session will provide an overview of OSPI's legislative priorities and include current information on the legislative session – pertinent updates to policies, laws, rules, and processes will be included.

📢 **Speaker**

Rebecca Wallace
State CTE Executive Director
OSPI

11:15 AM

Immerse Your Students in Coding with 'Coding in Minecraft'
🕐 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 14
📍 SALON F

`VENDOR`

Do you want to engage learners with a fun and immersive computer science curriculum? Want to validate your learners' coding skills? Join us to learn how you can use 'Coding in Minecraft' by Prodigy Learning to provide an immersive, easy-to-teach and standards-aligned CS curriculum for FREE (to all Public Schools in Washington State). Come learn how you can leverage our curriculum and Minecraft: Education Edition to help your students progress from block-based coding to advanced coding with JavaScript or Python – all at no cost. Best of all you do not need to be a coding or Minecraft expert!

📢 **Speaker**

Melanie Drown
Product Specialist
Prodigy Learning

Dream, Coach, Plan: Grow Your Own Work Session
🕐 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 14
📍 SALON C

`All Attend…`

Come back for more after learning about Renton School District's recruitment, retention, and renewal processes. This session offers a guided work time with tools to dream, plan, and implement a Grow Your Own program that will meet your community's unique needs. Bring your laptop, a team-mate, and an open mind.

📢 **Speakers**

Becca L'Amour
CTE Facilitator
Renton School District

Carla Smith
RWT Teacher Academy - District Coordinator
Renton School District

Industry Recognized Credentials - Breaking Down the State-Approved IRC List
🕐 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 14
📍 SALON B

`All Attend…`

Industry Recognized Credentials - Breaking Down the State-Approved IRC List. Fact sheets for one IRC from each of the 16 career clusters will be shared with session participants. How do you figure out which IRCs to offer? How much do they cost? How much time do they take? Each fact sheet will list the details you need to use these in your CTE courses.

📢 **Speaker**

Teri Harris
Career and Technical Education Coordinator
Tacoma Public Schools

CTE Processes: A Continuous Improvement Conversation with OSPI
🕐 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Feb 14
📍 SALON A

`All Attend…`

In this session, Assistant Superintendent Becky Wallace will outline continuous improvement efforts of the OSPI CTE team. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in small group feedback sessions with program supervisors related to current processes and systems.

📢 **Speaker**

Rebecca Wallace
State CTE Executive Director
OSPI