



## **July Update 2020**

What a year. This has been for sure a history-making year for not just CTE, but the world. In the midst of a global pandemic, heated political climate, and outcry for social injustice, a group of people from many different walks of life, cultures, and creeds has had a common concern; their students.

As you all have been developing plans of re-entry and for the need to pivot to a digital learning environment, I can guarantee more than once you have said: "how can I do this..." I know I should have ended that with a question mark, but I feel confident no one would have an answer. We are in times like never before in our history, nor any history ever. For that reason, we will work off of the motto we have held on to as educators "We will monitor and adjust.", I feel like this may be a good theme for the 2020-21 SY.

I want you to be assured that you are able and like everyone else, you will make it through. Arkansas ACTE is working hard on all fronts to ensure you have the necessary resources and supports to be the best you for your students in the fall. I believe that CTE practitioners are some of the greatest educators on the face of the earth. You create lasting impressions on your students and community about the career paths you yourself are passionate about. That passion will be what fuels your creativity and zeal this upcoming year.

It has been an honor to serve you as President of this association and I look forward to supporting President-Elect Todd as we transition at the end of this month. I know she will do great things to advance our cause and move us all forward. I have been fortunate to work on several amazing projects during my tenure and each I feel benefit student success. In everything this opportunity has taught me I am still convinced that the greatest resource we have in CTE is the classroom teacher. You make the connections and develop relationships that help build stronger communities. I believe in you and I know you will continue like in the past and go into every day to make it great.

So long, farewell, and go be great!

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Invitation to our 90th Conference

### *Thank you DCTE*

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the Division of Career and Technical Education. We congratulate them and all the CTE professionals that helped achieve approval of the Perkins V State Plan this year. Check out the state plan via the link below.

[Arkansas State Perkins Plan](#)

### *ACTE 90th State Conference*

We have gone VIRTUAL. Please take a moment and look at our conference portal to gain information regarding our speakers, sessions, sponsors, and scholarship recognition. This is a living portal with additional information added as we

[90th State Conference Portal](#)

Have you seen our series of Facebook Lives? Each week we feature a different occupational area within CTE. This is a great place to learn about the people who support CTE classes and teachers at the DCTE, as well as, partners from industry and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Check out some of our past and look forward to our new ones.

[Link to Facebook](#)