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SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CONFERENCE... NEXT YEARS WILL BE EVEN BETTER!!!

The only way to prepare you for the upcoming NMACTE Summer Conference is to recap last year's successful conference!!! Ruidoso is a beautiful location for a nicely needed break for the NM Career Technical Education Instructors who attend. The great company and networking are undeniably the best part, with lots of fun to be had by all. The opening "reception" last June revealed more than imaginable from the board of directors; if you missed this... I promise you missed a heck of a time! The opening and closing speakers were great, workshops were productive, and golf tournament was TONS of fun!!! While the Board of Directors felt that the goal of providing a fun, rejuvenat-

ing, and productive conference was met, they are preparing an even greater conference for June! If you have any other suggestions that may not have been included in the closing survey, do not hesitate to contact us!

Mark your calendars today for June 11-14, 2008! A couple of Pre-Conference Seminars are being set-up and the opening reception and golf tournament locations are reserved! The Call for Presenter Application is on the website if you care to present and vendors are already reserving their spots! The second semester will fly by and we will be prepared in June to help you relax and enjoy yourself!



NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE

The NMACTE Website has a new "face" as we strive to provide more updated information for you! Many of the connecting links take you to the National ACTE Website as our goal is to link you to

the latest offerings at both the state and national levels. Additionally, a separate "Resource" section provides a variety of additional educational websites that may prove to be useful at the classroom level. Whether

you need to update your membership, download various resources, or complete the awards applications, the website has the information that you need! Visit us today at: www.nmacte.com



UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

WOW... What great opportunities for professional development lay ahead! Please visit the NMACTE Website for additional information regarding the following dates and activities:

National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC (March 10-12, 2008)

Access the latest federal information, meet with government officials, association leaders and top corporate executives, and help federal policy makers understand the importance of Career Tech Education! Enjoy Washington, DC during this beautiful time of year!

Region IV Conference in New Orleans, LA (April 10-12, 2008)

Region IV is made up of GREAT states, including Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas & Mississippi! This tight-knit group of individuals love to network and share ideas and those that attend this conference regularly enjoy it immensely! Join us this Spring!!

New Mexico ACTE Summer Conference in Ruidoso, NM (June 11-14, 2008)

The best professional development opportunity in New Mexico! Our growing organization is working hard to ensure that this conference is the best yet! Our Mardi Gras 'theme' is bound to be a ton of fun!! Relax this summer in Ruidoso!

REGISTER TODAY FOR ONE OF THESE GREAT CONFERENCES:



Region IV Conference
April 10-2, 2008
New Orleans, LA

NMACTE Summer Conference
June 11-14, 2008
Ruidoso, NM



NATIONAL ACTE INVOLVEMENT IN NCLB

The reauthorization of No Child Left Behind is in full swing. At the end of August, the House Education and Labor Committee released over 1,000 pages of draft legislation to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act. ACTE submitted comments on the draft language reflecting the Association's NCLB and High School Reform recommendations.

On Monday, September 10, 2007, ACTE Executive Director, Jan Bray, testified before the Committee. She focused her comments on the workforce readiness and high school reform sections of the draft bill. Ms. Bray began her comments by addressing a new Gradua-

tion Promise Fund, a fund that would provide funding to schools with the highest dropout rates to make the necessary improvements to ensure that students graduate.

She followed this by commending the Committee on the draft language added on postsecondary and workforce readiness. This new section of the bill specifically addresses ACTE's NCLB recommendations by creating funding incentives for states and localities to align their curriculum with the skills that employers expect in today's competitive workplace. She urged the Committee to add language that would encourage academic and technical skills integration in high

schools to provide relevance to core academics which could help retain at risk students in high schools.

Multiple indicators were addressed in the bill, and ACTE supports this measurement of student progress. ACTE believes that multiple indicators show student achievement more accurately than a single assessment.

ACTE is concerned that the draft bill does not contain enough language related to guidance and career development. ACTE urged the Committee to review this section to include more guidance on career exploration for students.

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AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE

It is with pleasure that the New Mexico Association of Career and Technical Education (NMACTE) invites all eligible districts and individuals to consider nominating outstanding teachers and educators in Career-Technical Education programs for recognition in the CTE Awards process at the state level.

There are four (4) categories that individuals can be nominated in, representing the following specialty areas: Outstanding Career and Technical Education Professional, Outstanding New Career and Technical

Education Teacher, Outstanding Teacher in Community Service, and Teacher of the Year. Districts and/or any individual can nominate a candidate in each of the four (4) categories for each of the Career and Technical Education Divisions which include the following: Administration, Agriculture, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Guidance, Health, Marketing, Post-Secondary/Adult Education, Technology, and Trades and Industry. Each candidate must complete an application and submit all required application

materials in electronic format no later than February 1, 2008 to the NMACTE Awards Chair, Kathy Valunas. Visit: www.nmacte.com for the details!



CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION DAY AT THE ROUNDHOUSE!

Mark your calendars for February 11th!!! We are hosting this year's Legislative Day at the Round House and would like for your students to participate! A book of rooms have been reserved at The Lodge of Santa Fe for Sunday night, February 10th and we will be providing a short program to aid in the teaching of how our legislative system works and what they can do to impact laws affecting them!

We will have several important speakers there and would like to share this information with your CTE students!

The next morning at the Round House, you will have the opportunity to visit your legislator and set-up a table in the rotunda area, displaying your program and school! This is a great opportunity for your students and in shaping legislation through contact with your

representative. Have the students write a letter today setting up a personal time with their legislator and join us there on Monday, February 11th!

The day will be filled with recognition, press conferences, and fundamental public relations. Take advantage of this GREAT opportunity for your students and your program!!! Additional information is included in the attached brochure and on our website!.....

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