The Enlightener

46th Annual FACTE Conference Approaching

FACTE’s 46th Annual Conference and Trade Show—which will be taking place on July 24th and 25th this year, with pre and post-conference activities on the 23rd and 26th—is approaching fast!

So far nearly one-hundred people have registered and the allotted exhibit space is already over two-thirds full for this year’s conference which will take place at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach.

People wishing to attend this year’s conference should be aware that the deadline for early-bird registration is June 22nd. After June 22, the cost of registration increases.

The hotel registration deadline for the conference is also June 22nd. Register for your hotel room early—the hotel will not charge you for your room until you arrive on site for the conference!

We have extended the deadline for Awards Nominations to June 1st for the following Awards:

- FACTE Teacher of the Year (President’s Award)
- FACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher (Rookie’s Award)
- FACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service
- Joe Mills/Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award
- Hall of Fame
- CAD’s Academy Innovation Award

Useful Links:
To register for the conference, click here.
To register as a vendor, click here.
For hotel reservations, click here.
For the awards packet click this link.
Or visit us at: http://www.facte.org/

Survey Responses Needed:
Barret Keene, a former CTE student in Hillsborough County and a former CTE teacher in Dade and Hillsborough Counties is doing a survey as part of his PhD program, studying how teachers can and do lead students.

The major items that will be measured are:

- Integrity
- Ability to relate to and develop influence in those you work with
- Perceived care for students
- Several additional aspects of principal and teacher leadership

The teacher survey should only require 18-20 minutes of your time. Your students’ survey should take 8-10 minutes for each student.

Teachers will receive feedback reports that highlight teacher and students’ perceptions of multiple aspects of their class and classroom leadership.

Link to the teacher survey
Link to the student survey

Appointment of Chancellor for the Division of Career and Adult Ed.

Commissioner Gerard Robinson has appointed Mr. Rod Duckworth as Chancellor for the Division of Career and Adult Education effective March 12, 2012. Mr. Duckworth has extensive state and national experience in career and technical education having most recently served as the Interim Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Arkansas Department of Career Education.

Mr. Duckworth began his career as a classroom teacher and student organization advisor; he managed several national programs for the National FFA Organization in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Duckworth served as the State Program Director for Agriculture Education in Washington State and was later appointed as State Director of Career and Technical Education, a position he held until he returned to his home state of Arkansas in 2007 to serve in various roles in the Arkansas Department of Career Education.
Manatee County Teacher and Administrator Publishes
Article on Elementary CTE and STEM

Cheryl McGrew, a former McNeal Elementary School engineering teacher now serving as assistant principal at Sea Breeze Elementary, recently shared insights about improving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills for elementary students in an article published in the March 2012 issue of the Technology and Engineering Teacher journal. Her peer-reviewed article titled “Engineering at the Elementary Level” details Cheryl’s pathway to writing and successfully implementing a technology-based curriculum for K-6th grade students.

The article begins with the intriguing question, “Can engineering technology be taught at the elementary level?” Cheryl then describes step-by-step detail the research, writing, and fascinating hands-on implementation of a STEM-based program that powerfully supports core curriculum while integrating engineering-based problem-solving strategies. From designing a Cat-in-the-Hat style cleaning machine to building a tomato-launching trebuchet (think medieval history plus physics), the article opens wide the doors to challenging our youngest students and equipping them with 21st century skills.

To read the article in its entirety, visit www.iteea.org/Publications/TTT/mar12.pdf. Cheryl can be reached at mcgrewc@manateeschools.net. Visit the Manatee County Adult, Career and Technical Education Department website at www.ManateeACT.com.

Job Opening: Machining Teacher, Atlantic Technical Center, Coconut Creek

Full time, year round machining teacher position, effective August 13, 2013. Six years machinist experience and high school diploma required. One year of industry experience must be during the last 5 years. Industry experience must be in manual machining, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), and Computer Assisted Machining (CAM). Degreed candidates and those with vocational certificates may be eligible with fewer years of work experience. Must be certified or able to obtain Broward County Vocational Certification in MACH SHOP @ 7 G, OR METAL WORK @ 7 G, OR TOOL DIE @ 7 G. Resumes and questions may be directed to Mr. Cory Mimbis, Assistant Director, 754-321-5104 or to cory.mimbis@browardschools.com

Job Opening: Financial Aid Officer position available at Technical Education Center Osceola (TECO)

Position Goal: To provide financial aid assistance to all students in compliance with local, state, and financial aid guidelines.

Please forward resume and letter of interest to Kim Pearce, Administrative Secretary at TECO, 501 Simpson Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34744.

pearcek@osceola.k12.fl.us

Job Openings: New Media Teacher, Nursing Instructor, DeSoto High

DeSoto High School has two CTE positions being posted: New Media teacher working on certifications in Adobe areas, and a Nursing Instructor who will teach the Health Core I working toward CNA, EKG, and HHA classes. More info at www.desotoschools.com or contact Jami Olive at 863-494-3434 ext. 203

A Letter from CAD

Hello FACTE/Career Academy Division Membership: On behalf of the CAD Board of Directors President J.C. Perrin, it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Rob Aguis, Director of Community, Career and Technical Education, Pasco County, to the position of Incoming CAD President and JoAnn Whiteman, Program Coordinator CTE Education, University of Central Florida, to the position of Incoming CAD Board of Directors Chairman.

We are confident our next leadership team will bring the FACTE/Career Academy Division to the next level in promoting membership growth, professional development, and career academy advocacy.

We are looking forward to your attendance at the FACTE/Career Academy Division Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the 46th Annual FACTE Conference & Trade Show, July 23-26, 2012, at Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra, Florida. Registration information is available on the FACTE website: www.facte.org and the CAD website: www.cadfacte.net.

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Port Charlotte High School has raised its game both in the realm of technology and in its efforts to prepare students for the world after high school.

The School recently became an Apple Authorized Training Center for Education, one of only three such high schools in the state. The effort was led by teach Bran Bouton who is now an Apple-certified trainer in Final Cut Pro X, professional video-editing software.

Bouton has been pushing forward the school’s TV production program for the past four years, acquiring the most up-to-date equipment and coordinating a live “Pirate TV” show that one of his classes puts on every day.

“You either adapt or you get left behind,” Bouton said. “My goal was to be the No. 1 TV production program in the county and the state of Florida, and in the top 10 in the country,” he said.

Bouton paid out of his own pocket for the training-certification classes. While he described the process as “long, involved and expensive,” he said he saw the investment as worthwhile.

The certification allowed him to know the program better and teach it more efficiently. It also enables students to receive industry certifications, a big plus for Bouton, his students and the school.

“It’s going to help the program and the kids,” he said. “It’s an investment in my future and their future.”

The investment in his students’ futures already has paid off. Bouton easily rattled off numerous examples of former students who have gone on to succeed professionally in the world of television production on both the local and national levels. An industry certification will only serve to open more doors for students.

“I figured with the certification I get after this, it would only

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Attention CTE, STEM & Academy Teachers!!
Are You Interested in Integrating Curriculum and Earning 60 PD Points Too??

Then Register Now for Project Based Learning

Live Sessions: 6:00Pm on Tuesday Evenings

Project Based Learning: A “5” Step Process for Integrated Curriculum

This 6 week online training program that will provide participants the knowledge and strategies needed for planning and implementing a “5” step process for integrating curriculum. The process is designed to be utilized by CTE and academic teacher teams in Career Academies and Career & Technical Education Programs of Study to increase rigor and relevance across the curriculum. The course components include the following topics:

- Curriculum Integration Models – What is Curriculum Integration?
- Perkins Requirements for Curriculum Integration
- How Connected is Your School’s Curriculum? A Checklist for your school/ Academy/CTE Program
- Project Based Learning – Frequently Asked Questions
- PBL Design Principles - “5” Step Process for Implementing Project Based Learning
- Web based resources for Project Based Learning
- Resources for “Ready to Use Projects”
- Project Based Learning – Curriculum Planning Tools & Templates

Designing your PBL “Next Steps” – Utilizing a PBL Template

Participants will need a computer with Internet access. Live sessions will be held weekly. Participants are encouraged to participate in all of the live sessions, and are required to attend the mandatory first, middle and last sessions. Speakers and a microphone are required for class participation. Participants will be provided a course syllabus upon enrollment.

Manatee County Teachers Awarded National ITEEA “High School Program of Excellence” Award

The Executive Board of the Florida Technology Education and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) notified three Braden River High School (BRHS) teachers in Manatee County that the BRHS Engineering Technology Program has been awarded the “2012 International Technology and Engineering Educators Association High School Program of Excellence.” This award is the highest honor a technology education teacher can receive in the profession. Engineering technology teachers Gil Burlew, Richard Platt, and John Frank were awarded the recognition.

“Your commitment to the students and the commendable efforts you have made in creating a new and unique program are to be applauded. Florida Technology Education students need teachers like yourself and the programs you have developed,” wrote Thomas Cummings, the ITEEA Florida Affiliate Representative.

The teachers, BRHS, and Manatee County were recognized nationally and presented with a walnut engraved plaque at the ITEEA 74th Annual Conference in Long Beach, California recently. State recognition will take place at the Florida Technology Education and Engineering Educators Association Annual Conference in November.

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points for having more students who earn industry certifications.

Right now, students stay after school for two to three hours a day, four days per week, to study for their certification test. Eventually, all students in Bouton’s TV Production I classes will study the program and will have the option to take the industry certification test.

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Manatee County engineers technology teachers Richard Platt, Gil Burlew, and John Frank were awarded the ITEEA “High School Program of Excellence Award” at the ITEEA annual conference in Long Beach, California.