2017 WACTE Professional Development Conference

Plan now to attend the 2017 Conference and Professional Recognition Program!

Highlights of this year’s Conference:

◆ Delegate Assembly

◆ Dynamic Keynote Speakers

◆ Exhibitors

◆ Round Table Discussions

◆ Business & Industry Sessions

◆ Informative Concurrent Sessions

◆ Leadership Development

◆ Professional Networking & Roundtables

◆ WACTE Awards Program Breakfast

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**
- WACTE Board Meeting 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Set up for Exhibits 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**
- Registration/Information Booth 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Setup for Exhibits 7:00 am - 8:00 am
- Exhibits Open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Round Table Discussion 8:30 am - 9:30 am
- Silent Auction – open 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
- Opening Session & Keynote Speaker 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Concurrent Breakout Sessions 11:15 am - 11:45 am
- Box Lunch – (With Exhibitors & Students) 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm
- Concurrent Sessions 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
- Break 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm
- Concurrent Sessions 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- House of Delegates Meeting 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm
- Reception, Live Auction & Raffle Drawing 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Friday, April 7, 2017**
- Registration/Information Booth 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
- WACTE Awards Program/ Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30 am
- Break & Hotel Check-Out 9:30 am - 9:45 am
- Concurrent Sessions 9:45 am - 10:45 am
- Closing Session 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Register Today!

Early Bird Registration Deadline
2/13/17

Visit our website [http://www.wacteonline.org](http://www.wacteonline.org) for online registration, and Housing information.
Roundtable Discussions
Dual Enrollment/Credits HS
Credit Prior Learning
Collaborative Partnerships
Quality Online Instruction Classes
Partner Destinations

Thursday’s Opening Session
9:30-11:00 am
Welcome: Paul Flogel, WACTE President

Greetings from ACTE: LeAnn Wilson,
ACTE’s Executive Director

Keynote Address:
Technical Education in the Exponential Economy
Matt Kirchner, LAB Midwest
We are living in an Exponential Economy where the
technology around us doubles in price performance
every 12 to 18 months. This rate of change doesn’t
just affect Hi-Tech companies, it affects everything
around us. Technical Education Professionals are
responding with enthusiasm to the advent of
advanced learning technologies in an ever-changing
environment – making Tech Ed more industry- and
career-relevant than ever before. Using the
Exponential Economy as the baseline, Matt Kirchner
will share observations and real-world examples of
these innovative approaches to Technical Education.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions
11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Leadership: Creating Positive Agents of Change
LeAnn Wilson, ACTE Executive Director
Discover the qualities of becoming a high performing
leader while learning to balance life, work, and
volunteer activities. While it may seem hard at times
to perform this juggling act – it can be done!
Strategy, planning, prioritizing, and goal setting will
all be focal points – all while exploring ways to
spread the wealth and responsibilities among other
organizational leaders

Reframe for Success
Dr. Ann Krause-Hanson, Waukesha County
Technical College
Ever utter the words. “I won’t believe it until I see
it?” Most of us have. Try reframing it to “If I believe
it, then I will see it,” and see what difference it
makes. Reframing our thoughts and expectations
can lead to big things …. Better performance,
happier lives, stronger relationships, and successful
goals to name a few.

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Perkins Re-Authorization /ACTE Update
LeAnn Wilson, ACTE Executive Director
Federal Policy Update: How to Get Involved and
Promote Your Programs
Congressional legislation, federal regulations and
national policies all have the potential to affect your
work at the local level. Learn about the most
important policy actions this year, hear the latest on
congressional activity and federal funding, and see
the potential impact of national policies on career
and technical education, particularly the
reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Act. This
session will also explore a wide range of strategies
resources available for getting more involved in the
federal policy process and sharing your programs’
successes and challenges with policymakers.

The Fabulous Fab Lab
Jon Wells, Fab Lab Director, FVTC and Dale Walker,
Director of Business and Industry Services, FVTC
Fox Valley Technical College’s “Fab Lab” is a
unique learning center that enhances student classes
and provides an outreach program for Fox Valley
entrepreneurs and inventors. Local schools join the
Fab Lab as a way to connect their students with
meaningful CTE experiences in science, technology,
engineering, arts and math. College and K-12
students have access to cool tools and technology for
projects can connect & collaborate with other FAB
Labs worldwide. FVTC’s Fab Lab is also available
to businesses & community members to assist in
product research & prototype development. This
session will show participants how Fab Labs are
quickly becoming CTE’s exciting workshops of the
future.

Designing Career Pathways for Student Success
Julie Furst-Bowe, Chippewa Valley Technical
College
In Wisconsin, Career Pathways are being developed
to include all aspects of career clusters and programs
of study as well as the many facets of career
preparation. At Chippewa Valley Technical College,
career pathways are being designed to provide a
student-centered approach to education by
connecting high school courses and programs with
postsecondary programs. This approach enables
individuals to secure industry relevant certification
and obtain employment within an occupational area
and to advance to higher levels of future education
and employment.

Creating a Campus Culture of Civility and Respect
Dr. Rinardo Riddick & Jonathan Pedraza,
Waukesha County Technical College
Have you ever been in a meeting and observed
behavior that made you wish you had the
superpower of invisibility? For many of us, our
workplace environment and culture is a great place
to be creative, thrive and succeed. However, there
are times that the uncivil actions of others, provides
challenges that creates uncomfortable situations and
a lack of mutual respect. During this session, we
hope to provide you with practical resources that
could be useful for your campus to engage and chart
a path towards Creating a Campus Culture of
Civility & Respect.
FRIDAY, April 7

8:00 am – 9:30 am
WACTE Awards Program/Breakfast

Concurrent Breakout Sessions
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Research Informing CTE in Wisconsin
Graduate students in the University of Wisconsin-Stout’s Career and Technical Education master’s (MSCTE) and educational doctorate (Ed.D.) programs are conducting applied research that contributes to our field. This session will be a roundtable format of students presenting their research on topics such as program retention, virtual college, work-based learning, and vocational education in other parts of the U.S. and the world.

Cultivating a Veteran Friendly Culture
Scott Lieburn, Dean of Students, Moraine Park Technical College & Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, Wisconsin Air National Guard, 115th Fighter Wing
While looking at the stereotypical issues of today’s veterans, we will look deeper into exactly who these people are and what challenges and opportunities they may bring to the campus and/or workplace. Student veterans and military service members, while no two are alike, have some shared experiences as well as unique life situations. How can you help create a welcoming college and a supportive classroom environment for those who are returning or who may be beginning a college experience? What are some best practices? Are there some services that are most appreciated? What should you stop doing?

Customer Service Best Practices
Kellie Sigh, Milwaukee Public Schools/KJS Consulting, LLC
This engaging and thought provoking presentation will take a look at the importance of building relationships through customer service best practices that include a review of personality types and ways to improve our interpersonal/intercultural communication skills.

Closing Session
11:00 am – 11:45 am
The Wisconsin CTE Idea: President’s Panel
The very popular President’s Panel Session is back! To close our WACTE conference all participants will be able to share in the discussion with WTCS presidents as they discuss initiatives and issues affecting the Wisconsin Technical College System and WTCS partners. Bring your questions for a lively Q & A!
## 3 Ways to Register

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