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Welcome to the inaugural issue of Hot Shots! We want to keep you informed of all the upcoming events while respecting and valuing your time. Therefore, you will see quick references to conferences, important happenings at WACTE and ACTE, useful information, and informative stories about members. When you see the topic that interests you the most, simply refer to the WACTE website www.wacteonline.org for more information. We hope you find the new layout useful, informative, and well worth your time! Please feel free to offer any feedback to Kim Rebarchek at krebarchek@blackhawk.edu

Quick Links

Register Now
2009 ACTE Convention
November 19-21
Nashville, TN
www.acteonline.org

Check out the
WACTE October Calendar
Raffle winners at
www.wacteonline.org

New WACTE Awards Program

The Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education Awards Program seeks to promote excellence by recognizing individuals, companies, and organizations that have made contributions to promote and expand career and technical education in Wisconsin.

Since the WACTE Awards Program has been simplified, be sure to learn more about cultivating and recognizing your colleagues' professional excellence for the annual conference by attending the Local Leadership Awards Wisline on October 21, 2009, from 3 pm to 4 pm. For more details about the renewed award categories, check out the 2010 WACTE Awards Handbook and Changes at a Glance document: www.wacteonline.org.

More information about the October Wisline will be e-mailed soon.



2010 WACTE Annual Conference

Attention Local Presidents and Awards Chairs: Start cultivating CTE Excellence today! The 2010 WACTE Annual Conference will be "Where Connections and Ideas Grow."

Be sure to watch the website - www.wacteonline.org for more information! You won't want to miss this wonderful growth opportunity!



2010 Student Services and Counselors Professional Development Workshop

Do you know the stages of grief when you see them? Do you know how to work effectively and provide appropriate referrals when students are working through the various stages of grief? Do you practice self-care to maintain professional balance and perspective while at the same time preventing personal burnout?

We are seeing an increasing incidence of adjustment to major life changes among our students, specifically from job loss, as well as loss of a spouse or significant relationship, relocation, etc. The stages of grief (Kubler-Ross model) may be helpful to frame our understanding of the emotional realities of dislocated worker/reentry students and to improve our effectiveness in providing help as a student service professional.

Join us on October 7th at the WACTE Student Services and Counselor Professional Workshop at Madison Area Technical College - Downtown Education Center. Here, a panel of WTCS counselors will share their insights, experience, and knowledge about how to identify students in the stages of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Tips and resources will be shared among participants to help you feel more comfortable and confident about your ability to be supportive during very difficult transitions. To see the full conference brochure, follow this link: www.wacteonline.org



Career Planning Assistance

America's CareerInfoNet
www.acinet.org/explore/View.aspx

Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.bls.gov/oco/

Career Planner.com
www.careerplanner.com

Quintessential Careers
www.quintcareers.com/career_planning_tips.html

Upcoming Events

Student Services & Counselors Professional Development Workshop
 October 7, 2009
 Madison Area Technical College - Downtown Education Center

GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference - "Achieving Credentials for Success"
 November 10-12, 2009
 Radisson Paper Valley Hotel - Appleton, Wisconsin

Congratulations!!

At the ACTE Region III meeting in Burlington Iowa, the ACTE Region III Award winners were selected. These winners will go on to compete at the National ACTE level in Nashville, Tennessee, in November.

Wisconsin was well represented in the awards process with three candidates: Mike Gagner (CTE Educator) from Blackhawk Technical College, Janesville; Linda Oliver (Teacher of the Year) from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire; and Carmen Iannarelli (New Teacher) from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire.

There was a very strong pool of candidates from all six states in the region. And, the winners are:

ACTE Region III CTE Educator of the Year: Mike Gagner, Wisconsin
 ACTE Region III Teacher of the Year: Charlotte Gray, Missouri
 ACTE Region III NEW CTE Teacher of the Year: Brittany Elmquist, Iowa

Congratulations to all winners and nominees!!

Investing in CTE Yields Big Returns

With nearly 16 million students taking CTE courses at the secondary and postsecondary levels, the economic impact CTE can have locally, statewide and nationally is enormous. In recent years, the concept of "return on investment" has become increasingly popular for measuring this impact. This fact sheet contains statistics from return-on-investment research that has been conducted on CTE programs across the country. Use it to show policymakers how investments in CTE will pay off for your community and state in these difficult economic times.

http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/About_CTE/files/ROI_leave_behind.pdf

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