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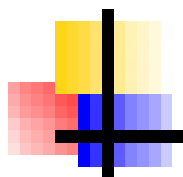
Renew friendships, relax and find your treasures in the **WACTE Silent Auction** that includes this sampling of items: A one-night stay at the Radisson which includes dinner for two at Vince Lombardi’s Steakhouse and breakfast for two, Several \$25 Gas Certificates and Cards, “A Little Bit of Door County Gift Basket”, an Autographed Packer Football, Blenko Vase, Hand painted plate, Hand painted cake stand and dome, Miller High Life Loon Mirror, Packer Team Framed 2004 Picture, Timber Rattler Shirt and 4 box seat tickets for a 2005 game, Tool Box, Prints, Edgewater Country Club—18 holes of Golf, Lakeland/FVTC Partnership Basket, US Oil Gift certificates, and many more!

The **Health Fair** is sure to please with topics like Aromatherapy, Blood Pressure and Body Fat Screenings, Nerve and Muscle Testing, Feng Shui, Herbal Solutions, Massage Therapy, Natural Foods, Pilates, Reiki, Botanical Indulgences, Vitamin and Mineral Regimens, and Work Station Exercises.

Attend the **Town Hall Meeting** on Friday. Greg Quam needs your input on WACTE and ACTE. Be there!!

Register NOW
February 16 – 18, 2005
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

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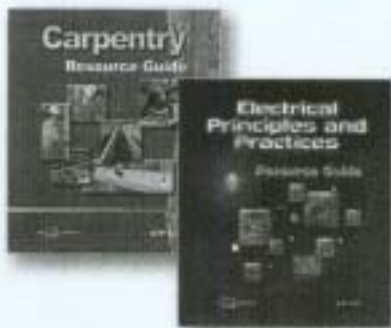
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Message From The WACTE President

Happy New Year – Hope that everyone had a great holiday. This is the time of the year when many of us make New Year’s resolutions: Lose weight, eat healthier, exercise more – you know the “mantra”. BUT We need YOUR help.....How about each of us recruiting a new member? Wouldn’t that be great?

Join the team RALLY WACTE. The journey begins with a dynamic membership. Promote our Association and encourage individuals involved in career & technical education in Wisconsin to join us in our mission. The itinerary is set every time you recruit a new member. Help WACTE set the course in 2005. Check our web-site for details. Invite a colleague to join you at our Conference in Appleton next month. Take someone “under your wing”. Talk up our Association – We are YOUR professional organization; a member driven, grass roots organization for those of us who believe in CTE.

See you in Appleton, “Together We Are Stronger”

Pat Holt

**Blackhawk Tech Prep Consortium
Presents at Minneapolis National Tech
Prep Network Conference**

Linda Brown, Blackhawk Technical College’s High School Relations, and Kate Skidmore, BTC’s Tech Prep Specialist, along with Steve Huth, Janesville School District’s Career and Technical Education Coordinator presented **Begin in the Middle – A Postsecondary Approach to Recruitment**, at the National Tech Prep Network Conference held in Minneapolis. Those who attended the session received information and materials on how to create a systemic career exploration program. The presentation focused on aligning activities between Tech Prep and High School Relations and collaborating with area schools in order to maximize students’ career preparation and postsecondary recruitment. Session evaluations indicated an “excellent” to “very good” response and generated a great deal of follow-up discussion from attendees. Requests have already come in from consortiums in Washington, West Virginia, Minnesota, and Ohio for additional materials and support to help them work toward implementation of a similar program.

In another session, Edgerton High School’s James Schultz, presented **Lights, Camera, Action!** Jim explained the process by which Edgerton High School collaborated with the City of Edgerton, Blackhawk Tech Prep Consortium, Blackhawk Technical College, Charter Communications, and Channel 1 to give Edgerton High School students the opportunity to be trained in multimedia while they also fulfilled the production and broadcast needs of the school-community access channel.

When placed in the national light, Blackhawk Technical College and the Blackhawk Tech Prep Consortium can be proud of the collaborative relationships and progressive programming that are in place within their district.

WTCS Board Chooses Clancy for President

<http://www.wtcsystem.org>

The Wisconsin Technical College System Board Tuesday chose Dan Clancy to be the next president of the 16-college system. Clancy, who served as interim president since last summer, was selected by a unanimous vote after a six-month, nationwide search.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to have been selected by the Board," Clancy said immediately upon the Board's unanimous vote to select him. "I am deeply humbled by the Board's confidence in me and want to thank them for their support."

"I'm excited about what Mr. Clancy brings to our system," said Brent Smith, president of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. "Dan has done a tremendous job as interim president. He's an effective leader who has a working knowledge of the Wisconsin higher education environment and the legislative process, which really shortens the learning curve. The board is very pleased to have a person of his character and talent serving our state," Smith added.



Dan Clancy, Wisconsin Technical College System Board president.

Clancy joined the Wisconsin Technical College System in 1996 as vice-president of Finance and Policy. For 17 years he served as a fiscal analyst and program supervisor with the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau in Madison. Clancy earned a B.A. in Social Science from Michigan State University at East Lansing and did graduate work at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Public Policy Studies.

"This is an outstanding organization with a mission that brings opportunities to so many people throughout Wisconsin," Clancy said. "We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to working with the Board, the 16 technical colleges and its leadership, our outstanding faculty and staff, the business and labor community, and our partners in education and government in advancing that mission," he added.

There were three other finalists, including Dr. Allen D. Arnold, associate, Intelligen, Charleston, West Virginia; Dr. Robert M. Meyer, dean, College of Technology, Engineering and Management, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie; and Dr. Barry Stern, executive director of planning at Macomb Community College, Warren, Michigan. Clancy succeeds former President Richard Carpenter, who left the system to become president of the Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas.

Cash Course Raffle on Final Laps

Hey folks, don't get caught in the pits without your ticket. This important revenue generator for your Association offers odds of 1 in 25 to win! So, your chance to snare that prized WACTE CUP are really good. Only 750 drivers are allowed on the course -- so grab your spot fast to ensure a place in the starting line-up. Look at these rewards!

The drawing will take place February 17th during the Annual Conference Reception at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All winning prizes will be paid by check which will be mailed by February 21, 2005.

Rally around our Cash Course Raffle. Tickets are limited, odds of winning are great and it will help keep WACTE's engine fueled, fired and on course! See your Local leaders for tickets TODAY!



First Place
\$1000



Second Place	\$800
Third	\$700
Fourth	\$500
Fifth	\$300
Sixth-Tenth	\$100
Eleventh-Thirtieth	\$50

Slate of Candidates on Agenda of Annual Meeting

The 2004-2005 WACTE Nominating Committee has submitted the following names as candidates for:

<i>President-Elect</i> (one vacancy)	James Murray (Local 09)
<i>Board of Directors</i> (three vacancies)	Darla Burton (Local 21)
	Sandy Hume (Local 02)
	Terry Simmons (Local 20)
<i>Region III Policy Committee</i> (one vacancy)	Ann Marie Krause (Local 01)

These candidates, along with possible nominees from the floor, will be on the ballot at the House of Delegates Meeting in Appleton, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

Members of the House of Delegates will Decide

The WACTE Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will submit to the House of Delegates Members the following Resolutions at the annual meeting:

- During their first year of membership new professionals will receive a 25 percent discount on either a WACTE Professional Development Workshop or the WACTE Annual Conference
- WACTE should advocate for substantial and continuous increases for the Perkins Act to directly support career and technical education.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will also submit Bylaw changes to the House of Delegates to “clean up” language to the Bylaws.

In addition, the Committee will report on the progress of the 2004 Resolutions to the House of Delegates.

WACTE TOWN HALL MEETING

TOPICS: Future WACTE Conferences
 ACTE and WACTE Professional Organizations
 Career and Technical Education

WHERE : 69th Annual WACTE Conference, Appleton, Wisconsin

WHEN: **February 18, 2005 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., Lawrence Room**

Mark Your Calendar to attend this important event.

Region III Award of Merit - Wisconsin Recipients -

The ACTE Region III Award of Merit is presented to individuals for highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. WACTE is proud to announce that **Warren Hillmer** and **Bob Werner** were recognized as the Wisconsin Award of Merit recipients for 2004. These awards were presented to Warren and Bob at the National ACTE Convention in Las Vegas, December 11, 2004. Bryan Albrecht, Region III, Vice-President presented the awards.



Warren Hillmer and Bryan Albrecht

Warren's enthusiasm is genuine and his leadership in CTE is inspirational. Warren has been actively involved in CTE for the past 30 years including WACTE President in 2003-04. As past president, Warren has reached out to organizations with similar missions and asked them to join WACTE in promoting career and technical education. In addition, Warren coordinated grassroots initiatives regarding legislative issues on the state and national levels. Wisconsin ACTE is very proud of all that Warren has accomplished.



Bob Werner and Bryan Albrecht

Bob Werner, President of First Technologies, Inc. also was a recipient of the ACTE Region III Award of Merit. Bob has supported career and technical education to the highest level. WACTE has benefited from his visionary leadership and active participation. Not only has Bob provided financial support, marketing and staff participation at conferences and events, the true benefit he brings to us is his friendship and belief that career and technical education is a valuable resource to our youth. Bob promotes our programs through his everyday activities and inspires others with his positive attitude.

CONGRATULATIONS, WARREN AND BOB. WACTE IS PROUD OF YOU!

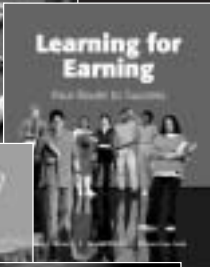
Your Voice Will Count at the Legislative Seminar on April 14, 2005!

Wanted: Input from WACTE Legislative Attendees will be gathered on April 14th at the annual Legislative Seminar to be held at the Inn on the Park in Madison.

Please join other career and technical education individuals in a discussion of legislative issues directly impacting your future. Perkins Reauthorization and the Wisconsin Biannual Budget are two topics we will ask state legislators to address.

Please save April 14, 2005, as a MUST ATTEND SEMINAR. Information regarding the seminar will be available in February.

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Career & Technical Education Week Proclamation by Governor Doyle



A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Association for Career and Technical Education has designated the week of February 13-19, 2005 as Career and Technical Education Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Career and Technical Education Week is "Training Tomorrow's Workforce and

WHEREAS, career and technical education supplies our country with a strong, well-trained workforce, which enhances America's competitiveness in business and industry in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education allows individuals the opportunity to gain the competitive edge, giving them a lifetime of personal satisfaction and occupational growth and productivity; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education helps both young and old by stressing the importance of lifelong learning and giving workers of all ages the ability to adjust to and compete in a rapidly changing economy and workplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education stimulates the growth and vitality of Wisconsin businesses and industries and those of the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, a strong career and technical education program planned and carried out by trained career and technical educators is vital to the future economic development of our community and the well-being of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 13-19, 2005 as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Wisconsin, and urge all its citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education system in their communities and to support and participate in these programs of vocational education.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this tenth day of January in the year two thousand five.

Jim Doyle
 JIM DOYLE

By _____ Governor
Douglas La Follette
 DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
 Secretary of State

2005 AT A GLANCE

February 13-19	Career and Technical Education Week
February 16	WACTE Board Conference Meeting – Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton (7:00 - 8:30am)
February 16-18	69 th Annual Conference – Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
March 6-8	ACTE National Policy Seminar, Washington, DC
April 13	WACTE Board Meeting, Inn on the Park, Madison (10:00 a.m. – 4:00pm)
April 14	Legislative Seminar, Inn on the Park, Madison
May 7	Beyond “Pink or Blue:” Gender-Variant Children and Youth, WCTC, Pewaukee
July 10-12	Region III Professional Development Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana
July 20 & 21	Support Staff Conference – Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse
October 11-13	GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conferences, Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton
December 8-11	ACTE Convention – New Orleans, LA

For the complete WACTE Calendar of Events, visit www.wacteonline.org

Save this date!

Beyond “Pink or Blue:” Gender-Variant Children and Youth
Saturday, May 7, 2005, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Waukesha County Technical College

In celebrating diversity, the broad spectrum of gender identity and expression can be daunting, so deeply ingrained are ideas about how girls and boys, women and men, are supposed to be. This conference is about meeting the needs of gender-variant children and youth: boys who are very gentle (“sissies”) and girls who prefer rough-and-tumble activities (“tomboys”). All children benefit from early childhood programs that support gender-variant children.

Featured presenters: Edgardo Menvielle, M.D., and Catherine Tuerk, R.N., M.A., C.S., Outreach Program for Children with Gender-Variant Behaviors and Their Families, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.



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Registration Form

2005 WACTE Annual Conference and Workshops
February 16 – 18, 2005
Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI

» Attendee Name and Address			
WACTE Membership #:			Local #:
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Address:			
City:		State: WI	Zip Code:
Employer:			
Work Phone:		Home Phone:	
Email:			

» 2005 Conference Rates				
Please put a check mark in the box next to your selection and check the corresponding \$ amount.	WACTE Member	NON-WACTE Member	On-Site Registrations	
One Day			MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, February 16, Technical Training Seminars	\$115 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$115 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Meeting Only, Wednesday	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, February 17	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$215 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$240 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, February 18	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$215 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$240 <input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Training Seminars and One-Day Conference				
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, February 17	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$265 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, February 18	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$265 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Full Conference and Technical Training Seminars (before 12/17/04)	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$315 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
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» New Attendee Choices
<u>Check any that apply:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a first-time conference attendee.
<input type="checkbox"/> Send me a new professional's scholarship application. (members only)

Please complete both pages 1 & 2 and send signed Registration form to:
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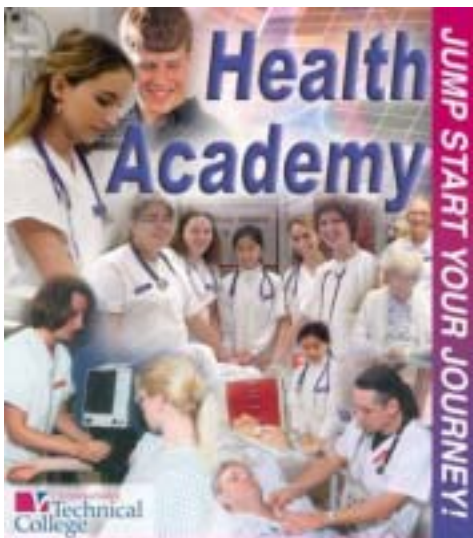
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» WEDNESDAY	
TECHNICAL TRAINING SEMINARS & FIELD/LAB EXPERIENCES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Animation 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	FVTC – Neenah Center (maximum 18)
<input type="checkbox"/> International Drivers License Certification (for Computer Technology) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	FVTC – Neenah Center (maximum 4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing Skills Standard Certification 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	FVTC – Neenah Center (maximum 14)
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflections on Teaching 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Radisson Paper Valley (maximum 25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Evolution of Innovation 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Radisson Paper Valley (maximum 35)
» FRIDAY	
TOURS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Patient Simulation 8:30 am – 10:30 am	FVTC – Appleton (transportation included) (maximum 25)
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____	SIGNATURE: _____
<p align="center">To qualify for the 2005 Early Bird registration fee, this form and payment must be sent to the WACTE office by December 17, 2004.</p> <p><i>Your receipt will be mailed to you. Your name badge and conference material will be given to you at the conference registration area.</i></p> <p align="center">A \$25 administrative fee will be charged for any cancellation. <u>NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER</u> <u>FEBRUARY 4, 2005</u></p> <p align="center">To request a refund before February 4, 2005, send a letter to the WACTE office requesting a refund, less the \$25 administrative fee.</p>	

MOVED?

Please let us know! Contact
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Chippewa Valley Technical College Health Academy

The Health Academy at Chippewa Valley Technical College is in its third year. Twenty-five high school senior students are currently enrolled in the fall 2004/05 program representing 13 different schools. The Health Academy allows seniors to explore science and nursing while earning dual credits along with experiencing college life.

Student Anee Vang in HPS Lab.



Student Xong shown with one of the residents.



Happy Chippewa Falls Students in lab.



BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS!



Christmas arrives and the hustle and bustle keeps us busy. Then, January and February arrive and the winter blahs and cabin fever set in. No wonder so many snowbirds take vacations to warm places in the winter. If a winter vacation isn't on your agenda, here are some coping techniques that will help:

- Raise the blinds and bring light into your home. People experience depression when they don't get enough light. Natural light is best, but sun lamps have been designed to help those who suffer from winter depression.
- Bring the warmth of natural fire into your home. Aromatic candles, a fire if you have a fireplace. After building a snowman -- enjoy the warmth of a natural fire or a good cup of hot chocolate!
- Enjoy the daylight! If your schedule is flexible, take a short walk during lunch to revive your spirit. Walking in cold air can cure a headache, sharpen your focus, and increase your energy.
- Don't give up on your exercise. Exercise increases endorphins and keeps us upbeat and optimistic. A walk, an exercise video, or yoga are all easy ways to exercise at home. Try ice skating, tobogganing, skiing or other outdoor sports!
- Pamper yourself. Winter is a tough on our skin. Cracked dry skin and chapped lips are unnecessary irritants that make us feel cranky. Make sure you keep yourself lubricated. Enjoy a massage, get a facial, have your nails done!
- Catch up! Read a good book, see that movie you couldn't see before Christmas, clean out a closet! Use this indoors time to organize your home.
- Bring tropical plants into the house. Their leaves and greenery will lift your spirits and give you a taste of eternal summer.
- Enjoy a mini break. Visit a museum or art gallery. Plan an overnight getaway somewhere with a pool or hottub. Enjoy a play or dinner out! Anticipation and planning helps keep spirits up!

February is the shortest month of the year and remember that Spring will be arriving soon -- no matter what the groundhog says!