



CTAE State Update

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CTAE Directors, please remember to review your grants on the **Program Status** screen of Consolidated Application to ensure that all the budgets show a status of "Approved." With the exception of the **Perkins IV-Perkinsplus Grant** and the **Industry Certification Related Bond Grant** which has only **one sign-off** on the Budget tab, all other grants should have **two sign-offs** (one on the Data Tab and the other on the Budget Tab). Grants are not approvable until both sides indicate "Superintendent Sign-off." The Data side of the grants should show either **Superintendent sign-off** or **Program Manager Sign-off**.

If any side of the grant shows:

- 1. "Program Manager Revisions Requested"** - review the audit trail and make/save the revisions requested, then sign-off and notify your superintendent to sign-off.
- 2. "Superintendent Revision Requested"** - review the audit trail and make/save the revisions your superintendent is requesting, then sign-off and notify him/her to sign-off.
- 3. "Coordinator Sign-off"** - ensure that all revisions are accurately completed, and then ask the superintendent to sign-off. If you need to make revisions once the grant shows "coordinator sign-off," then you will need to have the superintendent reject the grant to allow you to make your additional revisions.

Spring Regional Updates for CTAE Administrators

The Annual CTAE Administrators "**Spring Regional Update**" meetings have been scheduled during March. The topic of discussion will be CTAE Grants for FY12, Core Indicators Negotiations for the last two years of the Perkins IV Grant, Consolidated Application updates, and more. The meetings will be:

March 1, 2011	South Region	Brunswick	Golden Isles Career Academy
March 2, 2011	South Region	Tifton	UGA Conference Center: Tifton Campus
March 3, 2011	Central Region	Macon	Marriott Macon City Center: Magnolia Room
March 15, 2011	Central Region	Swainsboro	East GA College: Swainsboro Campus- Richard Brown Room
March 16, 2011	North Region	Duluth	Gwinnett Marriott
March 17, 2011	North Region	Dalton	NW GA Trade & Convention Center

Registration will be through the CTAE Resource Network and will open soon. Please watch for posting of these workshops for registration.

CTAE Equipment Grants Update Information

FY10 Construction-Related Equipment Grants (CREQ)

The FY10 CREQ grants are closed. No further purchases or requisitions can be considered. If your system has received all the funds for which requisitions were approved, the system completion report should be submitted to the GaDOE via the GAORS system. Your financial office normally handles this. Also, a complete electronic inventory of the items approved for grant purchase should be sent to me on the form supplied to grant systems. If you need another copy of the form, please let Dr. Dennis Clarke know. Only include items purchased and reimbursed through the grant funds.

FY11 Construction-Related Equipment Grants

Systems that received FY11 CREQ grants should be finalizing their purchases very soon. Please do not wait on this as there are audit stipulations regarding the percentage of funds spent from bond sources within a specified period of time. Remember that all grant eligible purchases must be pre-approved. Thanks for the great participation during the year. Please contact Dr. Clarke if you have any questions or if your eligibility status changed and the funds cannot be used this year.

Equipment Grants Administrative Update Meetings – Coming this spring

Dr. Clarke will be present for the several administrative regional update meetings scheduled for March 2011. If you have made an initial application for a FY12 CREQ grant, you will need to be present at one of those meetings and plan to stay for a brief meeting AFTER the close of the administrative update agenda. **This is only for those who are applying for FY12 CREQ grants.** If you miss the meeting, approval of your system grant application may be delayed. There will be more information at the meeting.

Please contact Dr. Dennis Clarke for equipment grant assistance or additional grant information at dclarke@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-805-5634.

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We hope you are making plans to attend the upcoming 64th **Georgia Association of Career and Technical Educators (GACTE)** Annual Conference will be held July 10-13, 2011, at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia!

The theme of the conference will be *“College & Career Readiness—Pathways to Success”*

- ✓ **GACTE Conference Registration begins Tuesday, March 1, 2011 on the GACTE website – www.gacte.org. The GACTE conference registration closes on **June 15, 2011**. After June 15th, on-site registration only (add \$50.00)**
- ✓ **GACTE Hotel Registration begins Tuesday, March 1, 2011 – call 770-953-4500 to make hotel registration and ask for the “GACTE Hotel Block”**
- ✓ **GACTE Presenter Proposal Deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

GACTE Presenter Proposal Application for General Interest Sessions

Download the Speaker Proposal Form from www.gacte.org and save it with your last name as the file name. Please provide all requested information.

GACTE Presenter Proposals should be sent in by electronic mail to: gacteprogram@gmail.com
(MS EXCEL format, please!)

Any presenter who is a career technical educator must be a paid conference participant. Conference registration must be paid by April 30, 2011, in order to be approved for the program.

General Interest sessions are devoted to one topic that is designed to explore in-depth a topic relevant to classroom teachers and/or administrators. Although multiple presenters are welcome for each presentation, no more than two presenters can be listed in the conference program. If possible, please try to incorporate the theme of the conference into your presentation title.

Schedule for Presentations:

On Monday, July 11, general interest sessions are scheduled for:

- 9:15 a.m. -- 10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., and 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 13, general interest sessions are scheduled for:

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Presentations should include “best practices” for one of the following six areas:

STEM/Academic Integration-- Examples: Collaborative Higher Order Thinking/Planning; Classroom Authentic (not vendor-based); Integration; CTAE-Academic Teacher Presenters; STEM Classrooms and Schools and STEM Literacy

Assessments— Examples: Alternative; Authentic; Formative- and Summative-based; End-of-Pathway Assessment Completer Successes; End-of-Pathway Accommodations/Modifications for Students with Disabilities; Aptitude and Career Interest Inventories; Student Credentialing

Leadership— Examples: Paradigm Shifts; Effective and Practical Models; Quality Advisory Committees; Effective CTAE Program Budgets; Quality Transitions; CTSOs and CTAE Program Marketability

Classroom Data and Research— Examples: Authentic; Data-driven; CTAE Programs and School Improvement Plan Correlations

Project-Based Learning— Examples: Authentic; Collaborative; Integrative

Advisement and Transition— Examples: BRIDGE Bill (focus/impact/essentials);

Middle/High/Postsecondary Transitions; Postsecondary Education Opportunities; Career Awareness/Exploration; Community Participation; Post-school Option; Adult Living Skills; Self-advocacy/Self-Determination; Inter-agency Linkages; Career Guidance Models

Audio-Visuals—All GACTE presentation rooms will be equipped with an LCD Projector and screen. A wireless Internet connection will be available for presenters in all presentation rooms. No computers or other audio-visual equipment will be provided.

Notification of approval of GACTE Speaker Proposal Forms will be completed by April 15, 2011.

Questions or additional information please contact Skip Brown at skipbrown@doe.k12.ga.us.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Georgia

The Georgia Department of Education is planning a Georgia STEM Institute this summer from July 6-15, 2011. Interested schools will send teams of CTAE and academic teachers to Atlanta for a **10-day** immersion in STEM. The purpose of the Institute is to prepare teachers to implement STEM initiatives with students in their perspective schools. These initiatives include student use of 21st century technology tools of STEM industries, student use of 21st century workplace skills, implementation of student centered, inquiry-based, highly cognitive, active learning environments, multidisciplinary integrated projects, and connections with STEM industries. See below for a partial agenda. (*Note: will additional information, i.e., how to register, will be forthcoming*)

For additional information contact Gilda Lyon: W-404.463.1977, C-423.505.2227 or by email at: glyon@doe.k12.ga.us

Partial Agenda for Georgia STEM Institute

Date/Time	Activity Description
Wednesday, July 6th	Arrive in Atlanta and check in hotel 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm –Evening Reception Dinner Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Juan Carlos Aguilar, DOE Science Program Manager • Sandi Woodall, DOE Math Program Manager • Emily Spann, DOE CTAE Program Manager
Thursday, July 7th	8:00 am – 11:30 am –Visit a STEM industry and workshop session. 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm –Visit a STEM industry and workshop session. <i>Each industry will conduct a workshop for teachers on the application of that specific industry to the classroom</i>
Friday, July 8th	8:00 am – 11:30 pm –Visit a STEM industry and workshop session. 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm –Visit a STEM industry and workshop session. <i>Each industry will conduct a workshop for teachers on the application of that specific industry to the classroom</i>

STEM Upcoming Webinar

A webinar focusing on the progress of three of Georgia’s STEM model schools will be conducted on February 22nd at 3:30. The link to the webinar is:

http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doe/join_meeting.html?meetingId=1258872993989

Fourth Science Options

When advising students on fourth science options, please use the charts below. Fourth Science information is also located on the Georgia Department of Education/CTAE website under the Fourth Science link at www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx

Please note that in 2008 Basic Agricultural Science was listed as a fourth science. The following year, Basic Agricultural Science was removed from the approved list because of its lack of rigor. Therefore, the only students that may use the Basic Agricultural Science as their fourth science are this year's junior students, who will graduate in 2012. All other students must have a fourth science from the lists below. When advising students, please keep in mind some of the courses listed will count as a fourth science toward graduation but are not recognized by the Board of Regents.

Approved Fourth Science Options

The following courses count towards satisfying the fourth science requirement and a CTAE pathway completion requirement and **have been approved** by the Board of Regents as a fourth science.

Course Number	Course Name	CTAE Pathway
01.46100	General Horticulture and Plant Science	Plant Science/Horticulture
02.42100	Animal Science Technology/Biotechnology	Agriscience
02.42200	Equine Science	Other GPS Agriculture Courses (9-12)
02.44100	Plant Science and Biotechnology	Agriscience
20.41710	Food & Nutrition Through the Lifespan	Nutrition & Food Science
20.41810	Food Science	Nutrition & Food Science
21.45100	Energy and Power Technology	Energy Systems
21.45700	Appropriate and Alternative Energy Technologies	Energy Systems
25.56800	Introduction to Biotechnology	Biotechnology Research and Development

The following courses count towards satisfying the fourth science requirement and a CTAE pathway completion requirement but **are not** recognized as a fourth science by Board of Regents.

Course Number	Course Name	CTAE Pathway
*02.42400	Veterinary Science	Veterinary Science
*02.47500	Biotechnology	Other GPS Agriculture Courses (9-12)
*03.41100	Natural Resources Management	Other GPS Agriculture Courses (9-12)
*03.45100	Forest Science	Forestry/Natural Resources
*03.45300	Wildlife Management	Forestry/Natural Resources

Course Number	Course Name	CTAE Pathway
*21.45200	Foundations of Electronics	Electronics
*21.45300	Advanced AC and DC Circuits	Electronics
*21.45400	Digital Electronics	Electronics
*21.47200	Engineering Applications	Engineering
*25.52100	Introduction to Healthcare Science	Seven Healthcare Pathways
*25.52200	Application of Therapeutic Services	Therapeutic Services-Medical Services and Nursing
*25.56200	Concept of Emergency Medicine	Therapeutic Services-Emergency Services
*25.56400	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	Therapeutic Services-Emergency Services
*25.58000	Principles of Physical Medicine	Physical Medicine
*25.58100	Concepts of Physical Medicine	Physical Medicine
*25.58200	Rehabilitation in Physical Medicine	Physical Medicine
*47.46600	Aviation Meteorology	Flight Operations

*Indicates the course has not been approved as a fourth science by the Board of Regents.

The following courses count towards satisfying the fourth science requirement.

Course Number	Course Name
26.01300	Biology II
26.01400	Advanced Placement Biology
26.01500	Genetics

Course Number	Course Name
26.01800	International Baccalaureate Biology SL
26.01900	International Baccalaureate Biology HL
26.03100	Botany
26.05100	Microbiology
26.06100	Ecology
26.06110	Environmental Science

Course Number	Course Name
26.06400	Advance Genetics/DNA Research
26.07100	Zoology
26.07200	Entomology
26.07300	Human Anatomy and Physiology
26.06500	Epidemiology
40.02100	Astronomy
40.04100	Meteorology
40.05100	Chemistry I
40.05200	Chemistry II
40.05300	Advance Placement Chemistry
40.05500	International Baccalaureate Chemistry SL
40.05600	International Baccalaureate Chemistry HL
40.06300	Geology
40.06400	Earth Systems
40.07100	Oceanography

Course Number	Course Name
40.08100	Physics I
40.08200	Physics II
40.08300	Advanced Placement Physics B
40.08410	Advanced Placement Physics C: Mechanics
40.08420	Advanced Placement Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
40.08500	International Baccalaureate Physics SL
40.08600	International Baccalaureate Physics HL
40.08900	Advanced Physics Principles/Robotics
40.09100	Advanced Scientific Internship
40.09210 *	Scientific Research I
40.09220 *	Scientific Research II
40.09230	Scientific Research III
40.09240	Scientific Research IV
40.09300	Forensic Science
40.09400	Chemical & Material Science Engineering
40.09500	International Baccalaureate Design Technology SL
40.09600	International Baccalaureate Design Technology HL
11.01600	Advanced Placement Computer Science A

*Indicates the course has not been approved as a fourth science by the Board of Regents

Middle/High School Counselor Professional Learning Needs Assessment Survey

Middle and High School Counselor and Counselor Directors: If you are a middle or high school counselor or counselor director and have not yet completed this professional learning needs assessment survey, please click on the Zoomerang survey link below to complete a Georgia Department of Education professional learning needs assessment survey.

In an effort to provide timely and appropriate school counselor professional learning topics, please complete the survey below by **Friday, February 25, 2011**. If you have any questions, contact Jacqueline Melendez at jmelende@doe.k12.ga.us or by phone at 404-657-4965.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BMCGYDFDN/>

SAVE the Dates! - School Counselor/CTAE Summer Regional Workshops

Coming soon to your Local School Superintendent: Information regarding the upcoming School Counselor/CTAE Summer Regional Workshops

What: School Counselor Summer Regional One-Day workshops – The workshops will emphasize BRIDGE Legislation essentials, Move On When Ready information, and individual graduation plan guidelines.

Who: Teams comprised of counselor director and middle and high school counselors

When: June 2nd, 3rd, & 8th, 2011

Be on the lookout for further information regarding this workshop! Contact Jackie Melendez, 404-657-4965; jmelende@doe.k12.ga.us.

End of Pathway Assessment Update

End-of-Pathway Assessment (EOPA) Testing Agencies

Two national testing agencies working closely with Georgia schools have made the test ordering process easier to access for local test site coordinators.

Both testing agencies have developed a central link that offers information on ordering exams, the necessary forms, and other pertinent information needed to assist with the testing facilitation process.

Oklahoma CareerTech Testing: <http://www.okcareertech.org/techskills/>

Includes ordering information on the following exams:

- Entry-Level Child Care Training (ELCCT)
- Financial Literacy Assessment
- Marketing Education Management Trainee
- National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment (or National Health Science Assessment)

AAFCS Testing: <http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/test.asp>

Includes ordering information on the following exams:

- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Food Science
- Interior Design
- Nutrition
- Personal and Family Finance

For additional information, please contact Mamie Hanson at mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us.

National Career Clusters Conference Coming to Atlanta

On June 20-22, 2011, Atlanta will be the host setting for the 9th Annual **Career Clusters Institute** to be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Georgia will have a prominent role in many areas of the conference. Registration deadline is May 2, 2011, and the registration information may be accessed at www.careerclusters.org or phone 301-588-9630.

Dwayne Hobbs - Program Delivery **dhobbs@doe.k12.ga.us**

CTSOs (Career Technical Student Organizations)

Spring is upon us as we begin the culmination of competitive events during the State Conferences for each of the Career and Technical Student Organizations. All CTSOs are currently soliciting the assistance of educators and business professionals from across the state to support Georgia students by serving as a judge for one of competitive events. The success of our CTSO state conferences is dependent upon the service and commitment of our volunteers. The expertise and time commitment available from each person volunteering to judge can be matched to the appropriate event by the judging events coordinator of each CTSO. **PLEASE, PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please help communicate this need to all business and industry contacts you have. All local system administrators as well, are welcome to participate as judges in this year's events. Below is contact information for the CTSOs:

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Impossible.....Amazing.....Incredible! These are just a few of the words uttered when SkillsUSA Georgia broke membership history this week. At exactly 9:30 a.m. on February 10, SkillsUSA Georgia's membership reached 7,570 members and growing! That broke the 1989-1990 school record of 7,146. This is truly the sign of great times ahead. Professional development, supportive school systems, dedicated teachers and engaged students have made this possible. Now is the best time to become involved in an organization that changes student's lives by fostering relationships with business and industry partners, creating relevance to their future careers and providing a rigorous classroom environment that will lead to credentials and certification that will follow them long after high school graduation.

Come see what it is all about by joining us at the State Leadership and Skills Conference, March 17-19, at the Georgia International Convention Center. There are seats still available for the VIP Luncheon on March 19 (10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) when key industry leaders, education leaders and elected officials will come together to see the largest student centered Career Expo in Georgia along with the SkillsUSA Championships as its core. To claim your seat for the luncheon, contact Sonny Cannon at gcannon@doe.k12.ga.us.

Broadcast Video Production

Congratulations to the Rockdale Career Academy's Broadcast Video Production (BVP) program for being the first BVP program in the state of Georgia to be industry certified! In fact, they may be the first BVP program to achieve industry certification in the country.

When the New Media Education Foundation of Georgia (NMEFGA) began looking across the country for an industry certification model for Georgia BVP programs, none could be found. So NMEFGA worked to create such a certification during the 2010 calendar year and five Georgia BVP programs received grants for industry certification in the spring of 2010. James Dinsmoor and many at the Rockdale Career Academy (RCA) worked hard in preparation to meet the certification criteria and that worked paid off January 10, when representatives of the video broadcast industry concluded in their evaluation that the RCA BVP program was indeed worthy of NMEFGA's industry certification distinction.

Congratulations James Dinsmoor and team at RCA (Rockdale Career Academy) – your program, at all levels, impressed those seasoned industry professionals who were on site for the review. Evaluations made clear students enrolled in Rockdale Career Academy's Broadcast Video Production program were learning real-world skills directly applicable to entry level work in their field. The knowledge and skills reflected a strong foundation for pursuing future work at an institution of higher learning.

NMEFGA continues to make preparations for the CareerExpo and SkillsUSA Georgia events at the Georgia International Convention Center on March 17-18. This year the “SkillsUSA *LIVE*” streaming video production will expand from a four-hour production in 2010 to two days of live interviews of business representatives, students, policy makers and events under the roof of the 150,000 square foot convention center. There will even be a 15-minute Spanish language program every hour hosted by Mariela Romero of Univision/Atlanta 34. If you can't make the convention in person, catch the action of the two day event from the internet video stream that you can find on the SkillsUSA Georgia website.

Healthcare Science

The first annual “Your Future in Healthcare” magazine will be distributed at the HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) State Leadership Conference and the GACTE Conference. The Georgia HOSA Foundation and the Georgia Healthcare Science Technology Education Foundation were instrumental in helping make this magazine possible. Featured are stories from professionals who work in healthcare, articles about great community service activities from our schools, and our HOSA state officers.

If you need additional copies of the magazine (after March 5) please email Cyndi Waugh at cwaugh@doe.k12.ga.us. Please specify the quantity of magazines you need and include your complete school mailing address and contact person.

The HOSA State Leadership Conference is scheduled for March 3-5, at the Classic Center in Athens. We cordially invite you to attend the largest Georgia HOSA State Conference to date, with 2,300 students and advisors slated to attend (this is an increase of 400 over last year's attendance). The HOSA membership is at an all-time high as well with over 9,600 members and growing. For any questions about the conference, email Allen Seigler at Allen.Seigler@georgiahosa.org.

A regional conference is planned for April 22, at Columbus Technical College's brand new Health Sciences facility. The daylong conference will focus on competencies used in the Medical Services Pathway/General Medicine course. Information on the conference will be posted on the CTAE Resource Network soon.

Public Safety and Cosmetology

Our Career EXPO and SkillsUSA State conference is March 17-19, at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta. Cosmetology and Public Safety students will have their competitions at the convention center this year, and exhibits from business and industry will be included. We hope you will join us for this exciting event.

A regional conference will be held for public safety teachers at the State Bar of Georgia on Saturday, April 23. Details and registration can be found on the CTAE Resource Network.

Tentative plans are in the works for public safety and cosmetology to participate in Camp T&I in June.

CTI (Career Technical Instruction)

CTI will host its State Leadership Conference on April 28-30, at the Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. The highlight of the CTI State Leadership Conference is the competitive event session. We are in need of approximately 150 volunteer judges to fill 3-4 member panels per CTI event. If you are available to serve as a judge on the morning of Friday, April 29, or on the afternoon of Thursday, April 28, contact Sylvia Phillips at judges4education@yahoo.com or (678) 581-9092.

The SkillsUSA Region 8 Competition was held on February 4, at the Golden Isles Career Academy in Brunswick. CTI State Secretary Ashley Alicea placed 1st in the Region 8 Job Demonstration Open Event with her wedding bouquet design. She will further compete at the SkillsUSA State Competition in Atlanta on March 17-19. Ashley plans to pursue a career in floral design.

Turner County High School CTI students traveled to Valdosta on February 9, for a job shadowing and informational tour at Publix. Fourteen students attended this interactive tour. This proved to be a beneficial experience for the juniors and seniors, as they were able to observe and speak to many employees in a broad range of different positions. Students were taught to scan and bag grocery items as a cashier, make and bag popcorn in the deli, decorate a sugar cookie with piping bag icing in the bakery, and core a pineapple in the produce department. They also toured the seafood department, meat department, shipping department, business center, and break area. Publix treated the students to a hot lunch from the deli. Turner County High School CTI/Transition Coordinator, Allison Odom, teamed up with Georgia High School High Tech to coordinate this educational experience.

CCAIE (Coordinated Career Academic Education)

The Pierce County High School CCAIE students participated in a joint Leadership Conference with other CTSOs and student officers. Forty students from Pierce County High School in Blackshear took part in a challenge course program that was both physically and mentally demanding. The Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center provided a challenging setting in which to expand individual limits while supporting their personal boundaries. The goal was to bring out the leader within and turn the group into a successful and effective team. The CCAIE Coordinator at PCHS is Tera Austin.

Business and Computer Science

Many of our Business and Computer Science End of Pathway Assessments are national credentialing tests that are open to the public. With this said, teachers make take the assessments themselves (just like any citizen can) prior to the students. There are fees for the certifications, however, if your teacher is an FBLA adviser, they get a discount and possibly one for free (they need to look in the adviser section of the national website).

The assessments that are open are for the following pathways:

1. Administrative and Information Support
 - Microsoft - MOS: (any program) Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Published
2. Interactive Media (any of the three)
 - Adobe: Dreamweaver, Flash, Photo Shop
 - CIW : Design Specialist Certification
 - IC3: Internet and Computing Core Certification
3. Computer Networking
 - CISCO: CCNA
4. Computer Systems and Support
 - Comptia: A+

"AP" Accounting Pilot Training

In cooperation with the Georgia Society of CPAs and the AICPA, we will once again host the "AP" Accounting Pilot Workshop this summer provided by the two college professors behind the College Board proposal for "AP Accounting" as well as a current high school instructor. If you have a program that you would like to develop into a "College Accounting" course (AP status is pending College Board approval), the instructor must attend this training to participate in the pilot. The dates are yet to be determined by the GACPA and once the dates are secure, registration will be set up for participants.

Date Announcements:

- FBLA State Middle Level Conference - March 4, at the Macon Centreplex
- FBLA High School State Leadership Conference - March 18-19, at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Atlanta
- *National Business Education Association Conference - April 19-23, at the Canal Street Marriott in New Orleans, LA.
**This is the last conference this year that counts for extended day credit if you have not attended one of the other 3 options that have taken place this year.*

FACS (Family & Consumer Sciences), Culinary Arts & Education

Thank you for your support in sending 367 educators to the GATFACS Winter Conference. Many valuable certificates were awarded to attendees including Better Brains for Babies, Fire Safety and ServSafe, and many other professional development workshops.

Family & Consumer Sciences (FACS)

The long awaited Nutrition & Food Science CTAERN lesson plans and activities are in the process and will be available this summer at the GACTE Summer Conference.

Culinary Arts

Please refer to the memo sent from PSC/GaDOE regarding culinary certification for educators.

- Any educators that have a Non-Renewable certificate in Culinary will be extended for one year upon the request of the employing school district.
- Educators who are currently teaching courses in the Culinary Arts pathway or plan to teach Culinary Arts courses, and do not hold a clear renewable Culinary Arts certificate, should file for a Non-Renewable certificate. This certificate will be issued for two years to allow time for completion of the requirements for Clear Renewable certification.
- The review for those educators that have taken previous coursework will be held on Friday, April 22, 2011. A confirmed location and further details will follow soon.

Education

The pilot for the end of pathway assessment for Teaching as a Profession has been completed and the assessment will be available on April 1. The Assessment Information Sheet for the exam will be sent to CTAE Administrators around the state in mid-March.

Marketing Education

Thanks in large part to our Georgia Marketing Education Association (GMEA) Board, the Marketing Professional Development Conference that was held at the state-of-the-art Lanier Charter Career Academy's conferencing center on February 4, was a huge success! As always, our goal was to bring in business professionals whose presentations addressed our course standards and/or addressed issues raised by our AMA teams during our Industry Certification Reviews. All of the presenters' PowerPoint presentations, websites and resources were placed on the GMEA website for teachers' use in the classroom.

The Georgia DECA Career Development Conference will be held at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta on February 24-26. As always, we are eager to host your students from around the state! Since the DECA competitive events exactly align with the marketing curriculum standards, you can be assured that your students are getting a premier opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in high-level events.

Technology and Engineering

The Georgia TSA (Technology Student Association) State Leadership and Competitive Event Conference will be held on March 10-11, at the Classic Center in Athens. We are in need of judges on Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11. If you can help judge, please contact Ron Barker at rbarker@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 657-8316. Thanks for supporting your chapters!

Reminders:

- Teachers should watch for professional development opportunities in Engineering pathways through the CTAE Resource Network.
- Remind your teachers to apply for grant money through the CTAE Division. Charles Banks, Program Manager for the Accountability Unit has posted guidelines for your use.
- Engineering program assessment information will be sent out in March. We're looking forward to gathering baseline information.