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Gary Steppe, State Director (gsteppe@doe.k12.ga.us)



Welcome back to another great school year! Some of the CTAE goals for the 2010-2011 are as follows: (1) to increase the number of students who become pathway completers; (2) to increase the number of CTAE programs who maintain and earn Industry Certification; and (3) to begin our End of Pathway Assessments for student credentialing.

Let's focus more attention on our Perkins' Core Indicators and the improvement strategies:

Perkins IV Core Indicators of Performance

1S1 Academic Attainment – Reading/Language Arts: Number of concentrators who have met Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) NCLB Standards in Reading/Language Arts on NCLB assessments and left secondary education in the reporting year.

1S2 Academic Attainment – Mathematics: Number of concentrators who have met Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) NCLB standards in mathematics on NCLB assessments and have left secondary education

2S1 Technical Skill Attainment - Number of CTAE pathway completers who passed technical skill assessments that are aligned with industry-recognized standards in the reporting year.

3S1 Secondary School Diploma - Number of CTAE concentrators who earned a regular secondary school diploma in the reporting year. (Note: This will be a code of "C-College Preparatory, V-Vocational, or B-Both College Preparatory & Vocational" for Diploma type).

4S1 Student Graduation Rates - Number of CTAE concentrators who in the reporting year were included as graduated in the state's computation of its graduation rate as described in Section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the ESEA.

5S1 Secondary Placement - The most current number of CTAE concentrators who left secondary education and were placed in a state of Georgia public postsecondary education system, advanced training, or entered the military or employment in the second quarter following the program year in which they left secondary education with either a dropout withdrawal code of (B, E, F, I S, U, L, M, O, P, Q), or a code of G-for graduation.

6S1 Nontraditional Participation - Number of CTAE participants from underrepresented gender groups who participated in the identified programs (see page 21) that lead to employment in nontraditional fields in the reporting year (duplicated counts, grades 9-12).

6S2 Nontraditional Completion - Number of CTAE concentrators from underrepresented gender groups who completed identified programs that lead to employment in nontraditional fields in the reporting year (unduplicated count 12th graders).

I would also request that additional attention be directed at embedding math, science, and communications-connected activities, i.e. tasks and projects, into the pathway courses. Hopefully, additional professional development activities related to project-based learning units will be available for your staff during the year.

I welcome the Counseling Program of GaDOE to our division, and I am excited about the future possibilities this addition will bring. The Counseling Unit will become an integral part of our CTAE activities.

Best wishes for a wonderful school year. Remember, we are here to support you, your students, and your programs, so please let us know if we can help. Our mission is to assist you in being successful! Feel free to forward this newsletter to all of your CTAE teachers and fellow staff members.

Emily Spann, Development and Transition (espann@doe.k12.ga.us)

Welcome Back and Best Wishes to everyone for a great school year!

The CTAE/GaDOE website is a great resource for you! Recent GACTE 2010 conference presentations, End of Pathway Assessment information, and new program area and pathway instructional materials are now located on the website. If you haven't visited the CTAE/GaDOE website lately, click the following link and see what you have been missing: www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx

A hearty CTAE WELCOME to our newest Development and Transition State Staff Members: Jackie Melendez, Gilda Lyon, and Jan Wyche! As you meet each of them in the near future, you will certainly notice the wealth of experience and expertise they bring with them! CTAE is very fortunate to have these staff members to provide valuable support throughout the year.

New GaDOE State Staff Members:

Jackie Melendez, School Counseling Specialist

Email address: jmelende@doe.k12.ga.us

Phone: (404) 657-4965

Jackie has served as the School Counseling Program Specialist at GaDOE for the past 17 years and is a certified counselor.

Gilda Lyon, STEM Program Specialist

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Phone: (404) 657-8324

Gilda taught biology and chemistry for 27 years in Chattanooga, Tennessee, serving three of those years as a Career Technical Education (CTE) Director in a school-within-a-school (Multimedia and Information Technology Academy). As the director, Gilda worked with teachers to integrate the CTAE (computer/graphics arts/broadcasting) curriculum and the academic (English, mathematics, and science) curriculum. Upon retiring from Tennessee, she worked as a GaDOE science specialist for three (3) years before moving into her present job as the STEM program specialist.

Jan Wyche, High School Curriculum Specialist

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Phone: (404) 463-0299

Before joining GaDOE on August 2, Jan served as a high school administrator in the Gwinnett County School System for 25 years, with 11 of those years as a high school curriculum administrator. Jan will be working with CTAE High School Curriculum, High Schools That Work, College and Career Readiness Initiatives, and CTAE, Math, Science, Literacy Integration.

School Counselors/CTAE Update

Contact: Jackie Melendez jmelende@doe.k12.ga.us

Georgia School Counseling/School Social Work Programs and the Hospital Homebound Services are now located in the CTAE division of the Department of Education! The addition of School Counseling to the

CTAE division will provide new collaborative opportunities, as middle and high school counselors play such a critical part in our Georgia students' individual graduation and career plans. More information regarding this endeavor and counselor participation will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Teachers-As-Advisors Workshops

Contact: Vivian Snyder vsnyder@doe.k12.ga.us

Four (4) one-day workshops will be conducted for system-level Teachers-As-Advisor teams during the month of September. System level teams should plan to register through the CTAE Resource Network. Each workshop is limited to 6 system-level teams. Registration on the CTAE Resource Network will open on **September 1, 2010**.

Workshop Locations and Dates

September 22 & September 23, 2010, Alpharetta, North Fulton Instructional Technology Center

September 27 & September 28, 2010, Macon, Central Georgia Technical College

GACTE DOE Exhibit Booth Instructional Materials Update

Contact John Pritchett, jpritchett@doe.k12.ga.us

Due to overwhelming response to the CTAE instructional resources at the 2010 GACTE Conference, all posters and resource ring cards were distributed and no more are remaining. Both the posters and the resource ring cards were created by our CTAE state staff and not the staff of GAcollege411.

However, John Pritchett is organizing a bulk order to support local systems in purchasing CTAE Posters or CTAE Resource Ring Cards. Pricing may be based on "pooling" local system orders to receive a reduced bulk order pricing. A bulk order of 2,000 resource ring cards is the starting point for additional orders. Resource ring cards are approximately \$6.50 each, plus shipping. If your system plans to order 100 resource ring card sets, the cost would be approximately \$650.00, plus shipping.

2010 GACTE Summer Conference – Huge Success

Contact: Skip Brown, rbrown@doe.k12.ga.us

As the GACTE conference planning team met to discuss this year's event, all members of the team felt that the conference was a huge success! Because of the financial crisis in our state, the team was extremely pleased that participation was still at a high level. The statistics are in and we want to make sure everyone is aware of these two major highlights:

2010 GACTE Registered Participants: 2350

2010 GACTE Conference Exhibitors: 70

2010 GACTE Professional Learning Credit

If you registered, paid and participated in this year's Summer GACTE conference, you may access your Certificate of Participation (COP) for 20 Contact Hours by logging into the CTAE Resource Network, at www.ctaern.org and selecting 'myworkshops' from the "mypages" tab on your menu. Select the *2010 GACTE Conference* and answer the survey questions. Afterward, you will be able to print your COP (Certificate).

Save the Date: Fall Regional Update for CTAE Administrators & Counselors

In preparation for on-line registration for the CTAE Administrator and School Counselor Fall Regional Update events, CTAE System & CTAE School Administrators should ensure that all School Counselors (middle & high) have been entered accurately into the school profile. On-line registration information will be sent out and available on the CTAE Resource Network website in September.

October 5, 2010	North: Dalton – Northwest GA Trade and Convention Center
October 6, 2010	North: Athens – Classic Center
October 12, 2010	Central: Augusta – Fort Discovery (downtown)
October 13, 2010	Central: Macon – Marriott City Center (formerly Centreplex)
October 27, 2010	South: Tifton – UGA Conference Center: Tifton Campus
October 28, 2010	South: Brunswick – Golden Isles Career Academy

House Bill 1307 - Temporary Suspension of the PLU Requirement for Certificate Renewal

There have been different interpretations of the intent of House Bill 1307 and the resultant PSC rules. Please take the time to review the attached document provided by the GaDOE Professional Learning Division. We do not want to mislead any certificate holders in their quest for renewal.



House Bill 1307 Temporary Suspension of PLU Requirements.doc

GAcollge411.Org Website Update

Contact Vivian Snyder, vsnyder@doe.k12.ga.us

Did you know that GAcollge411 provides ***FREE*** materials that were developed by GAcollge411 staff? Please feel free to click on the following website for FREE available items:

https://www.gsfc.org/gheac/order_loan/index.cfm?guid=&returnurl=https%3a%2f%2fsecure.gacollge411.org%2fHome%2fEducator.aspx

GAcollge411.org is the primary tool for educational and career planning for Georgia students and their families. This FREE and newly-enhanced version of the GAcollge411 website will allow local schools to collect and analyze the web site as a comprehensive and developmental advisement tool for all students.

If you need additional training for your staff, please go to the GAcollge411 website homepage and click “*Talk to us*” in the top left-hand corner of the page to request assistance. Also, be sure to visit the “*Communications*” file at the bottom of the page for free GAcollge411 resources and materials.

Teachers-As-Advisor resources, including Grades 6-12 Teachers-As-Advisor activities, are now located on GAcollge411 under the “*Middle and High School Resources*” file at the bottom of the GAcollge411 homepage.

STEM/CTAE Initiatives

Contact: Gilda Lyon, glyon@doe.k12.ga.us

Georgia CTAE is diving full force into the national STEM initiatives! **STEM**, a national acronym for *Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*, focuses on increasing the number of students preparing for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related fields.

Since CTAE’s prime directive is to create a world-class workforce for Georgia in the 21st Century, the STEM initiatives are a natural fit. The Georgia Department of Education is focusing on the following STEM activities and projects:

- CTAE/STEM Title II ARRA grants- Awarded to 26 Georgia schools to become model STEM lab schools
- CTAE/STEM Integration Workshops-Six (6) sites across Georgia in Sept. and Oct. 2010, to develop integrated project/problem-based learning units that will be accessible online for statewide use by CTAE/STEM teachers

- Increased focus on STEM competition for students (robotics, science fairs, health science related competitions, computer animation, web site design, biotechnology, etc).

CTAE is striving to be at the forefront of the STEM movement with courses that align to science, engineering, and technology already in place. The GaDOE is committed to increasing the number of project/problem-based learning opportunities for our students, as evidenced through the CTAE/STEM Integration workshops planned around the state. Additional information about competitions, science & engineering fair opportunities, and other ways to involve students in STEM activities will be coming soon.

CTAE/STEM Integrated Workshops Coming Soon

The Georgia Department of Education will conduct a series of two-day workshops entitled “Developing CTAE/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Integrated Project-Based Instructional Units.” An informational email was sent to local system Superintendents on August 19, with details concerning registration. A copy of the email sent to Superintendents on the upcoming CTAE/STEM Integrated Workshops was sent to CTAE Directors on August 19. Plan to register an instructional team from your system for the two-day workshop at one of the following locations:

September 21-22	Douglasville, GA
September 23-24	Chatsworth, GA
September 28-29	Ellaville, GA
September 30-October 1	Savannah, GA
October 4-5	Acworth, GA
October 11-12	Valdosta, GA

Education Career Partnership and Dual Enrollment Update

Contact: Gary Mealer, gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us

Dual Enrollment Update

Clarification of dual enrollment versus joint enrollment definitions:

- I. Dual Enrollment credit may NOT be earned during the summer. Here is the information directly out of the 2010-2011 ACCEL Guidelines:
 1. *The ACCEL Program is available to students for the standard school terms of fall, and spring semesters or fall, winter, and spring quarters.*
 2. *ACCEL funds are not available for summer terms.*

- II. Joint enrollment is for **college credit only** and cannot be used for high school credit. Joint enrollment and Learning Support classes are ineligible for payment through ACCEL funding at a Board of Regents college/university, but both can be paid for at a technical college through the HOPE Grant. However, the hours that are paid through HOPE will count toward the HOPE cap.

Georgia Work Ready Month Activities in October

Contact: Gary Mealer, gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us

During October, Georgia’s High School Seniors will again participate in Georgia’s Work Ready Month Activities! Last year, 110 high schools participated in Work Ready Month activities, including over 10,000 12th Georgia students. During 2010-2011, ECP representatives and local Georgia high schools will be working in partnership with local technical colleges and Work Force Development area representatives to provide this opportunity to all 12th grade students. Students will be provided with Georgia’s Work Ready

information, free gifts, and the opportunity to earn a Work Ready Certificate. This certificate verifies to potential employees the students' skill level and work habits. Over 300 Georgia companies have embraced Work Ready Certificates as *extremely important* when looking for potential job candidates.

Please note that high schools will be contacted by a High School Coordinator from a Technical College or a Work Ready Area Representative regarding Work Ready Month activities and assessment dates. In addition, a Work Ready Assessment tool kit of information will be provided to each school to promote Work Ready activities. The Georgia Work Ready toolkit includes useful documents, including parent information letters, teacher informative email templates, and informative power points templates.

Charles Banks, Accountability/Improvement (cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us)

The Accountability Team would like to say *WELCOME* to another, soon to be, great year! This year will require even more frugal spending than ever. The Accountability Team has resolved not to let this financial crisis interfere with the services we provide to you and to the students you serve in Georgia.

We are working to review and approve your local grants as quickly and as accurately as possible. Please remember to complete your budget information and sign-off on each grant that you applied for before 12:00 a.m. September 30, 2010. Continuing budget constraints will not allow us to extend the availability of any grants (incomplete applications or grants not signed-off by superintendent) beyond this date. These challenging financial times will require us to seek creative ways to fund those programs we are accustomed to providing. However, we cannot allow our creativity to result in audit problems with supplanting of Federal Funds. Auditors are aware of the challenges we face and this could become the focus of their attention.

We are available to assist with the mounting problems this economy is bringing on you and your staff.

Construction-Related Equipment (CREQ) Grants

FY11 information explaining this grant is located in the FY11 CREQ Notebook which can be found at the following web page: gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTAEquipment. Select the file in the top blue box on the right side of the page.

Funds allocations for those systems that were initially approved for FY11 CREQ grants have been included within their Consolidated Applications. However, coordinators must be sure that all Program Information is correct (and included), a copy of the CREQ grant agreement is uploaded into the grant application and that both the coordinator and the superintendent have signed off on both sides (Program Information and Budget) of the grant application. Grant applications that are incomplete will not be approved until corrected.

Important reminder: All proposed equipment purchases must be pre-approved by the grants manager. You should familiarize yourself and others involved in the purchasing process with the purchasing procedures that are included with your grant agreement document. You can send the following information via email for equipment purchase approval: Name of the item; Vendor's name; Vendor's item number; how many do you want to purchase; the cost of each item; and the web site where the item can be found if needed.

Reminder: Each program lab that is funded with CREQ grant funds must be full-time with a full-time, in-field instructor in the specific program, and the lab construction or modifications must have been approved and completed.

FY10 CREQ grant recipients will be receiving an email note with an inventory form that will need to be completed and returned. This concerns all purchases made with FY10 CREQ grant funds and information will be included in a state database. The inventory form must be used and no other inventory lists can be accepted. Submission of the inventory form and a completion report being filed by the system finalizes the grant purchase year.

OCR Compliance Reviews

The five systems that are participating in FY11 OCR Compliance Reviews have been notified and provided all relevant information concerning the review process and documents which will need to be prepared. Participating system coordinators should review those materials and contact me with questions. Additional compliance review information will be sent to participating systems soon.

Industry Certification Equipment Bond

Those systems that have an Industry Certification Equipment Bond grant have been notified and provided a grant agreement. Make sure that a copy of the grant agreement is included in your Consolidated Application under the IC Bond grant name and that your budget detail is completed. Also, this grant requires sign offs by the coordinator and the superintendent on both sides of the grant application in the Consolidated Application. These funds are only for large, essential instructional equipment and pre-approval is required before purchases are made.

If you have questions, please contact Dennis Clarke at dclarke@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-805-5634 (work number).

“Save the Dates”

CTAE Leaders 2010-2011

Fall Regional Update for CTAE Administrators (select one location)

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October 6, 2010	North: Athens – Classic Center
October 12, 2010	Central: Augusta – Fort Discovery
October 13, 2010	Central: Macon – Macon CentrePlex
October 27, 2010	South: Tifton – UGA Conference Center: Tifton Campus
October 28, 2010	South: Brunswick – Golden Isles Career Academy

Spring Update for CTAE Administrators (select one location)

March 1, 2011	South: Brunswick – Golden Isles Career Academy
March 2, 2011	South: Tifton – UGA Conference Center: Tifton Campus
March 3, 2011	Central: Augusta – Fort Discovery
March 15, 2011	Central: Macon – Macon CentrePlex
March 16, 2011	North: Athens – Classic Center
March 17, 2011	North: Dalton – NW GA Trade & Convention Center

FY 2011 Local Plan Technical Assistance Workshops (select one location)

April 12, 2011	Central: Macon
April 13, 2011	North & South: TBA
April 14, 2011	North, Central & South: TBA
April 19, 2011	North, Central & South: TBA
April 20, 2011	South: TBA
April 21, 2011	North & Central: TBA

April 26, 2011 North, Central & South: TBA
April 27, 2011 South: TBA
April 28, 2011 North & Central: TBA

FY 2011 Advanced CTAE Leadership Professional Learning

November 2, 2010 Macon – Macon CentrePlex
February 3, 2011 Macon – Macon CentrePlex

FY 2011 Compliance Review and Plan of Improvement Technical Assistance

February 8, 2011 Macon – location TBD (FY11 Perkins Compliance Plan of Improvement)
February 9, 2011 Macon – location TBD (FY12 Perkins Compliance Review)

All participants will register for selected workshops at www.ctaern.org. Workshop descriptions and locations will be posted on the CTAE Resource Network website.

FY2011 CTAE New Leaders' Academy - "Save the Dates"

The GaDOE Division of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) and the CTAE Resource Network are sponsoring a newly designed FY2011 CTAE Leadership Academy that is open to all new CTAE leadership personnel, at the district level and the school level, within Georgia's school systems. Throughout FY 2011, the leadership academy activities will include technical assistance at the local level as well as additional training sessions to be offered within the north, south and central CTAE regions. The academy is designed to assure a personalized learning plan for each new CTAE leader, whether serving at the system or school level.

A goal of the New Leader's Academy is to enhance your skills in providing leadership to ensure we have quality CTAE programs and Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). To assist you in meeting this goal, you are required to serve as a team member on one Perkins Compliance Review for a school system, and serve as a judge for a regional or state CTSO competitive event.

Session 1: Orientation

DATE: July 18, 2010
2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: GACTE Conference – Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta

Session 2: Priority Management, School Climate; Professional Image and Other Timely Topics

DATE: September 21- 22, 2010
LOCATION: Atlanta Area

Session 3: FTE, QBE, and Other CTAE Funding Issues

DATE: November 9-10, 2010
LOCATION: Athens

Session 4: Professional Ethics and CTAE Program Improvement

DATE: January 26-27, 2011
LOCATION: Savannah

Session 5: Legal Issues and Budget Guidance

DATE: March 9-10, 2011
LOCATION: Warner Robins

Details for the FY2011 New CTAE Leaders Academy are posted on the CTAE Resource Network. If you have a new CTAE director or supervisor(s) in your system, please have him/her register for the New Leaders Academy (#CTAERN 3032) by logging onto the CTAE Resource Network. If you have questions about the Academy, please contact your CTAE Regional Coordinator:

North Region - Roy Rucks at rucks@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-805-7279;

Central Region - Nancy Bessinger at nbessinger@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-805-9633;

South Region - Dr. Brenda Merchant at brmercha@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-805-9904.

Dwayne Hobbs, Program Delivery (ahobbs@doe.k12.ga.us)

Program Delivery Team Regional Drive-In Meetings

Back by popular demand are the regional drive-in meetings for CTAE teachers. These meetings have been strategically planned across the state so that teachers can “drive in” after school in less than one hour to attend. The agenda consists of the following:

4:30 – 5:00 Networking and Refreshments

5:00 – 5:30 General Session

5:30 – 7:00 Breakout Sessions by Program Area

The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Date	Location	Workshop Number
August 25	Ware County High School	CTAERN 3060
September 1	Central Education Center (Coweta Co.)	CTAERN 3056
September 13	Sonoraville High School (Gordon Co.)	CTAERN 3061
September 29	Hillgrove High School (Cobb Co.)	CTAERN 3058
October 4	Warner Robbins High School (Houston Co.)	CTAERN 3057
October 6	Clarke Central High School (Clark Co.)	CTAERN 3059
October 25	Lee County High School	CTAERN 3062
November 8	Richmond County Board of Education Complex	CTAERN 3065
November 17	Savannah Arts Academy	CTAERN 3063

All participants should get the location address from the CTAERN posting and register for the workshop.

These meetings are particularly important to all CTAE teachers and local systems are encouraged to promote and support attendance by their staff, especially for teachers that did not attend GACTE. Key topics include end of pathway assessments, college and career readiness, BRIDGE bill legislation, CTSO operations, industry certification, and effective teaching strategies. Administrators and counselors are welcome to attend and participate with their choice of program area breakout meetings. The breakout meetings have been organized for the following groups:

Architecture, Construction, Communication, Transportation – Sonny Cannon

Business and Computer Science - Sarah Heath

Engineering and Technology – Ron Barker

Family and Consumer Science, Culinary, Education – Laura Ertle

Healthcare, Cosmetology, Public Safety – Phyllis Johnson

Marketing Sales and Service – Linda Smith

Special Populations, CCAE, PS, and CTI – TBA

Work-Based Learning, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators – Dwayne Hobbs

JROTC issues will be addressed via other means and will not be included in these meetings.

New Teacher Workshops

Supporting our new CTAE instructors is important so we will be offering a New CTAE Teacher Workshop Sept. 20-21, at Macon State College in Macon, Georgia. This two-day workshop is open to all CTAE teachers with less than three years experience. The first day will focus on general information that will be useful for any CTAE teacher (Ex. Effective advisory committees, classroom managements, work based learning and using the CTAERN). The second day of the workshop will be program specific and include CTSO information. Sign up is now available at www.ctaern.org The program will start at 9:00 a.m. both days to give teachers a chance to drive in that morning if that works best, and lunch will be provided both days. Directions and accommodations are available on the sign up page. Please make sure your new teachers fax the registration from as instructed at CTAERN.

Marketing, Sales and Service

Linda Smith at lismith@doe.k12.ga.us

During the upcoming Regional Drive-In Meetings, a number of major initiatives will be discussed. All general information about the national assessments selected for the Marketing pathways will be detailed. Teachers will receive information about the rollout of the Alignment of DECA Competitive Events to Course Standards project. All program components (DECA, GMEA, Professional Development, etc.) will be highlighted.

Healthcare Science, Cosmetology, Law, Public Safety

Phyllis Johnson at pjohnson@doe.k12.ga.us

Welcome Back. Monthly webinars will be offered again this year for these program areas. Since there is no perfect time for everyone to participate live, these webinars will be archived at www.georgiastandards.org for you to watch at your convenience. Those webinars that were done during this past year are currently archived, and you can also find an Industry Certification Informational webinar for healthcare under the archives as well.

Public Safety and Personal Care Services

The SkillsUSA Fall Leadership is Sept. 16-18 at Sea Palms in St. Simons.

Healthcare

HOSA FLC is Oct. 15-17 at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta. Information will be disseminated soon about the Junior HOSA Rally to be held in November.

Georgia HOSA was represented well by 300 members and guests at the 2010 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL. this summer. Georgia HOSA came home with 3 gold medals in: CERT skills (Community Emergency Response), Extemporaneous Speaking, and Health Careers Display. We also came home with 3 silver medals, 3 bronze medals, and 14 other events where we placed in the top 10. We also had a number of students who were recognized for their community service and other HOSA projects. Allen Siegler, the Georgia HOSA Executive Director was elected to the National HOSA Board of Directors.

Family and Consumer Sciences, Education, and Culinary

Laura Ergle at lergle@doe.k12.ga.us

Congratulations to the eight Culinary Arts Programs and 13 Early Childhood Education Programs that will be pursuing Industry Certification this year.

Georgia FCCLA will host their Fall Leadership Conference September 23-24, at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington. We encourage FCCLA chapters to bring their chapter officers for chapter training on membership recruitment, state and national projects, STAR Event training, team building and lots of other leadership activities.

Don't forget that the regional CTAE Teacher Drive-In Meetings have been scheduled and registration is available on the CTAERN under each specific program area.

We encourage your new teachers to attend the two-day training in Macon on September 20-21. Lots of general as well as program-specific information will be shared. Registration is available on the CTAERN.

Engineering and Technology

Ron Barker at rbarker@doe.k12.ga.us

Congratulations to the 20+ National TSA Conference winners and finalists at the 2010 Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 28 to July 2. Georgia took home the plaque noting Georgia as the largest state in membership. This information along with national winner and finalists and other recognition can be found on the National TSA WEB site or the Georgia TSA WEB site <http://www.gatsa.org>.

Congratulations to the programs that completed the program certification process during the 2009-2010 school year and those who will be going through the process this school year. We are beginning to see the results of the positive response to this process and the legislature recognizes the importance and supports these efforts. If you need additional information please contact Ron Barker at rbarker@doe.k12.ga.us.

The Georgia Technology Student Association (GA TSA) will have several opportunities (opps) this Fall to provide leadership and competitive event activities for local chapters. On September 10-12, the Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence (CORE) event will be held at Tumbling Waters in North Georgia. At this event, the local officers will develop a program of work for the year, participate in team building activities, and gain an understanding of the competitive events taking place during the year. On October 11, we will be involved in competitive events at the Georgia National Fair's annual GA TSA TECH DAY with both ribbons and monetary awards in Central Georgia. On November 11-14, GA TSA members and advisors will be at St. Simons, Island in South Georgia for the Annual Fall Leadership and Competitive Event Conference. Go to the <http://www.gatsa.org> for all conference information.

Business and Computer Science

Sarah Heath at sheath@doe.k12.ga.us

Thirty Four (34) schools have been approved for Industry Certification for the 2010-2011 school year! Please make sure that your schools attend a workshop in preparation. The last opportunity will be August 31, 2010, through the ETC Centers. Visit the CTAERN for details and teacher registration (if you attended the workshop at GACTE or your system contracted to have a workshop with one of the consultants - you do not need to attend this workshop).

For more information on Industry Certification, please view the Elluminate:

http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play_recording.html?recordingId=1258857092939_1271345271531

Georgia FBLA is proud of the 200+ members and advisers who attended the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on July 14-18. Georgia had multiple first place winners as well as 20 students in the Top Five - earning cash awards from national sponsors as well as cash awards from Georgia FBLA! Georgia took home the largest state chapter membership as well as March of Dimes recognition.

Congratulations to all members and advisers and we are looking forward to another great year in Georgia FBLA as we "Transform Tomorrow."

Architecture, Construction, Communication and Transportation

Sonny Cannon at gcannon@doe.k12.ga.us

The 2010 SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference will be held on September 16-18, at the Sea Palms Resort and Conference Center located on Saint Simons Island. Our annual Fall Leadership Conference program is designed to provide SkillsUSA Georgia members and advisors the opportunity to increase their leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills by attending hands-on workshops, seminars and general sessions.

Registration information is online at <http://www.skillsusageorgia.org>. If you need additional conference information, please contact Gayle Silvey at (770) 914-6288 or Sonny Cannon at (404) 657-8308.

John (Chip) Bridges, Agricultural Education (jbridges@doe.k12.ga.us)

Hello CTAE Administrators,

There are many new faces in the agricultural education program for this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce each of you to the three new AG region coordinators. Please save this contact information and if you have any questions or need help with your agricultural education program, these folks will be glad to assist.

South Region Ag-Ed Coordinator	Central Region Ag-Ed Coordinator	North Region Ag-Ed Coordinator
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I look forward to introducing each of these new staff members to you at the fall drive-in meetings.

Many of you have asked about the possibility of budget cuts and you are aware of the 4% reduction mandate from the Governor's office. There have also been many systems that have made changes since the application process back in April. Our goal is to have new AG budget templates to each of you by Friday, September 3, 2010. You should be getting these updated sheets from your AG region coordinator. If for any reason you have not received this information by Friday, September 3, please contact the coordinator or e-mail me at jbridges@doe.k12.ga.us.

As we begin a new school year I would like to express my thanks to each of you that help make our students a success. Without your support and leadership, we would not be able to share the following great news about some recent accomplishments in FFA. For those schools listed below that have achieved state and

national recognition I extend a well deserved CONGRATULATIONS. I encourage each of you to work with your agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor to promote success in these endeavors.

Best Wishes to each of you for another successful school year.

FFA Update

The Georgia FFA Association ended the 2009-2010 school year with a record high 30,153 FFA members. Georgia is the 3rd largest state association in the nation and this marks the 12th consecutive year that FFA membership in Georgia has increased.

The Georgia FFA Association had a tremendous year of summer leadership activities. Twenty-five local FFA chapters attended the 2010 Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) conference July 20-22. Chapter officers learned the value of serving as leaders in their chapter and their community. Chapters worked to complete their Program of Activities as a roadmap of goals, and plan of action for the coming school year.

Forty-eight FFA members and advisors attended the FFA's premier national leadership conference, the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in our nation's capitol on June 21-27. The FFA members attended received service-based leadership training, completed a service learning project, visited their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill, and saw the historical monuments around Washington D.C.

The 83rd National FFA Convention will be held October 20-23, in Indianapolis. More than 50,000 FFA members and advisors from across the nation will attend. Georgia FFA will be represented by 19 career development event participants, 19 Agriscience Fair entries, 12 national proficiency finalists, an American Star finalist and national officer candidate. Fifteen chapters from Georgia will receive a national 3-Star ranking, the highest ranking available in the National Chapter Award program. Georgia also has 45 students receiving the prestigious American FFA Degree, the highest degree available for active FFA members. A complete list of Georgia FFA competitors is listed below.

Career Development Events

- Agricultural Communications – Early County
- Agriculture Sales – Houston County
- Agricultural Mechanics – Mary Persons
- Creed Speaking – Addie Thomason (Franklin County Middle)
- Dairy Evaluation – Putnam County
- Environmental/Natural Resources – West Laurens
- Extemporaneous Speaking – Jeannie Bradley (Townns County)
- Farm Business Management – North Oconee
- Floriculture - Perry
- Forestry – Jefferson County
- Horse Evaluation – Walnut Grove
- Job Interview – Kasey Moody (East Jackson)
- Livestock Evaluation – Gordon Central)
- Marketing Plan – Rockdale Career Academy
- Meats Evaluation & Technology – Perry
- Nursery/Landscape – Coffee County
- Parliamentary Procedure – White County
- Poultry Evaluation – Brantley County
- Prepared Public Speaking – Beth Hickey (Stephens County)

American Star Finalist

Kelsey Beasley (Franklin County – Finalist for American Star in Agriculture Placement

National Proficiency Award Finalists

- William May (Tift Count) – Agriculture Mechanics Energy Systems
- DJ Huff (Oglethorpe County) – Agriculture Sales Entrepreneurship
- Colten VanMeter (Pickens County) – Agriculture Sales Placement
- Jason Neal (Franklin County) – Beef Production
- Brandon Porter (Franklin County) – Diversified Crop Production
- Ethan Phillips (Franklin County) – Diversified Livestock Production
- Ben Bennett (Lowndes County) - Environmental & Natural Resources
- Randall Ellis (Early County) – Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
- Zachary Dalton (White County) – Forest Products & Management
- Justin Cochran (Franklin County) – Poultry Production
- Kalie Hall (Franklin County) – Swine Production Entrepreneurship
- Ronald Tye Wynn (Colquitt County) – Swine Production Placement

National Officer Candidate

Kaitlyn Butler (Jeff Davis)

More information about the National FFA Convention can be found on the Georgia FFA website at www.georgiaffa.org or the National FFA website at www.ffa.org.