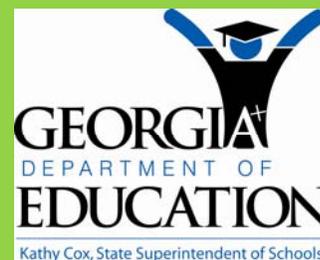


# CTAE NEWSLETTER

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From Dr. Sue Snow, Associate Superintendent  
Standards Based Learning  
Career, Technical & Agricultural Education



## From the desk of Dr. Sue Snow [ssnow@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:ssnow@doe.k12.ga.us)

Great things are happening in CTAE! Just as our career development documents state, we need to be “Making the Georgia Connection” for our students, parents, community, businesses and fellow educators. Share the information in this newsletter and talk up the wonderful opportunities that are available through GPS courses, pathways, work-based learning, and CTSOs. Pathways are key to preparing students to be both college and career ready.

For your information, we are also making the academic-CT connection in middle grades by creating an instructional framework that integrates the 8th grade Physical Science course with engineering and robotics. The Standards will not change, but the new model will show how to integrate the content into a single course. A draft will be ready by late spring.

On October 30, a STEM task force will begin their work on a statewide plan for advancing science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The committee includes educators, business, community and professional representatives. Your ideas are always welcome. Contact Gregg Farmer at [gfarmer@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:gfarmer@doe.k12.ga.us) or email me at the address above.

The recent Career Pathways Leadership Training in Gwinnett was excellent. I look forward to seeing you again at the December session! Thanks for all you do to advance CTAE in Georgia. Let us know how we can help you.

## From the desk of Emily Spann [espann@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:espann@doe.k12.ga.us)

CTAE pathways, assessment and career-related activities involving many of you and your staff are well underway throughout the state! We appreciate your local system’s support of the CTAE programs and initiatives and we hope that the items in this newsletter will provide you with the most up-to-date CTAE information.

Please plan to forward this newsletter to your administrators, instructors, counselors, graduation coaches and other staff. We want to share the great things going on in CTAE with everyone in your system!

### High School and Middle School Curriculum Revision Update

Curriculum teams are currently meeting to create Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) for the following high school and middle school pathways and programs. Phase IV high school curriculum revision involves the four branches of JROTC, Collision Repair, Sports Medicine, Personal Care Services-Cosmetology, HVACR (part of the Construction pathway), and completion of the Metals pathway. The three middle school programs areas under development are Architecture, Construction, Communications & Transportation; Government and Public Safety; and Marketing, Sales & Services.

Implementation of the Phase IV high school pathways and the three new middle school program areas will be fall 2010.

### Phase II End-of-Pathway Assessment Identification Work Sessions

The CTAE Division, along with the CTAE Resource Network, are sponsoring three work sessions during the 2008-2009 school year to identify national, third-party assessments for ten Phase II career pathways. Forty (40) Subject

Matter Experts (SMEs), including secondary, postsecondary and business and industry representatives, began the identification process on October 18, 2008 at Perry High School. Two additional work sessions will be held on the following dates: November, 15, 2008; and January 10, 2009.

### **Career Pathways Leadership Certification**

Over 85 CTAE directors attended the first of a two day-Career Pathways Leadership Certification training at the Gwinnett Marriott. Gary Mealer, Education Career Partnership (ECP) Coordinator, coordinated the session led by Debra Mills, Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD) National Trainer. Deb Mills was assisted by Ginger Booton, another CORD national trainer from LaGrange, Georgia. The final day of training is scheduled for December 3, 2008, at the Macon Centreplex. Participants must attend both of the days to be able to receive the national certification.

**Note:** A “Remote Career Pathways Leadership Training Session” will be available from January 12 through February 16, 2009, for CTAE Directors who are unable to attend the original Career Pathways Leadership Certification sessions.

Click on the attached memo below from Gary Mealer for details regarding the “Remote Career Pathways Leadership Certification Training Session.”



Remotetrainingmemo.doc

### **Career Development**

Check out the updated **Virtual Career Counselor** website at [www.gacaercounselor.org](http://www.gacaercounselor.org)! This website is a great resource for students, teachers, and other staff members, including counselors and graduation coaches. Click on the Virtual Career Counselor document below for an updated informational flyer.



Virtual Career Counselor FlyerREV 10.doc

“Making the Georgia Connection” – CTAE has developed career development documents at [http://www.gadoe.org/ci\\_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTACareer](http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTACareer) in the box labeled “GEORGIA CONNECTIONS.” These documents include alignment of Georgia’s CTAE Program Concentrations with the federal 16 career clusters, Peach State Pathways occupational charts, and one-page documents on each of the CTAE Program Concentrations.

### **C-NET Training**

C-NET statewide training is now available for Work-Based Learning teachers/coordinators. CTAE staff may find workshop locations and dates on the CTAERN website at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org) under “Work-Based Learning” workshops. Participants should plan to register for the training as limited seating capacity will be available at each workshop. For specific questions, the workshop instructor's phone number is posted on each workshop listing.

### **Work-Based Learning Course Numbers Update**

All program-specific cooperative work experience programs should continue using the “old” course numbers used in the past. However, **school-wide work-based learning** programs should utilize the new course numbers approved in 2007. Enrollment in work-based learning courses may be reported for lab (K) weight provided the rules for lab weight classes are adhered to. Specifically, no more than 28 students may be scheduled during the work-based learning supervision, unencumbered by other classes or duties.

More details on the use of the new course numbers may be found in the **CRE Manual** on pages 7-17 through 7-20 and 19-13 through 19-16. The CRE Manual is on-line at the CTAERN website at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org) and on the GaDOE website at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org). NOTE: All students enrolled in a Work-Based Learning course number should be entered in C-NET.

### **Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) Course Number Update**

Students enrolled in YAP should be enrolled in the new Work-Based Learning course numbers. The course system utilizing the “7” after the decimal was replaced by the new course numbering system when approved by the State

Board in 2007. Use the information found on pages 19-13 of the CRE Manual for enrollment of YAP students (disregard information in the CRE Manual on pages 19-6 and 19-7). NOTE: All students enrolled in a Work-Based Learning course number must be entered in C-NET.

### **High Schools That Work (HSTW)**

SREB is in the process of planning the National HSTW Summer In-Service to be held in Atlanta July 8-11, 2009. Opportunities for presentations and In-service assistance in Atlanta will be forthcoming. For assistance with your HSTW implementation, contact Stan McCallar by e-mail at [smccalla@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smccalla@doe.k12.ga.us) or by phone at 404-657-2531.

### **Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)**

It's that time of year again, JROTC data time! Please plan to provide advisory committee data to your representative in a timely manner.

The new graduation rule beginning with the 2008-2009 ninth grade, allows for JROTC students to meet the graduation requirement for Health and Physical Education (HPE) under the following conditions: (1) the student successfully completes three (3) years of JROTC, including the comprehensive requirements for Health and Physical Education, and (2) the local system board of education approves HPE credit for JROTC. See graduation rule 160-4-2-.48 for criteria listed under Health and Physical Education, item number VI on page 5.

In order to identify JROTC as Health and Physical Education credit, a suggested transcript statement could be included as follows: "The completion of three units of JROTC satisfies the state requirement for Health and Physical Education."

For assistance with your JROTC questions, contact Stan McCallar by e-mail at [smccalla@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smccalla@doe.k12.ga.us) or by phone at 404-657-2531.

### **Next Scheduled CTAE Elluminate Session - Monday, December 1, 2008**

The next CTAE Connection Elluminate session is scheduled for **Monday, December 1, 2008**, from 9 to 10 am. The session topic will be: "Best Practices for High School and Middle School CTAE programs." The session will cover updates, new documents, pathway development, and more. The web address to log into this session is [http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doe/join\\_meeting.html?meetingId=1218993093906](http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doe/join_meeting.html?meetingId=1218993093906) and should be pasted into your web browser.

### **Have you Missed a Previously-Scheduled CTAE Elluminate Session?**

To review a past CTAE Elluminate session, copy and paste the following web address into your web browser.

**CTAE Connection: *Energizing Professional Learning***

[http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play\\_recording.html?recordingId=1218992240484\\_1222085838078](http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play_recording.html?recordingId=1218992240484_1222085838078)

**CTAE Connection: *Capital Equipment and OCR updates***

[http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play\\_recording.html?recordingId=1218564775796\\_1219666606468](http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play_recording.html?recordingId=1218564775796_1219666606468)

If a recording password is requested, enter "curriculum" as the password.

### **From the desk of Scott Carey [scarey@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:scarey@doe.k12.ga.us)**

We are off to a great year! I sincerely appreciate the support that the CTAE administrators have given their teachers and students. Our CTSO activities and professional development activities have been well attended. Many systems have sacrificed to provide an excellent level of service and opportunity for their students. Our team has also worked hard to provide a high level of service during these tough economic times. I am excited about our team activities for the winter months. Keep up the outstanding work.

### **Business and Computer Science**

The FBLA Fall Leadership Conference will be held in Athens on November 21-22, 2008. The Business and Computer Science Conference refunds have been processed and are being sent to the county CTAE administrators for distribution to the teachers (if they paid by personal check). The NBEA and GBEA dues that were paid through the registration process cannot be refunded. Please contact Dawn Brown at GBEA for more details.

- **AP Accounting Pilot Program**

If you have sections of Accounting II at your school and you would like to be a pilot school to gather data to support the initiative for AP Accounting, please contact: Joe Bittner, MBA CPA, at (917) 693-2480 or at [joebittner@msn.com](mailto:joebittner@msn.com); or Dr. Dan Deines, CPA, at (785) 532-6038 or [dandnbrhc@yahoo.com](mailto:dandnbrhc@yahoo.com).

### **Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)**

The CTSSO/GACTE Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 12, 2009. Mark your calendar!

- **Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Membership Toolkit Availability**

Coming soon ... the publication "The Advisor Toolbox". This publication will help all CTSSO advisors have successful chapters. Please check the CTSSO Web site at [www.gactso.org](http://www.gactso.org) for CTSSO calendar events and foundation information.

### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

The GATFACS/DOE Winter Conference will be held on January 29-31, 2008, at the Marietta Hilton, north of Atlanta. The conference will offer pre-conference curriculum workshops allowing teachers to work together in sharing lessons and activities on the new GPS. Each program area will offer GPS training all day on Friday. Saturday will provide a GaDOE and FCCLA update and conclude after lunch.

### **Culinary Arts**

Suchita, the presenter of Good Day Atlanta, is going back to school. She will get lessons from three students involving various cooking methods to produce a 'healthy' entrée dish. The filming will take place at the High School's new modified kitchen, which is part of the new Culinary Arts curriculum and articulations with Technical College System of Georgia schools. The filming will form a segment that will run throughout the week of November 3 highlighting healthy foods. The students will appear with Suchita live on Good Day Atlanta on November 7, at 7:00-8:00 a.m.

### **Healthcare Science**

The healthcare teachers have been busy this year. Those interested in pursuing industry certification attended a workshop that was held in September. A workshop for new teachers was held on October 21. Over 100 teachers attended the HOSA Fall Leadership Conference along with over 900 students. A great state officer team led the conference along with help from many advisors, board members, and HOSA supporters. A new HOSA Foundation has been started to support our healthcare students in their HOSA events. Be on the lookout for information about HOSA Success Day which is currently being planned.

The Phase IV Sports Medicine curriculum team, consisting of secondary teachers, postsecondary representatives, and business and industry partners, are meeting to design this new pathway. Another team is working on the new end of pathway assessment and one more group of teachers is working to design another lesson plan DVD from our Phase II programs.

### **HSTEA Winter Workshop**

The Winter Workshop will be held on January 30-31. To register, go to [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org) and you will be directed to the HSTEA Web site for the registration form.

### **Public Safety**

The state program specialist attended a Public Safety advisory team meeting in Cobb County earlier this year and many great ideas and suggestions were initiated. The SkillsUSA Fall Leadership which was held in October 2008, was a great success. A team of teachers are working to develop the middle school curriculum for our program areas. Having an exciting program in the middle school should increase numbers in our high school programs.

### **Cosmetology**

A team of teachers and business and industry partners are developing the new Phase IV Personal Care-Cosmetology curriculum. There will be a Pivot Point Workshop on November 8, at Hiram High School. You may sign up for this class at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org).

## **Marketing, Sales and Service**

The standards and elements for the middle school curriculum are being developed for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students this year. Middle school curriculum meetings were launched on Saturday, October 11, for several CTAE program areas.

## **Phase II Committees**

Phase II assessment committees began their work on October 18. Marketing Education will develop assessments for two pathways in Phase II: Fashion Marketing and Marketing, Communications and Promotion.

## **Industry Certification**

Industry Certification has a new certifying sponsor this year. The American Marketing Association (AMA) will serve as our certifying body. Ten members have committed to serve on our 2008-2009 teams.

## **DECA**

The DECA Fall Leadership Development Conference will be held at the Gwinnett Place Marriott on October 30-31.

## **Special Populations**

Congratulations to Wes Seabolt, Georgia Career Student Association (GCSA) State President. Out of approximately 700 applicants, Wes was chosen as one of the 55 students from across the state to serve on the Superintendents Student Advisory Council.



The first meeting will be in October immediately following OTC and the Council will meet three more times before the end of the school year. Wes is definitely deserving of the position and GCSA and the CTSOs are proud to have him represent us.

**From the desk of John Wilkinson** [jwilkinson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jwilkinson@doe.k12.ga.us)

## **Georgia FFA Association**

This week hundreds of Georgians are part of the nearly 50,000 FFA members, advisors and sponsors who are in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 81st National FFA Convention. Georgia FFA members are competing in 20 career development events, 15 proficiency award categories, 17 divisions of the Agriscience Fair, and the Models of Innovation division of the National Chapter Award Program. The convention will be full of powerful motivational speakers, official delegate business, concerts, a career & trade show, and community service opportunities throughout the city of Indianapolis. Please log on next week to the National FFA website ([www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)) for a complete summary of the 81st National FFA Convention, including award results!

The Georgia FFA participated in the 19th annual Georgia National Fair in Perry on October 2-12. Thousands of FFA members and advisors attended the Fair for horticulture and forestry competition, woodworking and chapter displays, tractor driving, and livestock shows. On Tuesday, October 7, more than 1,800 middle school and 9th grade agricultural education students participated in the FFA Day at the Fair hosted by Georgia FFA's six Area Officer teams. The Area Officers conducted a program showcasing the many facets of agricultural education including agriscience, forestry, environmental science, animal science, horticulture, forestry, and leadership. Please visit the Georgia FFA website ([www.georgiaffa.org](http://www.georgiaffa.org)) for photos and highlights of what Georgia FFA members are up to.

## **Agricultural Education Curriculum**

The Agricultural Education Curriculum Office has a new Coordinator. David Turner became the Coordinator on July, 1, 2008. During the past three months we have been focusing on five of the major responsibilities of this office to better assist the Agriculture teachers and students in Georgia.

1. Reviewing, reformatting, and correlating the Agriscience Pathway lesson plans and resources
2. Reviewing the alignment of the Agriculture courses with the Science GPS for Science credit
3. Initiating a review of the Plant Science / Horticulture Pathway lessons and resources to meet the GPS in agriculture

4. Implementing a new Agricultural Education teacher directory
5. Developing a framework for updating the Agricultural Education web site

Your Agriculture Teacher now has a great tool for their classroom, laboratory, and supervised agricultural experience program. Each teacher has a Portal on the Agricultural Education web site. This Portal allows your teachers to post their class assignments, worksheets, announcements, pictures, etc... for their students and parents to access.

For an example visit the Jasper Middle School Portal:

<http://www.agedportal.org/tpindexy.php?view=&view1=tg&vlist>.

You may also want to look at the Ware Magnet Portal:

<http://www.agedportal.org/tpindexy.php?view=&view1=tg&vlist>.

You may access your school's Portal by visiting our web site [www.gaaged.org](http://www.gaaged.org). Please click on School Portals and then click on your Teacher's picture.

### **Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center**

The Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center is proud to announce that construction is underway on the Melvin Johnson Cabin! Through funding by the Department of Education, the cabin will be an excellent facility that will support the growth of the Center as well as maintain the rustic feel of the camp. Named after a former camp director, the cabin will represent years of hard work and dedication. Mr. Melvin Johnson served as camp director for 17 years and served as State Director of Agricultural Education for 4 years. His devotion undoubtedly helped advance the Center and Agricultural Education.

In cooperation with the Georgia FFA Foundation, the Center has established a Capital Campaign Fund, to which tax deductible contributions can be made. Funds raised will help the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center pay for improvements and provide for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the cabin. There are two types of contributions you can make:

1. **Make a general donation in honor of Mr. Johnson to the Melvin Johnson Cabin Fund.** Each sponsor will be recognized on a plaque inside one of the 2 Melvin Johnson Conference Rooms.
2. **Sponsor a room inside the Johnson cabin.** There are four Advisor Rooms and two Bunks Rooms available for sponsorship. Donors will have naming rights of the room, in addition to a descriptive plaque inside the room.

Contributions to the fund may be made directly by, in memory of, or in honor of an individual, family or organization. This could be the perfect way to recognize a person or organization that makes a difference in the community. For more information, please contact Todd Teasley at 770-786-6926 x 2 or [tteasley@GaAgEd.org](mailto:tteasley@GaAgEd.org).

### **Camp John Hope**

Exciting new things are happening in Fort Valley and Camp John Hope's plate is full! As a great asset for FFA and FCCLA students, Camp John Hope is getting a much needed renovation to help increase camp usage. The first stage of improvements includes refurbishing 2 old bunk cabins into hotel-style cabins. Each cabin will have 5 rooms with private baths. The cabins will be named after Agricultural Education Hall of Fame Members, Mr. Earl Cheek and Mr. Josiah Phelps. Mr. Cheek and Mr. Phelps served Agricultural Education as honorable ambassadors of hard work, dedication and leaders in the FFA Organization.

Both gentlemen helped ensure a successful future for Agricultural Education and thus, along with the Georgia FFA Foundation, Camp John Hope has created a fund in honor of each of them. Funds raised will help the Center pay for the improvements and for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the cabin. All donations are tax deductible and can be made in two ways:

1. **Make general donations to either the Cheek Cabin Fund or the Phelps Cabin Fund.** Sponsors will be recognized on a plaque inside the cabin.
2. **Sponsor a room in one of the cabins.** There are 4 rooms in each cabin available for sponsorship with naming privileges. Donors will also have a descriptive plaque in the room.

Contributions to the fund may be made directly by, in memory of, or in honor of an individual, family or organization. This could be the perfect way to recognize a person or organization that makes a difference in the community. For more information, please contact Todd Teasley at 770-786-6926 x 2 or [tteasley@GaAgEd.org](mailto:tteasley@GaAgEd.org).

### **From the desk of Charles Banks [cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us)**

Thank you for helping us to complete another great year of local grants (Federal and State) planning and sign-offs. Due to budget situations across the State, we hope these grants will assist you in continuing program improvement for your students. This also requires that we ensure that all funds are expended according to the various grant guidelines. Do not hesitate to contact your regional coordinator for direct assistance if needed.

It is already time to begin planning for your FY2010 Local Plan. Our plans are to email, your System's Level of Performance of the Core Indicators as required by Perkins IV for the FY2010 Local Plan. You should receive this information during the month of November. Please review your "FY2010 Perkins IV Core Indicators of Performance Guidelines" (which will be attached to the email) for directions in handling any need for negotiations of your performance levels.

Also new for FY2010, it is our plan to release the Local Plan for FY2010 during the ALF Conference which will be held in February at Callaway Gardens. This release is two months earlier than what we have done in the past, and will give you and your system more time to address the vital parts of the Local Plan. Please note we will not have any budget information (Federal or State) this early in the year, but this should not prevent you from completing the data information needed to support each grant.

#### **Special note:**

FY09 Grants-CTAE Directors please log-in to the Consolidated Application and check the Program Status screen to ensure that all your grants show approved on the Budget Tab and Program Manager or Superintendent sign-off on the DC Status (data) side. If any grant shows:

Coordinator sign-off-**(Please ask your superintendent to sign-off)**

Program Manager Revision Requested, **(then you must read the Audit Trail to determine the issue and correct it, sign-off and have your superintendent sign-off as well).**

To sign-off on the data side of the grant, ensure that the grant is open, click on Program Information and click "Submit." Always remind your superintendent to sign-off, once you have signed-off as the coordinator.

#### **New CTAE Leaders' Workshop**

The second New CTAE Leaders' Workshop will be held in Athens at the Garden Hilton beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, and concluding on the afternoon of Thursday, November 13. Topics will include FTE funding with Pat and Jimmy Stokes as presenters.

Brenda Merchant is working on the details of the agenda, and you will be receiving more detailed information concerning this workshop.