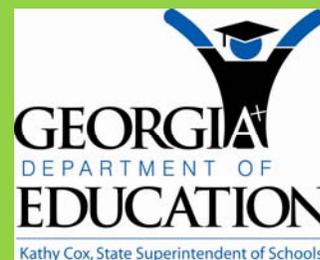


CTAE NEWSLETTER

June 2008



From James Woodard Director,
Career, Technical & Agricultural Education



From the desk of James Woodard

It seems like yesterday when we were congratulating you on a successful year. Now we are all quickly gearing up for a new school year. I know that many of you are taking vacations and some well deserved time off. This newsletter should serve as a reminder of some things to come in the upcoming school year. Also, I remind you of the upcoming GACTE Summer Conference. I look forward to seeing everyone while we work with GACTE to provide an exciting professional development opportunity for you and your teachers. Please take a look at the following items provided by the program managers and their program specialist.

At its June 2008 Board of Directors' meeting, the Resource Network welcomed the following CTAE Administrators as its newest members: Pete Williams, Grady County Schools; Laura Youmans, Griffin-Spalding County Schools; Michael Canady, Columbia County Schools; and Scott Chafin, Worth County Schools. As these CTAE colleagues begin their "new" service to the organization, the Network extends a big THANK YOU to the following Board members whose terms ended in June: Delmas Watkins, DeKalb County Schools; Cristie Garrett, Hall County Schools; Marsena Boatright, Bacon County Schools; and Bruce Shepard, Berrien County Schools. The Network values the leadership of its Board members and welcomes representation from school systems statewide. If any CTAE Directors are interested in providing leadership and expertise as "future" Board members, please contact Cathy Myers, COO, CTAE Resource Network, Inc., by phone at 770-334-3410 or by email at cmyers@ctaern.org.



From Program Delivery Team, Scott Carey, Program Manager

Summer is in full swing and our Program Delivery Team is in action. The National HOSA Conference is currently being held in Dallas, Texas. Students from across the state are competing in Healthcare-related competitions, events, and leadership activities. The FBLA National Leadership Conference will be held in Atlanta on June 26-29, and the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference will take place in Kansas City on June 24-27. TSA and FCCLA.... will travel later in the summer to Orlando. Our program specialists and CTSO director have prepared our Georgia students well for these conferences which are the highlight of the year for our CTAE students.

Our team has put together a great set of in-service activities/classes that are available through the CTAERN Web site for teachers. Ideas and practices for the new pathways will be addressed in many of these classes.

We are excited about offering two new areas of industry certification for the upcoming year for Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education. When a program became industry certified, it received a "stamp of excellence", which represents the apex of program quality. Only those programs that have successfully undergone rigorous reviews by leaders from business and industry are recognized with this distinction.

I hope by now that each of you has taken the time to view and evaluate the new course offerings in the Phase III rollout. You can find them on the Georgia Department of Education Web site at gadoe.org.



From Program Development and Transition Team, Emily Spann, Program Manager

Industry Certification Grant Awards

The CTAE Division is pleased to report that nearly 100 industry certification applications were submitted via the Consolidated Grant Application Process. We appreciate the major emphasis that systems are placing on this most worthwhile initiative and admire your commitment to providing quality instructional programs for your students. Due to the high volume of applications received and the number approved, a funding formula was derived based on FTE Count for all systems. The following industry certification funding caps are applicable for **FY2009**:

- *less than 150 FTE Count - maximum 1 grant*
- *150 - 449 FTE Count - maximum 2 grants*
- *550 - 1699 FTE Count - maximum 4 grants*
- *1700 - 2499 FTE Count - maximum 8 grants*
- *2500 - 5000 FTE Count - maximum 12 grants*

Electronic funding status notifications will be sent to systems June 16-27, 2008, pending State Board of Education (SBOE) approval. For additional information, please contact Mamie Hanson by phone at 404-657-6279 or by email at mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us.

Career Pathways Conference Information

The 2008 National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Annual Conference "Connecting for Success Building the Future Talent Pipeline" will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 22-25, 2008. This is a professional development conference for secondary and postsecondary career pathways and tech prep practitioners. The National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Safety (LPSCS) annual conference will be held during the NCPN workshops and pre-conferences. Early conference registration is available at www.cord.org. For more information please contact Gary Mealer via email at gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us or by phone at 404-463-8197.

Important Reminder concerning 2008-2009 CTAE Course Numbers

For FTE and Student Record purposes, it is very important that all 2008-2009 CTAE course numbers are listed on the current **List of State Funded K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses**. All administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, and system FTE and Student Record staff should verify that CTAE course numbers are correct.

Currently, two GaDOE rules are in place regarding CTAE course numbers:

- **IDA (2) 160-4-2-.03 List of State Funded K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.**
<http://www.gadoe.org/documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.03.pdf>
- For Students under current Graduation Rule 160-4-2-.47 IHF(5) High School Graduation Requirements for Students Enrolling in the Ninth Grade for the First Time in the 2002-03 School Year and Subsequent Years.
- CTAE Course Listings are current for all students.

CTAE Course numbers listed under Appendix C were eliminated on February 14, 2008. Appendix C contained CTAE course numbers under previous graduation rules 160-4-2-.36 & 160-4-2-.46)

- **IDA (3) 160-4-2-.20 List of State Funded K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses For Students Entering Ninth Grade in 2008.**
<http://www.gadoe.org/documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.20.pdf>
- 160-4-2-.48 IHF(6) Graduation Rule High School Graduation Requirements for Students Enrolling in the Ninth Grade for the First Time in the 2008-09 School Year and Subsequent Years.
- CTAE Course Listings are current for all students – Currently no differences in CTAE listings from IDA(2)

Reminder: CTAE course numbers listed Appendix C were eliminated on February 14, 2008.

HSTW Schools Receiving Awards

Congratulations to Camden County High School, Savannah Arts Academy, Dalton High School, and Dawson High School on their accomplishments on the HSTW Assessment. These schools will receive the HSTW Pacesetter Award. The criteria for the award are as follows:

- 85%+ meeting 1+ readiness goal
- 85%+ meeting 1+ curriculum goal

- 85%+ meeting 1+ concentration
- 50+ students completed 2008 assessment
- High implementation site
- Met state AYP or had 85%+ graduation rate
- Did not earn Pacesetter in 2007

Congratulations are also in order to Druid Hills High School in winning the HSTW Gold Achievement Award. Criteria for the Gold Award are:

- 50%+ students earned the award
- 50+ students completed the 2008 assessment
- Participated in two most recent assessments (2006-2008)
- No greater than 15 point difference in minority percentage from 2006-2008
- No greater than 15 point difference in low parent ed from 2006-2008
- Met state AYP or had 85%+ graduation rate
- Did not earn Pacesetter in 2008

Once again, congratulations to all of the high schools on their accomplishments. All schools will receive their award at the National HSTW Summer Staff Development Conference in Nashville, TN July 9-12. These schools will also be recognized at the Georgia state meeting on July 9 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. in Presidential Ballroom A.

Scholarship Opportunity Notification

Do you have Students Planning a Career in Machining Technology or Manufacturing Technology? If so, scholarship opportunities are being offered through the SME Education Foundation. Scholarship recipients would receive funds ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for each awarded scholarship. Applications and additional information about the Gene Haas Foundation Machining Technology Scholarship and Manufacturing Technology Scholarship may be found online at <http://www.sme.org/foundation>



From the Accountability/Improvement Team, Charles Banks, Program Manager

A BIG THANK YOU to all the systems for giving us such excellent feedback during the telephone survey that we carried out throughout the week of May 19-23. This process allowed us to confirm your grants and also to start thinking about how we can improve the Consolidated Application for FY10.

Budget Information for FY09

The long awaited confirmation is here! The State Board has approved the CTAE budget; we are working with the IT Department to have the function and object codes as well as the budget loaded. As soon as the IT Department informs us that this process is complete, we will notify the systems via an email through LPlan of their budget allocations.

Reminder about FY08

- All budgeted funds must be spent by 6/30/08 and close-outs completed by 7/30/08.

Reminder about FY09

- Remember to make plans to attend the GACTE Conference, as we will be presenting workshops related to both CPI and the Consolidated Application process.
- To start preparing for the allocation of grant funds, please take a look at the Budget Guidance at this link: http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTALocalPlan. Keep the link handy for when your budget has been loaded in the Consolidated Application (*which will be as soon as we receive State Board Approval*).
- Once you have received your budget allocations, remember that **only 5%** of your grant funds for the **Program Improvement** grant can be used **towards administrative** costs that you will budget for in Function codes 2300 or 2400.
- Be prepared! We are working on developing annual reports that will be tied to each of the grants. We will keep you informed of this process in the coming months.
- **Remember:** Based on Perkins IV legislation systems cannot spend funds **until after their Local Board of Education has approved their Local Plan.**

The central region now has a new coordinator! Welcome to Nancy Bessinger, our new central region coordinator. Nancy comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from many years in education and from serving most recently as the CTAE Director for Elbert County. Nancy will be starting in August and at that time we will provide the systems with her contact information.



From Agriculture Education, John Wilkinson, Program Manager

Staff Development

Recent In-Service classes provide Focus on Agriculture Courses for Science Credit

More than 130 agricultural education teachers across the state have recently participated in an intensive study on incorporating science principles into the agriculture courses that they teach. Science principles and concepts have always been ingrained into the agricultural education curriculum; however, these in-service training classes were created to help enhance the rigor and accountability for agriculture teachers teaching these courses. Agriculture courses are tailor made for providing hands-on instruction with science principles. This focus on science application in the agricultural curriculum comes as a result of the new graduation rule and the opportunity for students to receive science credit for taking an agriculture course. There are currently nine courses that will count as the fourth science requirement needed in order for a student to graduate. These courses are Animal Science and Biotechnology, Plant Science and Biotechnology, Veterinary Science, Basic Agriculture Science and Technology, Forestry Science, Natural Resources Management, Wildlife Management, Biotechnology, and General Horticulture and Plant Science. During the week long in-service class, lab activities and instructional aides were provided that will enhance the teachers' ability to provide a focus on science concepts in regular agriculture courses. Many of the training activities were conducted in the traditional laboratory setting; however, some of the science concepts and applications will be helpful to the teachers in outdoor labs such as plant science, forestry, and natural resources. Particular focus was also provided on incorporating science application in the supervised agricultural experience and FFA activities provided to students enrolled in agricultural education. All of these in-service classes on teaching agriculture courses for science credit were filled to capacity. Nearly one-third of all agriculture teachers in Georgia participated. Agricultural Education continues to enhance a student's understanding of science.

Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center

Summer Leadership Camp Attendance Hits Record High!

From the spectacular fireworks show to the wacky turkey bowling competition, Summer Leadership Camp (SLC) was packed full of exciting activities and lasting memories. Students from all over Georgia came to spend a week learning about what it takes to become a successful leader while having a blast and meeting new friends. This year, over 1,600 FFA and FCCLA students and advisors attended SLC! Attributed to a huge increase in new chapter participation, this year had the largest turnout in over 40 years of Camp history! With great memories and lots of amazing pictures, we forge ahead in planning for next year's SLC. Our goal is to continue increasing attendance and providing a safe and exhilarating place for the students of tomorrow. If you would like more information on the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center's Summer Leadership Camp or other leadership programs, please visit www.GeorgiaFFAFCCLACenter.org.

Summary of 2007-08 Summer Leadership Camp Numbers:

2007 Total Attendance: 1,259

2008 Total Attendance: 1,611 (28% increase)

New Chapters: 48 (303 campers)