



CTAE State Newsletter



Audrey Bergeron, State Director

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As we begin the completion of another school year, I want to thank all of you--teachers, administrators, and my staff at DOE for the long hours you work and dedication you show every day. As I continue to say throughout the state, teaching is hard work. It requires professionals that have a passion for seeing that our students graduate from high school with the education and skills necessary to help each of them be successful. Without our dedicated teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels, our student's success would not be possible. We always have to remember that each of our students is somebody's child!

I heard an interesting quote recently that is so appropriate for Career Technical Education. "America Runs on the Wheels of CTE" If you think about that small statement, you realize that without our skilled workforce prepared in part by our CTE programs, we would not have mechanics, nurses, teachers, builders, surveyors, graphic artists, landscapers, technicians in every field, truck drivers, dietitians, machinists...I just realized that I could go on and on forever. I hope you realize the impact you have not only on our students but on the economic success of our nation.

As you look forward to the summer, I hope each of you will take time to relax and take time to enhance your professional skills. I encourage you to take advantage of some great professional learning offered in each of our program areas and/or the Career Clusters Institute in June and our GACTE Conference in July. I look forward to seeing each of you this summer.

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Upcoming June 2011 Counselor Regional Workshops!

Counselor regional one-day workshops will be held at three locations during June 2011. School system teams, consisting of a counseling director (or designee), one middle and one high school counselor should plan to attend. The regional counselor workshop dates and locations are as follows:

June 2, 2011: Macon State College
100 College Station Drive, Rm. 211
Macon, GA 31206
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 3, 2011: Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah
305 Fahm Street, Main Bldg.
Savannah, GA 31401
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 8, 2011: Macon State College
100 College Station Drive, Rm. 211
Macon, GA 31206
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

To register for a regional counselor workshop, please email or fax the attached registration form:



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STEM Updates

Contact Gilda Lyon (glyon@doe.k12.ga.us) or 423-505-2227 for more information.

Georgia STEM Festivals

The Georgia Department of Education will sponsor three STEM Festivals in October 2011, at three high schools around the state. The event will expose the public to Georgia's STEM industries and businesses and highlight the transformative STEM work conducted in our K-12 schools. Universities and colleges of Georgia will also display their STEM programs with the purpose of encouraging students to consider a STEM career.

STEM Georgia Webpage

The STEM Georgia webpage is now available at <http://stemgeorgia.georgiastandards.org>

Georgia Department of Education STEM School Designation

Schools in Georgia may apply for official GaDOE STEM School Designation via an application process where specific criteria indicative of STEM schools are met.

AAFCS Cut Score Update

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) reviews and updates cut scores for their secondary student exams annually. The updated list of cut scores for the FY2010-11 school year was posted after our Assessment Manual was printed. One AAFCS exam listed in our Georgia inventory was updated: **Early Childhood Education is now 72%**. All other AAFCS exams in our inventory are still utilizing a cut score of **65%**. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you or your students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Mamie Hanson at (404) 657-6279 or by email at mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us.

Updated HOPE Scholarship Training sponsored by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will be offering six (6) half-day training sessions in the coming weeks. Training dates and locations are listed below:

May 25	Central Georgia Technical College, Macon
May 26	Columbus Technical College, Columbus
June 3	Athens Technical College, Athens
June 6	Shorter University, Rome
June 8	Savannah Technical College, Savannah
June 10	Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville

All registration information, times and other information will be released very soon.

64th Annual GACTE/DOE/TCSG Conference & Summer In-service

July 10-13, 2011

Cobb Galleria Centre and Renaissance Waverly Hotel

Atlanta, Georgia

"College & Career Readiness – Pathways to Success"

It is not too late to register for the GACTE conference! Please go to www.gacte.org and complete the registration document by June 15, 2011. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity to grow professionally, stay up to date with what's going on with CTAE Education, and network with colleagues from across the state.

"College & Career Readiness – Pathways to Success" Conference Vendors/Exhibitors Needed

Please take a moment and go through your address book and identify those vendors and exhibitors you have supported throughout the year, and forward them the link below. This will give them an opportunity to give back to education and make connections for the future.

Career Tech Expo Exhibitors Information Link:

<http://www.gacte.org/page.asp?pg=Exhibit and Sponsor Information>

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

"A Day with the PSC – Certification, Preparation, Ethics, and a Whole Lot More!!"

Topics to be discussed:

- Numerous New Certification Rules Updates
- 2011 Legislative Overview
- Race to the Top Update
- PSC Overview
- Certification Upgrade Status
- Educational Leadership Rules Update

- Code of Ethics Changes/Updates
- Standardized Testing Irregularities Updates
- Testing Violation Reporting Procedures
- Hot Topics on the Front Burner to be Unveiled for the First Time
- Question & Answer Session

When: May 17, 2011 – 10:00AM – 2:30PM

Where: Griffin RESA, 440 Tilney Ave., Griffin, GA 30224 (770) 229-3247

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Registration Deadline: May 10, 2011

Register on-line at www.griffinresa.net

Griffin RESA will host Dr. Mike Schmoker on September 7, 2011.

Griffin RESA will host a day with Dr. Mike Schmoker on September 7, 2011. The event will provide participants with a defined focus and renewed joy of increasing student achievement! **More information will be provided after July 1, 2011.**

Dr. Mike Schmoker's latest book, FOCUS: Elevating the Essentials to Radically Improve Student Learning, is a challenging follow-up to his previous work, RESULTS NOW: How We Can Achieve Unprecedented Improvements in Teaching and Learning, which was selected as a finalist for "book of the year" by the Association of Education Publisher, as well as an "ASCD Best Seller".

2011 Learning Resources Evaluation Sites and Review Schedule for CTAE

Please make plans to attend the 2011 Learning Resources Evaluation Sites and Review Schedule for grades 6-12 Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, at a site close to you. Each site will be open and available from June 27 to July 14, 2011, Monday through Thursday. All sites will be closed on Fridays and July 4th for the observance of Independence Day. Teachers and administrators will be able to review textbooks and learning resources to include computer hardware, software, and technical equipment.

District	Committee Member	Evaluation Site	Address	Site Schedule
1	Dr. Ralph Gornto	Golden Isles Career Academy (Conference Room) (Room 115 A, B, C)	4404 Glynco Parkway Brunswick, GA 31525	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4th)
2	Patricia Jackson	Isabella Complex (Cafeteria)	300 Cason Street Albany, GA. 31701	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
3	Pamela Brown	Central Educational Center (Cafeteria/Conference Room)	160 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Newnan, GA 30263	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4th)
4	Roger Ivey	Rockdale Career Academy (CTAE Offices)	1064 Culpepper Drive Conyers, GA. 30094	Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
5	Mary Blake	Alonzo A. Crim Open Campus High School (Rooms TBD)	256 Clifton Street, SE Atlanta, GA 30317	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:00 Site Closed (July 4th)

6	Karen Ramsey	Hightower Trail Middle School (Theater – Front of School)	3905 Post Oak Tritt Road Marietta, GA. 30062	Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
7	Jill Landtroop	Grayson High School (Technical Building)	50 Hope Hollow Road Loganville, GA 30052	Mon. – Thurs. 8:00-3:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
8	David McDermott	Northside High School (Cafeteria)	926 Green Street Warner Robins, GA. 31093	Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 3:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
9	Dr. Brandi Hayes	Sonoraville High School (Family & Consumer Science Lab - Rom #214))	7340 Fairmont Highway, SE Calhoun, GA 30701	Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4th)
10	Craig Baker	Grovetown High School (Cafeteria)	2010 Warrior Way Grovetown, GA 30813-8132	Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 – 3:00 Site Closed (July 4th)
11	Janet Dover	Rockmart High School (Cafeteria)	990 Cartersville Highway (GA-113) Rockmart, GA 30153	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4 -8)
12	LaToscha Evans	Burke County Middle School (Cafeteria)	356 Southside Drive Waynesboro, GA 30830	Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4th)
13	Tiffany Penland	Lithia Springs High School (Cafeteria)	2520 East County Line Road Lithia Springs, GA 30122-2799	Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 – 3:30 Site Closed (July 4th)

Great Summer Project for CTAE teachers

As a summer project, CTAE teachers may want to reflect on how their classes performed this year on hands-on projects, student engagements, academic integration activities, and student application of standards and mastery performance. Below are websites that highlight key practices and showcase ways to engage students, parents, administrators, business and industry, and community members.

Check out the sites below in preparation for next year:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/stemposium-successful-stem-projects>

The What Works Clearinghouse is a good site to review scientific evidence for what works in education.

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

Have you ever combined music with an incredible Rube Goldberg machine?

<http://new.music.yahoo.com/blogs/stopthepresses/123689/video-masters-ok-go-spark-chain-reaction-in-this-too-shall-pass-video/>

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A big “CONGRATULATIONS” to Sarah Heath on the completion of her doctoral requirements this month. Sarah graduates from UGA on Friday, May 13, 2011. Way to go Dr. Heath!

Summer Workshops for Work-Based Learning (WBL) Coordinators

Three workshops for Work Based Learning Coordinators are now posted on the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) and open for registration: Gainesville, Savannah, and Warner Robins. All personnel who will be serving as WBL or Youth Apprenticeship (YAP) coordinators in FY12 and have not been to a state WBL training in the past five years should attend. We anticipate passage during the June State Board meeting of the revision to the State Board Rule for WBL which will specify this requirement. The only WBL coordinators who will need to hold the WBL endorsement in the future will be those that are not certified in a CTAE field. Any questions regarding this issue should be directed to dhobbs@doe.k12.ga.us.

Business and Computer Science

Sarah Heath attended the ACTE Region V Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota to represent the Business Education Division as a board of directors’ member. Even though she was a presenter for most of the conference, she was able to obtain great information to pass on.

Great links for information from the conference:

- Create books as a student project at www.lulu.com
- Teacher interaction page, lesson plan sharing, etc., at www.classroom20.com
- Online safety at <http://mysurfsafe.org>
- Business law courtroom simulation at www.bepublishing.com
- Google Sketchup 3D at <http://sketchup.google.com/>

The Keynote Speaker, Kevin Honeycutt, was an educator who specialized in using new technology in his classroom. He has wonderful teacher tools on his website at <http://kevinhoneycutt.org> – just click on the “Teacher Toolbox.”

Business and Computer Science Update

Curriculum

April was financial literacy month, but it is never too late to celebrate! Use the links below for more information.

- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/03/31/presidential-proclamation-national-financial-literacy-month>
- <http://www.financialliteracymonth.com/>

Lesson Plan Links

- <http://www.mymoney.gov/category/topic1/teachers.html>

Summer Professional Learning

Field of Dreams workshops are being added daily. Go to the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) to register.

Industry Certified Schools

The annual update is due on June 1. The new update will be posted on the Industry Certification website mid-May at http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTACert.

If you are planning on applying for Industry Certification, a workshop will be held at Field of Dreams and at the GACTE Conference on Wednesday after the program is complete. You only have to attend one.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Thank you to all of the FBLA advisers who made this year's conference a success! We had more students and advisers attend and compete in the conference and workshops this year than ever before. Also, thank you for being patient and understanding with the new hotel security, we appreciate you!

We are very excited to have so many wonderful students competing at National Leadership Conference in Orlando at the end of June. You must make sure you work with Monty Rhodes if you have national competitors so that they may earn the stipend and be better prepared for competition. GO Georgia FBLA!!

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

The Culinary Institute of America will be in town on June 20-24, and June 27-July 1, to host their two-week course which is a large requirement of their National Culinary Educator Certificate. Thanks to Decatur High School for offering to be the host location.

The Georgia Culinary Arts Foundation of Georgia (GACHEF) is sponsoring part of this workshop by covering the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA) Unit's instructors' travel expenses, facility expenses, and some materials cost. The cost per participant is \$1,800, which includes the two week curriculum and some textbooks. However, when the participant earns their culinary arts certificate, the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) will reimburse the participants \$1,500.

To register for the CIA Course please contact Debbie Bailey at 845-451-1396. You can also reach Debbie by email at d_bailey@culinary.edu. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. To run the class, we must have a minimum of ten students with a cap of 18 students. If we get more than 18 students, a second section may be added if we have enough participants to run a class. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If a student cancels after completing registration, a \$150 cancellation fee will be applied. The Professional Standards Commission (PSC) is allowing a one- to two-year extension for all educators teaching culinary to meet the culinary requirements. I encourage all educators to attend training this summer, as next year it may not be hosted in Atlanta.

Education

There will be a Teaching as a Profession Workshop this summer in June at Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career Institute. The workshop will be posted soon on the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN).

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Over 2,000 members and advisers attended the "Clue Into FCCLA" state leadership meeting on April 14-16, 2011. In addition to competing in STAR Events, students also were given an opportunity to attend leadership sessions, earn fire safety certificates, tour the University of Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) and Food Science programs. Competition in state events included baking and pastry, creative garnishes, knife skills, chicken fabrication, safety and sanitation, interior design, digital storytelling, statesman award, and much more. Students advancing to National FCCLA Competition will compete again in July in Anaheim, California.

An FCCLA Summer Management Workshop will be held. Check the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) for dates.

There are still a few spaces available for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Culinary Academy at Camp John Hope on June 6-10, 2011. Advisers attend at NO COST, providing they bring four students. Sign up now before it is too late!

Professional Development

There will be numerous professional development opportunities available for educators this summer. A few are already posted and the remainder will be available for registration in two weeks: Industry Certification, Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) Best Practices, Food Science, Knife Skills, American Culinary Federation (ACF) Best Practices, etc. Stay tuned.

Engineering and Technology

It's nice to recognize your teachers for the quality work that they do for you, your school, your system, and your students. Make sure you also show support for your teachers in professional development opportunities, teacher organizations, and student organization activities.

Siemens Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Institute Fellows Announced - Willie Haynes from Savannah Chatham School System

The Siemens Foundation and Discovery Education, in conjunction with the College Board, are proud to announce the group of fifty diverse middle and high school STEM educators selected from across the country to participate in the 2011 Siemens STEM Institute this summer. Willie Haynes, the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) Engineering and Technology Education affiliate president, was selected to participate.

These educators will spend a week at the world headquarters of Discovery Communications where they will be immersed in hands-on STEM professional development. Following the Institute, they will serve as STEM ambassadors in their schools and communities, continue working together on STEM projects and empowering peers with the tools and knowledge gained from the Institute. The group of educators selected to attend this year, along with their photos and biographies, are on the Siemens STEM Academy site at: <http://siemensstemacademy.com/index.cfm?event=showContent&c=36>.

International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) Recognition

The ITEEA Annual Conference was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the following teachers from Georgia were given awards:

- Christie Schmitt of Arabia Mountain High School in DeKalb County - Distinguished Technology Educator (DTE)
- Tim Schmitt of Arabia Mountain High School - ITEEA Teacher Excellence
- Mark Crenshaw and Dunwoody High School in DeKalb County - Program Excellence Award

Professional Development Opportunities Available Through the CTAE Resource Network

#3133 Georgia's New Manufacturing Pathway Curriculum	June 15-17
#3134 Lab Management and Safety: An Experience Based Workshop for MS & HS CTAE Teachers	June 13-15
#3168 Certification Preparation Workshop for 2011-2012	June 13-15
#3200 Foundations of Engineering	July 18-20
#3202 Engineering Concepts	July 20-22
#3203 Middle School - LEGO Robotics Beginners Workshop	July 18-20

#3204 Middle School - Advanced LEGO Robotics	July 20-22
#3210 Middle School – 3 Courses - Engineering by Design	July 25-27
#3211 AutoCAD, Inventor, and Revit - Down and Dirty	June 6-8
#3245 Engineering Applications – A Year Long Course	July 25-27
#3246 Laser Engraving Training	June 15-17

Robotics Competitions Providing Great “Systems” Learning Opportunities for Students

The Georgia Technology Student Association (GA TSA) sponsored the “World’s Largest TSA VEX Tournament” at the 49th Annual GA TSA State Leadership and Competitive Event Conference in March of 2011. 85 teams were in attendance and ready to compete. Nine teams qualified to move on to the International VEX Tournament in April in Orlando, Florida, Georgia, had the most teams at the Orlando event. Interesting facts:

- The Orlando venue was the site of the BEST Robotics National Finals
- Shortly after the GA TSA State Conference, FIRST Robotics hosted a regional event with teams qualifying to move on to St. Louis, Missouri for another international event
- Following this event was a MATE ROV competition featuring underwater remotely operated vehicles (robots) and the problem solving involved was truly amazing

This year’s Robotic events were not only competitive but fun. The teamwork involved selfless sharing, problem solving, and programming skills. The innovative nature of the events was enjoyable to witness. Next year promises to be even more exciting.

Architecture, Construction, Communication and Transportation (ACCT)

SkillsUSA Georgia

SkillsUSA Georgia held its annual State Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta. The best and brightest high school Career and Technical Education students faced off for the opportunity to earn a coveted gold medal and, more importantly, recognition of their achievement as a state champion.

The three-day event was held on March 17-19, 2011, at the Georgia International Convention Center and Gateway Marriott Hotel. Many events took place all across the metro area and beyond. Students traveled to Allen Vigil Ford, Heidelberg USA, Atlanta Technical College, Dekalb High School of Technology South, Devry University and West Georgia Technical College to compete in settings that mirrored industry standards. Competition took place in events such as Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Graphic Communications, Broadcast News Production, Automotive Service Technology, Crime Scene Investigation, Culinary Arts and Cosmetology.

Business and industry partners created an incredible hands on and dynamic Career Expo for attendees. The Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA), the Transportation Education Foundation of Georgia (TEFGA) and the New Media Education Foundation of Georgia (NMEFGA) hosted a two-day Career Expo event at the Georgia International Convention Center on March 17-18, 2011. Students had the opportunity to try out a career and gain some first hand, real-life experience. During the event, US Education TV streamed live interviews conducted by NMEFGA along with Spanish broadcasting provided by Univision. The Championships are supported by over 1,200 business and industry partners who give of their time and expertise to support the contests and expo. The total in-kind and monetary contributions from business and industry exceed \$750,000.

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle was on hand for the SkillsUSA Championship ribbon cutting along with State School Superintendent John Barge, Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Ron Jackson and Labor Commissioner Mark Butler. The Lt. Governor held a press conference to announce a new initiative; SkillsUSA, in partnership with USGBC-GA and CEFGA, is launching a new Green YOUR School Contest at the 2011 Expo, challenging students to develop and implement plans to reduce energy usage at their school.

On Saturday morning, March 19, the competitors were joined by their teachers and many parents for the Awards Ceremony held at the Georgia International Convention Center. A total of 193 gold medallions were awarded to competitors from across the state. Gold Medalists from the State Championships will advance to the National Championships held from June 20-25, 2011, in Kansas City, Missouri.

These championships allowed students to take the skills, knowledge and experience gained in their classrooms to a whole new level. Contests were based on industry standards, and business partners designed and judged the competition. These students excelled at the competition due to involvement in high school programs throughout the state focusing on ACCT, Culinary Arts, Personal Care Services, and Public Safety Pathways.

Make plans now to be a part of the excitement next year and participate in a full year of SkillsUSA Georgia activities. To learn more about how to become involved, visit our website at www.skillsusageorgia.org.

Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA)

CEFGA has done it again! This year's Expo and SkillsUSA State Championships proved to be another banner year! 300+ companies, 200+ schools and 6300+ people add up to a great event! CEFGA along with foundations such as Transportation Education Foundation of Georgia (TEFGA), New Media Education Foundation of Georgia (NMEFGA) and Printing and Imaging Association of Georgia (PIAG), partnered with SkillsUSA Georgia to make it happen. There were many positive comments from everyone involved, but the best by far is, "it feels like nationals!" (A referral to SkillsUSA National competitions in Kansas City).

We are working to connect our partner companies with the Nationals bound construction competitors to help them prepare for the competition. We will look for as many of those opportunities as possible. Good luck to the competitors in Kansas City!

Planning for next year's event has already begun. CEFGA is working to have "Careers in Construction Week" declared by the Governor for the sixth year in a row. All things working well, we will celebrate that week on October 17-21, 2012. We will work again with our partner companies to connect with schools all over the state to celebrate Careers in Construction Week. There will be more to come.

CEFGA will roll out Sequence platform to all teachers of accredited/certified programs around the state at the GACTE conference. This new technology tool will help students connect with industry partners and learn to begin to see how technology works in the construction field. It will also be a tool to help our teachers as they do their jobs!

Be sure and stay connected by visiting our website, www.cefga.org. You can also connect with other CEFGA partners through the CEFGA Connections Forum.

Camp T&I

The 2011 Camp T&I workshops will be held in Savannah during the week of June 13. Workshops are scheduled for Architecture Drawing & Design, Automotive, Broadcast & Video Production, Climate Control

System Technology (HVACR), Construction, Graphic Communication & Design and Metals. Workshops are posted at <http://www.ctaern.org>.

Trade and Industrial Educators of Georgia (TIEGA)

TIEGA members are also SkillsUSA advisors. The TIEGA Board of Directors has been very successful in focusing instruction regarding new techniques, tactics and technology within the various program areas at their annual winter conference. TIEGA members are focused on education and advancement opportunities for their SkillsUSA students. Great efforts are made at the conference to raise funds in order to support student travel and fund the annual SkillsUSA Kansas City VIP event. This event gives leaders in business, education, and policymakers an opportunity to learning more about SkillsUSA.

Sheree' Tovey, TIEGA President, awarded medals at the SkillsUSA Georgia State Conference. Sheree' understands how SkillsUSA fundraisers help students succeed. She tells the story of a young man from North Cobb High School awaiting his turn to receive a Gold Medal for the Criminal Justice competition. She found out that he would not be able to attend the national competition. His parents were struggling financially and the trip would be far beyond their means. She was able to tell him he was being awarded a scholarship that would finance his trip to Kansas City. The jubilant young man dropped to the floor and then leaped high into the air! With tears in his eyes, he hollered, "I get to go to Nationals"! During the past six years, TIEGA has raised over \$100,000 for student travel scholarships from fundraisers such as auctions and the Flight of Fancy Fundraiser held throughout the year.

Printing and Imaging Association of Georgia (PIAG)

The Printing and Imaging Association of Georgia (PIAG) and Heidelberg USA hosted and co-sponsored the 2011 SkillsUSA Graphic Communications Competition. This year's event took place March 17-18, 2011, at Heidelberg USA in Kennesaw. Twenty-six students, representing 20 Georgia high schools, competed in both Graphics Communications and Advertising Design competitions. Graphic Communications students competed in the Pre-press, Offset press, and Finishing categories while the Advertising Design students were given three hours to compose an advertisement for Godiva Chocolatiers using Adobe InDesign CS5 software. All the students completed oral and written assessments.



Winners in the Graphic Communications competition included: Christina Hillman of Effingham High School (1st place), Regino Zavalo of Johnson High School (2nd place), and Robbie Chontos of Sandy Creek High School (3rd place).

The winners in the Advertising Design competition included: Yea Jee Bea of Dalton High School (1st place), Lawrence Murray of Bradwell Institute (2nd place) and Alison Bailey of Harris County High School (3rd place).

Through a grant from the PIAG Educational Foundation, the first place contestants and their advisors will travel to Kansas City on June 19-24 to compete in the national SkillsUSA Competition. The Foundation has also awarded a total of \$4,500 in scholarships to all the winners. PIAG wishes to acknowledge and especially thank HeidelbergUSA's technicians, coordinators and tour guide, along with Cybernet Solutions, Mactechworks, and the 10 judges who graciously volunteered their time and expertise to make this year's SkillsUSA competition a success.



Marketing, Sales and Service

Approximately 15,000 students from the United States, Europe, Canada and the Islands competed in DECA Business, Marketing and Management competitive events, school-based enterprise and scholarship competitions and intensive leadership academies all part of the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, April 30 to May 2.

About 500 Georgia Marketing Education students/DECA members attended DECA's International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida as state representatives. Georgia had a great year; especially given the competitors were not just from the U.S. but from other countries as well! It was nothing short of incredible due to the complex competition and competitors that our students placed. Even better were the 1st, 2nd or 3rd places of several of our representatives. Below are our top winners:

1st Place in the Nation

Entrepreneurship Written Event (30 page manual and 15 minute defense/presentation):

- Ms. Debra Moore, South Forsyth High School, Forsyth County
- Nancy Ruff, South Forsyth High School, Forsyth County
- Laura Johnson, South Forsyth High School, Forsyth County

3rd Place in the Nation

Hospitality & Tourism Business Operations Research Event (30 page manual and 15 minute defense/presentation):

- Amanda Mathis, Lambert High School, Forsyth County
- Michelle Urrea, Lambert High School, Forsyth County
- Emily Self, Lambert High School, Forsyth County

3rd Place in the Nation

Public Relations Project - Chapter Team Event - (30 page manual and 15 minute defense/presentation):

- Kathy Kemp, North Forsyth High School, Forsyth County

Ninety one (91) of our students and/or DECA Chapters were recognized for the following achievements:

- Overall Top Series Finalists (top 21 or top 16)
- Top 10 Role Play
- Top 10 Exam
- National Scholarship Winners
- Emerging Leader Award
- School-Based Enterprise Gold Level Certified and Re-Certified
- Diamond Level Membership Campaign Award

Congratulations to all our students and a huge thank you to all our teachers! Much thanks to CTAE administrators for making it possible for teachers to offer students this incredible opportunity!

All Marketing teachers and CTAE administrators received a reminder email concerning CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) workshops available to Marketing teachers during the summer. These workshops are always top notch, so CTAE administrators are encouraged to join us if their schedule allows.

Healthcare Science, Cosmetology, Law and Public Safety

Georgia Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) winners and their advisors will be attending the HOSA National Leadership Conference which will be held in Anaheim, California on June 21-26, 2011. The Georgia HOSA Foundation is proud to announce that 21 students will be receiving various National Leadership Conference Scholarships to help with their expenses.

Watch www.gahosa.org for announcements about “Jump Start” this summer for local officers and HOSA student leaders. HOSA Success Day will also be held prior to GACTE for new and experienced advisors. Other training for “Helping your students prepare for competitive events and ACCESS HOSA” will also be announced for early June.

Several biotechnology professional development opportunities will be held in June and July. More information will be forthcoming including dates and locations. A General Medicine workshop was held at Columbus Technical College on Friday, April 22, 2011. Teachers experienced hands-on activities to help them in teaching this pathway, and toured the new Healthcare facilities at Columbus Tech. Due to the success of this workshop, other “pathway” workshops are in the planning stages for the summer.

Thanks to all of the systems who are currently going through Industry Certification for Healthcare Science. Sixteen programs are completing the process this school year.

Public Safety and Cosmetology

Camp Public Safety and Cosmetology is being planned for June 14-16, 2011, in Savannah at Woodville Tompkins Academy. For Public Safety, June 14 will include a rollout of the new firefighting pathway as well as information on Homeland Security. This rollout will include a curriculum overview, demonstrations, a lab tour, and introduction of necessary equipment. First Aid training and speakers from public safety in the Savannah area are also being planned for two of the days. Registration will be on the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Resource Network (CTAERN) and should be available soon.

Cosmetology will meet at Woodville Tompkins in their beautiful cosmetology lab. A trainer from Texas will be presenting sessions on Safety and Sanitation, Extensions, and proper care of equipment and supplies. Plans are being made for the three-day training to also include nail care and a possible tour. Teachers save the date - sign up will be available on CTAERN soon.

Saturday, July 9, 2011, will be the chance for Public Safety teachers to attend a workshop at the State Bar of Georgia. This workshop will include a tour as well as information and practice on courtroom procedures and criminal/civil law. Lunch will be provided (no charge for the workshop). This workshop will be presented by Deborah Craytor. Georgia SkillsUSA students and advisors will be traveling to Kansas City on June 19-24, 2011, for the 47th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). Good luck to our Public Safety and Cosmetology students and advisors and all of other Georgia SkillsUSA members who will be attending.

Be watching for information on Skills University this summer before the GACTE Conference.

Remember to sign up for the GACTE Conference to be held July 10-13, 2011, at the Renaissance Waverly/Cobb Galleria.

Special Populations

The Georgia Career & Technical Instruction (CTI) program held its 30th Annual Spring Leadership Conference at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Over 400 students from around the state competed in various career pathway events. Professional speaker and author Marcus Engel shared his amazing story of recapturing life after being struck by a drunk driver and blinded.

Georgia CTI was pleased to host over 130 local business men and women to serve as our competitive event judges. Students were also able to enjoy the recreational activities provided by Rock Eagle such as canoeing, basketball, volleyball, fishing, swimming, arts and crafts, and the annual Georgia CTI dance. A major highlight of the two-day conference was the election of the new Georgia CTI state officers. We are pleased to announce the 2011-2012 CTI State Officer Team:

- President - Tremisha Lee from Turner County High; Advisor, Allison Odom
- Vice-President - Jalen Gilyard from Liberty County; Advisor, Dr. Maddie Orange
- Secretary - Samuel Madaris from Alcovy High; Advisor, Chris Newsham
- Treasurer - Whitney Leigh Clark from Pickens County High; Advisor, Connie Cagle
- Historian - Savannah Paul from W. S. Hutchings Career Center; Advisor, Charles Baima
- Reporter - Eric Shepherd from Winder-Barrow High; Advisor, Joel Bacon
- Parliamentarian - Alex White from Northview High; Advisor, Bonnie Cascio

For schools wishing to implement a Coordinated Career Academic Education (CCAIE) or CTI program this upcoming school year or replace an existing coordinator, please register your teacher for: "The New CTI/CCAIE Coordinator Institute, CTAERN #3220" posted on the CTAERN. Space is limited to 30 participants and 23 slots have already been filled. This workshop (CTAERN 3220) and the yearlong internship (which will be posted in July) are required for the CTI and CCAIE Teacher Endorsement. Please note that participants in this workshop are also required to attend the GACTE Summer Conference from July 10-13. The New CTI/CCAIE Coordinator Institute will take place at Hutchings Career Center in Macon from July 6-22. Hotel information will be emailed to participants after they register on CTAERN.

The CTAERN, in collaboration with the CTAE Division is seeking interest statewide from individuals who would like to serve as an independent contractor to perform the responsibilities as a CCAIE/CTI Internship Supervisor for this endorsement program. The program will begin in July 2011, with a summer workshop offering as supported by the Resource Network, and will continue with a year-long internship through May 2012. All those interested in submitting a proposal must be available to make at least two school visits during the school year to each internship participant. Please email Tammy Caudell at tcaudell@doe.k12.ga.us for proposal requirements and responsibilities for the contractual services. The deadline for accepting proposals is Tuesday, May 23, 2011, with interviews to be scheduled on May 31 and June 1.