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FACTE
Spring Office Hours
January 1st—May 1st, 2009
Tuesday—Friday
11am—5pm

** Both Marsan & Lesley are available via email at all times**

The Enlightener

How Will You Celebrate CTE Month?

February is CTE month, and our members are full of great ideas as to how they will celebrate!

Alice Paulk of Clay County CTE has several events lined-up for February:

We made a presentation to the school board at the end of January with a proclamation for February to be CTE month. We showcased our programs through a new promotional DVD that our Television Academy produced along with providing hard data about the benefits of CTE and academies.

We will host a guidance counselor's breakfast on February 3rd, to "educate" ALL the counselors in the county (including elementary) on the changes that Career and Technical Education has gone through since they were in High School – we aren't your old Vo Tech! DVDs, program books and CTE mugs will be given out. Our career specialist will visit all the Junior High 8th grade students and talk to them about all the programs and academies we have for them to enroll in at the high school level.

We will end the month with a Ca-

reer Academy and Program showcase at night where 8th and 9th grade parents can come and see all the programs that will be offered for the 09-10 school year, meet the teachers and hear about the wonderful things we are doing!

Jeanette Donohue of Venice High School has been working hard to coordinate a CTE fair:

The first annual Entrepreneur Career Fair which will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009. The fair has been scheduled around the time when students will be deciding on courses for the 2009-2010 school year. Registration will begin in February for seniors continuing through May for incoming freshman. The purpose of the fair is to allow students the opportunity to speak directly with business partners in our community about what their career entails, the education required and any pertinent information relating to what courses would be best for students to take for a major in the career path that interests them. A

variety of business partners who will be participating are an engineer, financial advisor, attorney, accountant, graphic designer, professor, nurse, medical doctor, physical therapist, environmentalist, fashion designer, plumber, journalist, cosmetologist, architect, court reporter, flight attendant, armed services, restaurateur, fire department/ paramedic, landscaper, banker, pilot, and politician just to name a few. Business partners representing performing arts, insurance, sales and marketing will also be present. After the fair the guests will be treated to a lunch at our culinary restaurant on campus, The Lemon Tree. If anyone has any questions about the Career Day or would like to participate, please contact Jeanette Donohue at 488-6726 *65631..

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Copies of all submitted CTE ideas will be made available on the FACTE website, under the "Discussion Board" section for CTE month.

FAJROTC Joins FACTE!!!

FACTE is proud to announce that the Florida Association of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Personnel (FAJROTC) has joined our association. The new division was approved by the FACTE Board of Directors on January 27, 2009. The formation of this division began under the encouragement of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE), who had established a successful relationship with the JROTC in their state. In the state of Florida, there are 145 US

Army, 14 US Marine Corp, 125 US Navy, and 75 US Air Force sponsored JROTC units. These units employ over 800 instructors state-wide. FACTE is pleased to offer these instructors an association where their concerns will be heard and addressed. FAJROTC will have representation on the FACTE Board of Directors and will enjoy all the other benefits of FACTE membership. FAJROTC's Officers include:
President, James Armstrong, Colonel, US Army (Ret)
Vice President, Kenneth Brady,

Colonel, US Air Force (Ret)

Secretary, Richard Slater, Colonel, US Marine Corps (Ret)

Treasurer, David J. Thomas, LCDR, US Navy (Ret.)

If there are any JROTC instructors at your school that you think would be interested in joining FACTE and FAJROTC, please have them contact the FACTE office or visit the FACTE website for more information. You can contact the division officers directly at FJROTCA@aol.com.

Masters Degree in Career & Technical Education

The University of South Florida is accepting applications to the Fall of 2009 cohort for the Masters Degree program in Career and Technical Education. This is a two-year program delivered via the internet, with the exception of three Saturday sessions that are held in Tampa each semester. A portfolio assessment serves as a comprehensive examination at the end of the program. The program consist of a planned sequence of 12 courses over a two-year period. It also offers non-traditional experiences,



such as job shadowing, industry visits, etc.

Requirements for admission include a completion of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution, two-years of experience in Career and Technical Education or a related field, and at least a 3.0 GPA during the last two years of undergraduate work. Applicants are **not** required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). If you would like more information on this program, contact the FACTE office or look for corresponding documents on the FACTE website.

Local Director of Vocational Education Certification

During next year, the University of South Florida will be offering three EVT courses required for Local Director certification. These courses will be available online and do not have any on-site class meetings. The courses are coded EVT 6265, EVT 6264, EVT 6664. If you would like more information on these classes or if you are interested in registering, please contact:

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We Appreciate Your Continued Support!!!

The following people renewed their membership during December 2008 & January 2009:


Janice Scholz	Mark Hooper	Shelia Geathers	Betty Jones
Gary Bartley	Kimberly Bland	Donald Wade	Georgann Manos
Kim Barber	Gail Stout	Becky Helmink	Joseph Orr
Brian Myers	Mary Bruno	Terry Miller	Cheryl Smith
Karen Hamilton	Joseph McCoy	Jack Miller	Juan Santos
Thomas Lee	Denice Stanforth	Jeanette Johnson	Richard Merriam, Jr.
James Dyer	Serena Peeler	April Kimball	Janet Skipper
Toni Padgett	Carol Bourke	Denise Duzick	Bobbie Morgan
Kathryn Booth	Dan Jones	Rosa Borgen	

Welcome New Members!!!

The following members joined FACTE during December 2008 & January 2009:

Leslie Fortin	Dane Hamilton	Mary Thompson	Janet Addair
Melissa Stephan	Jason Butler	Sharon Brooks	Jeffrey Gerber
Robert Buffy	Kim Williams	Christina Smith	
Ted Rosko	Karen Harding	Rebecca Anzevino	

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 CTE Month Kickoff @ DOE	6	7
8	9	10	11 Deans & Directors	12 CTE Month @ DOE	13	14 
15	16	17	18	19 CTE Month @ DOE	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 CTE Month @ DOE	27	28 CTE Math Training

Schedule of Events

- **February 5th**, there will be CTE Month Kickoff Celebration in the Turlington Lobby from 11:00–2:00p.m.
- **February 11th**, there will be a Deans & Directors meeting in Orlando, Florida. Please contact the FACTE Office to register for this meeting.
- **February 12th**, there will be CTE Month Celebration in the Turlington Lobby from 11:00–2:00p.m.
- **February 14th**, is Valentine’s Day. Celebrate accordingly.
- **February 19th**, there will be CTE Month Celebration in the Turlington Lobby from 11:00–2:00p.m.
- **February 26th**, there will be CTE Month Celebration in the Turlington Lobby from 11:00–2:00p.m.
- **February 28th**, there will be a Meaningful Math CTE Training at Trenton High School

If you have any questions about the upcoming events listed on this calendar, please contact the FACTE Office.

Seuss-ism for Success

(On Innovation)

“The places I hiked to! The roads that I rambled, To Find the best eggs that have ever been scrambled!

If you want to get eggs you can’t buy at a store, you have to do things never thought of before.”

~Scrambled Eggs Super!

The Dept. of Education Celebrates CTE Month

The Florida Department of Education has also joined in on the celebration of CTE month. FLDOE will be hosting four events, occurring on each Thursday in February from 11– 2pm in the Turlington Lobby. These celebrations will include

various demonstrations and exhibits by students, Career and Technical Student Organizations, FACTE, and Ready to Work. There will be award presentations, comments by Commissioner Smith & Chancellor Hadi, and the week will con-

clude with a Career and Technical Student Organization Hall Dedication ceremony. If you would like more information on any of these events, please contact the FACTE Office or visit us on the web at www.facte.org.

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Tamera C. Mandell, from the Employ Florida Banner Center for Biotechnology at the University of Florida, will take the time to share her appreciation of Career & Technical Educators:

"I am going to let every CTE director know that I think they are absolutely amazing. Their ability to stay on top of so many different (and changing) disciplines and careers, while simultaneously addressing and connecting the needs and requirements of students, schools, and industries is incredible."

Donna Harris, of Florida Virtual School, is spreading the word on "Hybrid Learning" to celebrate CTE month:

"I have recently learned about "hybrid learning." This is a super resource for CTE instructors to enhance professional development and add new technologies to their classroom." Instructors and administrators have learned that discussion boards, document sharing and online journals can be valuable enhancements to ground-based classrooms. This approach to teaching and learning is referred to as hybrid learning. eCompanion is a powerful online supplement for on-campus courses. eCompanion, the Pearson eCollege hybrid learning solution, enhances classroom-based courses by broadening the class experience and increasing the access of course materials to all students. The typical 50-minute classroom session often does not provide enough time for valuable learning activities such as group work, in-depth discussions and interactive

learning. Understanding the need to extend classroom sessions beyond limited scheduled class times, Pearson eCollege has developed eCompanion. eCompanion helps instructors supplement their traditional classes with hybrid learning tools for online content. eCompanion enhances classroom-based courses by broadening the class experience and increasing the access of course materials to all students. Through course tools, such as Threaded Discussions, Document Sharing and Journals, eCompanion provides a hybrid learning solution to improve student communication and collaboration beyond the walls of the classroom.

Trish Shimer, of Titusville High School, coordinated a CTE scavenger hunt for students to learn more about the CTE programs THS offers:

Students will each receive a scavenger hunt sheet, then they will seek out each CTE teacher for the answer to a question that is representative of the teacher's program. Students could fill in the blanks and get the teachers to stamp their sheet. Each teacher will be given a stamp for the sheets. The scavenger hunt will occur over a three-day period, at the end of which a winning sheet will be drawn. Each CTE teacher could donate a small sum of money to pay for a gift card that will be given to the winner of the scavenger hunt. Remember, the goal of this event is for students to have an opportunity to meet all the CTE teachers and learn something about their programs.

Cheryl Humphrey, at Lake Placid Middle School, has organized an Ag in the Classroom teacher workshop for general education teachers:

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies (CES) at the Riverwoods Field Lab in Lorida is conducting a two day FAITC Teacher Training Workshop. The workshop will introduce you to our local agricultural resources including dairy farming, and cattle ranching. Lessons include Miss Edna's Tales of the Heartland Lesson & Video, The Great Water Odyssey Program's: Down on the Farm lesson, and Florida Ag in the Classroom's Food, Land & People Interdisciplinary K-12 Curriculum. Complete sets of all curriculums are yours upon completion of the workshop. Doug Wagner and crew at the CTE department in Manatee County are hard at work year around, sharing information about the great CTE programs Manatee County has to offer.

They publish three separate newsletters "Spotlight on Success," "ACT Update" and "Technical Education Today" that keeps the school system and community up-to-date on CTE events and activities. They also do an incredible job of honoring deserving students, teachers, advisors, and parents in their county. Manatee County submitted a 6 page memo on all the ways they celebrate Career & Technical Education. This document will be available on the FACTE website.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FACTE will hold their 43rd Annual Conference & Tradeshow on August 4th-6th, 2009, in Orlando, Florida. Registration forms will be made available on the FACTE website & will be sent out via e-mail at the end of February.



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If you believe that you are receiving this newsletter by mistake, please contact the FAcTE Office. If you are a current member that has not been receiving The Enlightener, then FAcTE may not have your e-mail address. In this situation, you should also contact the FAcTE Office, so that they can resolve the problem.

Any additional concerns or questions should be directed to Lesley Boyd at lboyd@facte.org

FACTE Wants to Hear from YOU!!!

The Enlightener is one of the many communication tools that FAcTE uses to connect the great minds of Career & Technical Education in the state of Florida. If there is a certain idea, event, or concern that you would like to see addressed in the next issue of The Enlightener, let FAcTE know about it!

FACTE would also like to invite members to submit articles about CTE opportunities, innovative ideas, or events that are happening at their schools or in their divisions. Career and technical education is rapidly growing and improving in the state of Florida. We need your help to stay on top of all this new information. All requests and articles can be submitted to Lesley Boyd at lboyd@facte.org.