

## ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

**Planning Viable Programs of Study**—Compare the viability of different career clusters by examining labor-market demands, business and industry priorities, expenditure patterns and promising alignment designs.

**The ASVAB Career Exploration Program: Equipping Students for Success in a Shrinking Economy**—The session describes a federally funded program designed to meet the workforce development needs of today's secondary and postsecondary students regardless of their future career or educational endeavors.

**Giving Choctaws and Oklahomans the Pieces to Succeed**—Learn how Choctaw Nation organized and implemented their plan for the 2009 Career Expo by coordinating with other programs and implementing a marketing plan that crossed cultural bridges.

**Education vs. Incarceration**—How to successfully implement and maintain a training/academic program to combat recidivism.

**Sharing Hope and Redefining Education: A Dropout-recovery Model**—This model enables students already dropped out or severely at risk to re-enter the educational setting to complete a high school credential and pursue occupational training.

**Successfully Establish an Effective Advisory Committee**—Useful tips on how to select and recruit advisory board members who will be most effective for your program/district.

**Mentoring Matters: Best Practices for Implementing a Successful Mentoring Program**—Discuss mentoring best practices, as well as the challenges associated with implementation of a mentor program.

**Job Placement Report/Accountability**—The Job Placement Report shows the career tech training-related positions our students attained. This report is shared with business and industry leaders, legislators and our career counselors.

**Business Immersion Education**—Learn how to fully engage students and help them gain real-life experiences in what the business world will be like.

**CTE and Industry Creating Solutions**—Discover how the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, Francis Tuttle Technology Center and Jet Stream Services work in harmony to create a solution to prepare technicians for the wind turbine industry.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Consortium-based Cyber Security Curriculum**—Consortium-based curriculum is about the synergy created by sharing ideas, best practices and resources among teachers of the same course or discipline.

**Performance Improvement for Math and Science Certification Test**—This session will demonstrate methods for preparing teachers for the math and science certification examinations.

**Do Your Students Have Flair?**—An increasing number of employers also seek strong professionalism (soft skills) from their employees. This interactive program will focus on methods of developing the “flair” employers want.

**Renewable Energy at Cape Cod Tech High School**—Learn how you can take part in the green movement, provide excellent education for your students and make your school sustainable.

**Using Performance Data for Program Improvement**—Participants will learn how to review, analyze and use data to make informed decisions and drive CTE program improvement at the local level.

**Developing a Dual-enrollment Child Development Program**—This session will guide teachers on how to develop a program to train students as early childhood educators through dual enrollment, work experience and national certification as a Child Development Associate.

**National Curriculum Certification, CTSO Participation and International Corporate Business Partnership Development**—This session will provide attendees with valuable resources for obtaining national curriculum certification and corporate grants for the support of design-drafting programs in the secondary and postsecondary systems of education.

**Girl Tech: A Gender Equity Initiative**—Discover how mentors play an essential part in helping female students be successful in a non-traditional career path.

**Helping Students Acquire Literacy Skills**—This hands-on session is designed to engage attendees in modeling the acquisition of literacy skills for academic and CTE programs.

**Closing the Gap in the Academic or Related Classroom**—This hands-on interactive workshop will model classroom activities that use reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking to engage in learning new subject matter.

**Developing College- and Career-ready Students**—In an effort to provide a seamless transition from K-16, Denton ISD career counselors developed

an easy-to-follow comprehensive transition program. An overview will be outlined and individual activities highlighted.

**CTE . . . Takin' Care of Business**—This session will focus on our methods for advancing students toward postsecondary opportunities while still in high school. That ranges from dual credit and articulation opportunities to certifications available while taking courses at our school (Jessamine Career and Technology Center).

**AIM for College Success**—Examine how Analytical Integrated Mathematics (AIM) is an innovative solution to provide unique, integrated math, science and career understanding while alleviating the need for remedial education.

**Finally, an Association for People Like Me!**—This session will demonstrate the benefits of being part of NAWI (National Association for Workforce Improvement).

**“Stop Abusing Your Advisory Board Members!”**—Find out how to increase the number and participation of advisory board members for your CTE program. Even if you have a “good” advisory board, we will discuss ways to make it better!

**Leveraging Resources in Preparing Adult Learners for Employment and Upward Mobility in the Health Care Industry**—The Health Careers Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati partners will effectively describe this unique partnership that created a career pathway of training and employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency by leveraging both financial and human resources for unemployed and underemployed individuals.

**“Your Place” for the Adult Learner**—This topic is vital for professionals who work with non-traditional students because it gives students the tools necessary to be successful and includes easily replicated materials.

**Building Effective Industry and Postsecondary Partnerships**—This session will focus on how to build stronger partnerships with local industry and postsecondary members.

**The ECISD Advanced Technical Center—Redesign for the 21st Century**—In less than one year, a stand-alone CTE campus of 400 students was changed to an advanced technical center accommodating 1,200 students from two large high schools.

**Taking Your Classroom Beyond the Four Walls**—Attendees will have their thoughts provoked as to whether they are reaching their learners. The practices demonstrated will keep the learners motivated, engaged and increase their odds of having a successful result on their end-of-course assessments.

## STEP 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am a first-time conference attendee  Yes  No

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.

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Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## STEP 2: REGISTRATION OPTIONS AND RATES

	Early-bird through 8/28/09	Advance after 8/28/09	Total
NCLA members	\$325	\$375	_____
Nonmembers	\$355	\$400	_____
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### ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2009 Best Practices Conference will be held at:

**Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin—Town Lake**  
111 Cesar Chavez at Congress, Austin, Texas 78701

ACTE and NCLA have secured a block of rooms for a cost of \$134/night plus 15 percent tax. To make your reservation, please call 512-478-9611 or 800-333-3333. Please mention the NCLA/ACTE 2009 Best Practices Conference when making your reservation.

### Notes

**Cancellations:** A \$75 cancellation fee will be charged for all Convention pre-registration refunds requested in writing and received by ACTE by September 18, 2009. No refunds will be issued after this date. Badge credentials must be returned with refund request.

**By registering,** you grant permission for the use of your name, voice and/or likeness related to your participation in any event affiliated with the 2009 ACTE Best Practices in Career and Technical Education Fall Conference. You waive all rights to any compensation and to approve the images, audio and/or printed and electronic material in which they are used, and you release ACTE and its employees and agents from any claims, damages or liability.

**QUESTIONS?** Please direct all questions about programming and agenda to: Tom Applegate: Phone: 512-797-7271 E-mail: tomgobucks@insight.rr.com. Please direct questions about registration to: ACTE: Toll Free Phone: 800-826-9972 E-mail: registration@acteonline.org

## DEAR CAREER TECH ADMINISTRATOR:


There is nothing more valuable to educators than the practical information they receive from their peers. That is why the National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA) and the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) invite you to the Best Practices Conference, September 29 – October 1, in Austin, Texas.

This three-day conference brings together more than 30 sessions by practitioners just like yourself who have succeeded in such areas as planning viable programs, dropout prevention, corporate partnership development, gender equity, academic integration and more. These practitioners will not only inspire you with their success, but challenge you to rethink how your school operates and could do even more to create the type of successful programs that stand out as a model for schools regardless of discipline, location or the students they serve.

Tight budgets and limited professional development dollars mean being wise about where you choose to spend those funds. The decision to attend the Best Practice Conference gives you the unique opportunity to see model programs in action and discuss first hand with program developers and adopters the benefits to your school, your students and ultimately the community they serve as a strong workforce. It is a wise decision to learn from best practices and we encourage you to attend.

See you in Austin!

Sincerely,

  
Tom Friedemann, NCLA President

  
Ed Melott, ACTE President

## AGENDA

(AS OF JULY 2009)

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

6:00 p.m.....Welcoming Reception

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

7:30 a.m.....Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.....General Session

*"How You Work with the Workforce."* Vince Orza-Dean,  
Meinders School of Business, Oklahoma City University

9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.....4 Breakouts

10:50 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.....Break

11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.....4 Breakouts

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.....Lunch and General Session

*"Raising the Excitement of Science and Engineering to a Level Equal that of Sporting Events."* Greg Crouch, Embedded Systems  
Business Development Director, National Instruments

1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.....4 Breakouts

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.....Break

2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Round Table session

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 2009

8:00 a.m.....Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.....4 Breakouts

9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.....Break

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.....4 Breakouts

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.....Hotel Checkout

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.....Lunch and General Session

*"Cactus Rolling."* Dr. Stephen Douglas, psychologist  
and noted speaker

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Tours

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- Business tour of National Instruments.

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