

“Say “Yes” to CTE: Educating the Next Generation” This is the theme for our fall institute.

I am Becky Bruce and it is an honor to serve as your MACTE President for 2018. I am happy to be a part of the MACTE family. At our recent board meeting we talked about why CTE is important to us. As a group we decided that the support we get from our organization, the professional development opportunities and the chances for leadership and collaboration with our members gives us a sense of shared purpose. We all share a passion for family, friends, peers, community and citizenship. CTE is a home for teachers and students who want to be part of something challenging and important. Let’s all step up to the challenge and spread the word about CTE.

Your executive board members just returned from Region V ACTE in Colorado Springs where we learned what other schools were doing to form partnerships with industry. CTE is changing the world and as educators we must adapt to the times. We need to help our students find the right pathway to be successful in the future. James Ogsbury, executive director of the Western Governors Association (WGA), opened the Region V Conference talking about how the west is leading the way in career readiness. The WGA has a goal for 2018 to create enhanced career opportunities for students, graduates, and displaced workers to help build a vibrant economy. CTE is part of this goal and can assist in developing a workforce for the future.

Montana was fortunate to have Kyle Senner representing Montana for the New Teacher of the Year Award and Molly Barta representing Montana for the Teacher of the Year at the Region V Conference. Joan Leik from Helena High School received the ACTE Region V Innovative CTE Program award. This award is presented in recognition of innovative CTE programs that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of CTE. Our own Mark Branger has been elected to serve as the new Region V Vice-President on the ACTE Board for Region V. Congratulations and thank you all for a job well done. Montana also won the Newsletter of the Year Award for Region V ACTE!

Region V will be held in Bozeman Montana next year, April 11-13, 2019. Be sure to mark this on your calendars and start making plans now to attend Region V in Montana. We have been working hard on making this the best Region V conference of the century. We will have some great informative breakout sessions and some awesome tours around the Bozeman area. Ask some of your fellow CTE teachers to attend with you, this will be one conference you don’t want to miss.