

Cheers to Montana ACTE!!! This has been an exciting year for us at Montana ACTE with the kick off of Bob Green at our Big Sky Pathways Institute in Fairmont, Montana. Bob's enthusiastic and loud expressions were motivating and rejuvenating to begin our conference. The Division Presidents planned great sessions, socials and their hard work did not go unrecognized. With our first time attendees on the rise and CTE on the minds of local, State and National leaders we are the past, present and future of education. We will be experiencing a change in January of our Division Presidents for all divisions and they are ready to assist and serve our state to the best of their abilities. I am excited for the future of ACTE and the path we are embarking on.

At the National ACTE Conference on December 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, in Nashville, Tennessee, I had the pleasure of Representing Montana at the Assembly of Delegates and our State Presidents meetings. The Keynote Speaker, Isaac Linsky author of Eyes Wide Open, brought a new perspective of focusing on overcoming our greatest fears to reach your full potential. The most exciting news from National ACTE comes from Region V. Our own Mark Branger is running for Region V Vice President and he is the best man for the job. We support you Mark and are excited for your leadership at the National level. Lastly for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Montana has received the Quality Excellence Award from National ACTE thanks to all the hard work from our Executive Director and Executive Board.

Mark your calendars for Region V conference in Colorado Springs, CO April 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Conference will take place at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort with leadership training, Networking and other breakouts that will rejuvenate your teaching spirit. If you can make it please register before February 11<sup>th</sup> for the early bird special.

Lastly I would like to thank Montana ACTE and all of their partners for the work they do. From "We are CTE" to "Cheers to 100 Years", Career and Technical Education is the future to our country's Success. Thank you all for the chance to serve as your Montana President and I look forward working with you all soon.