**President's Message**

"Say YES to CTE: Educating the Next Generation," the theme for our fall institute this year provided all CTE teachers with more knowledge and tools to spread the word about CTE. We are teaching during an exciting time when CTE is expanding and growing across the country. Becky Cox, the National ACTE President, opened our fall institute in Billings. She is passionate about CTE, her enthusiasm was contagious and it was great to have her in Montana. Andrew McPeak, our keynote Speaker, inspired us with creative ways to connect with Generation Z. He talked about how all we need to speak our student’s language and make connections with them. Experiential learning is growing, students will support this complex, what they construct, and we must create the opportunities for them to do this. All the Division Presidents put in extra time to make the fall institute one of the best. Thank you for your excellent leadership and hard work. <Read More>

Becky Bruce, Montana ACTE President

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**MAFCSE News**

Hi y'all from San Antonio, Texas. Welcome to Vision 2018, what an incredible experience to attend the national conference for ACTE. Networking with individuals involved in career and technical education, getting new teaching ideas and enjoying some warmer weather were the high points of this week. Several Family and Consumer Sciences teachers attended the conference and will have some great ideas to share this year with teachers in our state. Jump aboard a scooter and we will take a tour of the ACTE Vision Conference.

The opening session our first speaker was Swiss Ambassador, Dr. Dehinden. He discussed apprenticeship programs and the design system. He emphasized what they construct, and we must create the opportunities for them to do this. All the Division Presidents put in extra time to make the fall institute one of the best. Thank you for your excellent leadership and hard work. <Read More>

**MBAE News**

Hope you all had a relaxing and restful holiday break! I’m sure you all are busy wrapping up the end of first semester and beginning a new semester shortly. The MACTE/MBAE conference and NGFP FinCamp this past October was a great start to the school year. If you have never attended before, I would highly encourage you to attend next year’s conference in Great Falls, MT. This year’s MBAE conference provided attendees with a networking social at Last Chance Cider Mill, Youth Entrepreneurship and Next Gen Personal Finance. We are excited to announce the following MBAE award winners: MBAE Teacher of the Year, Nicole Bogunovich and MBAE New Business Teacher, Jordan Hasquet.

Hope to see you all at this year’s WBEA conference in Tucson, AZ. This year’s conference has some great sessions and a variety of networking opportunities available to “lasso your legacy”. This is an excellent way to connect with business teachers from across the western part of the United States.

It has been an honor to serve as president for MBAE these past two years. Calie Wineinger will be your upcoming MBAE president and I know she will do an amazing job on improving this important organization. Have a great rest of 2018 and an excellent beginning to second semester. In the meantime, feel free to email me with any questions, bogunovich@billingssschools.org.

Nicole Bogunovich, MBAE President

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**Rotunda Activity**

The Montana ACTE Legislative Committee invites the students and advisors of your Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) to participate in Montana ACTE Rotunda Activity (Legislative Day) to be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2019, in Helena, Montana. You can make a difference by participating! Montana ACTE hopes to inspire new leaders and encourage continuing communication with legislators.

All students participating in the Rotunda Activity must be accompanied by his/her CTSO advisor while in the Capitol. The students should have received legislative training on appropriate behavior and protocol prior to February 26. CTSO students are expected to wear their organization’s appropriate uniform or professional business attire. There is a $250 stipend for expenditures such as gas, meals, or overnight stays from Montana ACTE. For more information contact Kellan Standley, Montana ACTE Rotunda Coordinator at kstandley@bainvilleschool.k12.mt.us

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**2019 Region V Conference: Bozeman, MT**

Region V is the Association for Career and Technical Education’s (ACTE) western region and the 2019 Region V Conference will be held in Montana in Bozeman.

The 2019 ACTE Region V Leadership Conference will take place April 10-13 at the Best Western GrantTree. Montana ACTE members will receive a $75 discount off the early bird rate of $425 if you register by February 1, 2019. When registering use the code montanaACTE to receive the discount. If you are interested in presenting, at the 2019 ACTE Region V Conference, a Speaker Proposal can be accessed by clicking here.

You can register for the conference here. A registration packet can be accessed here.

For more information about Region V and the 2019 Region V Leadership Conference, visit www.acteonline.org/page/region-v-events/

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**CTE Curriculum By Teachers for Teachers**

The Montana ACTE and OPI Career and Technical Education has partnered with the Arizona CTE Curriculum Consortium to make available CTE curriculum for Montana CTE teachers at a very affordable price. If you are interested, you can receive an introductory video, review their infographic or contact Tammy Bonner at tbonner@pimajted.org or Lisa Doll at ldoll@pimajted.org.

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