

A Message From Your President, Donald Downs



Hello MS ACTE members. I hope you have had a great year. I also hope you are planning to attend the Summer Conference at the Vicksburg Convention Center July 28 and 29, 2010. Your affiliate presidents are planning great break-out sessions for you. Give MS ACTE your support and plan to attend. We would like to thank Jean Massey for her help with the Summer Conference; MDE has allocated \$5,000 to help offset the cost of the Summer Conference.

Jean Massey, Associate Superintendent, Office of Vocational Education and Workforce Development, spoke at the Spring Meeting. MS ACTE is fortunate to have the support of Mrs. Massey and Dr. Tom Burnham, State Superintendent of Education. The message from the State Department stresses the importance of preparing all students for the future and the vital role that CTE has in this picture.

MS ACTE will host the Region IV Conference April 14-16, 2011, at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi. We need your help. We need members to serve on committees. The lists of committees are as follows: Program, Hospitality, Door Prizes, Donations/Vendors, Registration, Keynote Speakers, Transportation, Decorations, and Public Relations.

We would also like to give the students an opportunity to be a part of the Region IV Conference. We would like all CTE Students to have the opportunity to develop the logo for the conference. They will use the theme “CTE – The Wave of the Future” to base their design. When they complete their design, they should e-mail it to Linda Bath. The deadline has been extended to May 28.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Summer Conference.

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

The Mississippi ACTE office, along with your board of directors, is working hard to prepare a summer conference that we feel will be beneficial to all. The conference will be held at the Vicksburg Convention Center July 28 and 29. Please make plans to attend and encourage everyone at your school to attend as well. Lunch will be provided on July 29 for you if you send in your registration on or before June 15. To see a complete listing of Vicksburg hotels, go to www.vccmeet.com.

In January, MS ACTE hosted the annual Legislative Day at the State Capitol. We set up a refreshment table in the Rotunda area of the Capitol from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tammie Brewer, chair of the Legislative Day Committee, saw this move as an advantage for getting more of the legislators to network with us. The presidents from the student organizations attended and were able to express to the legislators the impact career/technical education has had on their educational experience.

We had 70 members attend the ACTE National Conference in Nashville. Mississippi was awarded the Quality Association Award again this year. The award was presented at the state association luncheon. Las Vegas will be the host city for the conference December 2-4. If you can't attend that one, I hope you will mark your calendars April 14-16, 2011, to attend the Region IV Conference. Mississippi will be the host state. The conference will be at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. We certainly need to have good representation from our state members at this event!

Lora Little, RN,BSN, Allied Health instructor at Clinton High School Career Complex, has successfully met the high and rigorous standards and successfully completed the national assessment to become a National Board Certified Teacher in Career and Technical Education/ Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood.



Lora Little (left) is presented a Certificate of Recognition at the monthly school board meeting by Clinton Public School District School Board President, Sheila Grogan (right).

Human and Civil Rights Awards Banquet

The Mississippi Association of Educators' Human and Civil Rights Awards Banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi, on Friday, March 12, 2010. Kim Green, director of the Prentiss County Vocational Technical School, attended and received the 2010 MAE Human and Civil Rights Outstanding Achievement award on behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of the Prentiss County Vocational Technical School. This award is given in recognition of individuals or groups whose actions have substantially improved inter-group relations within the educational community. Specifically, the Prentiss County Vocational School received this award due to their work with non-traditional students, the elderly and the economically disadvantaged.

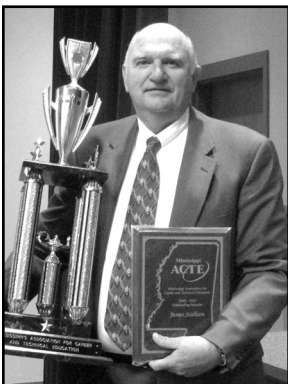
The recognitions plaque reads: "The Mississippi Association of Educators presents Prentiss County Vocational Technical School with the 2010 MAE Human and Civil Rights Outstanding Achievement Award. Thank you for Your Outstanding Contributions to the Education Profession, Your Students, and Your Community. We Further Salute Your Dedication and Leadership in Your School District and the State of Mississippi to Help Ensure Great Public Schools for Every Child in Mississippi. Presented March 12, 2010 - Kevin F. Gilbert, President."



Kim Green, Director of the Prentiss County Vocational Technical School and ACTE member, and Kevin Gilbert, President of the Mississippi Association of Educators

Award Presentations

MS ACTE had its Annual Spring Meeting March 15 at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College. Jamie Stidham, Millsaps Career and Technology



Jamie Stidham

Center Director, was named this year's recipient of the MS ACTE Outstanding Member Award. Lauren Lurk, an Allied Health student at Newton County Career and Technical Center, received the student award. Her instructor is Stephanie Cooley and her director is Aaron Cooley. Runners-up were Dennis Harvey and Taylor Watson.

Harvey is a Technology Application student at Leake County Career and Technical Center. His instructor is Cynthia Blackstock and his director is Glenda Holleyman. Watson is an AEST/BCT/FCS student at the New Albany School of Career and Technical Education. Watson's instructors are Damon Ladner, Allison Moore, and Nannette Ballard and his director is Earl Richard. Congratulations to all students and their instructors!



Lauren Lurk

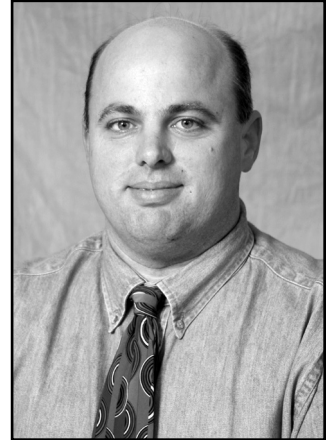
Donation Gives Students Tools To Succeed

In the current education budget crunch, Marvin Moak, chairman of the Hinds Community College Raymond Campus electrical technology program, sees the value of industry support as going even beyond the financial aspect.

Moak's program recently received a donation of thousands of Wire-Nut®, Wing-Nut® and Push-In™ wire connectors, along with conduit benders, training software and Lockout/Tagout safety equipment. These supplies are a gift from IDEAL Industries Inc. of Sycamore, Illinois, one of the world's leading manufacturers of professional quality tools and supplies and IDEAL distributor RT Electrical Sales of Memphis.

“Our program has an excellent reputation with the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), the Association of Builders and Contractors and local businesses looking for skilled electricians,” Moak said. “While Hinds is one of the best equipped programs in the country, it is sometimes a challenge to keep up with our students' demands for electrical supplies. We are grateful to IDEAL and RT for their donations. Whenever I need the latest and greatest tools for the classroom and the USA Skills Chapter, they've been real good at getting them to me. In fact, some of our students know more about new technology because of this than the contractors who hire them.”

Marvin Moak has been a member of ACTE for 10 years.



Perry County Vo-Tech Students Over All State Winners

Co-op students at Perry County Vocational-Technical Center participated in the Finance Challenge sponsored by the Mississippi Council on Economic Education at Millsaps College. These students placed first in the state by scoring higher in the competition than any other team in Mississippi. They will represent Perry County and the State of Mississippi in the National Competition at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, in May. As the Mississippi State Champions, the MS Council on Economic Education will sponsor our Vo-Tech Team's



trip to Kansas City and cover the cost of their flights and hotel as well as some meals.

Rex Buckhaults, Vocational Director, says he is very proud of his students and instructor for the great job they did in the Financial Challenge. At Perry County Vo-Tech, we believe that our students are the “Best of the Best,” and this is just one way of showing what great students we have in Perry County.

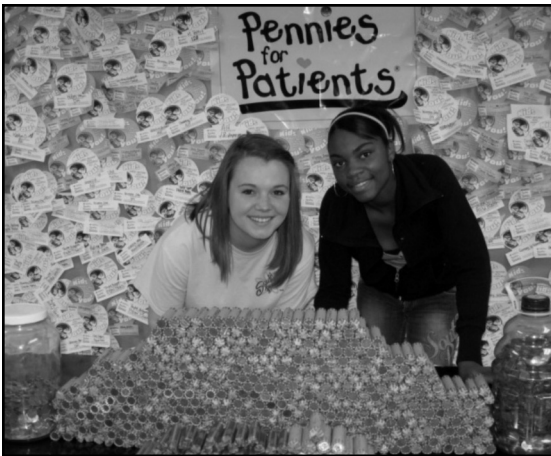
Left to Right: Josh Ladner, Jacob Weatherford, Trey Creel, Meagan Watkins
Co-op Instructor, Stacy Pierce and Vocational Director, Rex Buckhaults

Highlights from... Calhoun County Career and Technical Center



Allied Health II classes have participated in clinical training at North Mississippi Medical Center, MSU Veterinary School, Parker Memorial Funeral Home, VA Retirement Home, Baptist-North Mississippi, LeBonheur-Memphis and other medical affiliates in North Mississippi. Melissa Parker, RN, is the instructor.

- Calhoun CTC received a \$750 Wal-Mart Grant for technology instruction.
- All CTC instructors completed various professional development certifications including iCAT, C.O.O.L., Blackboard, ASE, Contren and IC3.
- Testing site certification was received to administer ACT tests.
- Calhoun CTE won the Calhoun County Economic Development Authority Award for “Outstanding Contribution to Education.”
- Director Don Hardin appointed to serve as an officer to the MASVA Board of Directors.
- Digital Media Instructor Sherrie Powell voted Calhoun CTC “Teacher of the Year.”



The students of the Calhoun CTC raised \$1,094.47 for Pennies for Patients fundraiser for Cancer. Pictured are Digital Media student Brittney Faddock and Automotive student Dayna Pryor.



Automotive students of the CTC recently got a chance to get up close and personal with a digital camouflaged National Guard recruiting car. The class also got to service a military Humvee.

Congratulations!!!



The following schools have been named to the Achieve 100% Membership Club for having 100% ACTE membership at their schools:

- Batesville Junior High School Batesville
- Madison Career & Technical Center. Canton
- Petal High School/CTE Petal
- Pope Schools. Pope
- Senatobia-Tate County Career & Technical Center Coldwater
- South Panola High School Batesville

Alcorn Career & Technology Center Students Experience NEW YORK!

Alcorn Career Center DECA members had the opportunity to attend the DECA New York Experience December 2 – 6 in New York City. The ACTC DECA delegation of fourteen under the supervision of Diane Daughtry, advisor, stayed at the historical Pennsylvania Hotel, across from Madison Square Garden and Penn Station. They became experts with the New York City Subway station and thought Times Square was amazing.

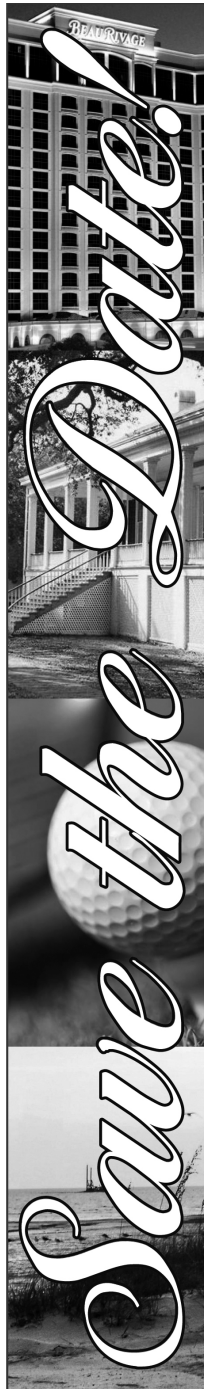
The students participated in many marketing activities that brought to life the lessons from the Marketing classroom. These students were given an opportunity that an average tourist would never encounter. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that they will never forget.



Halie Burress, Shanda Rencher, Kayla Dill, Anissa Mullins, Rhonda Burton, Lacy Burcham, Lauren Davis, Paige Johnston, Tamar Luther



Paige Johnston, Tamra Luther, Kayla Dill, Lacy Burcham, Shanda Rencher, Anissa Mullins, Halie Burress, Lauren Davis, Rhonda Burton



ACTE Region IV Conference

April 14-16, 2011 Beau Rivage Biloxi, MS

- Technology in the Classroom
- School-to-Work
- Academic/Vocational Integration
- Leadership Skills
- Curriculum Development
- Business & Industry Partnerships

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Look for details this Fall
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The Career & Technical Education Department at Hattiesburg Public Schools

Practice Makes Perfect



This year, Culinary Arts students learn firsthand the art of catering. Throughout the year, students planned menus, prepared meals, and served the administrative staff of Hattiesburg Public School District. Students got the chance to put into practice the skills and knowledge learned over the year. Students also learned that human relations are an important aspect of catering.

Rachel Rust



*(l to r) Oddesty Patrick,
Sam Magee, & Ashley Seals*

Kick Butts Day 2010



Allied Health students participate in a program entitled Generation FREE. Each Generation FREE team in the state had to participate in a special activity for Kick Butts Day 2010. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to speak up and take action against Big Tobacco at more than 2,000 events from coast to coast. The Allied Health students at HHS chose Kick Butts! Pick (Up) Butts! The idea behind this event is that Big Tobacco won't clean up its act, so we have to make them. Students wore gloves to pick up discarded cigarette butts and boxes at JC Park, a park near the high school.

*(l to r) Christa Brown, Courtney Leavy,
Keia Amones, Faith Poole, Tiffany Dyess,
Lateisha Hinton, & Shona Jones*

The Okolona Vocational Complex

The Okolona Vocational Complex is working diligently to see that our students are prepared to enter college and work with the skills to make them most successful. We are meeting the academic, social, behavioral, career, and emotional needs of our students. We are working hard to recruit the best and brightest students to Okolona Vocational Complex. We feel that our center offers something for every student in our district.

Many exciting programs have taken place throughout the year. In an effort to recruit students and to increase attendance, we have taken a fresh marketing approach. Our counselor, Jonathan Barnes and Director, Amy Anderson, have collaborated to market each program to the prospective students. Student recruitment has been broken down into a three day event. The counselor has produced an upbeat promotional video including modern music and photos of all the programs and activities at our center. Students are able to tour each program and participate in a hands on activity in most of the program visits. Through data collected in exit interviews, students seem to really enjoy the hands on activities and are learning about programs in which they had limited knowledge of. Once



the recruitment visits are complete, we compile data from surveys to aid in improving the experience for the next year's recruitment. Students also receive an automated email from the counselor and director that encourages them to take vocational courses. Students complete an interest form to show which programs they may be interested in. From this data, we are marketing the programs even further. New marketing posters have been designed and highlight the programs. The students receive a personal letter and flyer from the program or programs that they are most interested in along with a bookmark listing the top 30 hottest jobs in Mississippi.

SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Vicksburg Convention Center
Vicksburg, Mississippi
July 28-July 29, 2010

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

Subject Area: (example: Guidance, Trade/Industrial, etc.) _____

ACTE Member: Yes No

Registration for MS ACTE Members:

_____ \$40.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2010)

_____ \$45.00 Onsite Registration

Registration for Nonmembers:

_____ \$70.00 Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by June 15, 2010)

_____ \$75.00 Onsite Registration

A box lunch will be provided with your registration fee if you register on or before June 15. If you register on-site, you will be responsible for paying for your lunch.

To get hotel information, go to the Convention Center's web site: www.vccmeet.com. Click on the "Attending an Event" button, then click on hotels to get a listing of all available hotels in Vicksburg.

****THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2010****

If your membership has expired, you may enclose your membership fees with your conference registration.

If you pay by check, make check payable to MS ACTE.

Amount enclosed or amount to be charged: \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Your Signature: _____

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