

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATORS**

**2010 PACTA Summer Leadership Conference**  
***CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: LEADERSHIP FOR SUCCESS***

July 28 – 30, 2010  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010**

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **REFRESHMENTS**

**Atrium** Sponsored by Godshall Kane Architects, LLC

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **OPENING REMARKS**

**Ballroom A, B, C** Mr. David Warren – President, Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Ballroom A, B, C** **CTE AND BREAKING RANKS – A PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE**

Mr. Thomas Evans – Trainer, National Association of Secondary School Principals

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Ballroom A, B, C** **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: GETTING RESULTS**

Mr. Lenny Sweeney – Educational Statistics Associate, Division of School District Planning & Continuous Improvement, PA Department of Education

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **PACTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Ballroom A, B, C**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **BARBECUE/PICNIC DINNER (Casual Dress)**

**Patio** New Retirees/Life Memberships – Mr. David Warren

<b>WALTER BECKER</b>	<b>JOHN FITZ</b>	<b>ROBERT GARRITY</b>	<b>BARBARA KIECHEL</b>	<b>LINDA COHEN McKEEVER</b>
<b>GREGORY MICHELONE</b>	<b>PATRICIA MOYER</b>	<b>SCOTT PARKS</b>	<b>KEITH SCHMEHL</b>	

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **HOSPITALITY SUITE**

**Alumni Lounge/Lobby** Co-sponsored by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates and Educational Solutions

**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **MORNING REFRESHMENTS IN EXHIBIT HALL**

**Ballroom D, E**

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Ballroom A, B, C** **TECHNICAL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL: A NEW MODEL FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Alan Slobojan – Director of Career, Technical and Customized Education,  
Chester County IU 24

Mr. Seth Schram – Principal, Center for Arts and Technology - Brandywine

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Ballroom A, B, C** **INSTRUCTIONAL WALK-THROUGHS – MAKING IT EASY**

Dr. Michael Curley – Senior Vice President, InnerLink, Inc.

Ms. Mary Rodman – Administrative Director, Cumberland Perry AVTS

Ms. Diane Franklin – Principal, Cumberland Perry AVTS

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA**

**Ballroom D, E**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Ballroom A, B, C** **CONNECTING PENNSYLVANIA CTE TO THE INNOVATIVE ECONOMY**

Mr. Hans Meeder – President, The Meeder Consulting Group

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

**Boardroom**

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Ballroom A** **OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES**

Mr. David Garnes – CTE Advisor, Division of Adult Postsecondary Education, Bureau of  
Career and Technical Education

*This workshop will present an overview of Technical Institutes and the Technical Institute Guidelines-Technical Assistance Manual. A Technical Institute is defined as an institute established, maintained, conducted and operated for the purpose of offering non-degree granting post high school programs and courses of not more than two year's duration, which prepare out-of-school youth and adults for technical areas leading to technical certificates.*

**Ballroom B** **PENNSYLVANIA'S BEST PRACTICES: STRATEGIES FOR RAISING ACHIEVEMENT**

Mr. Hans Meeder – President, The Meeder Consulting Group  
Team of Career and Technical Education Administrators

*In 2010, the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Career and Technical Education launched a statewide initiative, carried out by the Meeder Consulting Group, to document the promising practices that Pennsylvania CTCs are utilizing as they work*

*to improve their programs and student achievement. The research team found that leaders and teachers in Pennsylvania CTCs are very intentional about achieving student success. They have created systems aligned to standards in these CTCs and support their systems with strategies relating to people, processes and partnerships.*

**Ballroom C      CAREER AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (CATS) CIRCA 2011-12**

Mr. Vincent Safran – Division Manager, Program Standards and Quality Assurance,  
Bureau of Career and Technical Education, PA Department of  
Education

*The Career and Technical Information System (CATS) is slated for revision in the 2011-12 school year. Be among the first to hear about the changes as the Bureau of Career and Technical Education work with CTE Program Approvals/Re-approvals.*

**Penn State Room      HOW CAN WE HELP NEW CTE TEACHERS BECOME SUCCESSFUL AND STAY? RESULTS OF RECENT RESEARCH IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Mr. Ron Roth – Administrative Director, Career Institute of Technology

*This workshop describes the results of recent research that was conducted in Eastern PA with new CTE teachers enrolled in Temple University's Teacher Certification Program. While some of the results were specific to Temple's program, most of the data collected and analyzed were general and applicable to teachers, administrators and schools throughout and beyond the state. The presentation will include a description and discussion of both positive and negative findings of the study which asked new teachers what things helped them become successful in learning several essential duties of a teacher.*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **BREAKOUT SESSION**

**Boardroom 1      BUILDING A NETWORK FOR INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE AND MECHATRONICS EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA**

Mr. Scott Sheely – Executive Director, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board  
Mr. Keith Campbell – Project Manager, Mid-Atlantic Mechatronics Advisory  
Committee/Industrial Maintenance Training Center  
Dr. John Devere – Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, Reading Area  
Community College  
Ms. Maria Ferrante – Packaging Machine Manufacturers Institute  
Mr. Stephen Girard – Packaging Machine Manufacturers Institute

*A briefing on the mechatronics competency model endorsed by the US Department of Labor will be presented as well as a review of the skill standards for mechatronics that were developed by the Mid-Atlantic Mechatronics Advisory Committee and the Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute (PMMI). Progress being made by PMMI on developing a national competency assessment process based on the skill standards and short presentations by programs in the Commonwealth that are operational will be discussed. Information for institutions who are interested in developing programs and what it would take to become operational and a discussion of institutionalizing a process for continued collaboration will be shared.*

2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Ballroom A FINDING AND HIRING HIGH QUALITY CTE TEACHERS**

Mr. Kevin Rice – Assistant Director, Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center

Mr. Brad Elwood – Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center

*The foundation for effective teaching and learning in career and technical education is built on the relationship and interactions between teachers and students. Attracting individuals from the workforce to become skilled teachers is a challenge faced by CTE leaders. This session will provide participants with proven tools that enhance hiring practices. Topics include: attracting high quality applicant pools, creating a candidate scoring system and interviewing techniques. This session is interactive; participants will be expected to share their best practices and experiences as well. The objective is for everyone attending this session to gain resources that can be put into practice.*

**Ballroom B PENNSYLVANIA'S BEST PRACTICES: STRATEGIES FOR RAISING ACHIEVEMENT**

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**Ballroom C SHIFTING THE PARADIGM OF LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM DESIGN**

Dr. Stefan Biancaniello – Director of Education and Professional Learning, OnHand Schools, Duquesne University

Mr. Tom DeMarco – Director of Business Development, OnHand Schools, Duquesne University

*This skill-based workshop provides opportunities to interact with research and practical tools to produce data-informed school-based leaders. Classrooms of the 21st Century must provide students with the skills and knowledge to compete in a technologically driven global market. Emerging technology has generated new career potential which requires new thinking and new tools to prepare students for those challenges. Participants will experience an innovative approach to teaching and learning that unites learning strategies with intuitive software technology, integrating data analysis, curriculum design and lesson plan development. The result is a new paradigm for preparing teachers and students for the demands of a 21st Century workforce.*

**Penn State Room      GREENING YOUR CONSTRUCTION TRADES PROGRAMS – USING INDUSTRY BASED PARTNERS TO ENSURE YOUR PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDING THE LATEST IN GREEN AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Jim Eichenlaub – Executive Director, Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh

*Finding ways to keep your construction programs aligned with the newest innovations in construction technology and up-to-date with the construction techniques and standards can be difficult. Discover how using industry programs and partnerships offered by the Pennsylvania Builders Association, the Home Builders Institute (the education arm of the National Association of Home Builders) and your local builders association can help. Learn how you can use industry partnerships to incorporate the National Green Building Standards into your curriculum as well as ensuring instructors and students are adjusting their training programs to conform to the latest government mandates and standards that the construction industry is required to follow.*

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Ballroom A      LEADERSHIP FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING VIA CLASSMATE SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Peggy Dell – Supervisor of Student Services, Lancaster County Career and Technology Center

Ms. Kathy Rich – Vice President, CTE, ClassLink Inc.

*The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center has been using ClassMate Software Solutions for eight years. The functionality and utility of the software has continued to grow and “morph” to meet the increasing demands of accountability and detailed reporting that is expected and required of career and technical leaders. There are a myriad of tools at an administrator’s fingertips that are essential and easy to use! This workshop focuses on administrative tools and tips to dispel the myth that “ClassMate is only for Technology Coordinators, teachers, and clerical staff.” The possibilities are exciting, comprehensive – and just a few clicks away!*

**Ballroom B      PSSA/NOCTI TASK FORCE**

Ms. Marsha Welsh – Administrative Director, Jeff Tech

Ms. Jo Ann Olszewski – Assistant Principal, Jeff Tech

*Jeff Tech, together with IU personnel, organized a program for students as a means to increase Jeff Tech’s PSSA scores. Students met regularly with advisors and other school personnel to discuss their concerns about the exams and provide a plan to help motivate their fellow students to improve performance. Strategies for instruction, motivation and celebration were planned and executed along with fostering student leadership growth. The program will be expanded to include NOCTI testing next year. These strategies and the results will be presented along with opportunities for others to share strategies for improving NOCTI and PSSA scores.*

**Ballroom C****WHAT'S NEW AT NOCTI?**

Dr. John Foster – Chief Executive Officer, NOCTI  
 Ms. Heidi Speese – Client Services Coordinator, NOCTI

*NOCTI has been used by Pennsylvania CTE schools for a number of years and each fall NOCTI delivers updated information across the state for the coming year's testing cycle. However, most of this information is procedural in nature. This session will review some of the procedural information presented to test coordinators this past fall, but will really focus on new programs and services that have evolved. Many of the changes occurred with Pennsylvania's assistance. Items that will be covered include new tests, new Client Service Center (CSC) features, a data upload feature and new reports. Data from Pennsylvania's participation in the NRCCTE study will also be shared.*

**Penn State Room****COMMUNITY BASED PROJECT: BIO-FUEL PROCESSOR**

Mr. Matthew Mann – Principal, Willow Street Campus, Lancaster County Career and Technology Center  
 Mr. Jeff Herman – Automotive Technology Instructor, Lancaster County Career and Technology Center

*The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center established a community based partnership by partnering with Worley/Obetz in creating adult sized go-karts that are powered by fuel that is not produced from a fossil fuel. Since then the partnership has flourished and grown, enabling the Transportation Center and Manufacturing students to produce a bio-fuel processor that converts used cooking oil into a useful fuel that Worley/Obetz is purchasing from the school at market value.*

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **HOSPITALITY SUITE**

**Alumni Lounge/Lobby**

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**FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **MORNING REFRESHMENTS**

**Boardroom Rotunda**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **PACTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Boardroom** Mr. David Warren – President, Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Boardroom** **A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON THAT WILL IMPACT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Ms. Kimberly Green – Director, National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Boardroom** **PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Andrew Goodman – Associate for Legislative Affairs, Milliron Associates

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Boardroom** **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATE**

Ms. Amy Morton – Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, PA Department of Education

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

**Boardroom** **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA**

Dr. Lee Burket – Director, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, PA Department of Education

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

**Boardroom** Mr. David Warren – President, Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators

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