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Greetings from David Turner, CTAE State Director

I am very pleased to give you an update on the status of the Career Cluster and Pathways revision. As you know, we have been working with all of our stakeholders to create a solid new course framework to meet the needs of our changing economy. In April 2013, the State Board of Education adopted the 28 foundation courses for our new Pathways and on January 16, 2014, the State Board of Education adopted 70 additional CTAE courses. These courses represent a portion of the second and third courses in the Career Pathways. We will be seeking adoption of the remaining 84 courses at the February 20, 2014 State Board meeting. Once the final group of courses is adopted, we can begin focusing on assisting you with pathway implementation. We look forward to sharing more details with you as soon as the State Board of Education adopts the remaining courses.

The Career Cluster and Pathways revision process would not be nearing completion without the commitment and support of Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent and Dr. Mike Buck, Chief Academic Officer/Chief of Staff. Their leadership during this process has been invaluable. Three other people who have been vital to the success of this project are retired superintendent, Dr. Lynn Plunkett and State Board of Education members, Larry Winter and Helen Rice. If you have the opportunity, please thank all of these supporters of our CTAE programs.

Hundreds of people have worked tirelessly on the pathways revision project, including those who attended committee meetings, reviewed standards, completed surveys and assisted in the writing of the course standards. Each person contributing to this process has been an essential part of the final product. Sincere appreciation is extended to the entire CTAE State team, including Daphne Bonaparte, the new Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences, Education and Culinary Arts, for putting their hearts into this huge curriculum project. Our next focus will be the implementation of the new Career Clusters and Pathways courses.

We need your assistance to speed up the Consolidated Application approval process. Please make every effort to ensure your data is accurate and complete before submitting the application for funding, so that requests for corrections will be greatly reduced.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Winter Leadership Conference in Athens. As always, please feel free to contact me or any of our CTAE state team members if we can assist you.

David



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent
"Making Education Work for All Georgians"

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STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

Richmond Hill High School

Graphic Design

Richmond Hill High School students, Trey Megular, Alexis Arai, and Juan Cruz competed in the Bryan County Georgia Recreational Department (SBCR) logo design competition. Trey Megular won first place and Alexis Aral and Juan Cruz won 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

Trey Megular went on to create an Identity system for the South Bryan County Recreation (SBCR) sports camps.



Submitted by
Yvette Crowe,
 Richmond Hill High School,
 Graphics and Design
 Teacher

STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT *(continued)*

Model High School Introduction to Business and Technology Class

Congratulations to Floyd County's Model High School for this entry in the Student Success Spotlight section of the January 2014 CTAE state newsletter.

The students in the Introduction to, Business and Technology class at Model High School started the school year focused on becoming certified by Microsoft Corporation in the area of Digital Literacy. The standard certification covers five major areas of technology including: computer basics, the Internet and World Wide Web, productivity programs, computer security and privacy and digital lifestyles.

In all, 103 students earned the certificate. Students earning the credential add to their resumes toward greater future educational and employability options.



Above is the photograph of certificates earned by students engaged in hands-on learning activities.

**Submitted by Mr. Bill Hosmer, Model High School,
Business Department Chair**

Richmond Hill High School Engineering

Richmond Hill HS student, Chad Rodriguez has been working in Chatham County in the Youth Apprenticeship Program at Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, Georgia. He was given a much-coveted Mach I Award for his assistance with Gulfstream Family Day.



**Submitted by Lori Davis, Work-Based Learning
Coordinator**

GEORGIA'S CAREER CLUSTERS UPDATES

Business Management and Administration

With full transition to Career Clusters, there are so many exciting things happening for the Business Programs across the state--new courses, End of Pathway Assessment updates, Professional Learning Opportunities, inclusion of Microsoft IT Academy with every high school, and more!! **Check your course numbers...**make sure courses are state approved courses.

- 07.44110 Computer Applications 1 replaced with 07.44130 Introduction to Business & Technology
- 06.41600 Business Essentials replaced with 07.44130 Introduction to Business & Technology

Every student is encouraged to complete this cluster! Career opportunities in every sector of the economy and college life everywhere will benefit from the knowledge and skills learned in this cluster! Students will be prepared with computer, business, and leadership skills to be college and career ready! Students who want to own a business or work successfully in a business setting will develop the essential skills of business. Students will apply the skills as they learn how to plan, organize, direct and evaluate business functions to operate a success business!

Standards in the pathway are aligned to allow students to earn multiple certifications throughout the pathway, demonstrating proof-of-skill mastery. Direct alignment with Microsoft IT Academy resources are provided to teachers to maximize the Microsoft resources in the classroom while teaching business skills through software mastery.

Courses are arranged in the pathway that will allow students to complete multiple pathways within the cluster! Courses have been presented to the State Board of Education for public review and are up for approval February 2014. Updates and information can be found at <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Foundation-Courses.aspx>

Information Technology

Technology affects *every* aspect of our business and personal life! Equip your students with knowledge in web and digital design, programming, computer science, information support and networking!

The Information Technology (IT) digital world is ever-changing at a rapid pace! The IT cluster will engage students in a hands-on learning experience to prepare for careers that create, use, modify, and engage technology skills! Graphics, multimedia animation, web design, game and application development, networking, and computer repair are all possibilities in this cluster!

Check your course numbers...make sure all courses are state-approved courses.

- 11.41300 Computing in the Modern World was replaced with 11.41500 Introduction to Digital Technology

Students will start with the Introduction to Digital Technology course and then choose a specific pathway through two additional courses to enhance the area of IT that aligns with interest and abilities! Courses have been presented to the State Board of Education for public review and are up for approval February 2014.



GEORGIA'S CAREER CLUSTERS UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Finance

MONEY...managing, planning, investing, spending and MORE! Through direct industry connections, students will experience hands-on applications in the finance world while gaining career development skills for the finance world! Opportunities expand beyond basic business skills into financial literacy, banking, accounting, investing, insurance, risk management, and more!

Check your course numbers...make sure all courses are state approved courses.

- 06.41600 Business Essentials was replaced with 07.44130 Introduction to Business & Technology

Courses are arranged in each pathway to allow students to complete multiple pathways within the cluster!

Through the continued support of our business and industry advisory committee members, three pathways have been developed.

Advanced Accounting Pathway: After developing a strong foundation in Introduction to Business and Technology, students begin and develop knowledge and skills in the accounting field. This pathway is ideal for all students who seek a Business degree in college!

Business Accounting Pathway: After developing a strong foundation in Introduction to Business and Technology, students will become financially literate and then venture into the world of accounting to round out their financial knowledge!

Financial Services Pathway: After developing a strong foundation in Introduction to Business and Technology, students will become financially literate and then complete the pathway by investing in a course focused on the financial services industry including banking, insurance, and investing.

Business Cluster Resources

Check out the Business Education Resources for Georgia Teachers in LiveBinder by clicking <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=908434>.

Teachers will be able to access classroom resources, a list of recorded webinars, and links to other binders for our courses. This is a fluid document that continues to grow with resources and information.

Another online resource is SkyDrive. Misty's SkyDrive Folder gives access to REVIEW packets and other resources that teachers can download and use immediately with students!
<http://sdrv.ms/1612Hp9>

Resources are continually shared with teachers and CTAE Directors through CTAERN emails and monthly webinars. Stay updated and informed by participating in the webinars! Register online for workshop CTAERN3805!

Which End of Pathway Assessment are you going to give students?

For a lists of assessments, click here....
<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx> and scroll down to program area, Business & Computer Science and check out the options for each program concentration!

Several options are available for all pathways. The blueprints, test names, and additional resources can be found for each assessment! Professional learning opportunities will be extended soon for End of Pathway Assessment! Stay tuned to the CTAE Resource Network!

Contact Misty Freeman, Program Specialist
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CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

DEVELOPMENT & TRANSITION UPDATE

Emily Spann, Program Manager
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On behalf of the Development and Transition unit at GaDOE, we wish you a very productive and happy 2014! Thank you for continuing to support all of our CTAE initiatives and programs!

Great News!

Here is a State CTAE Professional Learning Update for the 2013-2014 school year!

Earned PLU and Certificates of Participation since July 2013

- (720) Seven hundred twenty PLUs have been earned by CTAE teachers and administrators
- 3,563 Certificates of Participation have been earned by CTAE teachers and administrators

Workshops Held and Participation Numbers

- (60) Sixty CTAE PLU workshops have been held since July 2013
- (44) Forty-four CTAE Certificate of Participation Workshops have been held since July 2013
- 46,096 CTAE Professional Learning Contact Hours were provided since July 2013

Check out all of the professional learning opportunities on the CTAE Resource Network at www.ctaern.org. Contact Emily Spann, espann@doe.k12.ga.us for professional learning questions.

Update from Mamie Hanson, mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us

As systems prepare for spring 2014 End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) testing activities, the CTAE Division is pleased to announce that a Student Guide and a Teacher Companion Study Guide have been developed and will be available for the state-developed Plant Science/Horticulture EOPA as of February 1, 2014. The guide was developed by NOCTI and includes the following instructional resources:

The Student Guides will include:

- A list of competencies covered on the exam
- Assessment content distribution
- Sample assessment items
- A study checklist by content area

The Teacher Companion Guides will include:

- All the content contained in the Student Guides
- Tips and suggestions for overcoming test anxiety
- Tips and suggestions for improving study skills
- Tips and suggestions for preparing timelines

For \$36.00, your system can receive 10 Student Guides, one Teacher Companion Guide plus access for 10 students to online sample questions. For an additional \$11.00 per set, your system can receive 5 additional guides and online access for 5 students to online sample questions.

Schools can order the study guides using the online order form at the NOCTI Client Services Center. This is the same order form and process used to order exams. For general information regarding study guides, go to: <http://www.nocti.org/StudyGuide.cfm?m=3>.

Please note, actual guides should be ordered through the NOCTI online Client Services Center.

For questions regarding End of Pathway Assessments, please contact Ms. Mamie Hanson at mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us.



Update from Dr. Gilda Lyon,
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The Georgia Department of Education
 will conduct

THE GEORGIA STEM FORUM

STEM Workshops, Activities, Keynote Speakers, Panelists

OCTOBER 20-21, 2014

ATHENS, GEORGIA CLASSIC CENTER

Designed to support K-12 efforts to include STEM
 education in the school curriculum.

More information to come soon at <http://stemgeorgia.org>

Girls Adventures in STEM (GA STEM)

Purpose: To expose 8th grade girls to STEM with a variety of
 activities designed to motivate and engage them in STEM.
 Schools will be reimbursed for the bus and teacher subs.

Dates & Locations:

March 24 at Kennesaw State University (KSU)

March 26 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
 (ABAC).

For more information, check the STEM Georgia website on
 February 1, 2014 to register your students at
<http://stemgeorgia.org>

UPDATE

From Gary Mealer, Program Specialist
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JROTC

Operation: Military Kids has designated April as the
 Month of the Military Child! If you would like to
 participate this year, check out the following link
 where the information can be found.

<http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCNewsDetail.aspx?type=event&ID=3704>

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS

April 15, 2014. Wearing the color purple is a visible
 way to show support and thank military youth for
 their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that
 symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is a
 combination of Army green, Marine red, and Coast
 Guard, Air Force, and Navy blue or select another
 PURPLE UP day in the month to better fit your
 school calendar.

<http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=Georgia>

Dual Enrollment Update

By April 1 all students in grades 8 through 11 should
 be provided information regarding Dual
 Enrollment/Credit opportunities. Please check your
 school's procedure for ensuring compliance with this
 legislation.

Counselors should be in contact with all dual-credit
 students to verify that students are still active in the
 dual-credit program and that their dual credit classes
 have not changed. The links below will connect you
 to a page that has the new spring 2014 (in yellow)
 Dual Enrollment Course Credit Directory.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Transition-Career-Partnerships.aspx>
 AND

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/counselor/Pages/High.aspx>

CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE

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SAVE THE DATES:

National School Counseling Week

“School Counseling: Building Magical Futures” will be celebrated from February 3-7, 2014.

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, promotes public attention to the contributions that professional school counselors make in helping students achieve school success. The Georgia Department of Education would like to thank all professional school counselors for the hard work and dedication put forth by them to make sure all of Georgia’s students have the academic, personal/social, and career development to be successful and productive citizens.

Good News from the Field!!!

Belinda Davis, media specialist from Brooklet Elementary in Bulloch County, developed a creative and appealing way to display career information to her elementary students. See the “Readbox” below! Great job Ms. Davis!



FREE OPPORTUNITY

Camp MAGIK and Camp Erin – 2014 Spring Announcement

(A Special Camp for Kids Age 7-17 Who Have Lost a Parent, Sibling or Other Close Loved One)

www.campmagik.org

****April 25 - 27 Cartersville, Georgia**

Deadline to apply April 18, 2014

****May 16 - 18 Hampton, Georgia**

Deadline to apply May 9, 2014

Annual Regional Counselor Meetings

June 2-6, 2014

9:00-3:00 Lunch Provided

June 2—Kennesaw State Univ., Marietta, GA

June 3—Statesboro High School, Statesboro, GA

June 4—UGA Conference Center, Tifton, GA

June 5—Central High School, Macon, GA

June 6—Clarke Central High School, Athens, GA

School Counselor Professional Learning Online

Modules are being offered through the University System of Georgia’s College Access Challenge Grant. The modules are designed specifically for certified middle grade and high school counselors to improve effectiveness in preparing students for college and careers. Complete registration information may be found online

at: <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>

CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION UPDATE

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Georgia earns 11 National Championships at 86th National FFA Convention

The Georgia FFA Association had a very successful trip to the 86th National FFA Convention in October 2013. Georgia brought home 11 national champions. Georgia also brought home the American Star in Agriscience, five national proficiency award winners, the national Floriculture CDE winner, and four national Agriscience Fair winners. The 2012-2013 National FFA Officer team presided over the convention, including National FFA Secretary, Kalie Hall of Carnesville. Hall presented her retiring address entitled “From Junk to Joy” at the convention’s fifth general session.

Jacob Schindler, a member of the Lowndes County FFA chapter in Valdosta, Georgia, was named the 2013 American Star in Agriscience. Schindler earned this recognition by developing his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program from the time he entered the agricultural education in the seventh grade. What began as a sixth grade science fair project turned into a seven-year program developing methods of eradicating the invasive plant kudzu using helium. From the field of 3,578 American FFA Degree recipients in 2013, Schindler was one of four named as a finalist for American Star in Agriscience. Schindler is only the fifth Georgian to ever be named an American Star. Jacob’s agricultural education teachers and FFA advisors are Dr. James Corbett, Mr. Quinton Hadsock and Mr. Micheal Barnes.

Reagan Floyd, Mary-Kristin Phillips, Chasey Pulliam, and Emily Carey of the Franklin County FFA chapter were named the national winners in the Floriculture career development event (CDE). Their advisor is Mr. Gary Minyard. In the Floriculture CDE, students take a written exam testing their knowledge of the production and retailing of plants, flowers and foliage; identifying plant material; exhibiting skills in problem solving, customer service and employability. The team from Franklin County bested 43 other state winning teams to earn the national championship. All members of the team earned Gold individual rankings. Reagan Floyd was the top-scoring individual in the nation. Phillips placed 2nd, Pulliam placed 5th and Carey placed 8th. Other top five CDE finishes from Georgia include Banks County being named 2nd place in Agricultural Mechanics, with Travis Cook earning 2nd place individual honors; Perry earning 2nd place in Nursery/Landscape; Laura Alton of North Murray finishing 2nd in the Creed Speaking CDE; Stephanie Hilburn of Madison County placing 4th in the Job Interview CDE; and Colquitt County placing 4th in the Marketing Plan CDE.

Brandon Poole of Franklin County (Agricultural Education); Knapp Boddiford of Southeast Bulloch (Fiber/Oil Crop Production); Jonathan Mobley of Colquitt County (Fruit Production); Cole Roper of Franklin County (Poultry Production); and Timothy Hubbard of Gordon Central (Sheep Production) were each named national FFA proficiency award winners for their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs. Only four students from across the nation are named National Finalists in each of the 49 proficiency areas. Georgia led the nation with 28 national proficiency award finalists.



Caleb Bond and William Gilbert of Franklin County (Environmental/Natural Resources System – Division 4); Callie Warren of Lowndes County (Food Products & Processing Systems – Division 2); Chance Hingson of Lowndes County (Plant Systems – Division 1); and Alyssa Owens of Sonoraville (Social Systems – Division 1) were each



named national winners in the 2013 Agriscience Fair. Georgia had entries in all 24 divisions of the Agriscience Fair. Nineteen of Georgia's entries placed in the top ten in the nation.

Eleven Georgia FFA chapters received a national 3-Star ranking, the highest ranking offered in the National Chapter Award program. Those chapters included East Jackson (Commerce), Etowah (Woodstock), Locust Grove, Madison County High (Danielsville), Malcom Bridge Middle (Watkinsville), Pelham Middle, Southeast Bulloch (Brooklet),

Screven County High (Sylvania), Thomson High, Wilbanks Middle (Demorest), and Winder-Barrow (Winder). The East Jackson FFA chapter was named a national Models of Innovation finalist in the Chapter Development category.

Fifty-two Georgia FFA members received the prestigious American FFA Degree, the highest degree offered to an active FFA member. These students spent years developing their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs to reach this honor.

The Georgia FFA Association was recognized as a membership growth state marking the 15th consecutive year that the Georgia FFA has increased in FFA membership. Georgia was represented in Louisville by 25 official voting delegates, and more than 1,500 local FFA members, advisors and Alumni from across the state.

More than 62,000 attended the 86th National FFA Convention. The theme for the convention was *Ignite*. A complete set of results and a variety of highlights from the 86th National FFA Convention can be found by logging on to www.georgiaffa.org and selecting the National Convention tab.

There are more than 579,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has over 35,500 members, making it the 3rd largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, through agricultural education.

EVENT DATE	EVENT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	REGISTRATION INFO (if needed)
January 31- February 1, 2014	Georgia Young Farmers Association 44 th Annual Convention Augusta, GA	Learn new ideas, network with agricultural leaders and innovators.	Registration Info: \$110 – Single \$175 – Couple \$75 – Ages 14-18 \$50 – Ages 6-13 No registration will be accepted at the door. Register on-line at www.georgiayoungfarmers.org
May 1-3, 2014	86 th Georgia State FFA Convention Macon, GA	Agriscience Fair, Career Development Events, Leadership Awards, National Chapter Awards, Community Service, Proficiency Awards, Star Awards, State FFA Degree, Elect New State FFA Officers, and Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships	Registration Info: Please visit the Georgia FFA Organization website for more information. All other special guest should contact their local chapter or phone Ben Lastly at (706) 552-4456 or send an email to: blastly@uga.edu

CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

CTAE Pathways Update

The State Board of Education adopted 70 CTAE courses during their January 16th meeting. This leaves only 84 courses in the public review phase which are scheduled for adoption at the February 20th meeting. Please continue to support the process for these 84 courses by participating in the public review process. Your assistance is needed to get business and industry representatives to complete a survey on courses related to their industry areas. The survey can be accessed through the following website link:

http://secc.sedl.org/ga_pathways/

The Program Delivery Team Welcomes a New Member



The newest member of the Program Delivery Team came on board January 2, 2014. Daphne Bonaparte replaces Laura Ergle as the Program Specialist for the

clusters of Human Services (FACS), Education and Training, and Hospitality & Tourism (Culinary). Daphne holds a Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree in Family and Consumer Science and a Specialist degree in Workforce Education. She comes to us from a program in Rockdale County with 150 pathway completers with a 95% pass rate on the EOPA. She has hit the ground running and has many initiatives underway to help teachers in her programs excel. Please join us in welcoming Daphne to the CTAE family.

PROGRAM DELIVERY UPDATE Dwayne Hobbs, Program Manager dhobbs@doe.k12.ga.us

Pathways and CCRPI

During this phase of course revisions, many school systems have found themselves offering a mixture of newly-adopted courses designed for the Career Cluster Pathways and old courses from the Peach State Pathways. We are currently working with the Accountability Division to insure that these variations are accounted for as much as possible in the data sets that determine pathway completers for Indicator 9 on the CCRPI. Counting a combination of old and new pathway courses toward pathway completion will be temporary and the old courses will be systematically removed from the list over the next two years until only the new pathway courses will count toward the CCRPI score. Another reason to insure that the new pathway courses are being taught is that the standards in the new courses are better aligned to the End of Pathway Assessments.

Youth Apprenticeship Conference

A new focus is underway for the Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP). There will be a YAP conference held in Dalton on May 5-7, 2014. All YAP coordinators will be expected to be in attendance. The conference is also open to other Work-Based Learning coordinators, administrators and business partners. Conference registration will be available on the CTAERN website starting March 31. The conference attendance will be limited to the first 450 participants that register on CTAERN.

SAVE THE DATE

Business Field of Dreams

Professional Learning Workshop Series

June 9 – 12, 2014

Mountain View High School, Gwinnett County

Program Manager Update (cont.)

Professional Learning Workshops for Business Programs are continually being added to ensure teachers have the opportunity to learn, stay informed, and network with other teachers through face-to-face and online opportunities! Encourage teachers to take advantage of the opportunity for all cluster courses training on June 9-12, 2014....don't miss out on the workshops for courses 2 and 3 at Field of Dreams! This will be a week of one day workshops that are content focused on Career Courses!

Microsoft IT Academy Are your programs using the resources in your school? Every high school classroom has access to the Microsoft IT Academy! What does this really mean? All high school teachers have access to the following:

- **Digital Textbooks**—for every student in multiple areas of Office and Information Technology! Student textbooks in PDF format and instructor materials includes: Instructor Guides, PowerPoint Slides, Test Bank, Data Files, Solution Files, Test Project Data Files, and Test Project Solution Files for each textbook.
 - **E-Learning Curriculum**—online learning for more than 400 courses.
 - **Lesson Plans and Projects**-- Ready-to-use, customizable lesson plans including links to relevant Microsoft E-Learning and free demos and videos
 - **E-reference Material**--Digital access for educators to more than 750 technology books, searchable by topic, technology and subject
- Resources are continually growing for teachers to use through Microsoft IT Academy. Teachers are encouraged to use the MEMBER SITE to access all of the resources available for high schools! Teachers have the ability to pick and choose which resources best meet the needs of the learners in the class a great way to differentiate instructional resources.

GET CERTIFIED! All teachers are encouraged to allow students to PROVE their skills by earning an industry credential--Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification! Get students certified and get resources and find out more at <http://georgiaitacademy.org/>.

Georgina Howard, RN, MS State School Nurse Specialist

Happy New Year!

I hope your 2014 is off to a wonderful start. It is always challenging to get back in the swing of things after a nice long holiday break. You are invited to stay connected to what is happening in the areas of school health nursing by visiting the School Nurse Exchange webpage often. For easy access, go to schoolnurse.gadoe.org.

The above webpage is dedicated to delivering the latest news and information regarding school health issues and topics, nurse practice information, current and relevant postings on health service issues, recordings of webinars and other resources.

New to the webpage are the recordings of the webinar series conducted by Strong4Life presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. This three-part series covers Fundamentals of Healthy Eating, Introduction to Obesity Prevention and Treatment Recommendations, and Advocacy and Wellness Councils. The most current information and resources about childhood obesity are located on the website.

Wishing you best health and hoping you stay connected,

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

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New Leaders Academy



The New Leaders Academy provides training for new administrators who manage and lead CTAE programs at the system and school levels throughout Georgia. During this year's training sessions, 60 new administrators enrolled in the program. The participants have only one more session out of four to complete before receiving their certificate.

Over the years, we have seen many of our graduates become great CTAE leaders, principals, and superintendents. In fact, this year three of our previous participants have been appointed system superintendents.

Our challenge is to make this training as relevant and current as possible to ensure that we have informed leaders who will head up our CTAE programs in Georgia.

Winter CTAE Leadership Conference & Perkins Strategic Planning

The Winter CTAE Leadership Conference is scheduled for February 5-7, 2014 at **The Classic Center** in Athens Georgia. The Conference Planning Committee has worked very hard to incorporate your ideas and comments into the schedule and content of the conference. Members of the Planning Committee are: Lynne Wilson (Lowndes County), Dr. Medea Shuman (Ware County), Mark Morgan (Berrien County), Todd Shultz (Jackson County), Eric Waters (Floyd County), Dorothy Crimes (Webster County), Mandy Johnson (Douglas County), Michael Maze (Atlanta City), and Scott Chafin (Worth County).

Here is the schedule for each day:

February 5, 2014 (Wednesday)

7:15-8:15	Check-in and breakfast
8:15-11:30	General Sessions
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:45-4:30	Small Group Sessions & General Sessions
4:40-6:00	GCCTA Networking Social

February 6, 2014 (Thursday)

7:00-8:15	Breakfast
8:15-12:00	General Sessions
12:00-1:15	Lunch and GACTE update
1:30-4:00	Small Group Sessions

February 7, 2014 (Friday)

7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-10:15	General Session
10:15-noon	Best Practices

A detailed agenda will be emailed to each registered participant prior to the conference.