

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



Educating Georgia's Future

November 2015

GREETINGS FROM DR. BARBARA WALL, STATE CTAE DIRECTOR



Twelve (12) regional economic development meetings have been held in various locations around the state to connect business and industry with education leaders. Participants at these well-attended meetings have included local school superintendents, legislators, business and industry leaders, principals, human resource managers, technical college and university system employees, as well as school counselors and teachers.

Hosted by the CTAE Directors who serve on the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Economic Development Advisory Committee, each meeting featured prominent speakers focusing on the national, state, regional and local workforce needs and the meeting concluded with a business and industry panel discussion led by a Panel Moderator from that regional area of the state. At the conclusion of the panel discussion part of the program, meeting participants were able to tour a local industry and/or tour the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) school labs.

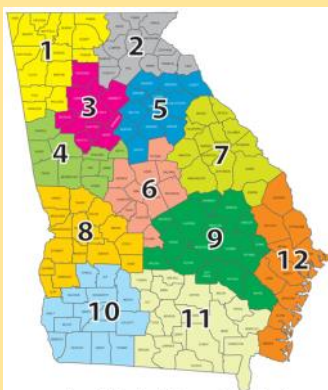


Region 11 - Ware County High School
Pictured are: Matthew Gambill, Lynne Wilson, Rep. Amy Carter, Dr. Barbara Wall, Dr. Medea Shuman, and Jamie Jordan

These meetings have been very beneficial and at these meetings we have witnessed numerous success stories across the state. Every school district has CTAE Success Stories. We have plans to highlight at least one CTAE Success Story from each school district in the near future.

Take a look at the overall trends listed on pages 6 and 7 of the High Demand Career Initiative Report at <http://www.georgia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/HDCl-Report.pdf>. We are looking for your CTAE Success Story that can contribute to the solution of at least one of the overall trends: (1) aging workforce, (2) more internships, on-the-job training and co-ops, (3) soft skills are crucial, (4) demand for basic educational skills, (5) introducing STEM at a younger age, (6) shortage of local skilled trades workers, (7) productive partnerships with workforce development resources, and (8) a diverse workforce in STEM-related jobs. Start thinking about the CTAE Success Story from your school system that you want to share.

Education + Workforce Development = Top Factor of Economic Development



Region	Location	Date
Region 1	Ringgold, GA	Sept. 14, 2015
Region 2	Suwanee, GA	Sept. 15, 2015
Region 3	McDonough, GA	Sept. 30, 2015
Region 4	LaGrange, GA	Oct. 1, 2015
Region 5	Commerce, GA	Nov. 18, 2015
Region 6	Macon, GA	Nov. 9, 2015
Region 7	Grovetown, GA	Nov. 16, 2015
Region 8	Columbus, GA	Nov. 2, 2015
Region 9	Lyons, GA	Oct. 14, 2015
Region 10	West Leesburg, GA	Sept. 23, 2015
Region 11	Waycross, GA	Sept. 22, 2015
Region 12	Savannah, GA	Oct. 13, 2015

Visit the www.georgiafutureworkforce.org website for more information.



CTAE State Newsletter Coordinator: Keidria White, kwhite@doe.k12.ga.us

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

LIBERTY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Early Childhood Education Practicum (ECE)

Alexus Cisco is a senior student who is completing the Early Childhood Education Practicum at Liberty County High School. She leads small and large Pre-K groups and has the opportunity to work individually with students.



Pictured is a Liberty County HS Student: Alexis Cisco

Submitted by ECE Teacher,
Dr. Jana Shields
Liberty County High School

MOUNT ZION HIGH SCHOOL

Dress for Success Initiative

The CTAE Department at Mount Zion High School started the Dress for Success Initiative in which students from the Business, Marketing, Human Services, Engineering, and Video Broadcasting Programs choose one day a week to dress professionally. The school encourages students to take ownership of their appearance and become comfortable in professional attire. Mount Zion has over 500 students enrolled in CTAE programs, with 75% of students participating in Dress for Success.



Pictured from left to right are Mount Zion HS students: Newton, Montreion Lighty, (rear - Brian Carney), Tyrus Wade, Jaylen Jones, Allen Nguyen, (rear- Nghia Tran), Frank Huynh, (rear- Blaze Wilson, Jeremiah Stallings, Nathaniel Oehrli), Frida Miranda-Ceja, (rear - Bryson Carothers), Justin Onuigbo

Submitted by CTAE Coordinator, Eboni Chillis
Clayton County Public Schools

LIBERTY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Liberty County High School held the annual Pink Panther Day in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each year, Liberty County High School FCCLA members sell breast cancer awareness shirts to faculty/staff and students of Liberty County High School, as well as other schools in the system.



The proceeds are donated to the Suzie Q Foundation, a local foundation that helps those in the community fighting breast cancer. This year, Liberty County High School FCCLA sold 250 shirts and was able to donate over \$1,700 to the foundation.



Pictured are Liberty County HS students Tizah Thompson, Dextrina Ford (FCCLA VP), Brianna Mears, Veronica Ramirez, Leah Poole (Suzie Q. representative), and Dr. Jana Shields (FCCLA Advisor)

Submitted by ECE Teacher, Dr. Jana Shields
Liberty County High School

CTAE STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

BRYAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

STEM Night

Bryan County High School held the third Annual Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Night on October 27, 2015, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dr. Ginnie Sherrod's Science Club members and Inga Cashon's Georgia Technology Student Association members coordinated the event. Lanier Primary, Bryan County Elementary School, and Bryan County Middle School students, as well as community members took part in this exciting night of STEM-focused activities.



Bryan County High School Georgia Technology Student Association (GA TSA) officer, Abigail Ferreira, helps a student from Bryan County Elementary School design the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows

STEM Night allows Bryan County High School students to showcase labs and activities learned through academic science classes and the Engineering and Technology Education pathway classes. Those who attended purchased tickets and chose their favorite science or engineering activity and participated in activities, such as constructing paper airplanes, designing towers out of spaghetti noodles and marshmallows, creating ice cream, and participating in a crime scene lab. The BCHS JROTC Raiders provided refreshments for the participants. A student remembered attending STEM Night when she was at Bryan County Middle School and how STEM Night influenced her to sign up for the Engineering and Technology Education pathway.



Dr. Ginnie Sherrod and Science Club members help elementary students create "Frozen" ice cream!

Submitted by CTAE Teacher,
Brandi Hendrix
Bryan County Schools

TROUP COUNTY/CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Marketing and Management Pathway

The University of Georgia Small Business Development Center brought their Digital Marketing Boot Camp to the Callaway Conference Center in LaGrange, Georgia, on October 14, 2015. Two students from Callaway High School, Shania Reeves and Chaehee (Judy) Kim, attended the boot camp in order to learn the best techniques for tapping into the mobile marketplace. Shania and Judy will compete in a Future Business Leaders of America competition in the area of Social Media Campaign. During the event, Shania and Judy will create a social media campaign to market their new business: a banquet hall to be used for wedding receptions, engagement parties, and business presentation meetings. The students must use at least three sources of social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, etc.) in their campaign.



Pictured are students Shania Reeves and Chaehee (Judy) Kim

Shania and Judy learned a great deal by attending the boot camp and networking with small business owners to help secure their new online business. In addition, the students learned to use photos and video to promote their services and educate their potential customers. Topics covered at the boot camp included: how to use Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram strategically and how to position businesses to the top of search engines. Speakers at the event covered topics necessary for a business owner to quickly and easily move into online integration.

Submitted by Sandra Langley, Business/Marketing Teacher
Callaway High School

OUTSTANDING CTAE BUSINESS PARTNERS

LOCKHEED MARTIN AERONAUTICS COMPANY
COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER, HAMILTON E. HOLMES, JR.
86 SOUTH COBB DRIVE, MARIETTA, GA 30063

CTAE Marketing Students Partnering with Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA)

Clayton County Public Schools, CTAE department started a "Get Into Industry" program this school year.

Lockheed Martin was the first partner to "Get Into Industry." Get Into Industry is an initiative designed to (1) increase Work-Based Learning instructors knowledge of today's business and industry environment, (2) be an effective link between students and industry, and (3) connect students with business and experiential opportunities that align with the students career pathway.



Pictured left to right Lawwigneaud Harrell, Dr. Eboni Chillis, Greg Guhl, Shelia Cox-Marshall, Dr. Theresa Yarbough, Audrey Blackwell-Bradwell, Vivian Morrow, Neva Head, Irene Watson, Pamela Harris, Dr. Caryn Turner, Rex Mill Middle, Joi Bynum.

System-wide Work-Based Learning instructors attend to bring back practical and realistic plans to strengthen the Work-Based Learning Program and students' preparation for college and careers.

Submitted by CTAE Coordinator, Eboni Chillis
 Clayton County Public Schools

ENAY COACHING, LLC
ELTON DIXON, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
P.O. BOX 10 193, VALDOSTA, GA 31604

Business Skills and Character Education

Since 2013, the Enay Coaching, LLC team has worked with CTAE teachers throughout Lowndes County Schools to bring business skills to life through interactive classroom games and activities.

Enay Coaching team members go on site at Hahira, Lowndes, and Pine Grove middle schools, and connect with all three via video teleconference. This video teleconference has prepared these three schools for an 8th grade entrepreneurship tournament that will be held this quarter!

Pine Grove Middle School staff attribute increases in SLO post-test performance, as well as general improvement in attitude and classroom interactivity, to the ongoing partnership with Enay Coaching, LLC!



Pictured is President of Enay Coaching, Elton Dixon

Submitted by FBLA Advisor, Gina Tindall
 Pine Grove Middle School

TRITEX SERVICES
JEFF FORESTER, OWNER
P.O. BOX 962, TRENTON, GA 30752

Local Business Owner Inspires Students and Teacher

In October 2015, Mr. Jeff Forester demonstrated the DJI Phantom to Josh Hurst, Audio-Video Technology and Communications teacher, and his students at Dade County High School. Mr. Forester used a drone to video the high school and football field. The students were amazed at how maneuverable the drone was and the potential distance/

height. The drone is engineered with auto take off and auto return, guided by satellites and is equipped with an intelligent camera that can take 1080p HD videos and 12 megapixel photos. The intelligent flight system allows the drone to automatically stay in the air while the students video photos with advanced stabilization. After the demonstration, the Dade County High School CTAE department ordered a drone for the Audio-Video Technology and Communications Pathway Courses to enhance and offer exposure to students pursuing a career in the fast-growing drone industry.



Pictured is Mr. Jeff Forester with Dade County HS students

Submitted by FBLA Advisor, Gina Tindall
 Pine Grove Middle School

CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT
BRENDA BARKER, PROGRAM MANAGER
BRBARKER@DOE.K12.GA.US

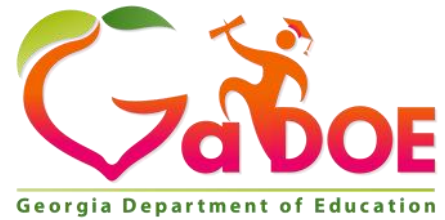
CTAE NEW LEADERS' 20 15 ACADEMY

The 2015-16 New CTAE Leaders' Academy kicked off on September 16 & 17, 2015, at the Marietta Hilton and Conference Center. The first day of the two-day session started with an ice breaker and participants were divided into groups and instructed to write a six-word essay about CTAE. Two examples of the essay are "Life skills, work skills, forever skills" and "Students prepared for life and careers."

The kickoff speaker was Dave Weber of Weber Associates. His presentations, "Sticks & Stones Exposed—*The Truth Behind Words & Relationships*" and "I'm Spread So Thin...You Can See Through Me!" received positive comments and outstanding evaluation scores. Day two consisted of presentations by Matthew Gambill, Executive Director of GACTE; Tim Brown, CTAE Director for Marietta Schools; Misty Freeman, CTAE Director for Gainesville City Schools, and a CPI Update by Betty Rickicki of the Georgia Department of Education.



Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES

GUIDANCE AND SCHOOL COUNSELING/CAREER DEVELOPMENT
DR. MYREL SEIGLER, PROGRAM MANAGER
MSEIGLER@DOE.K12.GA.US

GEORGIA'S 2015 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR



Torri Jackson, a counselor in Liberty County, has been named the 2015 Georgia School Counselor Association Counselor of the Year. She was recognized at the GSCA annual conference on November 4, 2015, in Savannah.

Mrs. Jackson served as a math teacher for six years and a school counselor for the past 10 years at Bradwell Institute in

Hinesville, GA. Mrs. Jackson has written numerous articles for the GSCA publications, has given presentations at various conferences and Georgia Department of Education workshops, and recently appeared before a Georgia House study committee on school counseling and the role of school counselors.

Mrs. Jackson has conducted college admissions and financial aid workshops for organizations and churches in Liberty and surrounding counties. Currently, she is the student services support specialist for the Liberty County Board of Education, where she is working to ensure all Liberty County schools have effective counseling programs.

Mrs. Jackson will be recognized at the Georgia Department of Education in May 2016.



2015 Counselor of the Year

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW STATE SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM SPECIALIST

The CTAE division of the GaDOE would like to welcome Krista Lowe as the new School Nurse Specialist. Krista was a nurse for 15 years and taught Healthcare Science for seven years.



Krista comes to the GADOE from Lambert High School in Forsyth County, where she was a teacher and HOSA advisor. Krista will bring many exciting ideas to the state regarding working with Georgia school nurses to help keep our children safe and healthy.

Krista Lowe's contact information is as follows:
 klowe@doe.k12.ga.us; phone number 404-657-8331

Welcome Krista!

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Please note the upcoming November School Counselor Webinars. If you have questions or need more information regarding registration for the webinars, please contact Maria Grovner at mgrovner@doe.k12.ga.us.

November 17, 2:00-3:00 pm Small Groups for Middle School
November 18, 11:00 am-12 pm Small Groups for High School
November 18, 2:00-3:00 pm Small Groups for Elementary School Thursday.

November 19: Time and Topic

10:00-11:00 GAcollege411 Checklists
 1:00-2:00 Course Planner (Individual Graduation Plan)
 3:00-4:00 GAcollege411; The Student Experience (Junior and Regular Version)

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
JOHN "CHIP" BRIDGES PROGRAM MANAGER
JBRIDGES@DOE.K12.GA.US

SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE THREE-COMPONENT MODEL OF INSTRUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

What a source of pride to see Georgia agriculture programs that operate within the guidelines of the integrated nature of the three-component model of instruction. Appreciation is extended to those school administrators who support this method of learning and instruction. There is strong evidence that supports the success of this instructional model. When all three components are provided to the student in an integrated manner that promotes the structure of the learning model, great things are achieved.

Here are some examples of the Agricultural Education Model of Instruction:

Lisa Murphree, agriculture teacher at Early County High School, gives her students a simple five question multiple choice review test each week to help her students prepare for the End of Pathway Tests at the end of the school year, regardless of whether the students are taking the tests or not. This way all of the students are prepared. The foundation of the three-component model of agricultural education is quality classroom and laboratory experiences for students. A student is a member of FFA, but also must be enrolled in an agriculture course.



Lisa Murphree; Early County HS
Agriculture Teacher



Heather Brennen, Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor at Metter High School, works hard to ensure that her students receive the full effect of the agricultural education program. Students that have an outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) are provided with opportunities to win state and national awards in the FFA. These students learn the importance of good record keeping and financial management. By making sure her students have a quality SAE, Mrs. Brennen is teaching work and employability skills that will help students to be successful in their future.

Heather Brennen, Metter HS
Agriculture Teacher

When Cambridge High School in Fulton County decided to add an agricultural education program, no one expected the energy and excitement that comes with a new FFA chapter. Students got excited about receiving an FFA jacket for the first time. Mrs. Sara Nerswick, the agriculture teacher at Cambridge High School, is building a quality program that focuses on all three components of agricultural education and understands that FFA is not just a club, but is an integrated part of the curriculum.



Mrs. Sara Nerswick, Cambridge HS
Agriculture Program

Georgia Agricultural Education Team

Please contact the following staff for assistance with any needs regarding the agricultural education program. We are here to help in any way.

Ben Lastly - State FFA Office (706) 552-4456; blastly@uga.edu
Stan Mitchell - North Region (706) 552-4468; smitchell@gaaged.org or smitchell@doe.k12.ga.us
Chris Corzine - Central Region (478) 822-7385; ccorzine@gaaged.org or ccorzine@doe.k12.ga.us
Ira Tucker - South Region (229) 386-3428; itucker@gaaged.org or itucker@doe.k12.ga.us
Chip Bridges - State AgEd (404) 657-8311; jbridges@doe.k12.ga.us

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION
EMILY SPANN, PROGRAM MANAGER
ESPANN@DOE.K12.GA.US

PARTNERS EDUCATING GEORGIA'S FUTURE WORKFORCE REGIONAL MEETINGS

“Thank You” to all the CTAE Economic development advisory committee members who have assisted the Department of Education with hosting each of the twelve (12) regional Economic Development meetings.

Region 1- Trish Schimpf, Catoosa County

Region 2- Valery Lowe, Forsyth County and
Rhonda Samples, Hall County

Region 3- Jody Reeves, Gwinnett County (North) and
Sharon Bonner, Henry County (South)

Region 4- Cindy Clanton, Carroll County

Region 5- Todd Shultz, Jackson County

Region 6- Cassandra Washington, Bibb County

Region 7- Julie Kenny, Columbia County

Region 8- Tim Cockrell, Harris County

Region 9- Rhonda Stone, Toombs County

Region 10- Sandra Parker, Lee County

Region 11- Medea Shuman, Ware County

Region 12- Angie Lewis, Chatham County

**YOUR HARD WORK IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU!**

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW CTAE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIAISON

The CTAE division of the GaDOE would like to welcome Richard (Rick) Goble as the new CTAE Economic Development Liaison. Rick Goble brings 30 years of business, education, and military experience to the role. He will create resources for CTAE educators and partners; oversee a Business and Industry Advisory Council for the GaDOE; and work with business and industry representatives, local and state officials, and other stakeholders to strengthen economic development efforts in Georgia.



Previously, Rick was Director of Business and Industry for Chattahoochee Technical College. Goble also served as a Sergeant/Munitions Systems Specialist in the United States Air Force from 1985 to 1991.

CTAE Director Dr. Barbara Wall stated “Our new Economic Development Liaison will work with local CTAE leaders to assist them in connecting with local business leaders in an effort to contribute to the solution of Georgia’s workforce needs.”

The new position is part of the Educating Georgia’s Future Workforce initiative, focusing on increasing collaboration between education and business communities.

Rick Goble’s contact information is as follows:
rgoble@doe.k12.ga.us; phone number 404-657-8309.

Welcome Rick!

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION
EMILY SPANN, PROGRAM MANAGER
ESPANN@DOE.K12.GA.US

MOVE ON WHEN READY UPDATE

Please note the following Move On When Ready Updates:

- 1) **Number of classes scheduled for a Move on When Ready Student.** If the student is not attending the college as a full-time MOWR student, the student must have at least six (6) courses scheduled in order for the local system to receive full FTE funding. A MOWR student is considered full time when taking a minimum of four (4) courses and those courses must have a total of 12 hours or more.
- 2) **Withdrawal from Move On When Ready course during the semester.** A student must FIRST contact the high school counselor before taking any WITHDRAWAL action. If the decision is reached to allow the student to withdraw or drop a course, then the student must return to the high school and be enrolled in the matched high school course corresponding to the college MOWR course. The student should be provided a schedule just as any high school transfer student.
- 3) **Course Directory courses** The course directory will be updated with courses for Spring and Summer in November, 2015.
 - a. When using the Move On When Ready course directory, use matched GADOE courses first. If no match is available, then use generic courses by sequenced numbering.
 - b. Any new course addition request should be submitted to post secondary institutions.
- 4) **A 'Student Participation' form and the 'MOWR Application'** must be completed each semester in order for the student to participate in the Move On When Ready program.

For more information, please contact Gary Mealer at gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us.

NATIONAL CTE MONTH

It may seem far off, but Career Technical Education (CTE) Month in February 2016, is not far away. This month-long celebration of CTE is designed to reinforce and raise up the great work already being done across the country in CTE, and educate those who may not know as much about the field.



As part of CTE Month, examples are shared of how people are utilizing the Learning that works for America campaign at the state and local levels. Last year, ideas were shared on what was done during the month including state-wide proclamations, career fairs, professional development opportunities, award ceremonies, and more. A fact sheet link is available on ways to use the campaign throughout the month.

Contact Katie Fitzgerald at kfitzgerald@careertech.org to provide best practices regarding methods of celebrating National CTE Month.

CTAERN INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES UPDATE

Instructional Resources have been completed on 17 CTAE courses with four courses, Introduction to Consumer Relations, Teaching as a Profession, Introduction to Government and Public Administration, beginning final review steps.

These courses provide Georgia CTAE teachers with instructional activities in foundational courses for the career pathways. Phase II of the development, which includes one hundred and fourteen courses, will involve classroom teachers and online resource posting. As experts in the field, teachers are asked to submit their best classroom instructional work through the CTAE Resource Network (www.ctaern.org) submission process under the Instructional Resources tab.

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION
EMILY SPANN, PROGRAM MANAGER
ESPANN@DOE.K12.GA.US

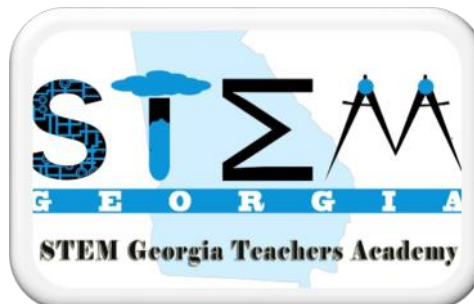
GEORGIA STEM FORUM



The very successful Georgia STEM Forum, collaboratively sponsored by CTAE and the Georgia Science Teachers Association, was held recently in Athens. Over 1200 educators participated in two days of interactive hands-on sessions. STEM Certified schools showcased their STEM programs with the highlight being four students who spoke at lunch on the impact of STEM on their education. The state now has 24 schools or programs that are STEM certified in Georgia.



For more information on how your school can become STEM Certified, contact Gilda Lyon at glyon@doe.k12.ga.us.



Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

PROGRAM DELIVERY
DWAYNE HOBBS, PROGRAM MANAGER
DHOBBS@DOE.K12.GA.US

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSO)



The Governor's High Demand Career Initiative report lists attributes for which business and industry indicate are in demand. Students across the state who are involved in one of

the eight (8) Georgia CTSOs (Career and Technical Student Organizations) are acquiring and developing many of the skills through their CTSO participation. This diverse group of middle and high school students will receive extensive leadership development training, gain real world experience that compliments their academic studies, develop and implement soft skills, and be taught to problem solve utilizing valuable teamwork skills.



Across the board, Georgia CTSOs are seeing an increase in membership numbers and conference attendance as compared to this time last

year. For more exciting CTSO news, visit the website at www.gactso.org, which contains a portal to every CTSO website via the icons on the bottom of the home page. The following conferences have been or will be held this fall.

October 22-23, 2015 (Atlanta)	DECA Fall Development Conference
October 22-24, 2015 (Jekyll Island)	SkillsUSA Fall Conference (Jekyll Island)
November 2-3, 2015	HOSA Fall Conference (Atlanta)
November 4-5, 2015 (Athens)	FBLA Fall Leadership Conference
November 13-15, 2015 (Jekyll Island)	TSA Fall Leadership Conference
November 19-20, 2015 (Stone Mountain)	CTI Fall Leadership Conference

GEORGIA DECA UPDATE



Pictured are students Nathaniel Smith, Tanner Samples, and Brooks Harper (Keynote Speaker)

On Friday, October 16, 2015, Georgia DECA hosted the sixth annual Fall Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA. Brooks Harper gave a dynamic keynote message, chapters participated in competitive events and networked with members from around the state, while enjoying the Georgia National Fair. This year the Rally hosted over 1800 participants and held four different chapter and individual competitions.

On October 22-23, 2015, Georgia DECA hosted the annual Fall Leadership Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. Students and Advisors participated in energetic pre-conference sessions by their state action team, an inspiring opening session featuring a special presentation by the Wounded Warrior Project, hands-on leadership workshops, an Epi-Carnival,



Pictured are students Leo Finkley, Morgan Tomcho, Tanner Samples, Bobbi Miller, Nathaniel Smith, and Tucker Hill

competitive events, and many other activities. This year's conference hosted over 1230 participants. Over 500 students earned their GA DECA Statesman Pin. Workshops were centered around leadership, college readiness, competitive events, communication, etiquette, interview skills, and marketing yourself. GA DECA chapters raised over \$18,000 in Gift Cards for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Submitted by Georgia DECA Executive Director/State Advisor,
 Shannon Aaron

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education State Newsletter



CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES (CONTINUED)

PROGRAM DELIVERY
DWAYNE HOBBS, PROGRAM MANAGER
DHOBBS@DOE.K12.GA.US

NEW CTAE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

“WELCOME NEW CTAE TEACHERS” A record number of new CTAE teachers attended the new CTAE Teachers' Conference in Macon, GA at Middle GA State University on Sept. 29 and 30, 2015, with over 270 in attendance. The State CTAE director, Dr. Barbara Wall provided opening remarks at the two-day event followed by great sessions for the entire group. A longer afternoon session was held on the first day with a master teacher presenting for each cluster. On the second day, new teachers were able to connect with their CTSO executive directors.



HEALTHCARE SCIENCE, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY, AND HUMAN SERVICES, PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Possible CPR Instructor Training - CPR instructor training through Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for Healthcare and Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security (LPSCS) is being planned. The cost should be minimal. When the course is posted – sign up quickly for one of the 20 slots on the CTAE Resource Network Website.

HSTEA/TIEGA Winter Conference- January 28-30, 2016 - Registration for the Winter Conference will not be through CTAERN. Instead, healthcare teachers will sign up at www.hstea.org and LPSCS and cosmetology teachers will sign up at www.tiega.org. Many of the groups will be going on industry tours, but some sessions will still be held at Columbus Tech. In order to receive credit, attendance for the entire conference is required. There is a deadline and tentative agenda on the registration form, so be sure you get registered soon.

Healthcare Science Positions - There are two openings in Jackson County and Baldwin County for healthcare science positions, so if you know of anyone in the industry who is interested, have them contact Phyllis Johnson, pjohnson@doe.k12.ga.us.

BUSINESS & COMPUTER SCIENCE UPDATE

New Computer Science Courses in Public Review

Three new Computer Science courses are now online for public review. Please follow this link and provide your course feedback, http://secc.sedl.org/ga_pathways/, and forward the link to your local business and industry partners. The courses will be available for public review until November 24, 2015.

Future Business Leaders of America

Please use the FBLA Live Binder to keep up with all the important dates and activities. http://www.livebinders.com/play/play/1049988?backurl=%2Fshelf%2Fmy&play_view=play (Password: Service).

Possible consequences for missing deadlines: late fees, no choice in which hotel you get, all rooms booked.

Microsoft IT Academy Refresher and Overview

Several Microsoft IT workshops have been held this year and a few are scheduled in November. The workshops have been held in different locations in the state for your travel convenience. 100% participation is encouraged this year. If you need help on offering Microsoft IT, plan to attend one of our workshops.

Note: Effective January 2016 the Microsoft IT Academy will be known as Microsoft Imagine Academy. Look for more details coming soon.

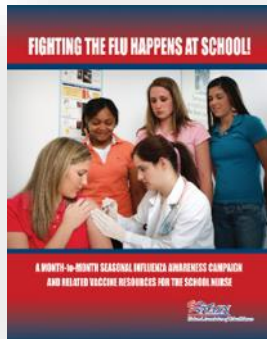
For more information,
contact Delda Hagin at dhagin@doe.k12.ga.us.

STATE SCHOOL NURSE UPDATES

STATE SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM SPECIALIST
KRISTA LOWE, RN, BSN, M.ED
KRISTA.LOWE@DOE.K12.GA.US

INFLUENZA FACTS

School Health Services provide health information to the students at your school to keep them healthy and ready to learn. Illness can disrupt school attendance and force parents to miss work. Many school districts, along with their local health departments, are already working hard to prevent such disruptions through Flu clinics.



The Georgia Department of Public Health sends out a Weekly Influenza Report and the first report was released on October 16. The influenza season has officially begun, and Georgia is already seeing influenza activity. The Influenza-like illness (ILI) indicator for Georgia during week one was the highest in the nation. The school nurse has a large role in promoting the prevention of the influenza virus. Educating the students, staff, parents and the community will heighten the awareness of this serious infectious disease and will promote preventative actions.

The National Association of School Nurses sponsors a Month-to-Month Seasonal Influenza Awareness Campaign. Wonderful resources/ educational materials are located on the National Association of School Nurses website <http://www.nasn.org/> or use the following link for more information http://portal.nasn.org/media/fighting_the_flu_2012_09_nasn.pdf. Fighting the Flu Happens at School!

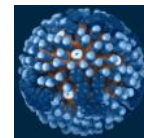
Goals for the School-Located Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Awareness Campaign:

- 1) Educate school personnel, students, and families about the importance of preventing seasonal influenza.
- 2) Increase seasonal influenza immunization rates among the school community.

School Nurse Tools

- <http://www.choa.org/Child-Health-Glossary/Child-Wellness-Prevention/Prevent-Flu>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>
- <http://flushot.healthmap.org/>
- <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2015/10/flu-scan-oct-08-2015>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>
- http://www.helppreventdisease.com/adult_vaccines/influenza/4-strain-flu-vaccine.html
- <http://www.henrythehand.com/>
- <http://www.scrubclub.org/home.aspx>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv/healthyliving/hygiene/hands-together-hygiene.html>

Question....What is this?



Answer.... The Influenza Virus

The CDC recommends that everyone six months and older get vaccinated this season!

School nurses play a key role in getting the word out about flu vaccine. Stay informed! Two weeks is required **after vaccination for flu protection to set in!**