



Greetings from David Turner CTAE State Director

Welcome to the beginning of a great new school year. Starting school is a very exciting time in the life of all students, parents, administrators and teachers. I want to thank everyone who is a part of the CTAE family for what you do, as it takes all of us working together to provide the incredible opportunities that we offer for our students.

What a wonderful time to be a part of the CTAE program! With the incredible support and leadership of our State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge, we have the opportunity to accomplish great things for our current and future students.

This year we are beginning the implementation of our new Career Clusters and Pathways. The first course in each pathway has been adopted by the State Board of Education and you should begin using these courses in pathways offered at your school. The second and third courses for each pathway should be adopted in March 2014, and implemented during the 2014-15 school year. This transition may not be easy, but the results will be well worth the efforts that are being made. We are very thankful for the support and hard work provided to us by our business and industry partners and our fellow teachers as we continue this critical project.

A new and comprehensive statewide K-12 career counseling program has been initiated. The program focuses on career awareness in elementary grades, career exploration in the middle school grades, and career development in our high schools. This new effort will be a great asset for our students as they grow and mature.

I encourage each of you to plan to attend the CTAE Winter Leadership Conference to be held at the Classic Center on February 5-7, 2014, in Athens, Georgia.

We are very fortunate to have our CTAE staff at the Georgia Department of Education. Very few states have such resources, and I hope that you will call on our team members for assistance or support. We are happy to assist you at any time.

Best wishes for a great 2013-2014 school year. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, I always welcome your viewpoint. Please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me at any time.

I look forward to working with each of you in the future.

David

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**LETTER FROM OUR STATE SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT, DR. JOHN D. BARGE**

Dear Colleagues:

I know you're in the middle of launching a new school year, but I wanted to send a quick reminder about the **Education Works Leadership Institute** we're launching in partnership with the National Center for Youth Issues **Sept. 15-17** at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta.

In addition to the great keynote and pre-Institute speakers we've lined up, the breakout session speakers and panels are coming together nicely. Just to highlight a few: Bob Schwartz from Harvard will headline the Pathways to Prosperity track, and international/award winning children's storybook author Julia Cook will headline the Literacy track. We'll share updates as we finalize the conference agenda.

If you're planning on attending the Institute and will need a room at the Marriott, just a quick reminder that the special conference rate of \$129 per night expires September 1, 2013.

For more information about the Institute or to book your room at the Marriott, go to www.ncyi.org/edworks.

We hope to see you in September!

Sincerely,

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Spotlighting Georgia's Career Clusters

Hospitality and Tourism

Hospitality Cluster Pathways:

- **Sports and Entertainment Marketing,**
- **Travel Marketing & Lodging Management** (Name is changing to Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism)

Numerous emails have been sent inquiring as to which courses are new or revised and which courses will remain the same. In addition, questions have arisen about where to find End-of-Pathway assessments information. To that end, please find listed below the web links for (1) New and Revised Foundational Courses (Marketing Principles course for all pathways), (2) Current course Standards (still in effect) for courses two and three in each pathway and (3) End-of-Pathway Assessments.

➤ ***New/Revised Foundational Courses:***

(<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Foundation-Courses.aspx>)

➤ ***Current Course Standards for all Pathways:***

(<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/High-School-Pathway-Performance-Standards.aspx>)

➤ ***End-of-Course Assessments:***

(<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/CTAE-Georgia-Assessments.aspx>)

We are working diligently to complete the 2nd and 3rd course revisions and secure a “stamp of approval” from Business and Industry Executives and Postsecondary Administrators and Faculty. As these courses move through the process, you will be notified through this newsletter and through CTAERN emails to teachers.

Education and Training

Education and Training Cluster Pathways

- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Teaching as a Profession**

Dr. Laura Ergle has accepted another educational leadership position. Until a person is hired as the Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences, Linda Smith will be working with the Education and Training Cluster. The Curriculum Writers' Team, a group of Family and Consumer Science master teachers, is providing outstanding assistance as we secure the documented “stamp of approval” from Business and Industry Executives and Postsecondary Administrators and Faculty. As these courses move through the process, you will be kept abreast immediately via CTAERN emails to the teachers and through this newsletter.

NOTE: For questions regarding the Hospitality Career Cluster, Marketing Career Cluster, or the Education and Training Career Cluster, please contact

Linda Smith, Program Specialist
lismith@doe.k12.ga.us





Spotlighting Georgia's Career Clusters (continued)

Marketing

Marketing Cluster Pathways

- **Marketing and Management**
- **Fashion Marketing (the name will change to Fashion, Merchandising & Retail Marketing)**
- **Marketing Communications & Promotions**

As the fall semester began, questions have arisen as to which courses are new or revised and which courses will remain the same. In addition, there have been questions about where to find End-of-Pathway assessment information. Web links are listed below for the (1) New/Revised Foundational Courses (Marketing Principles course for all pathways), (2) Current Course Standards (still in effect) for courses two and three in each pathway and (3) End-of-Pathway Assessments.

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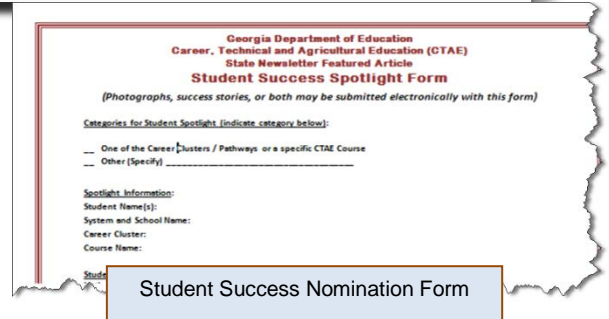
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Please remember to send your *new* or *new-to-teaching* marketing teachers to the CTAERN “New CTAE Teachers’ Workshop” in Macon on September 17 and 18. The teachers have already received information concerning the purpose of this workshop, how to register for the workshop on the CTAERN.ORG website, as well as hotel information.



*Look for the NEW Student Success Stories
Coming in the October 2013 Newsletter*

Be the first to showcase one of your student's success stories focused on the Career Clusters using hands-on learning activities!



Georgia Department of Education
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE)
State Newsletter Featured Article
Student Success Spotlight Form
(Photographs, success stories, or both may be submitted electronically with this form)

Categories for Student Spotlight (Indicate category below):
___ One of the Career Clusters / Pathways or a specific CTAE Course
___ Other (Specify) _____

Spotlight Information:
Student Name(s): _____
System and School Name: _____
Career Cluster: _____
Course Name: _____

Student Success Nomination Form

Beginning in the October 2013 issue of the CTAE State Newsletter, a new article will feature career clusters/pathways student success stories. Teachers will be able to nominate students using the attached *Student Success Spotlight* form. **Please click the attached CTAE Success Stories Spotlight Form nomination form below.** All submitted Student Success Spotlight forms will be reviewed by GaDOE staff.

Don't miss the **Friday, October 11, 2013** Student Success Spotlight deadline.

Please email your completed forms to: elewis-draffen@doe.k12.ga.us



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**Counselors, CTAE Teachers and CTAE Administrators
We need your help to update all CTAE Resource Network Profiles!**

Here are just a few of the Advantages of having an updated CTAE Resource Network Profile:

**Professional
Learning
Opportunities**

**PLU Credit
Record**

**Access to
Instructional
Resources**

**All the latest
Communications
from GA DOE**

By **Tuesday, October 1, 2013**, go to: www.ctaern.org and check your profile on the CTAE Resource Network website for needed changes, such as:

- Has your email address changed this year?
- Have you changed street addresses or phone numbers?
- Did your teaching or counseling assignment change this year?
- Did your name change this year?
- Has your CTSO affiliation changed?

Steps to update profile:

1. At the CTAE Resource Network Homepage, www.ctaern.org, click the 'myPages' menu item, then click 'MyProfile'
2. Select the 'Click For myProfile' button at the top and the 'Select' button at the bottom
3. Verify that all general profile information is correct and all teaching information is correct (such as years of counseling and teaching experience and career cluster/pathways).
4. Make sure to follow all instructions to ensure that corrected information is submitted.

NOTE: If you need assistance in updating your profile, contact your Local System CTAE Administrator or feel free to call the CTAE Resource Network Help Desk at 1-866-454-2823, hotline@ctaern.org.



CTAE Program Manager Updates

Welcome back to another school year!! Our wish is that your year will be very rewarding and productive! All of our state staff team members are ready to assist you any time and we welcome your emails and phone calls.

DEVELOPMENT & TRANSITION UPDATE
Emily Spann, Program Manager
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Feel free to forward this newsletter to your fellow teachers, counselors, school nurses, and administrators, as well as any other co-workers that you feel would be interested in the CTAE newsletter information. We want to provide you with information that you need and we welcome your input regarding the newsletter!

Coming in our next newsletter will be the first ***Student Success Stories*** section highlighting students in Georgia who are achieving in their Career Clusters/Pathways! Nominate your outstanding students and we will have a new spotlight section highlighting entries beginning in our next newsletter issue in October 2013.

Don't forget to check out all of the professional learning opportunities that are now available to CTAE teachers, administrators, and school counselors on the CTAE Resource Network. The [CTAE Resource Network](http://www.ctaern.org) website at www.ctaern.org is our primary source for providing professional learning and you are encouraged to navigate this site.

The CTAE Resource Network website has undergone extensive changes to include our new Career Clusters/ Pathways. Be sure that you review all workshops and conferences that relate to your content area and register online as soon as possible!

As the program manager of a terrific team, it is an honor to work with a very hard-working and supportive and caring staff. You will see the below that all of the state staff in our unit have provided an article for their program area and their contact information is listed next to their names. These staff members definitely want to support you

Remember, if you have questions regarding any of our CTAE professional learning opportunities, please feel free to contact Emily Spann, 404-463-6405 or espann@doe.k12.ga.us.

Update from Dr. John Pritchett, jpritchett@doe.k12.ga.us

New Foundation Courses

To find the updated Career Clusters/Pathways foundation courses designed for students starting a new career cluster pathway and entering a Georgia public high school for the first time in Fall 2013, these courses are located on a different web page.

The new Career Clusters/Pathways foundation courses are being developed for any student starting a new Career Pathway beginning during the 2013-14 school year and after.

These students include all 9th graders, out-of-state transfer students, and possibly any current student trying to complete more than one CTAE Career Pathway and be eligible to sit for an End of Pathway Assessment once courses two and three have been approved by the Georgia State Board of Education.

Students Entering High School Fall 2013
Georgia Career Clusters/Pathways
APPROVED FOUNDATION COURSES

To locate the new Georgia Career Clusters/Pathways foundation courses, please locate the image on the CTAE home page.

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*QR code for CTAE
home web page*

Still can't locate the correct Career Clusters/Pathway course files?

Depending on the Internet web browser being used, teachers may rely on bookmarked web links to visit or access CTAE pages. Nearly every CTAE web page has been updated during the past year, and educators may be accessing old or outdated information. If educators are using bookmarked web page links, please open and refresh the bookmarked web page by clicking the F5 function key on the keyboard once. The web page should reload with updated data and information.

Two more options to access CTAE web pages are now available. A new, shorter web address for CTAE is now active. People interested in locating Georgia career and technical information can visit ctae.gadoe.org and find the needed information. People interested in locating Georgia career and technical information with their smart phones or smart devices and a QR reader can snap on the QR code on the left side of this page to access the Georgia CTAE web page.

**Arriving at your System's Central
Office in ~~September~~ 2013!**

Boxes will include:

- Instructional Career Cluster Poster sets
- Cluster Folder containing Cluster/Pathway Cards
- Dual Enrollment Flyer Written for Parents



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

End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) Update

As referenced at GACTE Summer Conference in July, the National Health Science Assessment will no longer be dispensed through the Oklahoma CareerTech Testing Agency. The National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) has recently announced that the assessment will now be dispensed through Precision Exams, <http://www.precisionexams.com/>. The National Health Science Assessment is utilizing an EOPA option in the following career pathways: Diagnostic Services, Health Informatics, Emergency Services, Medical Services, Nursing, and Physical Medicine. The Assessment Information Sheet for the assessment under each career pathway will be updated on the CTAE Assessment Web Page by September 1, 2013. All the new ordering procedures and contact information for the new dispensing agency will be provided on the Assessment Information Sheet. The exam price will remain at \$12.00 per student for this school year.

Additionally, the FY2014 Technical Skill Attainment Inventory and an updated copy of the Special Accommodations by Testing Agencies will be posted on the web page by September 1.

For questions pertaining to EOPA, please contact Mamie Hanson at mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us.



Update from Dr. Gilda Lyon, glyon@doe.k12.ga.us

Georgia STEM Institute Completes Third Year

The third year of the Georgia STEM Institute, a CTAE program that brings CTAE, math, and science teachers together for a week in Savannah or Atlanta to visit STEM industries, was completed this summer. Teams of teachers in the Savannah Institute visited Gulfstream and JCB Construction Machines, worked with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and toured a Trident Missile Nuclear Submarine at the US Navy Base in Kings Bay, Ga. The Atlanta STEM institute treated teachers to visits with Cisco, Hartsfield Jackson Airport, Delta TechOps, CryoLife, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Quality Technology Services, the Food Processing Lab at Georgia Tech, the Georgia State University BioBus lab, and the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. Both Institutes were “Gamified” this year, which means teachers earned digital performance badges for completed tasks throughout the week-long program. Applications for the Georgia STEM Institute are available in March each year on the STEM Georgia website at <http://stemgeorgia.org>.



Georgia STEM Institute Savannah-teachers visit the US Navy Trident Submarine in Kings Bay



Georgia STEM Institute Savannah-teachers conduct water quality study on Little Tybee Island



Georgia STEM Institute Atlanta- teachers study biotechnology with GSU BioBus program



Georgia STEM Institute Atlanta- teachers at Cisco

Update from Gary Mealer, Program Specialist gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us

JROTC Major David Conley of Greene County High School was among 23 career and technical educators who were honored by the Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education during their annual summer conference on July 10-13, 2013, at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Georgia. Nominated by division peers and selected by an awards committee, Major David Conley was presented the award of GACTE Teacher of the Year for the JROTC Division by Vice President Lieutenant Colonel Bob Koester. Major Conley was also recognized this past school year as the Greene County High School Teacher of the Year for his efforts in JROTC and as Career Technical Education Department Chair.



Major David Conley, GACTE Teacher of the Year for the JROTC Division



News Release

Roswell High School Ranks Second in the Nation in the 2013 Army Junior ROTC Leadership Championship

After advancing through two phases of international online competition involving over 1366 JROTC programs worldwide, four cadets from the Roswell High School Junior ROTC Leadership Program were invited to the George Mason University campus in Fairfax, VA to compete against forty other teams in face to face competition. Stephanie Craigue, Grant Miller, Austin Laurance and Miles Hudson met weekly to research leadership topics, complete reading assignments and create study cards on leadership values and principles with a focus on the contributions of General George C. Marshall and General Douglas MacArthur to our nation's history. Ranked first in the southeastern region, The Hornet team was one of three teams selected to compete in the final round, coming in second by a very narrow margin to Claudia Taylor Johnson High School from San Antonio, Texas. After qualifying for nationals, teams submitted individual essays. Roswell students collaborated with leadership teams from Dorman High School, South Carolina, Rockledge and Southeast High Schools in Florida and Francis Lewis High School in New York to

create a multimedia presentation on a citizen soldier. Team "Honor" created an informational multimedia video on Pat Tillman- Citizen Soldier and a presentation on leadership 'best practices" to all of the Leadership Bowl participants.

In addition to receiving a trophy, each team member was awarded the George C. Marshall Foundation ROTC Academic and Leadership Award which is historically presented to only the top 1% of cadets enrolled in Senior ROTC (college level) programs. They also received the Douglas MacArthur Foundation Leadership Award, the Pritzker Foundation Citizen Soldier Award, a congratulatory letter from General Colin Powell, one college credit and a newly minted Vanguard JROTC Coin of Excellence in honor of the 100th anniversary of JROTC.



LTC Nicolette Wheeler, Director, Junior ROTC, Grant Miller, Stephanie Craigue, Miles Hudson, Austin Laurance, Major Dave Weis, Team Coach, Dr. Donna Rice, former Chief of Education, US Army Cadet Command

The national Junior ROTC Leadership Bowl is sponsored by US Army Cadet Command, the MacArthur Foundation, the George C. Marshall Foundation, Pritzker Military Library and College Options Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education



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JROTC REMINDERS:

- * Army and Air Force instructors not yet submitting their school FY 13 Annual Report should submit the report by August 26. CTAE directors should check with the JROTC instructors to verify that the school reports have been submitted. Completed reports should be sent to Gary Mealer. gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us
- *Due to budget cuts, the JROTC Instructor Scholarship has been put on hold. Current recipients will have their awards honored.
- *Any three JROTC courses may be used to ensure that a student is a pathway completer.
- *JROTC does not have an End of Pathway Assessment.

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE Dr. Myrel Seigler, Program Manager, mseigler@doe.k12.ga.us

SAVE THE DATES:

September 3rd—Harrison High School, Cobb County

September 10th—Rockdale Career Academy, Rockdale County

September 16th—Howard High School, Bibb County

October 3rd—Berrien High School, Berrien County

Fall CTAE Teacher and Counselor Drive-In Workshops

All workshops are listed on the CTAE Resource Network. Participants can register for the workshops through the Resource Network. Counselors must have a profile on the Resource Network in order to register. In order to register, log on to Resource Network, click on Workshop Catalog and then Workshop Categories. Choose the General Workshop category to find the regional workshop closest to you. <https://www.ctaern.org/> Some general information will be shared and the remaining time will be spent discussing the Career Related Capstone Project development.

Georgia School Counselor Association (GSCA) 2013 Annual Conference, November 13th-15th—Jekyll Island Convention Center Early Bird Registration—before September 27 Register at <http://www.gaschoolcounselors.com>. **This conference is open to counselors at all levels and counselors are encouraged to attend.**

November, 2013 is Apply to College Month—If interested in holding Georgia Apply to College event at your school, apply online at: <http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college>

For questions, contact Sarah Wenham, Director of Student Access, Board of Regents, at sarah.wenham@usg.edu

REMINDER: HOPE requirement changes take effect for students graduating on or after May 1, 2015. Visit the following site for more information: http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Rigor_Explanation.pdf

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: <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>. Each of the four (4) modules is designed as eight one-week sessions that require an average of five (5) hours per week to complete. Participants who complete a module will earn four (4) PLUs.



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Topics covered include:

Module 1: Building a College-Going Culture for All Students; Module 2: College, Career, and Academic Planning; Module 3: Financial Aid and College Applications; and the **NEW Spring 2013** Module 4: College and Career Counseling in the Middle Grades.

NOTE: An investment of \$100/module is refundable upon completion of the module. Contact Ava Baker at CCTI@usg.edu.

[2013 School Flyer.pdf](#)

Counselor Resource Materials Update

At the summer workshops and at GACTE, we announced that every middle and high school would be receiving resource materials that highlight the career clusters and pathways. We had hoped to have these materials to you by early August. Due to a delay in the editing and printing process, we will be shipping them out to the districts in a few weeks. We apologize for the delay and please know that as they are ready, we will send them out to you for your use. Thank you for your understanding and patience and as always, if we can assist you in anyway, please feel free to call.

There is no better time of year than the beginning of school. It is very exciting to consider the possibilities and the great opportunities that are ahead for teachers and students. The agricultural education team is prepared to provide support throughout the 2013-2014 school year and help agricultural education teachers and students be successful in all these great opportunities. Some of the items of focus as we begin another school year are as follows:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION UPDATE
Chip Bridges, Program Manager
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- The new Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Cluster structure will have 34 pathways. This should allow for greater choices in the AgEd courses that your local systems decide to offer students. It will also provide greater opportunities for students to complete a pathway. Once the standards are revised and approved, we will begin to focus on a greater means for end of pathway assessments for each agriculture student that completes a pathway. Our goal is to provide a more relevant and reliable end of pathway assessment that will reflect the standards being learned in the agriculture courses we teach here in Georgia.
- Many of the agricultural education programs across the state already offer some type of agricultural awareness activity for elementary students. This year we hope to provide support for these activities. We have an “Elementary Agriculture Awareness” guide that will support those high school agricultural education students in mentoring younger students with activities and lesson on agriculture. Please talk with your agriculture teachers about ways to incorporate this initiative into your local program.
- Leadership development is a major area of focus for agricultural education. We offer two great leadership training programs throughout the school year that are available to all students and teachers (not just AgEd). BASIC leadership training is provided at the FFA - FCCLA Center near Covington, Ga. and the GOLD leadership training is provided at Camp John Hope FFA – FCCLA Center near Ft. Valley, Ga. Please contact us if you would like to set up an opportunity for your teachers or students to experience some real-life “hands-on” leadership development activities.
- We will continue to focus our support on the complete Agricultural Education Program. The three circle model includes the Class and lab instruction, the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) outside of the normal school day, and the leadership development from involvement with the intra-curricular FFA organization. As the school year begins, I challenge you to find time in your busy schedule to attend some FFA events or activities and support your teachers and students in these meaningful and worthwhile opportunities.

As always, we are here to help you in any way. Please contact your Region AgEd Director if you have a question about agricultural education. North Region – **Mr. Stan Mitchell**, smitchell@gaaged.org or smitchell@doe.k12.ga.us (706) 338-7230
Central Region – **Mr. Chris Corzine** ccorzine@gaaged.org or ccorzine@doe.k12.ga.us – (864) 844-4412
South Region – **Dr. Lynn Barber** lbarber@gaaged.org or lbarber@doe.k12.ga.us – (912) 584-8442
FFA Office – **Mr. Ben Lastly** blastly@uga.edu or blastly@doe.k12.ga.us – (706) 410-4604



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Finally, I would like to share one student and one teacher success that has taken place over the summer. We are fortunate to get to work with some great students and teachers in agricultural education.

Georgia Student Jacob Harrison Schindler – Lowndes County FFA, is a finalist for the STAR in Agriscience Award for the American FFA Degree:

The National FFA Organization has selected 16 finalists (four per award) for the organization's top awards: American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agricultural Placement and American Star in Agriscience. These star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skill and competency through their career development programs, demonstrated outstanding management skills, earned the American FFA Degree—the organization's highest level of accomplishment—and met other agricultural education, scholarship and leadership requirements.

Each star finalist receives \$2,000 from the National FFA Foundation and earns the opportunity to participate in an international experience tour to Costa Rica. A panel of judges will interview the finalists and select one winner for each award at the 86th National FFA Convention, October 30 thru November 2, in Louisville, Ky. Winners will receive an additional \$2,000 award.

The American FFA Degree and Star recognition programs and tours to Costa Rica are co-sponsored by ADM Crop Risk Services of Decatur, IL; Case IH of Racine, WI, DuPont Pioneer of Des Moines, IA; Elanco of Indianapolis, IN; Farm Credit of Greenwood Village, CO and Syngenta of Greensboro, NC, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. "Stars Over America," a special audiovisual presentation featuring the star award winners, is produced as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

On July 8, 2013 the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation and the American Farm Bureau Federation held the Fourth Annual *Agriscience Awards* at a luncheon ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The four recipients were a Professor at University of Georgia; a High School Educator from Georgia; and two High School Agriscience Students from California and Iowa. The high school educator from Georgia was Dr. Sara Clark.

Sara Clark, Ph.D., a teacher at Sonorville High School, Calhoun, Georgia. Dr. Clark has taught agricultural education for over 20 years and motivates secondary school students to develop their personal interest from the many fields of agriscience. She provides opportunities and facilitates the learning process by providing an environment that encourages students to explore. Sonorville High School's Agriscience student body has won many State and national FFA CDEs through the implementation of inquiry-based learning, teaching others, and self-directed learning. Sara has taught at Sonorville for six years and was recognized as Sonorville's Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Agricultural Instructor for Georgia, National FFA Alumni Instructor for Georgia, and a finalist for the National FFA Agriscience Teacher Award. She completed the National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors' program last year and is National Board certified.

2013 United States National Champion

Jake Ruiz, a May 2013 graduate of Fayette County High



School, elected to take the Business & Computer Science courses during his time in high school. Jake took the Microsoft Office Specialist certification exam in PowerPoint 2010. Jake stated that he took the certification exam as part of my course; basically, because his teacher told him to. From there, he had no idea the opportunities he would receive. Jake scored a PERFECT 1,000 on the exam. Not only did Jake score a perfect score, he did it in 25 minutes. With this amazing score and time, Jake was invited to compete with an all-expense paid trip in Certiport's 2013 Microsoft Office Specialist United States National Championship June 11-13, 2013 in Park City, Utah. Jake had never heard of this competition, but now he was competing against students who had known about this completion for a long time and who took the certification test many times, just to get qualify. At the national competition, Jake had to take another certification exam, interview with panel of judges, complete open ended tasks to demonstrate my knowledge. Jake won first place. He is the **2013 United States National Champion in PowerPoint 2010**.

PROGRAM DELIVERY UPDATE
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One of the comments from the judges after the competition about Jake was he stood out during the interview process because of his extensive knowledge of the program and his ability to explain what and why he was doing those tasks. This notable comment was due to the EXCELLENT education that Jake received in the classroom.

“We are incredibly proud of Jake. He is a shining example of what our students can accomplish with the Microsoft IT Academy classes being offered at many Georgia high schools,” State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge said. “We are committed to giving students like Jake the skills they need to be ready for whatever they want to do after high school, whether that is college or a career.”

“Jake was a natural and aced the PowerPoint exam on his first try, but the real value lies in the way certification validates his knowledge of this important business software program,” said Jennifer Metcalfe, business education instructor at Fayette County High School. “I was not surprised Jake did so well in the competition – he is a leader and has an aptitude for technology. Certification has given him the confidence to pursue technology as a profession.” Jake moved on to represent the United States in the 2013 Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship in Washington, DC competing against students from around the globe. Although Jake did not win the World Championship, this experience helped Jake focus on his career choice and allowed doors to open for his future. All of this began through his teacher utilizing the Microsoft IT Academy in the classroom. Through the teacher’s determination, Jake’s life has forever been changed. Thank you for your support of the Microsoft IT academy your high school students. For more information, visit <http://georgiaitacademy.org/>.

CTAE Pathways Update:

All students beginning a Career Pathway in 2013-2014 should be starting with the new Foundational Career Cluster/Pathway course adopted by the State Board in April/May 2013. Students who had already begun a pathway in 2012-2013 should be finishing the pathway with the second and third course of the old Peach State Pathways.

All twenty eight foundational courses of the new Pathways organized under the 17 Career Clusters are now posted on the CTAE webpage of the GaDOE website.

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

The second and third course of the old Peach State Pathways organized under Georgia’s 11 Concentrations are still in effect for students who have already taken the first course and are progressing toward completion of a pathway.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/High-School-Pathway-Performance-Standards.aspx>

The next phase of development for the second and third course in the pathway is progressing very rapidly. Meetings with the advisory committees and curriculum writing teams have been taking place all summer. Some of the new courses have been reviewed by the Career Cluster Steering Committee. These courses will undergo a public review later this fall. We will send information out and a link when the public review starts. Look forward to reviewing the course standards at that time.

Professional Learning Opportunities

This fall there will be a multitude of professional learning opportunities focused on implementing the new Career Cluster courses and industry certification workshops. All professional learning workshops are posted on the CTAERN. All CTAE teachers should check the workshop postings for their instructional area on CTAERN and make plans to attend the appropriate workshop.

As a reminder, the teacher of programs applying for industry certification in FY14 should attend an industry certification workshop in order to complete this process. Teachers undergoing industry certification that did not attend a workshop this summer should check CTAERN workshop postings or contact their program specialist.

The New Teacher Workshop

The new teacher workshop has been a huge success the past several years with about 200 teachers attending each year. This year’s workshop will once again be held in Macon on September 17-18, 2013.

- Location: Marriott/ Centreplex
- Teachers with less than 3 years experience
- All CTAE pathways including JROTC and WBL except Agriculture
- No cost, but must register on CTAERN. Breakfast and Lunch provided
- Topics: Classroom management, CTSOs, advisory committees, using technology, and curriculum implementation



CTAE Teacher Drive-in Meetings

Who should attend? All CTAE teachers (except Agriculture) and school counselors will have breakout sessions! No specific Administrator session breakout session will be held, but administrators are encouraged to attend an area breakout session of choice. Registration is through <https://www.ctaern.org> for the drive-in meeting closest to your area.

Where are the meetings held?

September 3 – Harrison High School, Cobb County—CTAERN3779

September 10 - Rockdale Career Academy—CTAERN3780

September 16 - Howard High School, Bibb County—CTAERN3781

October 3 – Berrien County High School—CTAERN3782

Sessions will be recorded and posted on the web later in the fall. All teachers not able to attend one of the above sessions should log in to the link provided and view on-line.

<http://www.useducationtv.com/Default.aspx?sid=10963>

Although this session can be viewed from any computer with internet access, CTAE administrators are encouraged to conduct an afterschool event where teachers are expected to participate.

What is on the agenda? The CTAE Program Delivery Team will provide resources and updates concerning Career Clusters/Pathways, information for teaching the standards of the newly adopted courses, developing student learning objectives (SLOs) and other news relevant to CTAE Programs! During the breakout sessions, program specific information will be delivered by each Program Specialist including CTSO updates from Executive Directors, End of Pathway Assessment, Industry Certification, Extended Day, and MORE!

Program Specialist Vacancy

With school now starting, many teachers are discovering that their program specialist, Dr. Laura Ertle has accepted another educational leadership position. Laura is now an assistant principal at Spalding County High School. This is a bitter/sweet transition. While we are all happy for Laura and her new opportunities for growth and advancement in her career, the program delivery team is very sad to lose such a dedicated and special person. The program delivery team, as I am sure all her teachers in the state do, expresses heartfelt thanks for her hard work during the seven years she held this position at GaDOE and for all the great things she did to help teachers and students in Georgia. Until we are able to fill this position, the following assignments have been made:

Mark Crenshaw - Nutrition and Food Science, Consumer Services, Interiors Fashion & Textiles MCrenshaw@doe.k12.ga.us

Linda Smith - Education and Training, Early Childhood, Teaching as a Profession lismith@doe.k12.ga.us

Carol Burke - Culinary Arts CBurke@doe.k12.ga.us

Please direct any communications about issues related to the clusters/pathways above to the designated person shown.

What is the schedule for the Teacher Drive-In Meetings?

4:30 until 5:00 Professional Networking Opportunity and Light Refreshments

5:00 until 6:00 CTAE General Session

6:00 until 7:30 Program Specific Breakout Sessions including CTSO Update



FY13 CTAE New Leaders Academy

The CTAE New Leaders Academy is being offered again this year to new CTAE directors and supervisors. We

currently have 45 participants registered for this year-long professional learning opportunity. Workshop topics include budgeting of grant and local funds, management strategies, CPI reporting for CTAE staff, legal and ethical issues, QBE funding and school finance, and other pertinent issues regarding the duties and responsibilities of a CTAE director. For more information contact one of your CTAE Region Coordinators - Roy Rucks – rrucks@doe.k12.ga.us, Nancy Bessinger – nbessinger@doe.k12.ga.us or Dr. Brenda Merchant bmerchant@doe.k12.ga.us.

FY14 Perkins Five Year Compliance Reviews

The FY14 Perkins Five-Year Compliance Reviews will begin in September and continue through December, with 34 school systems being visited this year. Assessment and restructuring of CTAE programs should be a continual process within the school system. This process should be an integral part of a school system's plan to assess the overall effectiveness and/or efficiency of the system's programs and services. The assessment process provides vital information in determining the extent to which the system's goals and objectives are being met, and ultimately how students are being served. The Perkins Compliance Review and Self-Study process will assist the local school system in its long-range planning, which is a requirement of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Attached is a compliance review schedule for FY14 – FY18 for your convenience in planning. *(Please see the attached PDF file.)*

Upcoming Deadlines

September 30

Deadline for all FY14 grant budgets to be completed in the Consolidated Application and signed off by the Superintendent

September 30

Quarterly Report Improvement Plan for Perkins Core Indicator to be submitted to LPlan@doe.k12.ga.us for systems who failed to meet 90% or better of the target score for three consecutive years.

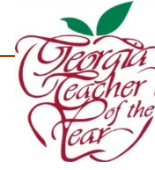


Update from Georgina Howard, RN State School Nurse Specialist goward@doe.k12.ga.us

Welcome back and best wishes for a safe and healthy school year! Hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. There is lots of Back to School excitement, students returning, staff meetings, organizing health clinics, reviewing Individualized Health Plans, checking for immunization compliance and getting to know first time students. As important nursing tasks are going on and as you compile your list of "must dos", please add to your list, regular visits to The **School Nurse Exchange** www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-And-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/School-Nurse.aspx This is a resource to keep abreast of school health happenings in Georgia. The webpage launched in May 2013. You can access it from the GaDOE website. On this webpage you will find useful information and links about school nursing. Last year, I began visiting districts to meet nurses working in school health. I truly enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you. Many ideas and suggestions were expressed to improve service delivery. One consistent message was to develop a statewide data collection method for school health services. My list of must do's includes seeking your advice, and gathering current examples of data and reports. Our partnership with Children's Health Care of Atlanta and Department of Public Health continues. We are planning monthly webinar for continuing education. The first webinar, Asthma Awareness successfully reached more than 65 school nurses across the state. The next webinar will focus on Concussion Management: Return to Play on September 17, 2013, 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Our presenter is Dr. David Popoli, MD, Pediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Sports Medicine. Check The School Nurse Exchange for future offerings along with access information. While attending the National Association of School Nurses Conference, I became a Managing Asthma Triggers Nurse Trainer. This workshop teaches how school nurses can influence and create a healthy learning environment. This course covers improving Indoor Air Quality and increasing awareness of potential asthma triggers within the school environment to reduce asthma episodes. Participants will learn about extensive resources available from the Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools Program. Contact me to schedule a workshop for your district school health staff. Wishing you a productive and healthy school year!



Georgia Teacher of the Year



August 16, 2013

Dear Georgia Educators:

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer break! I can't believe that we are starting another school year. It is always great when we are able to take family vacations, spend time with loved ones, or get some well-deserved rest and relaxation. But now it is time for us to redirect our attention back into school and engagement in what we do best – teaching.

As we begin this new school year, I know there are many thoughts going through your minds about the role and impact of education across our great state. We all want to do what it takes to make Georgia's educational system work for all students by preparing them for success beyond the classroom. This year I encourage you to continue to impact our students, share your love for learning, and take a C.H.A.N.C.E.!

Create critical thinkers

Have high expectations for students and higher expectations for yourself

Acknowledge the challenges of students

Never stop learning

Change the conversation

Enjoy every moment

By taking a C.H.A.N.C.E., we will not only prepare our students for success, but we also will challenge ourselves as educators to adopt a model of continuous improvement that revolves around creativity, innovation, and positive thinking.

I am very proud to serve as the 2014 Georgia Teacher of the Year. It is an honor to represent those who share my passion for education. I hope that you have a wonderful and productive school year that is filled new ideas and new experiences that will positively influence the lives of students. Enjoy the journey!

Sincerely,

Jemelleh R. Coes
2014 Georgia Teacher of the Year



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2013 CTAE Events

Event Date	Event Title	Event Location	Event Description	Audience	Registration Info (if needed)
8/24/13	DISCOVER Training	Camp John Hope, Ft. Valley	Local Officer Training	FCCLA local officers	Deadline 8/15/13



Event Date	Event Title	Event Location	Event Description	Audience	Registration Info (if needed)
9/3/13	CTAE Teacher Drive-In Meeting	Harrison H.S., Cobb County	Break out session, no specific Administration break out session will be held but are still encouraged to attend	All CTAE teachers (except Agriculture) and school counselors	Register on the CTAERN.ORG website: CTAERN3779
9/10/13	CTAE Teacher Drive-In Meeting	Rockdale Career Academy	Break out session, no specific Administration break out session will be held but are still encouraged to attend	All CTAE teachers (except Agriculture) and school counselors	Register on the CTAERN.ORG website: CTAERN3780
9/16/13	CTAE Teacher Drive-In Meeting	Howard H.S., Bibb County	Break out session, no specific Administration break out session will be held but are still encouraged to attend	All CTAE teachers (except Agriculture) and school counselors	Register on the CTAERN.ORG website: CTAERN3781



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9/17/13-9/18/13	New Teacher Workshop	Marriott Centreplex	Classroom management, CTSOs, advisory committees, technology, implementation	Teachers with less than 3 years of experience in the classroom	Register on the CTAERN.org website
9/19-9/20/13	Fall Leadership Conference	FFA-FCCLA Center	Leadership Conference		Deadline 9/6/13



Event Date	Event Title	Event Location	Event Description	Audience	Registration Info (if needed)
10/1/13			CTAE Resource Network – All Profiles Updated!	School Counselors, CTAE Teachers, CTAE Administrators	
10/3/13	CTAE Teacher Drive-In Meeting	Berrien County High School	Break out session, no specific administrative break out session will be held, but still encouraged to attend	All CTAE teachers (except Agriculture) and school counselors	Register on the CTAE Resource Network: CTAERN3782
10/8-10/9/13	FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally	Georgia National Fairgrounds	Chili Cook-off Fall Leadership Rally		Deadline 9/26/13 Contact: Vickie Rundbaken, fafcla@gmail.com or 678-735-0091

