



# CTAE

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## **Letter from Mr. Richard Woods Georgia's School Superintendent**

**Dear CTAE Educators and Stakeholders:**

As I begin my term as State School Superintendent, there's something I'm sure of: "one-size-fits-all" doesn't work for education. Our students need options; they need to leave our schools with real, relevant skills, equipped for the paths ahead. I'd like to offer my thanks to the CTAE educators who are making that happen. I am committed to supporting CTAE in Georgia, and supporting you.

Together, we can change outcomes for our students and ensure that they are prepared to thrive.

*Sincerely,*

***Richard Woods  
Georgia's School Superintendent***

**Farewell to David Turner  
Former CTAE State Director**  
In January 2015, David Turner, the previous CTAE State Director, began his new position as Principal of Towns County Middle School in Hiawassee, Georgia. Georgia CTAE will definitely miss the leadership and support that David has demonstrated over the past three years. Best wishes to David in his new role as a middle school principal.



**Greetings from Pam Smith  
CTAE State Director (Interim)**

Dear CTAE Team:

I am honored to serve as Interim CTAE State Director. I appreciate the tremendous support and assistance from the Georgia Department of Education CTAE team and those in the field. As Director of Curriculum and Instruction, I enjoy the ongoing collaboration and communication with CTAE staff and stakeholders. Currently, we are working together on a Computer Science Task Force in response to the Governor's expectation for the State Board of Education to provide opportunities for high school students to take Computer Science courses that meet foreign language, or fourth mathematics, or fourth science requirements. The Task Force has been asked to consider the following:

- course options that would meet the approval of the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) for admission to post-secondary institutions, and
- course options that would meet the needs of business and industry

Pending State Board of Education approval to post Rule **160-4-2-.20 LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS** for public review and comment in February, more information about course credit and designated Computer Science courses will be forthcoming for use beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

Best wishes and feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

Pam Smith, (404) 463-4141

**Showcase your CTAE Student(s)  
in the next State Newsletter!**

**Access the web link below and click on the *Student Success Stories*  
title on the right-hand side of the webpage.**

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

**Simply complete the student success narrative with signed approval from the  
School principal or CTAE Director and include .jpg photos of students engaging in  
action-oriented activities related to Career Clusters/Pathways.**

**Be sure to submit a completed photo release form with your student success form.**

**The deadline to submit your *Student Success* documentation to Emily Spann  
for the March 2015 CTAE State Newsletter is Friday, March 13, 2015.**

## STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

Colquitt County High School's HOSA organization and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students sponsor two community blood drives each year; one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. HOSA collaborates with the Red Cross and Blood One to facilitate blood drives. In November, the Blood One drive was a great success in collecting 270 pints of blood with 300 students and school personnel participating. HOSA hopes to surpass this amount in the upcoming Spring Blood Drive. This community service project requires careful planning, along with flexibility and support from the school staff.

The HOSA members and advisors believe this is a worthwhile contribution to the community to help save lives.

### Colquitt County High School HOSA and CNA Students



**Colquitt Co. HS HOSA & CNA Students**

Submitted by:  
**June Woods, Molly Jacobs,**  
Teachers and HOSA Advisors



### Gregory (Trey) Thompson

**Model High School  
Floyd County School  
System**

**Business and Technology  
Career Pathway**

Submitted by: **William Hosmer, Jr., Business  
Department Chair, Model High School**

Model High's Gregory (Trey) Thompson has joined an elite list of high school students across the state to earn Microsoft Master Certification, as only nine (9) students in Georgia earned this certificate last year! The remarkable aspect of Thompson earning this rare distinction is that he is "legally blind."

Thompson's success in Microsoft certification has sparked a career interest. Thompson stated "Maybe I could even work for Microsoft Corporation someday."

## STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

### Colquitt County High School Welding II Students



Colquitt County High School's welding students assisted Lincoln Electric Corporation and the American Welding Society at the 2014 Sunbelt Expo in the Career Opportunities in Welding exhibit.

"It is awesome to have a corporation like Lincoln Electric ask for these students to assist at the event," stated Welding Instructor Tim Hobbs.

Lincoln Electric sponsored a national drawing and entered all the students' names. Four of the students were winners of welders and helmets.

**Submitted by: Tim Hobbs, Welding Instructor, Colquitt County High School**

### Brandon Bongalon Groves High School, Savannah/Chatham Schools Food for Life Course Human Services Career Cluster

At the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Annual Savannah/Chatham County School System Student Success Expo on January 10, 2015, Brandon Bongalon won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the CTSO Membership Recruitment Challenge. The recruitment board will be used as a tool for attracting new members.

Submitted by Wonda Goodwin,  
Groves High School Family & Consumer Sciences  
Teacher/FCCLA Adviser



**Brandon Bongalon**



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## Winter CTAE Leadership Conference Reminder

The Winter CTAE Leadership Conference will be held on February 4-6, 2015, at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center (500 Powder Springs Street) in Marietta. Approximately 365 participants are expected, including CTAE directors, financial directors and state staff. The focus of the conference will be on the federal, state and local changes required, as a result of the development of the Unified Grant Guidance. Registration will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, from 11:30 am until 12:45 pm with the opening session beginning at 1:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

## Spring Regional CTAE Administrator Updates Three Regional Workshops March, 2015

Because of the upcoming changes in federal regulations for FY16, the Accountability and Improvement Team has decided to offer three Spring Regional CTAE Administrator Updates, one per region, for CTAE Directors in March, 2015. Registration for these three workshops will be available on the CTAE Resource Network after the first of the year. Participants may attend any of the three that best suits their schedule and location.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
South Region  
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center  
15 RDC Road  
Tifton, GA 31703

Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
North Region  
Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center  
500 Powder Springs Street  
Marietta, GA 30064

Thursday, March 26, 2015  
Central Region  
Central Georgia Technical College – Macon Campus  
3300 Macon Tech Drive  
Macon, GA 31206

## April 2015 Technical Assistance Workshops

These workshops will provide a "hands-on" opportunity for CTAE Administrators to begin completing the CTAE Federal and State grant application process on the DOE Consolidated Application. Each registered participant will have access to a computer workstation and be able to log onto his/her system's Consolidated Application. CTAE Administrators who do not have login access and editing rights to the CTAE Applications in the Con App are encouraged to bring someone to the workshop that has access. State CTAE personnel will be present at all workshops to answer questions and assist with the grant applications. Locations for these workshops will be announced at the Winter Conference

April 14, 2015 – North Region  
Central Region  
South Region

April 15, 2015 – South Region

April 16, 2015 – North Region  
Central Region

*Development and Transition*  
*Emily Spann, Program Manager*  
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## CTAE Administrators, CTAE Instructors, and School Counselors!

We hope you have had an exciting start to the 2015 year and that all of your CTAE programs are in full swing! Don't forget that CTAE offers important professional learning opportunities for CTAE Directors and Supervisors, CTAE Instructors, and School Counselors. Please find all workshop details and registration information on the CTAE Resource Network website at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org). As always, thank you for all that you do to support and provide leadership to the CTAE statewide programs and initiatives!



## STEM Georgia Educator Laureates Awards Program

- The STEM Georgia Educator Laureate Awards are designed to reward Georgia K-12 classroom teachers for exceptional work in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.
- Teachers are provided a list of activities that may be completed in order to earn digital badges worth specific points.
- Georgia Power will be sponsoring the top three teachers to attend a professional learning conference of their choice anywhere in the continental United States.
- To register go to: <http://goo.gl/WcIfbZ>

For more information, contact Dr. Gilda Lyon,  
STEM Specialist  
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## Dual Credit Update

*Second Dual Credit Webinar for  
School Counselors*

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

**2:00 pm until 3 pm**

A **Dual Credit** webinar will be presented by staff from TCSG and the Board of Regents and covering postsecondary dual credit processes. Webinar login information is listed below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4837898805036229377>

For more information, contact  
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Dr. Myrel Seigler,  
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## End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) FY2015 Update

**Mamie Hanson**  
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Two training webinars are being planned to assist local systems with the FY2015 EOPA On-Line Application Submission Process slated for this coming June. As referenced this past summer at GACTE, the webinars are being provided by the Data Collections Unit to eliminate some of the issues which occurred during the FY2014 EOPA On-Line Application Submission Process. Two webinar training dates have been established:

- *Thursday, February 19, 2015, 2:00 p.m.*
- *Thursday, May 7, 2015, 2:00 p.m.*

Please mark your calendars for these two training webinars. The webinar training sessions will provide a complete overview of the EOPA On-Line Application Process. Links to participate in the webinars will be provided to participants early February. The Data Collections Unit will also invite local Student Records Personnel to participate in the webinar training sessions.

Additional information regarding the webinars will be provided at the Winter Conference, or you may contact

Mamie Hanson at [mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us).

## JROTC Update

**Gary Mealer**  
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Below are two possible sources of financial assistance for students who are children of disabled or deceased veterans. Eligibility may be available after high school graduation to attend college. See links for more information.

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor\\_dependenassistance.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependenassistance.asp)

[The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship \(Fry Scholarship\)](#) is currently available for children of those who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Beginning January 1, 2015, the Fry Scholarship will also be available for surviving spouses of those who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

[The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance \(DEA\) Program](#) offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

For more information contact:

Veteran's Affairs, Atlanta Regional Benefit Office  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
1700 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033

**Phone:** 1-800-827-1000

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Many important events are occurring as we work through the winter and into the spring. The legislative session is underway and there will be proposed legislation that could affect CTAE. CTSOs will conduct an Expo at the Capitol on February 17, 2015. Additionally, the CTSOs will begin to conduct their annual State Conferences from now through April. For information on dates and other details, please visit [www.gactso.org](http://www.gactso.org).

This is also the time of year when the Program of Work (POW) for extended day must be completed and local systems must formulate their requests for extended day funding. Below are some reminders for this process:

1. All monthly reports documenting the hours worked should be completed.
2. The Annual Report must be completed to activate the FY16 POW.
3. If you did not achieve the points needed to meet each standard, an improvement plan and approval will need to be completed at the discretion of your local CTAE Director.

This is also the time of year when Industry Certification site visits begin. Hopefully, all the goals and aspirations you had for your students this year are being realized and by the end of the year you will have much to brag about.

### ***Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship***

The 2015 Youth Apprenticeship Conference will be held February 22-24, 2015, in Savannah. Featured speakers will be State School Superintendent Richard Woods, and Congressman Buddy Carter, as well as key business leaders presenting sessions on a variety of topics. Registration is conducted

through CTAERN. For more information about the conference, email Judy Beaver, president of the WBL/YAP affiliate at [jbeaver2@wayne.k12.ga.us](mailto:jbeaver2@wayne.k12.ga.us).

If you have any questions concerning Career Clusters, Pathways, or professional development, please contact the appropriate Program Specialist:

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## CTAE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES *(continued)*



Georgia CTSOs are known across the nation for their core values of commitment, conviction, education, integrity, leadership, professionalism, recognition, service and teamwork. High standards of excellence continue to be set by Georgia CTSOs in every area and below are a few of the outstanding achievements so far this year:

Receptions were held at the Fall Leadership Conferences of several Georgia CTSOs to show appreciation to the members of the Georgia legislature. Special thanks to Tommy Benton, Terry England, Stacy Evans and Mike Glanton for attending and to all members of the legislative community for their constant support and advocacy for Georgia CTSOs!

Anna Johnson, **CTI** State Reporter from East Paulding High School in Dallas, GA, represented CTSO members from across the state at the 2014 CTAE Legislative Advisory Commission Meeting.

Georgia **DECA** raised funds for over 2400 books for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the 2014-2015 community service projects and completed over 100 projects to raise literacy awareness.

### Update from Georgia's CTSOs

Georgia **FBLA** has the current National FBLA Southern Region Vice President Nick Crawford from Ringgold High School.

Georgia **FCCLA** is pleased to support two National Officers: Shivani Dhir and David Jefferson -- both from Houston County High School.

**FFA** held the first Teen CERT training conducted by Richmond County Emergency Management Agency and **HOSA** members from AR Johnson High School completed all 10 training sessions to become members of the Richmond County CERT team 11.

**SkillsUSA Georgia** is leading the nation in the number of quality SkillsUSA chapters in the new Chapter Excellence Program and has a membership report showing an increase of over 1,000 members.

To date, Georgia **TSA** leads the nation with 202 affiliated chapters and Georgia is home to three (3) of the six (6) members of the TSA National Officer Team.

Attendance records were broken at many of the Georgia CTSO events held last fall and during the months of February, March and April. Each CTSO will host a State Leadership Conference.

Volunteers are still needed to serve as competitive events judges for each of these events and for information on how you can serve, please contact Sylvia Phillips, State CTSO Coordinator at [ctsocoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ctsocoordinator@gmail.com).

***Agriculture Education***  
***Chip Bridges, Program Manager***  
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Someone recently told me that we are closer to the year 2030 than we are from the year 2000. That was difficult to consider, as Y2K seemed only a few short years ago, and to think that we will be in the year 2030 in a shorter amount of time—what is going on? I suppose the sentiment “Time flies when you are having fun” must be true, because time seems to move faster and we are definitely having fun. This is due to the great support and leadership provided by agricultural education. As leaders in your school, the success of your agricultural education students is dependent upon your level of involvement and support. This does not go unnoticed and we are truly thankful for the way each of you promote and expect the best out of the agricultural education program at your schools.

One such example is the Valdosta, Georgia area billboard shown below, showcasing nine (9) National FFA Champions from Lowndes County High School. These students did not achieve National Champion status without the support and encouragement from a quality agriculture teacher supported by a great community with tremendous leadership administrative staff within the school system.



Providing a high level of support for your agricultural education program is our goal. The Agricultural Education team is available to support the growth of your successful Agricultural Education Program, so please contact any of our team members if we can assist you.

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**The Need for Quality Agricultural Education Instructors**

Georgia Ag Ed is fortunate to have experienced tremendous growth over the past four years. FFA membership is at a record high of more than 37,000 students. More importantly, the addition of new programs has created a real need to secure more highly-qualified and trained agriculture teachers. There have been more than 30 NEW agricultural education programs added in the past four years and some existing programs have added Ag teachers to meet the increased enrollment. Georgia’s Agricultural Education Program is committed to meeting the recruitment need for teachers and will encourage more students to consider an Agricultural teaching career.

If you know of a current student that would be well suited to take on the task of becoming an agriculture teacher, we would like to meet that student. With the help and encouragement of the local CTAE Director and the agriculture teacher, we can not only identify potential candidates, but we can offer support for becoming a future teacher. We look forward to hearing from you in identifying our future FFA Advisors and Ag teachers.

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**June 2015 Regional School Counselor Workshops**



- June 2** Kennesaw St. Univ., Marietta
- June 3** Houston Co. BOE Annex, Perry
- June 4** Central GA Conv. Ctr., Forsyth

**National School Counseling Week**

National School Counseling Week 2015 “Celebrate School Counseling” will be held from February 2- 6, 2015, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

**REMINDER:** By April 1, all students in grades 8 through 11 should be provided information regarding Dual Credit opportunities. Please check your school’s procedure for ensuring compliance with this legislation.

**For Your Information:** HOPE requirement changes take effect for students graduating on or after May 1, 2015. For more information, review this web site:  
[http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Rigor\\_Explanation.pdf](http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Rigor_Explanation.pdf)

**March 2015 School Counselor/CTAE Administrator Workshops**

One counselor representative should attend—preferably a counselor coordinator. CTAE Directors will hear workshop registration details at the Winter CTAE Conference, Feb. 4-6, 2015.

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 15 RDC Road  
 Tifton, GA 31703

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North Region  
 Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center  
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 Marietta, GA 30064

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**

Central Region  
 Central Georgia Technical College – Macon Campus  
 3300 Macon Tech Drive  
 Macon, GA 31206



**Maria Grovner**

**WELCOME!**

We extend a very hearty welcome to the **new** GaDOE Program Specialist for School Counselors and Social Workers.....**Maria Grovner.**

Maria has been in education for 19 years, serving as both a teacher and a school counselor. Most recently, Maria served as a school counselor at Creekland Middle School, Gwinnett County Schools.

**State School Nurse Update**  
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**School Nurse Program**

**Seasonal Flu (Influenza)**

School Nurses support health and learning, especially during the flu season. In Georgia, the flu season begins in early October and can run as late in the year as May. Although we are in the middle of the flu season, there is still a long window of opportunity for contracting the influenza virus. There is more than one type of flu strain circulating, and the vaccine protects against at least three strains of circulating virus. This season, the predominant strain has been H3N2, which is "a nastier flu virus" than the other flu viruses.

While the flu can vary from season to season, the fact remains that the single most effective way to prevent the flu is the flu vaccine. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides useful educational materials for promoting good health habits during the flu season. Please share this information:

**Printable Materials for Promoting Good Health Habits**

- [Cover Your Cough \(http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm\)](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm)
- [Flu Prevention Toolkit: Real People. Real Solutions \(http://www.cdc.gov/flu/toolkit/index.htm\)](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/toolkit/index.htm)
- [Stopping the Spread of Germs at Home, Work & School \(http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm\)](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm)
- [Everyday Preventive Actions That Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu \[1.5 MB, 2 pages, 8 ½" x 11"\] \(http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday\\_preventive.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday_preventive.pdf)
- [How to Clean and Disinfect Schools to Help Slow the Spread of Flu \[448 KB, 2 pages\]](#)



## SAVE these CTAE Dates!

### Upcoming Agricultural Education Events

As leaders of CTAE in your school and system, please feel welcome at all Agricultural Education activities and events.

\* The Georgia Young Farmer Association (GYFA) State Convention. January 29, 30, & 31, 2015, Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort at Stone Mountain.  
<http://www.georgiayoungfarmers.org/index.php/2015-convention>

\* State FFA Career Development Event Day at Fort Valley State University, February 7, 2015 at FVSU campus. Contact your Ag Teacher or Region AgEd Director for details.

\* Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. February 18-22, 2015. Agricenter in Perry, GA. Contact your Ag Teacher or Region AgEd Director for details.

\* Georgia FFA Day at the State Capitol. February 24, 2015. Atlanta, GA. Contact the State FFA Office or your Region AgEd Director for details.

\* Georgia Young Farmers Association (GYFA) Legislative Day. February 25, 2015. Atlanta, GA. Check with your local Young Farmer Ag Teacher.

\* Georgia FFA Greenhand & Success Conference. March 6 & 7, 2015. State FFA Center, Covington, GA, Information available from the State FFA Office.

\* FFA Foundation Blue & Gold GALA. March 13, 2015. St. Regis Buckhead, Atlanta, GA. Contact the Georgia FFA Foundation for more details.

\* State FFA Career Development Event Day at University of Georgia. March 21, 2015. Athens, GA. Contact your Ag Teacher or Region AgEd Director for details.

\* FFA State Convention, April 23, 24, & 25, 2015. Macon Centreplex, Macon, GA. Check with your Ag Teacher or the State FFA Office for details.

### Business Management and Administration; Finance; and Information Technology Events

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### Ongoing Webinars – Mark Your Calendars!

Middle School – Brandy Parker – February 2, March 23, April 20

Web & Digital Design – Dawn Squires – February 29, March 11, April 8, May 13

Computer Science Principles – Deepa Muralidhar – February 18, March 18, April 15, May 18

Microsoft IT Academy – J. Metcalfe & M. Leonard – February 25, March 25, April 22, May 7

### Upcoming Workshops – Register on CTAERN Website

March 17 – Albany – Entrepreneurship course

May 5 – Cumming – Human Resources Principles course

May 12 – Savannah – Web and Digital Design pathway

**NOTE:** There must be at least 12 participants registered TWO weeks before the workshop date or the workshop will have to be cancelled. The workshops conducted this year have given teachers an opportunity to collaborate with other teachers to develop unit plans for each standard in a course.

Most workshops for courses in the IT pathway will be held in the Atlanta area, because that is where the majority of schools are located that offer those pathways. When there are enough schools clustered in another area to merit holding a workshop, the workshops will be held.

Next year, writing of assessment items to be used in the classroom will begin. Plan to be a part of this undertaking and register once the new workshops are scheduled and listed.

## SAVE these CTAE DATES! *(continued)*

### **Healthcare Science; Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security (LPSCS); and Personal Care Services January 2015 Events**

- The winter conference will be held Jan. 30-31, 2015. Healthcare registration is at [www.hstea.org](http://www.hstea.org) and LPSCS and Personal Care registration at [www.tiega.org](http://www.tiega.org).
- A number of pre-conference events are scheduled for Jan. 30 (at Columbus Tech); registration at [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org).
- An overflow hotel is the Doubletree on Sidney Simons Blvd. Friday night will be at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center (address and Friday times listed on the registration form on the HSTEA and TIEGA websites). Saturday sessions will be at Columbus Tech.
- HOSA and SkillsUSA region competitions are being held. Check on all CTSO deadlines and provide the support and encouragement that your students need.

### **January/February Webinars Healthcare Science; LPSCS; and Personal Care Services**

- A list of January webinars has been sent out electronically. The February webinars will be announced soon. Please save these lists to access webinar invitations.
- Webinars are an easy way for you to attend a one-hour professional development training without having to travel. By signing up for the webinar series of 10 sessions on [www.ctaern.org](http://www.ctaern.org), a PLU may be earned. Please note that the webinar facilitators have put in a lot of time and effort to make these sessions informative. The purpose is not just to “teach,” but is also to facilitate discussion, develop a network of teachers, and receive feedback.
  - Webinar invitations provide a link to register (you must register for each individual webinar).
  - If you plan on participating, follow the registration directions in the invitation.
  - Once you register, a reminder will be sent to you the day before and one hour before the webinar begins.
  - Plan to borrow a headset with a microphone from your school.
- The 10-session webinar series will be completed before school is out for the summer. No credit is available until completion of all 10 webinars. Participation in more than one series is available, but for credit, the 10 webinars must be in the same series.
- If a webinar has to be cancelled and re-scheduled, an email will be sent to you with a date to re-schedule.
- ARCHIVED WEBINARS: Phyllis Johnson will send out information concerning where and when these will be posted-possibly on Live Binders. If you have not sent an activity to gain access to Live Binders, send your activity to [pjohnson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pjohnson@doe.k12.ga.us), with the course and standards and the link to Live Binders will be provided.

## SAVE these CTAE DATES! *(continued)*

### Winter CTAE Leadership Conference Reminder

- The Winter CTAE Leadership Conference will be held on February 4-6, 2015, at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center (500 Powder Springs Street) in Marietta.
- 365 participants are expected, including CTAE directors, financial directors and state staff.
- As a result of the Unified Grant Guidance, the focus of the conference will be on required federal, state and local changes.
- Registration will be held Wednesday, February 4, 2015, from 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM.
- The opening session will begin at 1:00 PM.

### SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS

#### March 25, 2015 One-Day Pre-Conference Workshop

- ✚ The Georgia Department of Education is partnering with the School Social Workers Association of Georgia to host a one-day pre-conference workshop on **Wednesday, March 25, 2015**.
- ✚ The conference is open to school counselors and school social workers.
- ✚ The pre-conference will feature nationally-recognized speakers highlighting topics relating to reconnecting Georgia's youth to a college and career focus.
- ✚ The conference will be **FREE**. Lunch will be provided.
- ✚ NOTE: A Block of Hotel Rooms is available at the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center. Take advantage of this beautiful setting to learning more about helping Georgia's young people!
- ✚ Register at the following web link:

<http://www.sswag.org/2015%20Spring%20Conference/SSWAG%20Registration%20Form%202015%20Spring.pdf>

### March 2015 Regional CTAE Administrator and School Counselor Workshops

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2015

South Region  
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center  
15 RDC Road  
Tifton, GA 31703

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2015

North Region  
Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center  
500 Powder Springs Street  
Marietta, GA 30064

#### Thursday, March 26, 2015

Central Region  
Central Georgia Technical College – Macon Campus  
3300 Macon Tech Drive  
Macon, GA 31206

CTAE Registration will be through the  
CTAE Resource Network

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CTAE Teacher and Administrator JOB FAIR

Hutchings Career Center  
Macon, Georgia

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**  
9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Register by Wednesday, March 4 at:

**Local System Registration Link:**

<http://c1.livetext.com/misk5/formz/public/79983/wpVWJJbc5F>

**Teacher/Leader Candidate Registration**

**Link:**

<http://c1.livetext.com/misk5/formz/public/79936/JUBfsE3drT>