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In preparing for FY2011 End-of-Pathway Assessment (EOPA) activities, a renewed focus has been placed on ensuring that the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) are being covered in our CTAE classrooms. This renewed focus provides our CTAE instructors with a roadmap of current, industry-validated standards that should be taught, and ensures that our students will be better prepared to earn valuable credentials that will assist them in their career endeavors.

## Emily Spann, Development and Transition ([espann@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:espann@doe.k12.ga.us))

Members of the GaDOE State Staff are looking forward to visiting with many of you at the upcoming Regional CTAE Administrator and Counselor Workshops, the *Teachers-As-Advisors* Workshops, and the *CTAE/Mathematics and Science Integration* Workshops that will be conducted during September and October 2010. Teams from your school systems will definitely benefit from participation in these interactive and informative workshops.

### Teachers-As-Advisors Workshops:

Mon., September 27, Macon, Central GA Technical College  
Workshop full: registration closed

Tues., September 28, Macon, Central GA Technical College  
Workshop full: registration closed

### CTAE/Math and Science Integration Workshops

CTAE/Math and Science Integration workshops will be held in the following locations. (**Note that registration is now closed**)

September 21-22, 2010:	Douglasville
September 28-29, 2010:	Ellaville
September 30-October 1, 2010:	Savannah
October 4-5, 2010:	Acworth
October 11-12, 2010:	Valdosta

## **October is “Get Work Ready Month”**

A “Get Work Ready Month” webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The webinar is a REPEAT presentation of the “Get Work Ready” Elluminate webinar held on Thursday, September 9, 2010. To access the Elluminate webinar, go to:

Join Session:

[http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doi/join\\_meeting.html?meetingId=1258865492728](http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doi/join_meeting.html?meetingId=1258865492728)

Add to Calendar:

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To join the session, click on the Join Session link. Enter your email address at the login prompt. This session does not require a password to join. Please leave the password field blank. You may join the session 30 minutes prior to the start time.

To add a session to your calendar, click on the Add to Calendar link.

Plan to check with your local technical college to arrange dates for free Work Ready Assessments for your 12th grade students! In addition, free Work Ready Toolkits are available from the Governor’s Office of Workforce Development.

**Questions or additional information, contact: Fred McConnel, Governor’s Office of Workforce Development, [FMcConnel@gov.state.ga.us](mailto:FMcConnel@gov.state.ga.us) or Gary Mealer, GaDOE at [gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us).**

## **Counselor High-Quality Online Professional Learning Opportunities**

Online professional learning modules to improve College and Career Advisement Strategies for School Counselors are now available. Module instructors include leading counseling faculty from USG universities and exemplary middle & high school counselors.

– **Modules 1 or 2** – Begins October 4, 2010. The Registration deadline is five (5) days prior to the start of each module. **Note:** participants not required to take all modules.

- **Module 1 - “Building a College-Going Culture for all Students”**
- **Module 2 - “College, Career, and Academic Planning”**

– **Modules 1, 2 or 3** – Begins January 17, 2011. Registration deadline is five (5) days prior to the start of each module.

- **Module 1 – “Building a College-Going Culture for all Students”**
- **Module 2-- “College, Career, and Academic Planning”**
- **Module 3 – “Financial Aid and College Applications”**

Module completers earn four (4) PLUs per module. Each module includes eight (8) one-week sessions requiring an average of five (5) hours per week to complete.

Fee: \$100 per module. Registration for any of the three modules is available *only* through Georgia Southern University at the following address: <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>

- Note: Modules may be taken in any order.

## **Fall Regional Update Workshops for CTAE Administrators & Counselors**

As a reminder, please do not forget to register for the upcoming Fall Regional CTAE Administrator and Counselor Update Workshops. Your registration being on time ensures that we have made the necessary arrangements for seating and meals. Also as a reminder, please be sure to fax your Counselor Registration Form to Kimi Ivey, as instructed on the CTAERN registration portal. See attached Agenda for training session content.

**October 5, 2010            North: Dalton – Northwest GA Trade and Convention Center**

**Registration Deadline September 24th**

**October 6, 2010            North: Athens – Classic Center**

**Registration Deadline September 22nd**

**October 12, 2010        Central: Augusta – Fort Discovery (downtown)**

**Registration Deadline October 1st**

**October 13, 2010      Central: Macon – Marriott City Center (formerly Centreplex)  
Registration Deadline October 8th**  
**October 27, 2010      South: Tifton – UGA Conference Center: Tifton Campus  
Registration Deadline October 18th**  
**October 28, 2010      South: Brunswick – Golden Isles Career Academy  
Registration Deadline October 19<sup>th</sup>**



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### **GaDOE/CTAE web page updates at [www.gadoe.org/ci\\_cta.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx)**

The addition of **Georgia Career Pathways** and **Georgia Assessments** graphic links are two updates to the Georgia Department of Education's CTAE home page to improve access to standards and assessment information.

**Georgia Career Pathways** link was made to streamline access to approved GPS curriculum for Program Concentration pathways and curriculum standards all on one web page and accessible by clicking on the appropriate program link. Local administrators and teachers can access the **Georgia Assessments** link to find End of Pathway Assessment Information Sheets for each of the state-approved assessments. The new assessment web page provides access to Program Concentrations' tests aligned to the each Career Pathway for students that are Pathway Completers.

Updates are ongoing for each Program Delivery, Development & Transition, and Accountability web pages. Please visit [www.gadoe.org/ci\\_cta.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx) often for additional updates.

For additional information contact John Pritchett via email at [jpritchett@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jpritchett@doe.k12.ga.us) or by phone at 404-656-3551.

### **End-of-Pathway Assessment Update**

The CTAE Division would like to commend each system that submitted an FY2011 CTAE Assessment Funding Request Document. Additionally, we would like to provide clarity on school personnel that may serve as site coordinators and/or proctors for End-of-Pathway Assessment (EOPA) testing.

1. Typically each school site ordering exams will need an individual that will serve as the site coordinator and/or proctor. **Systems may use one individual as both or use a different individual for each activity.**
  - a. The site coordinator is the individual that will place orders for exams directly through the testing agency and will enter student data into testing vendor's database as a part of the ordering process. This person may be an administrator.
  - b. A proctor monitors students during the testing process. Any professional individual in the school may act as a proctor and may be any number of staff members. CTAE Administrators should work with school (or test) site principals to designate site coordinators and proctors.
2. Once the site coordinator and the proctor have been designated, exams should be **ordered directly from the testing agencies**. Please refer to the Assessment Information Sheets in the *EOPA Assessment Manual* or to the CTAE/GaDOE Assessment webpage to find instructions on ordering exams for each pathway.
3. If you, or your site coordinators/proctors, have questions about the End of Pathway Assessment process, please feel free to contact the CTAE Division of the GaDOE, **Ms. Mamie Hanson at [mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us) or by telephone at 404-657-6279**, rather than the Academic Testing Division of the GaDOE.

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative.

### **STEM Update**

The Georgia Department of Education is initiating the *Georgia Alliance of STEM Teachers* bringing CTAE, math, and science teachers of STEM disciplines under one umbrella. The state department will conduct webinars, workshop opportunities, presentations, and create a common listserv designed to expose teachers to a variety of STEM experiences. Check out the STEM Twitter page at <http://www.twitter.com/stemgeorgia>  
The following are considered to be STEM disciplines:

**Classification of STEM Disciplines**

- Agricultural Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geosciences
- Life/ Biological Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics/ Astronomy

Teachers may become a part of the Alliance by e-mailing Gilda Lyon at [glyon@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:glyon@doe.k12.ga.us) or by phone at 404-657-8324 for more information.

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## Charles Banks, Accountability/Improvement ([cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us))

CTAE directors are reminded that all CTAE Federal and State Grants must be completed and signed-off by September 30, 2010, for the system to be eligible to receive grant funds. Directors, please review your Program Status screen to ensure all your grants show a status of either “Approved,” “Program Manager Sign-off,” or “Superintendent sign-off.” In events where a grant shows “Program Manager Revision Requested,” or “Superintendent Revision Requested,” review your audit trail and make the required revisions, save the changes, and sign-off. You will then notify your superintendent to complete the sign-off process. If a system fails to comply with this request, they risk losing all or some of their grant funds. Note: If your system has received the Industry Certification Equipment Related Grant, there is only 1 sign-off, which is on the budget tab.

### **Construction-Related Equipment Grants**

Please remember that you have to include (by uploading) a copy of the FY11 CREQ grant agreement in your Consolidated Application before signing off on the grant. Also, remember that both the CTAE Coordinator and the Superintendent have to sign off on both (Program Information and Budget) sides of the grant. All purchases require pre-approval.

### **Industry Certification Related Equipment Grants**

Just for clarification, there is no sign off on the Program Information side of this grant. Upload a copy of the grant agreement under the appropriate tab on the Program Information side in your Consolidated Application, complete the budget detail then both the CTAE Coordinator and the Superintendent sign off. Grant funds will be made available for reimbursements AFTER the program has successfully completed the certification process. All purchases require pre-approval.

### **FY10 OCR Compliance Review Documentation**

Selected systems that have not completed their FY10 OCR Compliance Reviews by providing the required documentation have been notified. This information is needed to complete the compliance review process.

Please contact Dr. Dennis Clarke at 404-805-5634 or [dclarke@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:dclarke@doe.k12.ga.us) if you have any questions.

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### **Program Delivery Team Regional Drive-In Meetings**

Back by popular demand are the regional drive-in meetings for CTAE teachers. Four meetings have been conducted so far with six meetings still upcoming on the fall schedule. These meetings have been strategically planned across the state so that teachers can “drive in” after school in less than one hour to attend. The agenda consists of the following:

- 4:30 – 5:00 Networking and Refreshments
  - 5:00 – 5:30 General Session
  - 5:30 – 7:00 Breakout Sessions by Program Area
- The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Date	Location	Workshop Number
September 29	Hillgrove High School (Cobb Co.)	CTAERN 3058
October 4	Warner Robbins High School (Houston Co.)	CTAERN 3057
October 6	Clarke Central High School (Clark Co.)	CTAERN 3059
October 25	Lee County High School	CTAERN 3062
November 8	Richmond County Board of Education Complex	CTAERN 3065
November 17	Savannah Arts Academy	CTAERN 3063

All participants should get the location address from the CTAERN posting and register for the workshop.

These meetings are particularly important to all CTAE teachers and local systems are encouraged to promote and support attendance by their staff, especially for teachers that did not attend GACTE. Key topics include end of pathway assessments, college and career readiness, BRIDGE bill legislation, CTSO operations, industry certification, and effective teaching strategies. Administrators and counselors are welcome to attend and participate with their choice of program area breakout meetings. The breakout meetings have been organized for all CTAE program concentrations in addition to CTI/PS/CCAEC coordinators and WBL coordinators. Agriculture teachers and ROTC instructors are not included in these meetings.

### **Technical Assistance from the Program Specialists**

The Program Specialist for each Concentration/Program Area stand ready to assist your teachers with any issues they may have related to implementation of their program, pathways, end of pathway assessments, extended day or CTSO operations.

## **Architecture, Construction, Communication and Transportation**

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### **SkillsUSA**

As school is getting back into session, SkillsUSA Georgia is gearing up to embark on a year full of opportunities for its members. The SkillsUSA Annual Fall Leadership Conference was held at the Sea Palms Resort on St. Simons Island on September 16-18, where members developed their leadership skills and planned for their yearly program of work.

On October 8, members will head for the Georgia National Fairgrounds to participate in the Champions Rally where they will have the opportunity to participate in six different contests.

On November 7, they will attend SkillsUSA Day with the Falcons. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Youth Development Foundation.

Two Student Training for Officer Responsibilities and Management (STORM) sessions have been planned for this fall. The first session will be held at Howard High School in Bibb County, and the second will be held at Cross Keys High

School in DeKalb County. Advisors will have the opportunity to apply for Community Service and School Improvement Grants from SkillsUSA.

Stay tuned throughout the year to keep up with the latest SkillsUSA events.

### **ACCT 2010-2011 Calendar**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
September 22, 2010	NMEFGA Certification (BVP)	Hutchings Career Center - Macon
September 22-24, 2010	NACAT Conference	Altamaha Technical College - Jasper
September 29, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Hillgrove H.S. - Marietta
October 4, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Warner Robins H.S.
October 6, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Clark Central H.S. - Athens
October 8, 2010	SkillsUSA Rally	Georgia Fairgrounds - Perry
October 11-12, 2010	CEFGA ICTP	Central Georgia Tech - Macon
October 13, 2010	CEFGA Accreditation/Certification ADDA, Construction, HVACR & Metals	Central Georgia Tech - Macon
October 13-14, 2010	CEFGA/OSHA 10 hour	Central Georgia Tech - Macon
October 21, 2010	NBAA Careers in Business Aviation Day	World Congress Center - Atlanta
October 25, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Lee County H.S. - Leesburg
November 8, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Richmond County Board of Education - Augusta
November 17, 2010	CTAE Drive-In	Woodville Tompkins - Savannah
December 2-4, 2010	2010 ACTE Conference	Las Vegas, NV
January 28-29, 2011	2011 TIEGA Winter Conference	Ogeechee Technical College - Statesboro
February 1, 2011	SkillsUSA Day at the Capital	State Capital - Atlanta
March 17-19, 2011	2011 Skills SLSC & Career Expo	GICC - Atlanta
June, 2011	Camp T&I	TBA
June 19-25, 2011	SkillsUSA National Conference	Kansas City, MO
July 10-13, 2011	GACTE Conference	Waverly - Atlanta

Workshop information and registration is available on-line at <http://www.ctaern.org>.

### **Engineering and Technology**

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#### **GA TSA**

The first installment of the GA TSA year was held with teachers who attended the GACTE affiliate luncheon. We had a wonderful meal, outstanding attendance, and we shared the calendar and a motivational poster promoting opportunities in GA TSA.

The second installment, the Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence (CORE) was held in Clayton, Georgia, on September 10-12. CORE provided chapter advisors and members a time to develop Programs of Work for the coming year, participate in leadership classes and teambuilding events, gain competition information, and learn how to manage a successful chapter.

Additional installments will include:

- October 1 – TECH Day at the Georgia National Fair
- November 12-14 - Fall Leadership and Competitive Event Conference
- March 10-12, 2011 - State Leadership and Competitive Event Conference
- June 21-25, 2011 - National TSA Conference

## Marketing, Sales and Service

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The CTAE Program Delivery Team is in the process of conducting regional drive-in meetings around the state. It is our goal to keep Marketing Teachers/DECA advisors apprised of the latest information.

Any information that has been previously shared with Marketing teachers has been incorporated into PowerPoint presentations for the benefit of teachers who could not attend a specific conference/event. The presentations can be accessed on the Georgia Marketing Education Association (GMEA) website at <http://www.mygmea.org>. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for the most current “Marketing Update.”

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Greetings CTAE Administrators,

The Agricultural Education Legislative Advisory Committee meeting was recently held and from all indications it was a tremendous success. The attached pdf is a summary of the meeting.



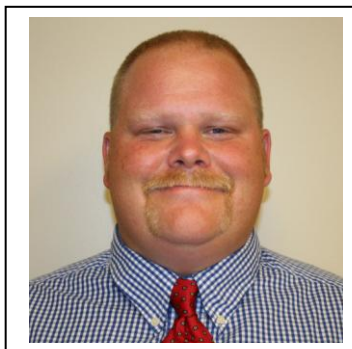
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Once again we would like to say “thank-you” for supporting agricultural education. If we can help you in any way please contact your Ag. Region Coordinator.

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