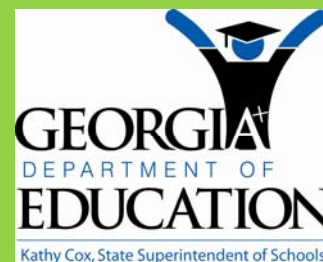


CTAE NEWSLETTER

May 2008



From James Woodard Director,
Career, Technical & Agricultural Education



From the desk of James Woodard

I know that you are in the midst of getting ready to let the students go home for summer break. This has always been an exciting time as we get the opportunity to refresh, retool and reenergize for another year of opportunities. Congratulations on a great year in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education. Though things have been fast paced I hope you continue to see progress in implementing a model of career pathways that will serve our state well into the future. As you complete post planning and enter that next phase of reenergizing, always know how much we appreciate what you are doing on a day by day basis. The energy you expel for your students is overwhelming at times, but rewarding when you see their maturity and growth. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at summer conference or at many of the professional development opportunities occurring throughout the summer.

Secondary Summit

Please see below the announcement about the Secondary Summit that will take place in September. There is a concentrated effort to have sessions related to CTAE. Please take the time to respond to the call for presentations. We look forward to highlighting great things happening in CTAE.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will host a Secondary Summit at the Macon Centreplex for middle and high school teams. Breakout sessions will focus on key topics for education innovation and reform in Georgia, including acceleration, student support, advisement, curriculum, standards-based instruction, CTAE programs, data utilization, and instructional leadership. All sessions will be presented by practitioners who will share their best practices, challenges, solutions, and results.

All middle and high schools are invited to send a team of three from each school. In addition to the school teams, each district's Superintendent is invited to bring one district-level staff member, one local school board member and a business leader from their community.

Call for Presentations

If your district has an outstanding program that should be featured at the Summit, we would like to know about it. Breakout session proposals can be submitted to the GaDOE by completing the application at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227MNQGETCA>

Presenters will be notified by the end of the school year.

Information and Registration

To learn more about the summit and register your attendance, please visit this link:

<http://admin.doe.k12.ga.us/gadoe/SLA/GPSSummit.nsf>

I hope you will encourage your secondary principals to participate with their teams in this premier event for secondary school reform in Georgia.

National Dropout Prevention Conference

There is a wonderful opportunity for CTAE programs to present at the National Dropout Prevention Conference in Atlanta at the Crowne Plaza on Nov. 16-19, 2008. I know we have so many superb programs that help with the dropout problem and the graduation rate. I am attaching the Presenter form. The deadline for proposals has been **extended** to May 30, 2008. Below is the link for accessing all the conference information.

<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/ndpcdefault.htm>

Georgia Career Academies Project 2008 (GCAP2)

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG – a.k.a. DTAE) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education will hold two **Information Sessions** about the 2008 Career Academy grant opportunity. During these sessions we will answer questions and review the basic requirements of the grant, the Charter School timelines, and funding process. (I hope to have the Solicitation for Grant Applications available by the first of June.)

These sessions are NOT required for grant applicants. They are being held to help answer questions that eligible applicants may have about the grant application process. There will be one session on **June 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Heart of Georgia Technical College** and a second (repeat) session on **June 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Technical College System of Georgia**.

PLEASE RSVP with the number of people and session (Atlanta or Dublin) via email to Cindy Norman at cnorman@dtae.org so we know how many people to expect.

More detailed information about the workshops will be coming in the next few weeks. I anticipate holding the general session from about 10:00 a.m. until noon and additional “breakout sessions” in the afternoon from about 1:00 until 2:30 about other related career academy topics – all are strictly optional. The due date for charter school applications is **5:00 p.m. Friday, August 1, 2008**.

The due date for the Career Academies grant applications is **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2008**.

If you have any questions, you can call Lucy Phillip 404-679-5830 or email her at lphillip@dtae.org. But please send your RSVP to Cindy at cnorman@dtae.org. We all look forward to celebrating the implementation of outstanding Career Academies in Georgia.



From Program Development and Transition Team, Emily Spann, Program Manager

Curriculum Update

Career Pathway - Changes/Additions

No changes to the current Local Plan Application are required. The pathway choices have not changed in the application. Please consider these changes as you continue to plan for program offerings. Changes to all related curriculum documents and web resources have not yet occurred. There have been revisions made to the existing Phase II Architecture, Construction, Communications & Transportation Program Concentration-
Engineering, Drawing & Design Career Pathway.

Another Engineering & Technology Program Concentration Career Pathway has been developed and is entitled
Engineering Graphics & Design Career Pathway.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR COURSE/PATHWAY DETAILS



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Work-Based Learning Workshops Clarification

Workshops are being offered by the CTAE Resource Network as a technical update (PLU Credit only) for work-based learning coordinators. This includes coordinators of YAP, WBL and all Co-op coordinators except coordinators of Special Population Programs and some Young Farmer / Ag Co-op programs.

In the Special Populations Programs (CTI, CCAE & PS), work-based learning is a standard component included in the teacher’s training required by the Professional Standards Commission. Each coordinator holding a valid teaching certificate with an endorsement received work-based learning information and training at the institution attended. The standards and guidelines for work-based learning placements for these programs are aside from the CRE Manual that guides all other programs. Updates and additional information for WBL in Special Population Programs is shared through other professional development training as instructed by the department. Please inform your teachers of Special Population Programs that the summer workshops posted on the CTAE Resource Network website do not apply to them.

Likewise, technical updates for Ag Co-op and Young Farmer teachers are handled in other specific staff development opportunities.

GaDOE is continuing to work with the CTAE Resource Network to seek Professional Standards Commission (PSC) approval for the Work-Based Learning workshops leading to a certification endorsement. Assuming this process is culminated in the fall, participants from the summer workshops will be given the opportunity to enroll in an additional course to complete the Approved Prep Program. More details about the potential endorsement and certification required to teach work-based learning courses will be forthcoming. Note that the summer workshops are designed to help teachers implement their program according to the CRE Manual, but are not yet part of an approved endorsement process.

High Schools That Work (HSTW) Award of Educational Achievement and Assessment Standards Workshop

Eighty-eight (88) schools in Georgia elected to take the HSTW Assessment during February, 2008. Out of the schools electing to take the HSTW assessment, sixty (60) senior career tech completers and/or dual seal recipients were randomly selected to participate in the assessment.

Seven hundred sixty-three (763) students in Georgia met the new cut scores and will receive a HSTW Award of Educational Achievement. Students will receive a letter and certificate from SREB for their educational achievement, as well as a student college/work-readiness report in August. On May 9, 2008, all HSTW schools were notified of the students receiving the HSTW Award of Educational Achievement award so that they may be recognized at honors day or during high school graduation.

Please note that a workshop is planned for the fall to disaggregate data from the HSTW Assessment for use in the school improvement process.

HSTW Summer Staff Development

The 22nd Annual HSTW Summer Staff Development Conference will be held in Nashville, TN on July 9-12, 2008, at the Opryland Hotel. Additional information may be found at www.SREB.org under HSTW. Georgia will be conducting a state meeting during the conference.

JROTC

JROTC instructors are reminded that the GACTE conference will be held on July 20-23, 2008. Register for the conference at www.GACTE.org. We are very pleased that CSM Steven Greer will be the featured speaker at the GACTE luncheon. Additional information will be forthcoming on the conference schedule. Please note that your attendance at this year's GACTE conference is very important because of the possible GACTE affiliation.

Professional Learning Information

Middle School GPS Curriculum Delivery - Block the Dates

Each of the six (6) middle school curriculum initiatives will be delivered separately utilizing the ETTC delivery style. System Directors and CTAE instructors will be notified when the events are posted on the CTAE Resource Network and will be located under Middle School Curriculum Training. The dates and topics are as follows:

Thursday, 7/24/08	9:00-3:00	Career Development
Friday, 7/25/08	9:00-3:00	Healthcare Science
Monday, 7/28/08	9:00-3:00	Business & Computer Science
Tuesday, 7/29/08	9:00-3:00	Agriculture
Wednesday, 7/30/08	9:00-3:00	Family & Consumer Science
Thursday, 7/31/08	9:00-3:00	Technology Education

GACTE Summer Conference

Don't miss out! It is not too late for you and your constituents to be a part of the GACTE Summer Conference on July 20-23, 2008 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel and Cobb Galleria Convention Center. Register at the www.GACTE.org website by the deadline of *June 15, 2008*. If you have questions related to the GACTE conference, please contact Skip Brown, rbrown@doe.k12.ga.us or by phone at 404-656-3552.

CTAE GPS Roll-Out Review Team

CTAE state staff members will be taking a critical look at current GPS training workshops and discuss ways to enhance the GPS roll-out process. If you are a CTAE Administrator and are interested in being a part of this review and have solid ideas backed with a process or plan, please email Skip Brown at rbrown@doe.k12.ga.us by

Wednesday, May 21, 2008. The review meeting is tentatively set for Monday, June 16, 2008, 9 a.m.-noon in the Atlanta area.



From the Accountability/Improvement Team, Charles Banks, Program Manager

A BIG THANK YOU to all the systems for helping us to identify the glitches that have occurred with the Consolidated Application.

Local Maintenance of Effort Form: When entering information in the numerical fields on the Local Maintenance of Effort form, do not leave any object code category blank. If there is no budget for a specific object code category, then enter a zero there.

Middle School Support Grant: All Systems requesting the Middle School Support Grant for their middle school teachers must complete a Program of Work on www.CTAERN.org. The Excel Spreadsheet (generated in CTAERN) should be downloaded from the network and saved to your hard drive. You should then upload this Excel spreadsheet which will include the middle and high school teachers' salary calculations to both the CTE Extended Day grant for now. Systems will be notified when the Middle School Support grant is available in the Consolidated Application.

CTE Extended Year Activities: Systems that received funding in FY08 will upload the Extended Year Report showing the completed extended year activities for the prior year in order to be considered for funding. Those systems that were not funded through the state grant, but received funding locally for Extended Year, should also complete and upload this report as well to be eligible for funding in FY09 (see form attached).

Reminder about FY08

- **Budget Amendments:** The final date for submitting amendments to FY08 grants is 6/6/2008. We will not be able to approve any amendments submitted to us after this date.
- All budgeted funds must be spent by 6/30/08 and close-outs completed by 7/30/08.
- Please remember to make plans to attend the GACTE conference, as we will be presenting workshops related to CPI and Consolidated Application.



From Agriculture Education, John Wilkinson, Program Manager

Georgia FFA Association

As the curtain falls on the 2007-2008 school year, the Georgia FFA Association wrapped up the year in style at the 80th Georgia FFA Convention. The FFA Convention was held April 24-26, 2008, in Macon, and more than 2,800 students, advisors, sponsors, and guests attended. Highlights of the convention include motivational speakers; recognition of hundreds of student award winners; a concert by Georgia's own Luke Bryan; FFA members giving back to the community through landscaping projects for the Georgia Academy of the Blind and a food drive for the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank; the election of the new 2008-2009 State Officer Team; and the announcement that Georgia FFA set yet another all time high in membership with over 28,000 members. This marks the tenth consecutive year of membership growth for the Georgia FFA Association.

When the gavel fell on the 80th Georgia FFA Convention, Georgia FFA members and advisors immediately began preparing for a busy summer. More than 1,200 students will attend Summer Leadership Camp at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center, and 40 FFA members will participate in a bus trip to Washington Leadership Conference. These students will spend a week in our nation's capitol experiencing the FFA's premier national leadership opportunity. For more information on the Georgia FFA Association, please visit <http://www.georgiaffa.org>.

Agricultural Education Curriculum

Agricultural teachers and others interested in Agricultural Education Career Pathways should seize the opportunity to review the newly proposed pathways. To review these courses and information regarding their implementation

one can access the following link: <http://www.georgiastandards.org/career.aspx?PageReq=1> The High School Phase III (Animal Science, Agricultural Mechanics, Agribusiness Management, Veterinary Science) and Middle School Phase I curriculum drafts are posted for a sixty day period of public review beginning April 4 and ending June 3, 2008. A response questionnaire is attached for you to provide your thoughts and suggestions. Agricultural Teachers have access to their very own web portal which contains information about their school, FFA chapter and instructional program and activities. To view the school and individual teacher portal go to the following link and access Web Portals, www.gaaged.org.

In support of the Governor's initiative to promote Ag Awareness the Georgia Agricultural Education Curriculum Office host the State Ag Awareness website which provides applications and various curriculum materials to aid elementary teachers in addressing and the promotion of agriculture. To access the website go to: www.agawareness.org.

Georgia Young Farmer Association

The Georgia Young Farmer Program was actively involved in promoting the Agricultural Awareness Week Observance. During the week of March 16-22, 2008, fifth grade classes from across the state were encouraged to participate in activities to help students learn about Georgia's oldest and largest industry. Young Farmer teachers served as resource people for fifth grade teachers. They provided information using agriculture as a way for teaching math and science skills. Students learned about the economic importance and the impact agriculture has on the state's economy. Congratulations to Lyerly Elementary for being selected as the state winner. Lynn Hall Chattooga County Young Farmer Teacher assisted with this project.

The Annual GYFA Summer Tour will be hosted by the Lowndes and Brooks County on June 20-21, 2008. The tour will feature row crops, livestock, forest products and vegetables. Other attractions in the area include Wild Adventures Theme Park. Any CTAE Director can register on line at www.georgiayoungfarmers.org.

B.A.S.I.C. Training at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center

The BASIC Training program is stronger than ever! Now is the time to schedule your programs for the fall! As one of the many leadership programs offered by the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center, BASIC Training focuses on building and maintaining a successful teamwork atmosphere in student organizations. BASIC is an excellent field trip opportunity for all student organizations. It is a time for officers to plan their program of activities for the year. Many CTAE directors are bringing student officers from different chapters in order to unify all student organizations. BASIC can be developed as a day only event or can be expanded to an overnight trip. Students will learn important skills like communication, teamwork, conflict resolution and goals. Instruction is hands on and can include sessions on our low ropes course and our new high ropes course. Whether it's getting muddy or going over the 10 foot wall, students will have a blast! If you would like more information or would like to schedule an event, please visit our web site at www.BuildingChapters.com or call Leroy Bagley at 770-786-6926 Ext 8. Come experience the best way to learn leadership skills!



From Program Delivery Team, Scott Carey, Program Manager

I am pleased to announce the addition of Julie Kenny, effective June 1, to the CTAE Program Delivery Team. Julie will serve as the CTSO Coordinator. She is currently the CTAE Supervisor at A. R. Johnson Magnet School in Augusta. Julie's teaching background is in the healthcare science field and over the past several years, her students have excelled in their individual CTSOs. Please join me in welcoming Julie to the department.

The Program Delivery Team is in full swing preparing our teachers and students for the national CTSO conferences planned for the summer months. Our Georgia DECA students and teachers had an outstanding showing at the recent International Career Development Conference held in Atlanta. Our students really shined and were very competitive in all areas. Congratulations to everyone involved. Please take advantage of the opportunity to highlight our student success stories with these great conferences.

FCCLA National Leadership Meeting & Competition

Congratulations to all region and state competitors and especially the 77 delegates that are advancing to national competition in Orlando, July 13-19.

We invite all administrators to join us in Orlando and experience a FCCLA National Meeting.

Teaching as a Profession Pathway

The Teaching as a Profession Courses have been reviewed by the Board of Regents, PSC and Education Deans from Colleges and Universities in Georgia for possible state-wide articulation. All members represented at the meeting were in agreement and final approval is expected in July.

Workshops to assist in implementing this pathway are available on the CTAERN, and additional information will be available at the GACTE Conference.

Congratulations to Alonzo A. Crim Open Campus High School!

They are the recipients of the AARP \$100,000 Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for the impact they have on students, families and their community through their Family Ties Day Care Program and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

The Family Ties Day Care Program teaches parenting and child care skills to young mothers and nurtures their growth while also providing care to the infants. The student parents are encouraged to become members of FCCLA, which addresses youth concerns including: teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse etc. all while developing character, leadership skills and a sense of empowerment.

Culinary Endorsement

If your teachers are in need of the Culinary Endorsement, please encourage them to begin this Summer on the prerequisites: 120 hours of industry experience and completion of ServSafe.

Food Science Workshops

We are hosting some Food Science Workshops this Summer, and still have a few seats available. This is an excellent workshop to prepare teachers that have not taught the Food Science course before, or have not taught it in a while. Refer to the CTAERN for dates and locations.

Business and Computer Science Professional Development Dates

What = Field of Dreams

Where = Warner Robins - Houston County Career Center

When = June 16-19, 2008

Why = Workshops include: Phase I & II GPS Workshops, Industry Certification, Computer Applications, Programming and FBLA

How = See the CTAERN for more details and to sign up for the "free" workshops

Georgia FBLA Welcomes the World in 2008!

FBLA National FBLA Conference, Atlanta - Marriott Marquis and World Congress Center, June 25-29, 2008

We are in need of judges (cannot be teachers) and hospitality personnel. Please contact Sarah Heath at SHeath@doe.k12.ga.us if you are interested in assisting.

Business and Computer Science Conference

September 5-7, 2008, Savannah Hyatt. More information to follow to BCS teachers and CTAE Administrators next week through the CTAERN.

Business and Computer Science State Advisory Committee

Please e-mail Sarah Heath at SHeath@doe.k12.ga.us if you have a business person in your community that you believe would be an excellent addition to our BCS State Advisory Committee. Sarah will also be sending out a application to teachers who wish to join and will copy CTAE administrators on the e-mail in case you have a teacher you would like to urge to be on the committee.

Leadership Academy for CTAE Administrators at the MarkED Conclave

This is a reminder that you can still register for the FIRST-EVER Leadership Academy at the MarkED Conclave, June 22 – June 25. This academy is designed especially for CTAE administrators. You can find all registration materials at (www.mark-ed.org). Just click on the Portland, Oregon Conclave graphic in the upper right corner of the page. As you register, remember that Georgia is a member state.

Since MarkED, Inc. is the premier national curriculum consortium for business and marketing education, this academy will provide an intensive look at the national standards for both business and marketing, as well as provide a clear picture of how business and marketing should be positioned in the future. A host of other topics related to leadership and supervision will be discussed.

Conclave for Business and Marketing Teachers

If you have a business and/or marketing teacher who would like to attend the MarkED Conclave, June 22 – 24, there is still time to register. (See registration information above.) This is an incredible conference that is totally dedicated to curriculum standards and professional development. States are guaranteed that this year's Conclave will be one of the best ever!

Georgia Career Student Association

The Lakeview Fort Oglethorpe Chapter of Georgia Career Student Association won Chapter of the Year, the organization's highest honor, for the 2007-2008 school year. The event involves documenting chapter activities throughout the school year. These activities include the following: state conference attendance from previous year, officer training conference attendance, officer installation ceremony, chapter meetings and speakers, recreational activities, state officer election, region contests, career activities, local appreciation functions, publicity activities, statewide charity campaign participation, and chapter showcase which highlights extraordinary chapter and member accomplishments.

To help celebrate our achievement, a member's parent and a local business surprised us greatly by commemorating our success with a billboard on Battlefield Parkway near the school.



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