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Special points of interest:

**February, 2010  
Celebrate!**

Career and Technical  
Education Month  
*"CTE: Invest In your  
Future"*

**March 8-10, 2010**  
ACTE National Policy  
Seminar  
Crystal Gateway  
Arlington, Virginia

**May 1, 2010**  
ACTE/SCACTE Nominations Awards Due to  
Ray Boland, Executive  
Director

**June 2010**  
*Education & Business  
Summit, Greenville, SC*

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## A Letter From Your SCACTE President

As a Work Based Learning Coordinator, I can tell you without a doubt: There has never been a more important time for you to consider membership and continue membership of this professional organization. Our state (SCACTE) and national (ACTE) organization is totally committed to CTE programs and recognition of our programs, teachers, and students.

[www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)

From my first learning of ACTE (then, AVA) - I responded – *I never second guessed the importance of being a member of this professional*

*organization.* Through SCACTE/ACTE, you will grow professionally and develop a network of support with educators across South Carolina and the United States – if you choose. If education is your profession of *choice*, then I encourage you to do the same. Be a part of *your* profession. It will be what you want it to be.

ACTE and SCACTE are well known for leadership in legislative advocacy. The national staff and state elected officers work year-round with education policy-makers and professional organizations to build

local and national support. This work ensures funding for career and technical education programs and teachers. The ACTE/SCACTE teams provide information congress leaders need concerning implementation of new laws and regulations. Having visited Washington during the NPS (National Policy Seminar for many springs), I know this is true. Where else would you want them to learn about CTE?

Understanding the world we live in today, can we afford *not* to be an active, supportive member?



Gwen Scarborough

Gwen Scarborough, President, Kathy Bradford, Region II Representative, Rick Kalk, SCACTE President Elect, Jerry Taylor, Webmaster & President of SCEITEA

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## South Carolina Business Education Association (SCBEA)

With this year's theme "Planting the Seed with Business Education" we are working to give our students the knowledge and skill sets to benefit them in the future. Over 25 technology workshops were held across the state last summer for teachers to brush up on technology skills and learn the content for new courses. Teachers also have the opportunity to participate in the Insurance Education Institute through The University of Central Arkansas. The SC Council on Economic Education held a workshop on personal finance for K-12 teachers during November.

The SCBEA board is diligently working on plans for the convention to be held in Myrtle Beach, February 18-20, 2010 at the Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes. In addition to the laptop sessions and the interest sessions; keynote speakers will be Madge Gregg, NBEA President-Elect and Scott Cochran of Wofford University.

A special committee is making awesome plans for the SBEA convention to be held in North Charleston, October 20-23, 2010. Attendees from the twelve southern states will be meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel. We are anticipating a large number of participants from the host state.

SCBEA has had much to celebrate the past several months. Our FBLA students were national winners in 16 different categories at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in June 2009. Over 200 South Carolina teenagers attended the conference which had over 7,800 students present.

Dr. Lynn Keane, a professor at the University of South Carolina received the Doctoral Research Award from Delta Pi Epsilon at the NBEA Convention in Chicago in April. The title of her dissertation was "A Technology-Supported Academic Community of Practice: A Case Study." A More detailed description of the research can be found on the SCBEA website, <http://www.sdbea.org>.

Dr. Tena Crews, Associate Professor of Technology Support and Training Management at the University of South Carolina received the Outstanding Leadership Award at the SBEA convention in Huntsville, Alabama, in October. Dr. Crews currently serves as President-Elect of SCBEA.

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## Pre-Medicine Academy Students in Myrtle Beach



According to Pat Grigg, the Pre-medicine students of The Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology in Myrtle Beach have had a prosperous fall filled with service learning activities. Our seniors have raised money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night campaign and participated in the annual remembrance walk. They soon followed this endeavor with a school wide food drive aimed at curbing hunger during this holiday season.

In the interim, the Pre-medicine juniors have been busy planning and presenting a talent show, which was also open to all technical education majors in our school. The show was a huge success, earning in excess of \$500 which was distributed among four local, nonprofit organizations.

Our major project this fall has been the planning and live enactment of the Cyber Surgeons Mission, an educational medical simulation program, teaching concepts related to human anatomy, physiology and disease processes. This was conducted through a live video conference with the Challenger Learning Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. In real time, students worked in teams to diagnose various maladies and recommend treatments. They utilized an array of computer tools, including a realistic view of the human body, to access a database that linked symptoms, possible conditions, test results and treatment options available for each patient. Students made many accurate diagnoses with appropriate treatments and recommendations for participation in clinical trials. It was an exciting example of their abilities to function well as a team under pressure, and all Pre-medicine students were able to participate in this endeavor.



As fall drifts into winter, we are planning a faculty holiday luncheon, a visit to take vital signs and entertain the elderly at a local assisted living facility, a winter food drive and participation in the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser program. All this and academic excellence too! These students are to be commended for their caring and giving spirits, as well as their devotion to health and medicine.

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# Student Agriculture Teachers Become SCACTE Members

Thursday, January 21, several SCACTE officers (Tammy Haile, Pat Earle, and Ray Boland) visited the present class of Agriculture Student Teachers at Clemson University. The purpose of the visit was to present the professional membership benefits of SCACTE to these student teachers, first year Agriculture students and their Agriculture professors. The 10 Student Teachers will be starting their 9 weeks of practice teaching and are now members of SCACTE and ACTE. Other topics of discussion were the importance of student organizations, networking, professional development, Perkins funding and other legislative actions. The importance of the annual 2010 National Policy Seminar, March 8-10 in Washington, D.C. was highlighted as a legislative ac-

tion. SCACTE members and CTE professionals connect with our members of Congress to enable them to appreciate the value of career and technical education. CTE programs are a vital component of our nation's education system and workforce expectations.

Tammy Haile is the Director of Career and Technology Education in Chesterfield County School District and SCACTE Educator of the Year. Pat Earle is an Agriculture Teacher at McBee High School and SCACTE Teacher of the Year. Ray Boland is the SCACTE Executive Director.

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# Program Expansion at Aiken County Career and Technology

*"Mr. Miller will be working with students in an Emergency Medical Services 3 (First Responder) and Emergency Medical Services 4."*

ACC&TC is pleased to announce the expansion of the Health Science Program this fall with the addition of a new instructor to teach Emergency Medical Services. Mike Miller, NREMT-P is originally from Boston, Massachusetts and recently worked with Aiken County Emergency Medical Services. While working with EMS Mike was active in training local high school students for the CERT team. He will be working with students in an Emergency Medical Services 3 (First Responder) and Emer-

gency Medical Services 4. He is also preparing to become a state certified EMT instructor. Students in EMS 4 will be participating in a special work study paid internship with Aiken County EMS during the second semester of their senior year which could lead to full time employment after they graduate.

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## SDE Surprises Ayers with \$4,000 Grant Award

B. J.



**B. J. Skelton Career Center** in Pickens County received a surprise for their HSE Instructor, Jan Ayers. Jan was awarded an "Anatomy in Clay" grant valued at \$4000. Ayers was one of only seven South Carolina teachers to receive the grant award.

This grant provides a hands-on approach to teaching anatomy, increasing levels of engagement, enjoyment, and application of knowledge. State Department of Education Health Science Coordinator Nancy Allen and SCHA representative Rachel Branham surprised Ayers with the announcement October 5th.

## Academy for Technology and Academics partner with DHEC

- Health Science Nursing senior students are partnering with DHEC and Conway Library with their community awareness campaign: Get Smart (Cause: Careful Antibiotic Use.) Students will be reading *The Little Elephant with the Big Earache* to toddlers on October 8, 2009. The students have created a display board teaching cause and it will be presented to the library. Students will provide animal crackers and juice for the toddlers after the reading session.



## ATA HEALTH Science Nursing "& Digital Arts team

The Academy for Technology and Academics Health Science Nursing (HOSA Health Education Team) and Digital Arts and Design Program began working on a community service project with Conway Medical Center last week. They are designing rocking chairs for the Ladies Day Out event called Ladies Rock! This event is part of their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

# SCACTE Executive Director Report



Ray Boland  
SCACTE Executive Director

This year's ACTE Annual Convention was held in Nashville, Tennessee and South Carolina had over 40 people attending this impressive gathering. ACTE reported that attendance at the conference was higher than expected. South Carolina hosted a drop-in on Friday night

of the conference and all seemed to have a delightful time. The conference was packed with valuable information and many wonderful sessions.

Our President, Gwen Scarborough, accepted the Quality Association Standards Award presented during the ACTE State Leadership Luncheon. The purpose of the Quality Association Standards (QAS) is to provide benchmarks for state associations to determine levels of performance and satisfactory service to their members and prospective members.

Next year's ACTE Annual Convention will be in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 2-4, 2010. Plan now to attend the 2010 ACTE Annual Conference and Career Tech Expo. Another important event is the National Policy Seminar which will be held March 8-10, 2010 in Washington, DC. At the NPS, ACTE will update you on all the important legislative, regulatory and political activities of 2009 re-

lated to CTE and prepare you for policy action in 2010. You will learn how the new Administration and Congress addressed CTE issues and how you can take advantage of these opportunities for your school programs. Leonard Williams is SCACTE's Federal Legislative Chairperson.



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