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Quarterly Update

OkACTE Guidance Division

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Special Address from Oklahoma's Own! ACTE Guidance Division VP, Jan Bell

Hello Fellow Guidance Members!

What an honor to be asked to contribute to this month's Guidance and Career Development Division Newsletter as we celebrated not only National Counselors Week February 1-5, but the month long celebration that is **CTE Month!** February was truly a month for spotlighting the profession that we are all so passionate about. As guidance professionals, we are the "heart and soul" of CTE so it is only fitting that we join with the nation during this month long celebration of love!

These are exciting times in our profession and we have much to celebrate! With the reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, which provides specific language for our division, as well as the recently passed *Every Student Succeeds Act*, more opportunities for connections between CTE and public education are being forged. Career Guidance Professionals are no longer on the outside looking in. We are repositioning to be at the core of the conversation. Whether your connection with CTE is through public education or directly through Career Tech, we are



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President Jan Bell

all in this division together, working to assist our students and helping them succeed!

The National Policy Seminar was held at the end of February in Arlington, VA, February 29-March 2! What an incredible opportunity to attend briefing sessions on the latest news in education policy and meet with policymakers on Capitol Hill to educate them about the value of CTE.

If you haven't been to the Guidance Divisions page on the ACTE website for a while I invite you to visit and enjoy all the information, resources and benefits available to our division members. Last month, our page highlighted a very special tribute to an individual who really paved the way for guidance and counseling professionals, Dr. Norm Gysbers. Take a brief glance into an exceptional career spanning 52 years of dedication and leadership to our profession. Here is the link for your convenience. http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who_We_Are/Divisions/Norm's%20Tribute%20ACTE.pdf

Enjoy the rest of March and as hard as we all work don't forget to take some time for yourself. Maybe some pampering, or a mini 'stay-cay' is just what is needed to get thru until May! Taking care of ourselves helps us be our best so that we can meet the ever increasing needs of our students.

Together we can!

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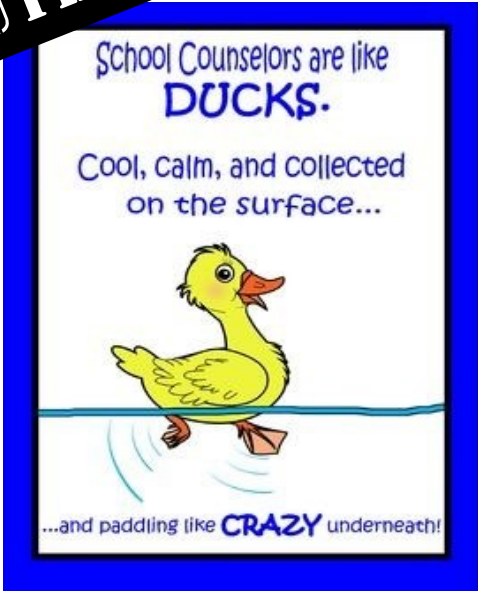
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

OkACTE
Guidance Spring Workshop
April 15th
8:30-Noon
MetroTech Springlake Campus

Economic Development Center, Room 123,
1700 Springlake Drive,
OKC, OK 73111
Details coming soon!



TRUTH!



There's still time!!
Counselors Only
Conference

What? Counselors Only Conference
When? March 10, 2016
Where? The Reed Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73110
Who? Counselors, of course!...as well as anyone who works with students in a guidance capacity...Sessions for elementary, middle school/junior high, high school, and technology center guidance staff. <http://counseloronly2016.eventbrite.com>

LOOKING FOR AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMMUNICATE THE VALUE OF TECHNICAL SKILLS?

Many of you may have seen the video, [Success in the New Economy](#), but if you haven't, it's a great way to educate you school counselors, share at a parent night at your sending school, or use with your community leaders to garner support for what we do at technology centers. If you have seen it, well, it's just good to be reminded of good material from time to time! Thanks to Lynne Sharp from Kiamichi Technology Center for sharing!

Know your CODE!

Speaking of useful reminders, it's always a good idea to review the American School Counselor Association (ASCA)



[Ethical Standards for School Counselors](#).

Remember that as school counselors, we do

have a code of ethics, and it is incumbent upon us to know those. If you'd like to go further, ASCA also has a

page dedicated to [legal and ethical](#)

[frequently asked questions](#).



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



Every year, you need to make your voice heard by our state legislators, but in this year of tight budgets, it's as important as ever to contact your legislators and tell them how important Oklahoma's CareerTech system is to our communities and the economic future of our state! **Please don't assume that someone else is contacting your legislators and conveying this message accurately!** It's surprising the misconceptions and/or the lack of knowledge about Oklahoma's CareerTech system that still exists, and if we don't tell our story, who will??

OkACTE president, Lois Jones, challenged all of us at the beginning of the year to invite our legislators to our campuses — or at least keep them informed about the fantastic things that happen all across our state. If you haven't answered this challenge yet, please don't delay! **Every day, critical decisions are being made that affect us, possibly for years to come!** If you don't know who your legislators are, please follow this link the [Oklahoma State Legislature's home page](#). There, you'll find a link to help you.

What are the purposes of the guidance division?

PURPOSE

- ⇒ Develop high professional standards among the membership
- ⇒ Enhance career development of all individuals
- ⇒ Disseminate information about guidance to career and technology educators
- ⇒ Develop and maintain communications
- ⇒ Identify the importance of a comprehensive guidance system
- ⇒ Provide all students with a solid foundation for making educational and career choices
- ⇒ Encourage the promotion of Career and Technology Student Organizations (CTSO)
- ⇒ Strengthen working relationships among all guidance personnel
- ⇒ Encourage support of both state and federal career guidance legislation issues

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YOUR
OFFICERS. IF
YOU HAVE ANY
SUGGESTIONS
OR COMMENTS,
PLEASE PASS
THEM ALONG.

If you have any ideas for workshops —
or if you have missed a workshop and would like to see it repeated, let us know!