The four priority high-skill, high-wage and in-demand industries are well established as: Advance Manufacturing; Information Technology; Healthcare; and Teaching and Training. Nevada school districts are boosting their efforts to offer programs that align to these. Without a doubt, these businesses all depend on good management, sound financial practices, and effective marketing strategies to be successful. What are trends and skills anticipated in the areas of management, finance, and marketing?

That is what recent focus groups of business leaders discussed. Futuring Panels, co-sponsored by the Nevada Department of Education’s (NDE) LifeWorks and the Office of Workforce Innovation for New Nevada (OWINN) were conducted in late March, for each of the areas of Business Management, and Finance and Marketing to learn what trends and skill sets employees will need to be successful. About fifteen Nevada business owners and executives participated in each of the interactive dynamic day-long sessions.

The participants were given an overview of OWINN and career and technical education then talked trends and skills in brainstorming style sessions. Ethical leadership was the topic for the afternoon. Students from FBLA and DECA spoke a few minutes and shared the importance of student organizations to reinforce curricula.

At the end of the day, new partnerships were formed and opportunities to stay connected were shared. OWINN and the NDE staff are committed to continuing this group as the Business Education Advisory Council in order to support business/ marketing education.

Staff from MBA Research, a consortium of states who develop national standards for these clusters based on research from industry, facilitated the focus groups and intend to generate a report that will summarize the discussion and outline the implications for Business and Marketing education.
Perkins V Updates: The Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning & Education Options (CRALEO) submitted the Perkins V one-year transition state plan to the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) on April 22, 2019; and, the Perkins V consolidated four-year state plan, which will be due to USDOE OCTAE on or before April 30, 2020. A Perkins V Governance Committee has been formed, as well as the following Perkins V CTE workgroups: Program Administration, Implementation and Fiscal Responsibility; Access and Opportunities; Educator Professional Development; Accountability and Performance Indicators; Corrections and Adult Education; and Dual-Enrollment. Each workgroup has assigned state plan section designations, and will be providing input and recommendations to the Governance Committee for state plan development. The Governance Committee’s charge will be to conduct public meetings to: (1) review the various workgroup’s recommendations for state plan development, discuss, and make decisions on state plan input; (2) review the state plan drafts for coherency and alignment between secondary and postsecondary education; (3) identify programmatic gaps and implementation challenges; (4) finalize state plan recommendations, public comments, and drafts; and, (5) identify additional policy recommendations that would strengthen the connection and alignment of the Perkins V state plan and the state’s education-workforce-economic development system. The Perkins V state plan development will occur throughout 2019.

2019 80th Nevada Legislature Updates: The 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature began on February 4, 2019 and runs for 120 days, until June 3, 2019. Budget closings began on April 2, 2019 and continue through May 23, 2019. Governor Sisolak presented his recommended budget at the State-of-the-State Address on January 16, 2019 and included a $1 million dollar, per year enhancement for career and technical education (CTE), which was approved by the Legislative Joint Subcommittee. This funding increases state CTE funding from $12.5 million per fiscal year (FY), to $13.5 million in FY20 and $13.5 million in FY21. Continued funding for the College and Career Ready (CCR) High School Diploma incentive grants and reimbursements of costs was also included in the Governor’s recommended budget for FY20 and FY21, and approved by the Legislative Joint Subcommittee.

CRALEO Updates: The CTE new teacher training series will begin again in July 2019. Stay tuned for dates, locations and resources to support this important professional development.

Nevada Department of Education Updates: In January 2019, Dr. Steve Canavero resigned as Superintendent of Public Instruction. In February 2019, Governor Sisolak appointed Jhone Ebert as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Any questions should be directed to Kris Nelson, knelson@doe.nv.gov.
Nevada Teacher Honored

by Melissa Scott

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) honored the best business educators for 2019 at their recent annual conference in Tucson, AZ. Tina Fulks of Desert Oasis High School, Clark County School District, was awarded the Outstanding Secondary Educator for the western region for her excellence in teaching and services to the profession.

Tina has served as the WBEA treasurer and legislative liaison, as well as the President of the Nevada Business Education Association and NACTE Division VP. She is also a lead DECA advisor having managed written events for several years and served on the Board of Trustees. Tina is well deserving of this award and exemplifies high quality CTE teaching.

Perkins V Opportunity for Innovation

by Melissa Scott

Melissa Scott and Dr. Dawn Burns recently attended the Advance CTE Spring Meeting held in Washington, D.C.

The Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act (aka Perkins V) demands innovative thinking to create high quality CTE programs from middle school through postsecondary, and gives states more flexibility to fund programs that support the state and regional workforce needs. Workgroups of stakeholders are hard at work tackling what CTE will look like for the next four years. Their recommendations will guide the Governance Committee who will craft the final plan.

Local education agencies (LEAs) will be required to examine their CTE programs and consult with local business and industry in a deeper way. Equal access to quality programs that lead to career pathways in high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand industries is the focus.

This important and hard work is not to be taken lightly. The Perkins V Plan will be the framework for quality CTE in Nevada and put structures in place for funding to support the goals set forth in the Plan. States will have the opportunity to update the plan every four years. This is the time to think differently so that all Nevadans are ready for success. The Department appreciates the time and effort of all who are participating in the Perkins workgroups.

Michael Kenig, Vice-chairman of Holder Construction said, “Perkins V is an opportunity to fund 75% of students not going to four year colleges.” Kenig was part of a panel session at the recent Advance CTE Spring meeting, where they discussed partnering with employers to be CTE advocates and supporters.
President Message

by Matt Mackay, President

NACTE Summer Conference
Harvey’s Lake Tahoe Resort
July 23-26, 2019

Our annual summer conference in beautiful Lake Tahoe, NV is coming up soon. We hope you can join your CTE colleagues this July to participate in the training, activities, networking and leadership opportunities that Nevada ACTE has to offer. Please see below for specific conference information and we’ll see you at the Lake!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:
• Members Cost: $300
• Non-Members Cost: $450
• Wednesday ONLY Pass: $99
• Thursday ONLY Pass: $99

July 1, 2019 – Last day to register and no refunds will be given after this date.

Nevada ACTE Awards
Do you know someone whose hard work and dedication to Career and Technical Education should be recognized? Should your own efforts in Career and Technical Education be honored? The Nevada Association for Career and Technical Education is currently accepting applications for this year’s state awards the following categories:

ACTE Teacher of the Year
ACTE Administrator of the Year
ACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
ACTE Career Guidance Award
ACTE New Teacher of the Year
ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year
ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award
ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award

Click on the link below for additional information and to complete an online application.

https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NV/home

NOTE: You will be applying for the year 2021 awards
Nevada SkillsUSA

by Sindie Read

Last September two of Nevada’s SkillsUSA State Officers were able to attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute in Washington D.C. President Briana Virella, and Vice President Gilliana Ryan, spent 5 days focusing on developing professionalism, communication, and leadership skills. During their stay in Washington D.C. they were proactive in attending various workshops that prepared them to speak with Nevada’s Senators and Congressional Staff. The workshops they attended magnified their knowledge of Career and Technical Education and the importance of the reauthorization of The Carl D. Perkins Act. Briana and Gilliana met with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, and shared their SkillsUSA stories. They discussed with her the significance that Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) play in CTE. Before returning home from WLTI, they were able to earn the National Statesmen Pin, which is one of the highest levels of recognition a member can receive in SkillsUSA.

In November, Nevada SkillsUSA held its Fall Leadership conference, at the Sunset Station in Las Vegas, Nevada. This 2 ½ day conference, is primarily run by our state officer team, and helps local officers and members gain the knowledge and skills they need to run a successful SkillsUSA chapter back at their school.

The Nevada SkillsUSA Officers joined the other CTSO Officers for a Legislative Visit here in Carson City on February 13 – 14. During the visit, the officers were able to speak with their own state representatives including assemblymen, assemblywomen and senators, and some officers were able to sit in on a legislative session. While promoting Career and Technical Education to our state legislatures, they were able to form friendships with other CTSO officers.

On February 9th our Regional Competitions were held around the state. With the help of Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology, College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Finlay VW Auto Center, and the Local 525 Pipe Trades Training Center we were able to run successful competitions.

Nevada SkillsUSA has surpassed our membership for the 2018/2019 membership year. Our state Board of Directors, and the SkillsUSA 2018-19 State Officer Team, are pleased to report that the State Leadership and Skills Conference which was held in Reno, April 9 – 12, was the largest in our history, with over 1250 participants in attendance. If you have any questions about how you can participate, please contact Sindie Read, sread@washoeschools.net.
Upcoming Events

June 19-22, 2019
HOSA International Leadership Conference
Orlando, FL

June 24-28, 2019
SkillsUSA National Conference
Louisville, KY

June 29 - July 2, 2019
FBLA National Leadership Conference
San Antonio, TX

June 30 - July 4, 2019
FCCLA National Conference
Anaheim, CA

July 23-26, 2019
Nevada ACTE Summer Conference
Lake Tahoe, NV

April 22-25, 2020
ACTE Region V Conference
Lake Tahoe, NV

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The Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning & Education Options is dedicated to developing innovative educational opportunities for students to acquire skills for productive employment and lifelong learning.

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