February 2015 Quarterly Update

Call to Action – Celebrate CTE Month!

February is national and state CTE Month! We invite you to celebrate with us and extend it through this quarter’s call to action! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Showcase your CTE programs in your local newspaper
- Give certificates to all CTE teachers
- Create a CTE/Career Extravaganza Day and invite your local legislators for breakfast to kick it off
- Highlight one item each day about CTE during the morning announcements

For more ideas go to: https://www.acteonline.org/ctemonth/#.VLlglifov_M. However you decide to celebrate – let others celebrate with you by either:

- Emailing a picture and sharing how you are celebrating CTE Month to marcia.olson@alaska.gov and it will be posted to the Alaska CTE Plan website or
- Participating in UAA Community and Technical College’s Facebook Campaign by posting a picture of how you are celebrating CTE with a caption of “I believe in CTE because ________.”

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has chosen “Recognizing Classroom Innovators” as the theme for CTE Month this year.

Under this quarterly update’s Celebrate Success, we are highlighting just one of many Alaska CTE classroom innovators.

Celebrate Success – CTE shows that it is “learning that works for Alaska”

“. . . I can't imagine my life without teaching . . .”

Those are the words of Kent Winship of UAF Bristol Bay Campus, our featured CTE Success Story this month. Kent was recognized as Alaska’s Outstanding New CTE Teacher at last fall’s Alaska ACTE Professional Development Conference. His positive and energetic attitude and his influence on the lives of many young adults entering the world of work were attributes mentioned by the nomination committee. Kent has embraced his role as a CTE instructor after 35 years of residential and commercial carpentry experience in the private sector. To read Kent’s full story and to download it in PDF format, visit our Celebrate Success webpage at http://www.alaskacteplan.com/celebrate-success.html.

- If you have a CTE Success Story to share, please submit it using this form.

Alaska CTE Plan Update

- Check out the Alaska CTE Plan Scorecard to see activities for this quarter and year.

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Other CTE Highlights

- **Wondering about the newest Type M Teacher Certification Requirements?**
  EED has revised its requirements and forms for new Type M Teachers. The requirements affect the initial one-year limited Type M Certificate, the Four-Year Extension to the Initial Certificate, and the Renewal of the Certificate. For a summary of the requirements, please visit our news update here - [http://www.alaskacteplan.com/news/new-ak-type-m-teacher-certification-requirements](http://www.alaskacteplan.com/news/new-ak-type-m-teacher-certification-requirements).

  For more information, please visit the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Teacher Certification website - [http://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/](http://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/) or contact the Teacher Certification office – by phone (907) 465-2831 or by email to Sondra Meredith, Teacher Certification Administrator, at Sondra.Meredith@Alaska.Gov.

- **AKLN continues its mission of “Making Education More Accessible”**
  Alaska’s Learning Network – AKLN - provides online courses for high school students across the state as well as professional development opportunities for educators. In addition to a variety of academic courses, AKLN offers several CTE courses including Computer Science, Business Applications, Engineering Design, several Health Science courses, and the popular Introduction to Mining course provided in partnership with Hecla Greens Creek Mine. If you or any of your students are interested in taking advantage of AKLN’s offerings, please see their website [http://www.aklearn.net/index.html](http://www.aklearn.net/index.html) or contact Frank Coenraad at 796-6098 or fcoenraad@uas.alaska.edu.

Professional Development Opportunities

- For current PD offerings, please visit the [UA Career Pathways website](http://www.alaskacteplan.com/news/new-ak-type-m-teacher-certification-requirements). The listing includes both university- and non-university-sponsored professional development.

Upcoming Events

**February 2015**
- Alaska Workforce Investment Board - February 2-3, Juneau
- UA Board of Regents, Feb. 19-20, Anchorage

**March 2015**
- CTE Coordinators’ Annual Worksession - March 2-4, Anchorage Downtown Hilton
- Registration open for fall ACTE CareerTech Vision 2015 Conference, March 2
- Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network Spring Conference - March 17-18, Anchorage
- State Board of Education & Early Development, March 19-20, Juneau

**April 2015**
- UA Board of Regents, April 9-10, Bethel
- Alaska PTA Annual Conference - April 17-18, Anchorage
- Alaska CTE Plan Advisory Committee Annual Worksession April 27, Anchorage

Want to learn more about CTE in between quarterly updates?
Visit the [CTE Plan Website](http://www.alaskacteplan.com/news/new-ak-type-m-teacher-certification-requirements) often and [sign up for our Alaska CTE Plan newsfeed](http://www.alaskacteplan.com/news/new-ak-type-m-teacher-certification-requirements) today!

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