



The Fall Reporter

Fall, 2011

President's Message



Having the opportunity to serve you this year is an honor. I look forward to working with you and improving our students' academic careers. Let me start by asking you a question.

When was your last "warm fuzzy"? You know those little notes from your former students about

where they are, what they're doing, and their successes in life. I keep a folder where I tuck those treasures. When I need a pick-me-up, I open that folder and spend a few minutes flipping through them.

With the challenges we face, we need those reminders of why we do what we do – It is our students' success. We are not alone in those challenges. Missouri ACTE is always looking out for our best interests. ACTE is working on several items that will strengthen career and technical education. Both of those organizations fight continually to ensure that funding issues are front and center. They are advocates for us so that we can concentrate on our students.

Summer Conference was a great time for me to gear up for the year. I got to visit with colleagues and learn new techniques. It is my hope that it was just as valuable for you. If you have any suggestions for next year, please share them with me or your Division President. With your feedback, we can continue to make Missouri ACTE the valuable experience we all need.

In just a few months, we will have an opportunity that is not likely to come around again. The ACTE Conference will be held in St Louis this year, which makes attendance feasible for many. Maybe you haven't attended this event before, or if you have, maybe it's been several years since you were present. I encourage you to take advantage of this

opportunity and see what our national organization does for us. You'll be amazed at how hard those folks work for us.

If you know someone that has not joined our professional organization, please help them realize the benefits they are missing. Professional development, advocacy, networking, and career services are just a few of the benefits.

So, sit back and relax for five minutes with a "warm fuzzy" then get ready for a new year. Not for yourself or your professional organizations, but for your students. They are the reason we do what we do.

Respectfully yours,

Janell Allred, Missouri ACTE President

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Meet Our New President-Elect



Mark Fuchs, President of the Missouri Trade and Technical Division (MTTA), is the Coordinator for the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program (CJAP), having served CJAP for over 11 years. His entire career as a CTE educator has been in the construction industry.

He began in 2000 as an instructor; spent five years teaching and has served at the administrative level for the last six years.

There are many job descriptions embodied in the operation of CJAP and he has served in each, including: teaching construction concepts in adult education, counseling and guidance, program operations, and program administration.

His education includes the following:

- Master of Arts in Public Administration; St. Louis University; St. Louis, MO (*Degree expected May, 2011, 3.9 G.P.A.*)

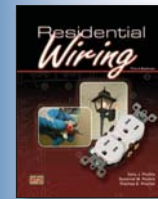
- Bachelor of Science; Southern Illinois University; Carbondale, IL; 2005 (*Workforce Education and Development, Magna Cum Laude*)
- Associate of Applied Science; Jefferson College; Hillsboro, MO; 2004 (*Carpentry Apprenticeship, 3.9 G.P.A., Dean's List*)
- ACT WorkKeys Gold Level National Career Readiness Certificate - 2009
- ACT WorkKeys Gold Level Missouri Career Readiness Certificate - 2009
- University of Missouri; Columbia, MO (*Vocational Instructor Certification; 9 credit hours; 4.0 G.P.A.; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; August, 2006*)
- Modesto Junior College; Modesto, CA (*Business Administration emphasis; 28 credit hours, 3.9 G.P.A.*)
- Fox High School; Arnold, MO (*President's Academic Scholarship, Southeast Missouri State University*)
- AGC Supervisory Training Program Certificate - Superintendent - 1991
- St. Louis Carpenter's Apprenticeship Program; September, 1978 - January, 1981 (*Journeyman Carpenter status, 1981*)

Congratulations, Mark!

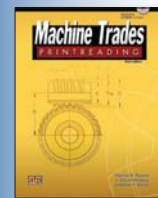


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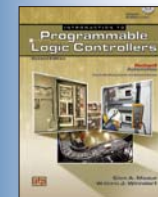
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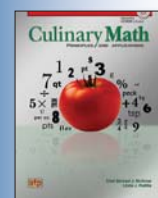
This new edition of *Residential Wiring* addresses the latest technology in service entrances, low-voltage systems, troubleshooting residential electrical systems, and system design and includes information on NFPA 70E® and NEC® requirements.



Machine Trades Printreading presents a thorough foundation for understanding the symbols, practices, and concepts used in prints created for manufacturing and machining processes. This new edition text/workbook explains how parts made in a machine shop are represented in two-dimensional drawings.



Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers is a text/workbook that provides a solid foundation in PLC theory, installation, programming, operation, and troubleshooting. This new edition includes many large, detailed drawings of commercial and industrial PLC systems.



Culinary Math Principles and Applications showcases how and why foodservice workers use math in the professional kitchen. This new text/workbook integrates math skills within the culinary arts in an easy-to-follow and well-illustrated style that engages learners.



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Region III Report

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The Region III Conference was held in Terre Haute, Indiana on June 13-15 with the theme of "Leadership is a Matter of Choice". The purpose of the Region III Conference is to grow our leadership, while networking with other members of our Region. All six states were represented and 28 attended. There was a lot of discussion over the importance of the Conference and whether to maintain it. The result will be taken to the ACTE Executive Board, but we recommended that we continue it; with it lasting two half-days; it would be a meeting and not a conference (without tours and such, to help cut costs); and it would concentrate on growing our Region's leadership. We collected \$413.00 for the CTE Support Fund during the silent auction. Dave Bunting, our Region III VP, has also formed a committee to review and update our bylaws and policies.

Next year's Region III Professional Development Conference will be held in Middleton, Wisconsin, at the Marriott West. The Conference begins on June 21st and ends at noon on the 22nd. The registration fee is \$165.00, if

you register by June 1st and the hotel rate is \$70 for a single and \$90 for two or more in a room. There will be a wonderful cookout on Thursday night with lots of networking/leadership opportunities. Make plans to attend this wonderful leadership opportunity.

ACTE will be offering an opportunity to develop the leadership skills of existing and potential leaders in our region. The Leadership Task Force has developed a new leadership training program to further develop current state and regional association leaders, while also exposing up-and-coming leaders to leadership development. Four sessions will be held over the next two years, covering two or three criteria per session. Deadline to apply is October 15, 2011. For more information, please contact Donna Vossen.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization. If you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me. Have a great school year.

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ACTE Annual Convention

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Some 2011 Conference Memories



↑ *President Laura McVay passes the gavel to incoming President Janell Allred*



↑ *President Laura McVay poses with Mark Perna, one of our Opening Speakers*



↑ *President McVay poses with Darryl Johnson, one of our Opening Speakers*



↑ *Dan Brown, legislative aide, accepts the Legislative Recognition Award for Senator Dan Brown*



↑ *Glenda Whitney poses with Larry Neill, Missouri ACTE Recognition Award winner*



↑ *Jerry Delgado gives his President-Elect nomination speech*



↑ *Pictured from left: Glenda Whitney, Janell Allred, Laura McVay, ACTE President-Elect Karen Mason, ACTE President Jim Comer, and Sherry Struckhoff*

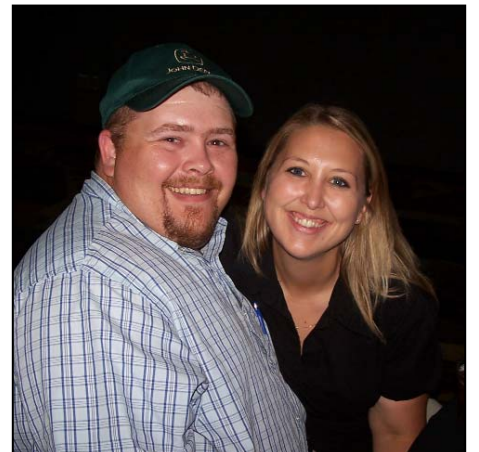
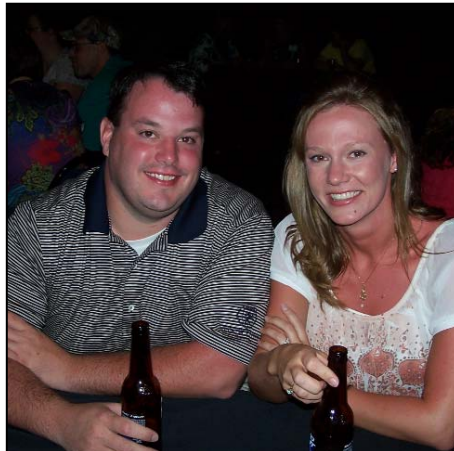
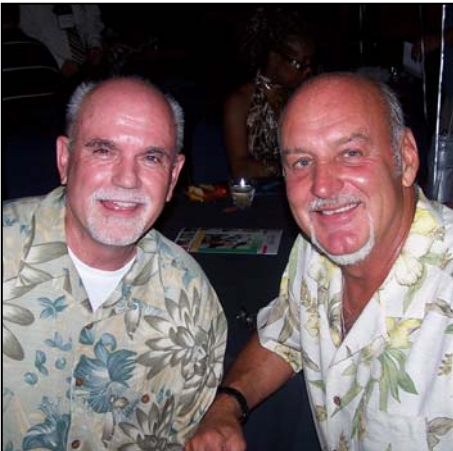


↑ *Missouri ACTE Board Members get down to business at their Thursday meeting*

Thank You ... 2011 Conference Vendors!



Some of Our 2011 Conference Friends!



Our 2011 Division Award Winners

The Missouri ACTE Awards Committee would like to take this opportunity to recognize the individual winners from each of the Divisions. It is important to take time out of our busy schedules to recognize the outstanding contributions of our peers. Thank you for what you do on behalf of the students in Missouri. John F. Kennedy once said; "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

Missouri Council of Career Technical Administrators (MCCTA)

Outstanding Career & Technical Education Professional

Don Walker, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Missouri Health Science Technology Education (MHSTE)

Outstanding Achievement in Practical Nurse Education

Winnie Anderson, Lex-La-Ray Technical Center

Outstanding Achievement in Secondary Health Occupations

Ernema "Bing" Boettner, RN; Maryville

Outstanding Service Award

Janice Rehak, DESE

Recognition Awards

Tina Gerber, LPN

Golden Living Center, Maryville

Susan Hornbuckle, RN; Maryville

Nicole "Nikki" Adamson, CNA; Maryville

Retiring Health Occupations Educator

Melissa Hobbs, RN; Nichols Career Center, Jefferson City

Missouri Trade & Technical Association (MTTA)

Teacher of the Year

Regina Gossett, Poplar Bluff Career Center

Missouri School Counselors Association (MSCA)

Elementary Counselor of the Year

Nancy Bonn-Winkler, Creative Learning, Rockwood Public Schools

Middle/Junior High School Counselor of the Year

JoLynne Reppond, Inman Intermediate School, Nixa Public Schools

Secondary School Counselor of the Year

Russell Smith, Marquette High School, Rockwood Public Schools

Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS)

Champion of Family & Consumer Sciences

Scott Oberkrom, Director of Investments for American Century Investments, Kansas City

Retirees

Abigail Artlaud, Southwest Livingston City High School

Sue Doss, Verona High School

Linda Eggerman, Lamar High School

Mary Ann Lanoue, Lee's Summit High School

Chris Marshall, Risco R-2 High School

Susan Rost

Barb Selzer, Blue Springs South High School

Patti Spainhower

Janet Sullivan, Cassville High School

Missouri Business Education Association (MBEA)

Distinguished Service Award

Tamara Talbot & Rita Schildknecht

Division Award Winners

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Missouri Special Needs Association (MSNA)

Direct Support Service Award

Robert Studdard, Rolla Technical Institute

Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (MVATA) & National Association Agriculture Educators (NAAE)

NAAE Outstanding Young Member

Jack Green, Milan

NAAE Outstanding Teacher

Bob Parsons (retired), Salem

AAE Outstanding Agriculture Education Program

Eldon – Matt Biddle, Gary Reichel, & Adam Wolf

NAAE Ideas Unlimited Award

Lindy Holt, South Holt

NAAE “Teachers Turn the Key” Scholarship Award

Ashley Brown, Hermitage

Distinguished Service Award

Melissa Bertz, Higginsville
 Dan Burkemper, Jackson
 Stan Coday, Mansfield
 Jill Huntsman, Hillyard Technical Center
 Jeff Kitchen, Lake Career & Technical Center
 Randy Lightfoot, Fair Play
 Susan Marsh, Atlanta
 Albert Rieke, Fatima
 Lyle Whitaker, Miller

NAAE Teacher Mentor

Randy Lightfoot, Fair Play

NAAE Outstanding Service Award

Rusty Black, Chillicothe

Outstanding Agriculture Education Post-Secondary/Adult Program

North Central Missouri College, Rustin Jumps & David Nowland

Note: All Divisions were given an opportunity to submit the names of their award winners.

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Our Cover Artist



↑ Susan Hutcherson, Desktop Publishing Instructor; Shelby Dietz, student; and Janell Allred, Store Operations Instructor and Missouri ACTE President

Shelby Dietz, senior at Clinton High School, received statewide recognition and a check for \$100.00. As a junior last April, Shelby created the program cover design for the Missouri Career and Technical Education Summer Conference.

She was a student in Susan Hutcherson's Desktop Publishing class through Clinton Technical School when she won the contest. Along with the check, she will receive a framed print of the program cover.

As a senior, Shelby is in Advanced Desktop Publishing, Accounting II, and is the Finance Manager for The Nest, Clinton High School's school store. In addition to her responsibilities at school, she works 30 hours a week at Golden Corral.

Shelby is the daughter of Mark Dietz and Sherry Manson. She is a lifelong resident of Clinton, member of FBLA, in the Clinton High School Honor Society, Clinton Technical School Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Thank you, Shelby, for a job well done!





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	Online		Online
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Division News

MVATA - Agriculture



↑ Pictured from left: Adam Wolf, Matt Biddle, Gary Reichel and Roger Wilson, George Clark Missouri State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

Eldon is Named The 2011 Outstanding Agriculture Education Program by the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Matt Biddle, Gary Reichel and Adam Wolf, agriculture instructor(s) and the Eldon School District were recognized with the Outstanding Agriculture Education Program Award for their accomplishments during the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (MVATA) Conference in Springfield, Missouri this summer.

The Outstanding Agriculture Education Program Award is given to the top agriculture education program for their teachers' involvement in professional activities and meeting the educational needs of their students. The award also takes into account community service projects, FFA chapter and student successes, and the positive influence the agriculture program has on the school and community.

The George Clarke Missouri State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation sponsors the award and presented a plaque and a cash award to the recipients at the MVATA banquet.

MVATA is a professional agriculture education teacher association that has more than 469 members serving 324 schools.

MBEA - Business



↑ The Missouri Business Education Association (MBEA) recognized Tamara Talbot (above left) and Rita Schildknecht (above right) with the Distinguished Service Award at the MBEA Closing Session, Awards and Lunch at the MBEA Summer Conference on July 28, 2011. The purpose of the Distinguished Service Award is to recognize retiring business educators who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of business education and who have served in leadership roles in MBEA and other professional organizations. Congratulations to Tamara and Rita!

Missouri Business Educators ... Making Change

by Gina McLachlan

The members of the Missouri Business Education Association (MBEA) held their joint Summer Conference with Missouri ACTE on July 25-28, 2011 at the University Plaza in Springfield, Missouri. This year's theme was "Making Change."

The Opening Session was held at 1:00pm on Tuesday. After introductions, greetings were brought to the membership by FBLA State Reporter Libby Shannon, NCBEA Representatives Sharon Fisher-Larson and Winter Owen, and DESE's Dennis Harden. Leslie Kern, Marketing and Business Education Director gave an update of current issues, concerns, and data concerning our Division. Following the Opening Session, Division meetings were held so Division Presidents could fill committee positions and get organized for the year. The MBEA committees then met to set a program of work for the year. Tuesday night, members and their families and friends attended the Springfield Cardinals game. Our group had about 70 people and all received a commemorative coin.

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MBEA *(Continued)*

Wednesday and Thursday morning, conference attendees were able to choose from numerous concurrent sessions and computer labs. Laptop labs were provided on-site by Crystal City High School for educators to use in their hands-on workshops. Sessions covered various topics, such as Office 2010, Google Docs, FBLA, Dreamweaver, Premiere, and Business Law.

At the Closing Session/Luncheon, Vin Capone from Apple Corporation gave a presentation on the uses and values of the Ipad. Fellow business educators were honored for their outstanding contributions to education. These included: Who's Who Initiates Christine Spurlock (Sikeston Career & Technology Center) and Judy Meyer (Warrensburg Area Career Center), as well as Distinguished Service Award recipients Rita Schildknecht (Warrensburg Area Career) and Tamara Talbot (Benton High School in St. Joseph).

The following members were elected as MBEA officers for the 2011-12 year:

President:	Gina McLachlan (Central)
President-Elect:	Theresa Bynum (Southeast)
Secretary:	RuthAnn Williams (University of Central Missouri)
Treasurer:	Roger McMillian (Kansas City)
Past-President:	Teresa Harmon (East Central)

MACS - Career Services

Missouri Association of Career Services (MACS) got off to a great start for the upcoming school year at the annual Missouri ACTE Summer Conference held in Springfield, MO on July 25-28, 2011. The MACS Division Conference was held at the Ramada Oasis Hotel with approximately 40 members in attendance. Conference sessions included Perkins, MOSIS, and TSA Technical Skills Updates in addition to many career-related sessions, providing members with wonderful career resources. One of the highlights of the Conference included a visit from the ACTE President Jim Comer and ACTE President-Elect Karen Mason. Karen and Jim spoke to MACS members, gathering their input and concerns regarding career legislation and future member services. Their presentation not only actively involved members, but they also assured members of their continuing effort in supporting educators in career services. The annual tailgate party event provided members with opportunities for networking, including drawing for prizes, food and dancing.

MACS' Fall Conference was recently held September 22-23, 2011 in Columbia. John Suttentfield with Human Resources at Meramec Group located in Sullivan, Missouri was recognized as the Career Services Employer of the Year.

MACS *(Continued)*

Suttentfield was nominated by Glenda Jordan-Whitney, Career Services Director at Linn State Technical College. He has served on the Career Services Advisory Council for the past 11 years, has been a judge for the job interviewing contest at the State SkillsUSA competition, has visited with students on campus to conduct mock interviews, and has provided invaluable information to Career Services staff to prepare students for the workforce.



↑ Pictured from left: Doug Riley, CEO of Meramec Group; Glenda Jordan-Whitney, Career Services Director at Linn State Technical College; and John Suttentfield, Meramec Group, Career Services Employer of the Year

Stacie Wild, Guidance & Career Services Coordinator at State Fair Career & Technology Center in Sedalia, Missouri was honored as Career Services Coordinator of the Year by her peers. She has been a MACS member for 13 years and has served as Treasurer for the group for the past six years.

Look for new and exciting resources coming soon from MACS! Contact Tawni Boman at tawni.boman@leesummit.k12.mo.us or visit the MACS website at <http://macs.mo-acte.org> for updates.



← Pictured from left: Tawni Boman, MACS President, and Stacie Wild, Career Services Coordinator of the Year

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MSCA - Counselor

by David Teeter, MSCA President

The Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Fall Conference is scheduled for November 6-8, 2011 with a Saturday Institute that will be held the day preceding the Conference. The Conference will feature over 100 breakout session opportunities, as well as two keynote speakers. The theme of the Conference this year is "MSCA - Empowering Students to Reach for the Stars."

One of the keynote speakers is Dr. Phil Vincent, a National Lifetime Achievement Award winner in Character Education, speaking on "The Moral Calling of Education: In the Field of Education It's Plowing Time Again." Hoping to make attendees laugh until it hurts, feel their cheese has moved a little bit, and maybe bring tears to people's eyes!" The other keynote speaker is Michael Pritchard, a Beryl Buck Award winner and Emmy nominated host of the PBS series focused on youth motivation, violence prevention, and bullying, speaking on "Finding Wellness, Happiness, and Joy in Demanding Times." It should be a great conference and we

look forward to having a large crowd that will be ready to return to work full of excitement and motivation to work with students in a whole new way!

Also this year, the MSCA Governing Board is going to focus on implementing new technology sources and information access through things such as Facebook, Twitter, and other social media. We also hope to make our website and other services a more comprehensive source of information, so our membership feels that we are providing the things to better help them serve students, parents and their communities. In this ever-changing world of technology, we are looking to provide the things that members are seeking and make them more accessible when they need it. We are also looking to make information more "instant" instead of waiting for the traditional newsletter times to make our members aware of items they need and want to access.

We look forward to our organization growing and being the progressive avenue of providing services to its members in this 21st Century of advancing technology.

MoEFACS - Family & Consumer Sciences

Commitment, Consistency and Courage in Education - Exactly What Does That Statement Mean to Our Division?

by Vickie Fuller, MoEFACS President-Elect

We have to continue to be committed, now, more than ever to our students and our careers. For those of you new to teaching, now is your time to begin. Budget cuts and changes at the Department of Education continue to hang over our heads as one of the biggest detriments to our careers. Yet, we as educators, cannot let our commitment to our students be undermined. We must become more cohesive as a group, more creative in our teaching and more committed to our jobs.

Common Core Standards, across all curriculum, are looming on the horizon. What better way to show everyone the

importance of FACS and Human Services curriculum in today's society? The blending of the two has made us one of the largest and most active of Missouri ACTE Divisions. As one force, we can set the standard for the rest of the Divisions. Ours is a blended group of educators with diverse disciplines and one COMMON GOAL - STUDENT SUCCESS. To achieve this, we must have the courage to face the uncertain future of Career Education.

Thank YOU!

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MoEFACS *(Continued)*

Missouri Educators of Family Consumer Science (MoEFACS) 2011 Summer Conference

by Leone Herring, DESE

“3C’s – Commitment, Consistency, Courage” was the theme for the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Science (MoEFACS) Summer Conference. The approximately 300 members attending were able to hear Missouri ACTE speakers, as well as four special speakers at the MoEFACS Conference, including Tom Krause, Lori Myers, Dr. James Painter and Thomas Dismukes.

Curriculum, Instructional Practices, Assessment, and Leadership represent the quality professional development strands addressed in the Family Consumer Science and Human Services programs. These strands were available throughout the Conference in the Pre-Conference offerings, Division meetings, Concurrent and Carousel Sessions, and special speakers.

Opening and Closing Keynote Speakers Tom Krause and Thomas Dismukes helped set the atmosphere for the Conference. Mr. Krause’s message of encouragement for learning, sharing, and understanding provided a strong link to the theme and conference offerings. Mr. Dismukes’

special storytelling style helped end an exceptional professional development conference while linking back to the theme and sending attendees off to their next challenge – school starting – with courage and humor.

An Awards and Recognition Reception honored Scott Oberkrom, Director of Community Investments for American Century Investments, as the 2011 Champion of Family and Consumer Sciences; Baylee Lane, Scholarship recipient; and Retirees: Abigail Arthaud, Sue Doss, Linda Eggerman, Mary Ann Lanoue, Chris Marshall, Susan Rost, Barb Selzer, Patty Spainhower, and Janet Sullivan.

The Special Function Luncheon held on Wednesday featured Dr. James Painter, Chairman of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at Eastern Illinois University, who spoke on “Food Psychology: Why We Eat More than We Think”. The 150 luncheon attendees were delighted and inspired by the enthusiastic, entertaining presentation and wealth of knowledge Dr. Painter provided. And of course, a wonderful meal topped off the event.

MoEFACS conference attendees and the MoEFACS Board of Directors left the Summer Conference ready to look ahead to the many challenges that face educators at the beginning of a new school year. With new resources, contacts, and ideas, they moved forward to make 2011-12 a great year and the 2012 Conference even more responsive to the professional development needs of the membership.

Missouri Represented on DECA’s Congressional Advisory Board (CAB)



Rep. Vicky Hartzler

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer have joined DECA’s Congressional Advisory Board (CAB), showing their support for DECA and Career and Technical Education. DECA’s CAB is a voluntary, nonpartisan board comprised of members of the U.S. Congress who are supportive of DECA on the national level.

Hartzler, a former consumer sciences teacher, is in her first term in the U.S. House after defeating Ike Skelton, who spent 34 years in Congress. Hartzler currently sits on both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. Luetkemeyer, in his second term, is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

Luetkemeyer and Hartzler are the only two Missourians on the CAB. The current CAB is comprised of 20 Representatives and nine Senators.



Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer

Both Hartzler and Luetkemeyer joined the CAB earlier this spring upon request from Missouri DECA State President Micah Melling, who has since been elected as DECA’s National Central Region Vice President.



Clinton High School Senior Elected to National DECA Post

Micah Melling, a senior at Clinton High School, Clinton School District, has been elected Central Region Vice President of National DECA. He also is the 2010-2011 Missouri DECA State President.

Melling was elected at the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Fla., April 30-May 3. He is only the seventh student from Missouri DECA to win national office.

Founded in 1946, DECA is a non-profit organization for high school and college students interested in careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA's high school division includes 185,000 members in 5,000 schools in the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Missouri DECA has more than 9,100 members in 178 chapters across the state.

"Being elected as DECA's 2011-2012 Central Region Vice President is the highest honor of my high school career," Melling said. "I am most excited about serving DECA's amazing members and advisors and getting to know many personally."

The DECA national officer team is made up of the President and three Regional Vice Presidents. Melling will lead DECA's Central Region, which is comprised of 13 states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. They will work with the DECA Inc. staff and corporate partners to plan the next

International Career Development Conference and will travel extensively throughout the year to promote DECA.

"Micah demonstrated exemplary leadership skills as our State President this school year, and he will be an asset to the international organization," said Gayla Westergaard, supervisor of business, marketing and information technology and Missouri DECA state advisor for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Melling was one of three candidates for the Regional Vice President's post. After submitting an application, he took the officer candidate exam, interviewed with the nominating committee, campaigned during the conference and delivered a five-minute speech before being elected by delegates from the Midwest.

"Micah worked very hard on his national campaign, and we commend him for achieving this honor" said Westergaard. "His initiative, logical approach to problem solving, and sincere personality will make him an excellent ambassador for National DECA and our high school marketing students."

Melling will preside at the Central Region Leadership Conference, scheduled for Dec. 2-4 in Omaha, Neb. He also will preside at the Missouri DECA Fall Leadership and State Officer Election Conference to be held Oct. 16-17 at Lake Ozark.

