

## TUESDAY GENERAL INTEREST SESSIONS

### **Google Groundwork: Using Google in the Classroom**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Google Apps

Are you intrigued by Google apps but don't know where to start? If so, this workshop is for you! We will cover the basics of Google Drive (and why it's so awesome), functions of Google Docs, Sheets, and Forms, and how students can use these tools to collaborate in your classroom. We will also provide additional tools to help you implement Google and all it has to offer!

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### **A Force to be Reckoned With**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: STEM

With the growing demand for CTE/STEM jobs teachers need strategies to facilitate student exposure to those career pathways. A CTE/STEM curriculum can be enhanced by empowering students with integrated projects that emphasize problem solving, collaboration, and by exposing students to career exploration along the way. Many new tools have been developed recently that streamline students' educational journey on their way to a fulfilling career. Teaching skills students can put into action in the workforce while at the same time revealing what those pathways have to offer is empowering. Business Computer Science and Engineering and Technology Education innately deal with STEM. By linking career information throughout projects students will be a powerful and informed force to be reckoned with as they enter the job market. Resources, examples and links will be provided to assist teachers. May the Force be With You!

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### **Addressing the Employability Skills Gap with GeorgiaBEST**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Employability Skills

In a recent survey of Georgia employers, 95% of the respondents said they saw the value in soft skills training. This presentation will provide an overview of the Georgia Department of Labor's Business Ethics Student Training (GeorgiaBEST) program. As a no-cost, statewide initiative, GeorgiaBEST addresses the 10 standards that employers say are lacking in today's workforce. Come hear about the recent developments with GeorgiaBEST and how the program can be implemented at both the middle school and high school levels.

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### **Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) and Autodesk Certified User (ACU) Certifications - Imagine. Design. Create.**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Certification

65% of today's primary school kids will end up at jobs that do not currently exist. In order to help students to prepare for and thrive in a continuously evolving job market, the ACA Certification becomes an invaluable way to encourage creativity, and creative expression. This becomes a metric for your institution to measure that creativity, and validate students' skills and provide evidence of their knowledge. In fact, studies show that students who earn a certification as part of a career-oriented education program achieve a much higher level of academic success, with an average GPA half a point higher, and an almost 30% increase in the graduation rate. Even better, the ACA Certification program provides you with teaching materials, practice tests, and a host of other resources, so you're never on your own. The ACA Certification is a perfect opportunity to better prepare the students for a world driven by collaboration and creativity. [Certiport.com/ACA](http://Certiport.com/ACA)

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## **Career Pathways: The Best of CTE's Past Provides a Blueprint for its Future**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Future of CTE

The speaker will look at CTE's past 100 years and provide insight as to what intellectually demanding CTE programs must look like to transform its future. The presentation will focus on a double-purpose approach to learning, blending technical know-how with lifelong learning skills. More specifically, reorganizing high schools around intellectually demanding career pathways that blur the lines between high school, post-secondary studies and high demand jobs will be addressed.

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## **CTAE Resource Network 101**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: CTAE Resource Network

This session is designed to help you unleash the resources available to you through your system's membership in the CTAE Resource Network. If you don't know what that is, this session is definitely for you! As a unique consortium serving all Georgia school systems, the CTAE Resource Network provides YOU professional learning, instructional resources, website data management, and more! Come and let us walk you through the riches that belong to you!!

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## **Discipline Down!... Achievement Up!... Taking Control of Your Classroom 100**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Instructional Methods

This presentation will help teachers to create successful students, by sharing proven classroom management strategies designed to put them, the classroom teachers, back into the driver's seat. Attendees will be able to implement, or help others to implement, these Classroom Behavior Strategies on the first day back to school. They will understand the importance of having the right beliefs about the way to train children to behave, so they will comply the first time, every time. One significant cause for student achievement gaps is due to the disruption of the classroom because of certain student behaviors. Classroom management is a daily challenge for any educator. Whether they are the new teacher excited to take on the world or the seasoned veteran who has probably experienced about every type of student there can be, classroom management can be a challenge.

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## **Extending the REACH of CTAE in Georgia**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: REACH Georgia Program

This presentation will outline REACH Georgia's needs based scholarship program, provide an update on the 100 school systems enrolled in the REACH network and pay special attention to the intersection and alignment of REACH Georgia with the work of our CTAE professionals.

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## **Farm to Table School Gardens: Partnerships between School Nutrition and FFA**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Farm to Table Program

Warren County, a Bronze Level 2016 Golden Radish Award winner, will present best practices on how to plan and implement a school Farm to Table program. This presentation will explore opportunities of cooperation between the School Nutrition program, the CTAE-Agriculture and FFA programs, and the CTAE Nutrition and Culinary Arts programs. Highlights will include how to leverage a school garden program as an expanded lab for the Agriculture/Horticulture classes, This presentation will explore the various grant options available for the building and maintaining of a Farm to Table program.

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**Filling HC & IT Positions--It Takes More than a Village**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Workforce Development

The mission of the GNFC's Talent Coalition is to drive focus and change through measureable programs to address the job skills gap in North Fulton and be the advocate among Community Business, Education, and Public Policy Leaders. Our Work Group Chairs will provide Supply Side and Demand Side perspective on filling HC and IT positions.

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**Friends of the NRA Program/Georgia Youth Shooting Sports Foundation**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: JROTC

Neely Raptor is the head of the NRA for Georgia, and will give a presentation on the Friends of the NRA Program, grant writing for NRA grants, and the 2017 Georgia Youth Shooting Sports Foundation.

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**Will the Bell Ever Ring???**

**Appropriate for: Secondary School Instructors**

Focus of Presentation: Instructional Methods

If it takes you longer than one minute just to take attendance, this session is for you! You will learn ideas for super-smooth transitions: low tech quick-fillers to help with the first and last five minutes of class, switching gears to a new activity, and for the class that always finishes early! Don't let them line up at the door waiting for the bell to ring. Maintain bell-to-bell instruction with these ideas that are fun, quick, and require little-to-no planning ahead. Classroom management techniques will be discussed.

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**Growing your Own Workforce**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Manufacturing Sector

Come see firsthand how the public/ private partnership came together after three years of planning, and how this program can extend beyond Perry, Georgia, to be a model for manufacturers across the country.

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**LEAD CTAE**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: LEAD CTAE

Want to learn about what LEAD CTAE is? This session will be presented by teachers currently in the program and will give an overview of what the program is like and will allow attendees to ask questions about the leadership program.

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## **Marketing your CTAE Program**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Program Promotion

In CTAE, it is critical that we promote the pathways that we teach each year to get new students to sign up. Our programs live and die by our enrollment so we have to recruit students to take our electives. This session will give you strategies and techniques for branding and promoting your program to ensure that your classes are always full! Topics will include: creating a brand for your pathway, creating a promotional calendar, social media, utilizing your website, promoting CTSO success, middle school collaboration/promotion, and many other ideas!

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## **Mock Interview: First Impression is a Lasting Impression, Make it Count!!!**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Employability Skills

Want to be sure your students are prepared for the workforce? Preparing resumes, cover letters, business cards, do's and don'ts, and dressing for success will be highlighted. We will share all of the steps you need to know to plan a mock interview event. Additionally, we will provide information on how to create electronic feedback for businesses/interviewers and students.

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## **Using Video for Authentic Assessment**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Instructional Methods

Video is a cross curricular medium that can help all teachers create authentic assessments for their classrooms. Video production is all about storytelling, so in various classrooms and subject areas throughout a given school, students can use this medium to tell the stories of history, literature, science, etc. For example, I have had students reenact the Lewis and Clark expedition using chromakey and animated maps (think Indiana Jones). Also had students reenact scenes from Beowulf instead of writing a report.

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## **Foreign Exchange Matters: Invaluable Skills and Experience Gained**

**Appropriate for: All GACTE Conference Attendees**

Focus of Presentation: Foreign Exchange Program

A foreign exchange experience can contribute to ensuring that students are globally competent as a result of their immersion in another country's culture. Interconnectedness can also be realized by CTAE students as a result of participation in a foreign exchange program. Foreign Exchange programs offer opportunities for invaluable work experience and immersion in another country's culture. Attend this session to learn how to start your very own Foreign Exchange program and learn of the many benefits to students, teachers and employers. See how skills needed for success are universal.

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## **Administrators and Counselors Session - Standards and Guidelines of WBL/YAP**

**Appropriate for: Administrators & School Counselors**

Focus of Presentation: Work-Based Learning

Discussed will be specific parts of the Standards and Guidelines of WBL that Administrators and Counselors need to understand in order to support their WBL and/or Youth Apprenticeship Program. Examples of related topics are: Proposed changes to funding, YAP grant requirements, coordinator schedules, role of the coordinator, legitimate placements, standards for supervision and related liabilities, teaching employability skills, building business and industry relationships, registered apprenticeships, YAP completers, C-NET, extended day for WBL.

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**A Partnership of Success: Counseling and CTAE**  
**Appropriate for: Counseling & Career Development**  
Focus of Presentation: College & Career Readiness

Does your school support a culture of college and career readiness? This session will provide participants with ways to develop a healthy collaboration between high/middle school counselors and CTAE instructors. Participants will be provided research and "tried and true" strategies that will increase student achievement. Participants will learn ways to engage counselors in CTAE career awareness and career exploration activities for middle and high schools. Participants will learn ways to maximize CCRPI points by working collaboratively together.

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**Be in 2 Places at Once! - Expand Lab Instruction with YouTube**  
**Appropriate for: Secondary School Instructors**  
Focus of Presentation: Instructional Methods

All CTE teachers instruct students in various skills. Learn how to create short, simple videos that students can access in the lab setting. These videos demonstrate skills or critical components of skills so that students can see and hear how to perform skills as they work in the lab setting.

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**SBE Wow Now!**  
**Appropriate for: Secondary School Instructors**  
Focus of Presentation: Entrepreneurship Education

Looking to put the WOW in your your school-based enterprise? This workshop is designed to put a little excitement in your SBE with new products and promotions to really make your students, faculty, and community take notice. Your SBE--WOW NOW!

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**The ABC's of Teaching the Nail Care Pathway**  
**Appropriate for: Secondary School Instructors**  
Focus of Presentation: Personal Care Services—Human Services Sector

The best practices and benefits of teaching the nail care pathway. This presentation will introduce the attendees to the nail care pathway.

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