

President's Message Bo Bundrick 2024-2025 Virginia ACTE President

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

It is my honor and privilege to serve you in the office of President of the Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education Board of Directors. A number of great leaders who served before me were dedicated to enhancing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, influencing public policy, and forging leadership opportunities among its members. My path in CTE leadership began in 2012 as an assistant principal overseeing programs in a high school. Currently, I serve as a division Director of CTE & Workforce Development. I have been fortunate to experience CTE programs and development over the past 12 years. I realize the difference CTE programs and Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) can make in a young person's life.

This past year, under Kim Wilson's leadership, Virginia ACTE reached some significant milestones and I hope to continue to broaden our membership and advocate for CTE programs across the Commonwealth. Our members and students are the backbone of the organization and I ask that we continue to collaborate together as we strive to provide meaningful classroom instruction, life lessons, and workforce development. We will continue to highlight that Career and Technical Education Educators in Virginia are the premier leaders in education!

This year in 2024-25, our actions and voices need to be consistent among local, state, and national legislators to provide them with necessary data and best practices. The Virginia ACTE Board of Directors appreciate and need your continued support with this endeavor, so please volunteer to assist in any way you can.

Our joint leadership is imperative in guiding educators, students, and administrators to strengthen the Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education and joint division associations. Please continue to

spread the word about the importance of joining our CTE professional associations, mentoring new educators, and performing professional responsibilities. Lastly, we must continue to support and encourage our young leaders to pursue their dreams and to develop themselves as good citizens.

Sincerely,

Bo Bundrick