



The Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (Virginia ACTE) is delighted to announce the appointment of Chad Maclin as its next Executive Director. A passionate advocate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) with more than 30 years of experience, Chad brings a unique combination of visionary leadership, deep institutional knowledge, and an unwavering commitment to students, educators, and the future of Virginia’s workforce.

Chad’s connection to Virginia ACTE spans more than two decades. Since 2004, he has served the association in a variety of leadership roles, including President, President-Elect, Past President, and Treasurer. Throughout his service, Chad has been a trusted steward of the organization, helping strengthen its financial foundation, grow reserves, and position Virginia ACTE for long-term success. His dedication to the association reflects a genuine belief in the power of CTE to transform lives and communities.

As Executive Director, Chad envisions a future where Virginia ACTE continues to grow as the leading voice for Career and Technical Education across the Commonwealth. He is committed to supporting educators, expanding professional learning opportunities, strengthening advocacy efforts, and fostering partnerships that connect education with workforce needs. Most importantly, he remains focused on ensuring that every student has access to high-quality CTE programs that prepare them for successful careers, meaningful lives, and lifelong learning.

“Career and Technical Education changes lives,” said Maclin. “I am honored to serve Virginia ACTE in this new role and to work alongside our dedicated educators, business partners, and community leaders to create opportunities for students and strengthen the future workforce of the Commonwealth.”