

# Kentucky Farm Bureau

## 2016 Career Technical Education Awards

The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) participates in the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) national awards program to promote excellence in Career and Technical Education. The **Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation** sponsors the annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awards, which seek to recognize:

- ☞ individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field;
- ☞ programs that exemplify the highest standards; and
- ☞ organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand Career and Technical Education programs.



KACTE conducts the awards program, which is organized under the guidelines established by ACTE. There are 13 award categories, each with various criteria and eligibility requirements. KACTE members and individual program areas are encouraged to participate each year by submitting nominations to the KACTE Awards Committee chair. The Awards Committee reviews the nominees and selects the winners. Information on awards, the criteria and the nominations process may be viewed on-line at the KACTE website, [www.kacteonline.org/awards.php](http://www.kacteonline.org/awards.php) or at [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

KACTE award winners are entered into the appropriate ACTE national award category for the following administrative year. In recent years, several KACTE members have been recognized nationally, including:

- ★ 2016 ACTE Champion of the Year Terry Holliday, Ph.D., former Kentucky Commissioner of Education and a leader in promoting Career and Technical Education throughout the United States.
- ★ 2013 ACTE National Educator of the Year Tony Brannon, Ph.D., Dean, Hutson School of Agriculture, Murray State University.
- ★ 2011 ACTE National Outstanding Teacher in Community Service finalist Phyllis Sweatt, family and consumer sciences teacher, Bowling Green High School.
- ★ 2010 ACTE National CTE Educator of the Year finalist Dale Winkler, Ed.D., then principal, Montgomery County Area Technology Center; formerly Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky CTE State Director.
- ★ 2009 ACTE National CTE Educator of the Year finalist Ginny Ellington, University of Kentucky, and 2009 ACTE National Teacher of the Year finalist Ellie Pribble, health science technology, Harrison County Area Technology Center;
- ★ 2007 ACTE National CTE Teacher of the Year Leslie Watkins, family and consumer sciences teacher, Reidland High School;
- ★ 2004-05 KACTE President Sarah Raikes, family and consumer sciences teacher, Washington County High School, who was the first recipient of the ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service Award in 2001;
- ★ Donnalie Stratton, Program Consultant, Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education, who received the Carl D. Perkins Humanitarian Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by ACTE in 2001; and
- ★ Sandra Miller, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky, who received an ACTE Outstanding Service Award in 2001.

**In 2016, KACTE presents state winners in six categories:**

*Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher*  
*Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award*  
*Career Guidance Award*  
*Lifetime Achievement Award*  
*Career and Technical Postsecondary Teacher of the Year*  
*Career and Technical Teacher of the Year*

**KACTE expresses its sincere thanks to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation for the support that makes these awards possible year after year.**

## **Rebecca French**

### **OUTSTANDING NEW CAREER AND TECHNICAL TEACHER**

Meet Rebecca French, the KACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher of the Year. Rebecca is an agriculture educator and has finished her third year of teaching at Southwestern High School in Pulaski County.

Rebecca has adopted the following quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that describes her thoughts on education: *“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character -- that is the goal of true education.”*

Agriculture students at Southwestern received a Food for All Grant from National FFA and a Better Days Through Better Ways grant from the Kentucky FFA Foundation to raise 30 laying hens. The students then took the eggs and donated 3,000 eggs to over 600 families in the Somerset area through a food ministries program. In addition, Rebecca received a scholarship from NAAE to attend a CASE Plant workshop at the University of Kentucky that has assisted her in engaging students in inquiry-based learning.

Currently, French serves as the Scholarship Committee Secretary of KAAE (Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators). She finds this work and her work with KDE to help revise the state standards in the Environmental and Natural Resource Pathway for agriculture a rewarding part of her professional development. Danita Ellis, principal of Southwestern High School, states that her passion for agriculture is evident, and she tries to instill that same passion into her students to make sure that they are college and career ready. Her involvement with



**Rebecca French, second from right, is pictured with a group of Southwestern High School FFA members at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville in October 2015.**

professional organizations such as KAAE (Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators) at such a young age highlights her passion for learning. Such confidence has led Rebecca into a leadership role of one of the TEDS coordinators at Southwestern.

Chris McDonald, co-worker, states that one of Rebecca's most notable accomplishments was securing the Food For All and Better Days through Better Ways grants. With this grant money she purchased 30 laying hens, feed and other necessary supplies. Students work with the chickens on a daily basis, learning about proper care and management techniques. The students collect, wash and package the eggs so that they can be distributed to needy families through a local church food bank. Students are learning about animal care and working at the food bank for a community service project.

## Veronica R. Carmical

### CARL PERKINS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Meet Veronica R. Carmical, your ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner. Carmical is a family and consumer sciences instructor at Whitley County High School.



**Veronica Carmical**

Veronica has sought grants for a number of projects at her school. Environmental money was earned to improve the school's nature trail. Fuel Up to Play 60 awarded money to improve both physical and nutrition education at the school. Funds were earned for an iPad lab when the state stopped textbook funds. Currently, she is participating in the CTE Makeover Challenge sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This is designed for schools to present their dream "makerspace" (creative spaces based on CTE curriculum) in hope it will be one of the 10 to win \$20,000 to cover changes

Carmical would like to share this reflection: "Invariably each year I have those *select* seniors who are in and out of my classroom, as my senior CTE students are "want" to do, and witness first-year students in action in our culinary arts program. They are always both shocked and annoyed at all the "crazy things" the "newbies" do or ask. Often I have the sarcastic opportunity to tell them they were the same or even worse! It is at that moment we both see how far they have come. Similarly, two of my students who were in AP English III shared a story with me. They were awaiting a famous author to come for his annual visit to that class. Normally, both ladies can lead but are just as willing to be directed. As soon as the event was over, they came straight to me to tell me what had occurred.

"Ms. Carmical, we were just sitting there and these girls were trying to arrange these store-bought cookies on a platter while another did what was supposed to be setting up the paper goods and punch. Everything was a mess. It looked like a little kid had been playing. We couldn't take it. We just marched up there and told them to go sit down so we could get this in some sort of order."

“Prior to this situation, I wasn't completely confident that their experiences in my program had been as dramatically beneficial to them as it often is with most students. The storyteller made a point to comment that they saw just how positively affecting their CTE experience had been when compared not only to just their peers but to their highest excelling academically performing peers. It was clear to them and to me that not only had they learned some basic skills but also were willing to take the lead. This just continues to confirm non-CTE students do not compare to a student completing a pathway in CTE. It takes students to a well-rounded, mature level, well beyond their years.”

## **CARRIE WADE**

### **CAREER GUIDANCE AWARD**

Carrie Wade is a guidance counselor at Pendleton County High School where she has served her students in multiple capacities as a school counselor including Individual Learning Plan school coordinator and facilitator, dual-credit program coordinator, AP program coordinator, Freshman Transition activities coordinator, and Tech Prep program coordinator.

Carrie has developed and organized career-based programs and activities for all students including:

- Operation Preparation -- a joint effort of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development that provides a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the process of effective advising and focuses attention on the importance of planning for college and/or career;
- Reality Store -- an event that gives students an idea of the financial obligations and obstacles they might face as adults based on career goals and aspirations; and
- Senior Mock Interviews -- all seniors prepare a resume associated with a specific career path or profession, then participate in a mock job interview.



**Carrie Wade**

A story of true collaboration: “Each year during the scheduling process departments are asked to review their current course offerings and make recommendations to the principal and SBDM council in October for the following year. This year, I worked with our family and consumer sciences teacher to develop a curriculum rotation that would incorporate a second career pathway option for students in her program. She is a second-year teacher without much experience in the curriculum development and rotation process. I offered to assist her in reviewing previous year's options and suggested rotations; however these were accomplished with two full-time positions and for the past two years we went from two full-time, to one-and-a-half, and now to just one full-time position.

“My goal was to utilize her strength in knowledge of the program content in collaboration with my strength of knowledge in planning course rotations and support of career pathway completion for as many students as possible over their four years of high school. The FCS teacher and I met on three different occasions to review potential course offerings, problem solve possible course rotations, and to better understand her feelings of comfort should certain classes require "stacking" within her daily schedule to accommodate student

interest. She worked with her FCS contact at KDE prior to our first meeting to get support and recommendations based on what we could satisfy regarding possible pathway options.

“From this information, we were able to identify the best course offerings for pathway support and completion without jeopardizing course work that was already completed by students currently enrolled in FCS pathway courses. Then through creative juggling of courses she and I set the rotation using current students as case studies to ensure that our suggested rotation would still allow them to complete their pathway(s) of interest.”

## **Marilyn L. Edwards-Barrick**

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Congratulations to KACTE’s representative for the ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award, Marilyn L. Edwards-Barrick.

Ms. Edwards-Barrick is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Barren County High School where she has also chaired the CTE Department for 19 years. She has served as a SBDM council member for several terms at BCHS, supervised student teachers, served on Curriculum Guide Committees for OCTE, participated on FACS Skill Standards Panel at ACTE in New Orleans and was part of the FACS Skill Standards KY Early Childhood Educational Assessment Team. In addition, Marilyn has served as an Adjunct Family and Consumer



**Marilyn L. Edwards-Barrick**

Sciences Teacher for Western Kentucky University and an Extension Agent for Home Economics.

Using a Vocational Equity Grant, Marilyn organized an in-school day-care program at Barren County High School for children of teenage students. This program allowed teen parents to develop positive parenting skills while working with their children in the in-school day-care program. During 1992-1998, 107 pregnant teens and teen parents were served, 39 seniors graduated from the program, and there were no repeat pregnancies of the teens enrolled in the program. The program no longer exists at Barren County High School because the federal funding for the equity grants expired. However, the accomplishments of the program continue to prevail in the BCHS FACS Department and in the Barren County community because of the former students that were served.

Marilyn states that aligning FACS Curriculum with state and national standards has been a very important part of her career.

Writing KOSSA assessments as well as scoring the exams served as valuable professional development in her career. The results of these efforts have allowed her students to be prepared for their future careers of working with children. In addition she is actively involved with the BCHS CTE Department in administering industry specific assessments. The BCHS CTE department currently offers five industry certificates and is working hard to offer additional certifications.

A colleague of Ms. Edwards-Barrick states the following testimony in support: “As a friend, I can go to Marilyn for assistance in my classroom. Whether it be providing resources for a class, providing suggestions for

teaching or classroom discipline, or just acting as a sounding board, Marilyn provides support as all outstanding leaders should. Her tenure as CTE Department chair and supervising teacher roles support this. An outstanding and confident leader not only leads, but also nurtures others to follow in her footsteps. Without her nurturing presence and her pristine example of leadership, I might have never overcome my aversion to leadership, thus never realizing my dreams.”

## **Kathy Croxall, Ph.D.**

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL POSTSECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

The KACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year is awarded to Kathy Croxall, Ph.D., an Associate Professor at Western Kentucky University where she is a family and consumer sciences educator.

She often tells this story to her students: “One day in my high school sewing class, I witnessed a special needs student who rarely spoke reaching out to assist another special needs student with the next step in her sewing



**Kathy Croxall, Ph.D.**

project. I was so proud of her reaching out to help another student and showing me that all of us have a desire to help and teach others to the best of our ability.”

As the family and consumer sciences (FCS) teacher educator at Western Kentucky University (WKU), Dr. Croxall has served in multiple capacities to expand the profession and promote CTE. Dr. Croxall has been innovative in her classes, incorporating technology, encouraging active learning, and “flipping” multiple classrooms in order to make learning more student centered. She is advancing the FCS education field by leading the development of WKU’s Master of Art’s program in Child Studies. The degree will enroll its first students in Fall 2016.

While teaching at Southern Utah University (SUU), Dr. Croxall served for six years as the FCS division or unit leader while she served in several capacities in the Utah Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (UAFCS). Dr. Croxall has served actively with the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and

Consumer Sciences (NATEFACS). She participated on the standards development committee, which culminated in the development and publication of national FCS teacher standards. Continuing her service with NATEFACS, Dr. Croxall served as secretary for two years, president-elect for one year, and then as president.

Dr. Croxall’s service to the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) began early in her career and continues to this day. She has served as a member of the Resolutions and By-laws Committees, including chair of the Resolutions Committee. She has served the FACS division as a reviewer on the Scholarship Committee, as local arrangements chair, and most recently as a proposal reviewer for Vision 2016.

Since moving to Kentucky in 2009, Dr. Croxall has served multiple terms as a member of the Kentucky Family, Community, and Careers of America (KY FCCLA) advisory board. In 2014, she was made an honorary member of KY FCCLA for her service. She continues to support FCCLA through recruiting students into

FCCLA, encouraging high school students to consider FCS education as a career, and training and encouraging current pre-service teachers to become FCCLA advisers. She is representative of one of her favorite quotes from William Allen White: *“In education we are striving not to teach youth to make a living, but to make a life.”*

## **J. Wes York**

### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to J. Wes York for being awarded KACTE Teacher of the Year. York is an agriculture educator at his alma mater, Caldwell County High School.

York served on the KACTE board of directors from 2013 to 2015 and is serving his fourth term on the NAAE Public Policy Committee. Other contributions to our professional CTE community include membership in the NAAE, KAAE, ACTE, and KACTE.

Wes is just as involved on a local level. He has served on his school’s SBDM council for the past six years and worked with several educational and community committees and civic organizations including the FFA Alumni, local Conservation District, Farm Bureau, Optimist Club, and Lion's Club.

“Perhaps the most impressive attribute and reason for my endorsing (the) nomination is the relationship he develops with students. Mr. York is that rare teacher with the perfect balance of fun, learning, respect and discipline within his class and within each student relationship. He genuinely values what each student brings to class and can contribute to society. Even more importantly, he gets students to believe that they have value and can contribute to society,” Christy W. Phelps, Principal, Caldwell County High School, explained.

Mr. York’s message to educators: “As much as anything, we need to invest time in our students. It has been said, ‘Students don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.’ The origin of this phrase is uncertain, but the message is solid. How will they know you care? When we invest our time in our students, we start to build relationships. When there is a relationship, it matters to the student when you are proud of them; it matters when you are disappointed; it matters when you ask them how they are doing; it matters when you ask them about their weekend, their family, their relationship -- because they know you care.

“Why does it matter? Today, more than ever, kids are raising themselves. Parents are busy and often not home to give advice, to help with homework, to give them ‘the look,’ to listen, or give a hug. Our offices and classrooms aren't just meeting rooms or places to store backpacks or hang dress clothes. They serve as safe haven for bullied kids, a resting place for students whose parents argued all night, and a place where hungry



**J. Wes York congratulates an award-winning student from Caldwell County High School at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville in October 2015.**

kids can find a snack. We also host numerous counseling sessions on college majors, scheduling, dating, life goals and dealing with disappointments. These contributions may not always be seen, but they are equally important.

“Carl W. Buechner said, *‘They may forget what you said, but they will not forget how you made them feel.’* Each day, I try to be mindful of this statement.”

## 2016 ACTE Award Candidates from Kentucky

**REPRESENTING KENTUCKY** in the 2016 ACTE national award competition are last year’s honorees:

- ★ **Sarah Raikes**, family and consumer sciences, Washington County High School, for Career and Technical Teacher of the Year.
- ★ **Jacquelyn W. Jensen, Ph.D.**, family and consumer sciences teacher educator, Eastern Kentucky University, for Career and Technical Postsecondary Teacher of the Year.
- ★ **Dexter Knight**, Principal, Jessamine Career Technology Center, for Career and Technical Administrator of the Year.
- ★ **Jacob Scott Ball**, agriculture teacher, Nelson County High School, for New Career and Technical Teacher.
- ★ **Connie Harless**, family and consumer sciences teacher, Sheldon Clark High School, for Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award.

The first level is ACTE Region 2 competition. Winners will be announced at the ACTE Region 2 Conference in Tampa, Florida, September 30-October 2, 2016. Regional winners will be forwarded to the ACTE Awards Committee. National winners will be announced at Vision 2016, the ACTE convention, in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 1-3, 2016.

***CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2015 and 2016 award winners!!!***

You may meet the 2016 Kentucky Farm Bureau Career and Technical Education Award Winners at ***The CTE Special Break*** on Monday, July 18, 2016, 2:30-3 p.m. in ***The CTE Meetings Place***, located in the Galt House Hotel Suite Tower, second floor, Grand Ballroom and Exhibit Hall. The award presentation will take place at the CTE Summer Program Awards Breakfast on Monday, July 18, 8:45 a.m. in Ballrooms B&C located through ***The CTE Meeting Place***, Galt House Suite Tower, second floor.

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for sponsoring the awards program.**

Please consider nominating outstanding individuals for their contributions to Career and Technical Education. The state level award applications are available at [www.kacteonline.org/awards.php](http://www.kacteonline.org/awards.php). Watch for award application deadlines in the fall on the state and national ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)) websites.



# KACTE Scholarships, Grants and Awards



The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) annually presents several scholarships, grants and awards. These programs are the professional association's continuing mission to support its membership and grow the profession of Career and Technical Education (CTE) teaching.

## Carl D. Perkins Assistanceship Award

The oldest KACTE scholarship program is the Carl D. Perkins Assistanceship Award, which annually presents two \$500 scholarships; one to a secondary student preparing to study CTE at a Kentucky postsecondary institution, and one to a postsecondary student continuing his or her studies at a Kentucky postsecondary institution. Applications are available on the KACTE website, [www.kacteonline.org/education.php](http://www.kacteonline.org/education.php), or by calling KACTE at 502-223-1823. In 2016, one award is presented to:

**Nicole Major**  
**Webster County High School**  
**Secondary Award**

**There were no Postsecondary Award nominations received this year.**

## Michael A. McMillen Student Teacher Scholarship

The Michael A. McMillen Student Teacher Scholarship honors Mike McMillen, a KACTE/ACTE life member who died unexpectedly while preparing to attend the 2013 Kentucky CTE Summer Program. He was an administrator with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. During his service to his profession, Mike was KACTE President and Treasurer. He held many committee positions at both the Kentucky and national levels.

The Michael A. McMillen Student Teacher Scholarship presents up to 10, \$500 awards to pre-service teachers who will be pursuing their first classroom student teaching assignment. The money may be used for any purpose, such as transportation, clothing or supplies. In 2016, there were no applications received for the Michael A. McMillen Student Teacher Scholarship.

KACTE will accept applications for student teachers beginning with the fall semester of the 2016-17 school year. Teacher educators are asked to announce to their classes the availability of the scholarships for student teachers. Secondary teachers who know former students who will be student teaching in the upcoming year are asked to advise them of the availability of the scholarships.

# Donnalie Stratton Middle School Summer Program Stipends

The Donnalie Stratton Middle School Summer Program Stipends are named for Donnalie Stratton, who retired in 2014 after years of service as both a family and consumer sciences classroom teacher and program consultant with the Kentucky Department of Education. She held several positions on the KACTE Board and was 2001 recipient of the ACTE Carl D. Perkins Humanitarian Award.

Middle School CTE teachers are not eligible to receive professional development reimbursement from Perkins Act funds. KACTE created the Middle School Summer Program Stipend to support professional development through attendance at the annual Kentucky CTE Summer Program. Eligible teachers may apply in the spring of each year for a \$300 stipend, which covers the cost of registration and can be applied to housing, travel or other expenses.

## **The 2016 recipients of the Donnalie Stratton Middle School Summer Program Stipend are:**

- ★ Sharon Collins, Warren East Middle School
- ★ Laura Cox, Meece Middle School
- ★ David A. DiSalvo, Jefferson County Traditional Middle School
- ★ Kristen Franks, Camp Ernst Middle School
- ★ Joy Knight, West Hardin Middle School
- ★ Mary Lou Moore, South Laurel Middle School
- ★ Anna Sullinger, Beaumont Middle School
- ★ Kimberly Wilson, Muhlenberg North Middle School

## KACTE Entrepreneurial Contest

Each year, the Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) State Advisers conduct a contest to recognize outstanding student-designed and -presented entrepreneurial enterprises. KACTE sponsors the contest and provides \$2,500 in prizes. Please watch for communications in the fall from the CTSSO State Advisers announcing the contest and deadline.

## **The 2016 KACTE Entrepreneurial Contest winners are:**

- ★ Jonah Brannon, Calloway County High School, \$1,000
- ★ Allie Evans, Marion County High School, \$750
- ★ Allie Daugherty, Jessamine Career Technology Center, \$500
- ★ Logan Bechanan, Nicholas County High School, \$250