

Kentucky Farm Bureau

2017 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 or at 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:

- ★ 2017 ACTE National CTE Teacher of the Year Sarah Raikes, family and consumer sciences teacher, Washington County High School.
- ★ 2017 ACTE National New CTE Teacher of the Year Jacob Scott Ball, agriculture teacher, Locust Trace Agriscience High School, Fayette County.
- ★ 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 2017, KACTE presents state winners in six categories:

Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher
Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award
Career Guidance Award
Career and Technical Administrator of the Year
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.

Bethany K. Mattingly

OUTSTANDING NEW CAREER AND TECHNICAL TEACHER

Meet Bethany Mattingly, 2017 CTE New Teacher of the Year. She is an Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Seneca High School in Jefferson County.

Bethany has served FFA at the national level on behalf of Kentucky, where she evaluated agricultural programs throughout the nation for the Model of Excellence Award. At the state level, Mattingly was part of a team that evaluated the horticulture pathway standards to provide a list of equipment needed to teach the pathway. She also served on the Vocabulary in Agriculture Education Project at the state level. On a local level, Mattingly works with her community by creating bee habitat gardens at Cave Hill Cemetery. At Seneca High School, she is a member of the Site-Based Decision Making Council.

Mattingly focuses her instruction on standards and curriculum through certification in CASE: Plant Science (Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education). The grant she received from the Kentucky Department of Education allowed for professional development that inspired her to reflect and re-imagine her classroom through engaging lessons and authentic, real-life projects.

Her work does not stop in the classroom. Bethany Mattingly senses the needs of her students. She works with ninth graders to survey their career interests and will be implementing her



Bethany K. Mattingly

idea of “career-palooza,” which is a week long exposure program for all ninth graders to experience the nine CTE pathways at Seneca High School.

Mattingly’s favorite quote is from Dr. Rita Pierson: “Every child deserves a champion -- an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

Rosemary O. Jones

CARL PERKINS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Meet Rosemary Jones, the 2017 Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner. She is a Family and Consumer Science educator and FCCLA advisor at Bell County High School.

Jones embeds community service in her classes and Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) organization. She believes that students want to be helpful and that given the chance they rise to the occasion each time. Some of the partnerships include:

- ★ Leukemia, Lymphoma Society “Pennies for Patients” — Played videos, hung posters, and made school-wide announcements about childhood leukemia and lymphoma patients.



Rosemary O. Jones

- ★ State Farm Insurance -- Members created a “2 hands 2 eyes” original video and song for a national contest that was played on local TV and Facebook.
- ★ Bell County Agriculture Council "Bell County Farm Day" -- Members led several student activities including games and a puppet show, prepared and served lunch, and helped with clean up.
- ★ AT&T national "No texting and driving" campaign -- Secured student pledges; passed out thumb bands, T-shirts, and AT&T stickers; and sponsored an obstacle course proving you can't walk and text, much less drive and text.
- ★ Southeast Kentucky Women’s Shelter Domestic & Dating Violence Awareness Day -- bulletin boards, PSAs, guest speakers, and purple dress day, and collected health and beauty items for the shelter.

Rosemary Jones has made an impact on her students and community. One of Jones’ former students, who is a Family & Consumer Science Education major at Western Kentucky University, reflects about her time spent in Ms. Jones’ classroom: “There are many things I have learned from Rosemary Jones, and I’m thankful for the influence she placed on me to participate in community service. She instilled in me that community service is a selfless act of kindness without expecting anything back, which is in and of itself very self-rewarding.

“Knowing I can change someone’s day or life for the better means more to me than any reward. I owe this to Mrs. Rosemary Jones due to her selflessness as a teacher, advisor and mentor. For all the community service projects she leads, never expecting anything in return.”

MITZI HOLLAND

CAREER GUIDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Mitzi Holland who receives the 2017 Career Guidance Award. She is a college and career counselor at Monroe County High School.

Max Petett, Principal, Monroe County High School, praises Holland for her relentless pursuit of excellence. She provides intensive intervention programs that specifically target the individualized needs of students. Her attention to student data along with the relational aspect assisted our students in becoming 100 percent college and career ready, and Monroe County High school being ranked in the top 10 percent in Kentucky.

Holland assisted in the development of a multi-year planning document as part of the Race to the Top-District kid FRIENDly grant designed to help students with planning their courses for high school and two years of postsecondary education. This plan allows each student to have a personalized multi-year educational approach to his or her future. The completion of career pathways and the use of the multi-year plan function as a work-based learning guide for students, emphasizes the significance of aligning a student's multi-year educational plan with his or her career aspirations.

Holland conducts an annual College and Career Fair with participation of more than 80 business and industry representatives, college and technical school admissions counselors, and military recruiters. She also collaborates with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to host a "Close the Deal" event for seniors that includes local business leaders, financial aid counselors, KHEAA outreach counselors, and professionals in college admissions.

She serves as a member of the Monroe County Area Technology Steering Committee, the Business Education Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council for the Industrial Maintenance Technology Program for Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College Glasgow Campus.



Mitzi Holland

“Helping students become ready for their postsecondary endeavors is all about relationships. You must get to know each student. What they like, dislike, and what their dreams are,” Holland explained. “Once you have a personal connection with each student, the sky is the limit. There is nothing more rewarding than when a student comes to you with a smile on their face and tells you about an industry certification they have earned, shows you their ACT scores, or comes back a few years later with a college degree. That is what it is all about!”

Diane MacKenzie, Ph.D.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Diane MacKenzie, Ph.D., for being named the CTE Administrator of the Year. Dr. MacKenzie is a Career Pathway Specialist for Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), where she manages the following career pathways for the district: law enforcement, fire science, early childhood education,

fundamentals of teaching, business administrative support, business multimedia, heavy equipment, horticulture, and animal systems.

Dr. MacKenzie created a pre-law career pathway at Seneca High School that includes occupation-based experience for a pre-law teacher. In addition, she was instrumental in state approval of the NOCTI criminal justice advanced industry certification for the pathway.

Listed below are a few of the funds secured by Dr. MacKenzie:

- ★ \$100,000 to provide paid internships in elementary schools for fundamentals of teaching pathway senior students.
- ★ \$100,000 to buy 20, 911 operator dispatch stations for the law enforcement and fire science programs.
- ★ \$500,000 to equip fundamentals of teaching classrooms with the latest technology.



Diane MacKenzie, Ph.D.

Another innovation, The Amazing Global Marketplace (AGM), is an international business-focused educational program that inspires and prepares students to become actively involved in the global marketplace. Each student participating in the AGM is teamed up with an employee-mentor from an actual Louisville business that works internationally. Students learn about their mentor companies, research international markets, work through a real-life international business scenario, make travel arrangements, and negotiate with foreign companies to finally execute their scenario at the Global Marketplace Simulation.

Brad Weston, JCPS Assistant Superintendent, describes Diane MacKenzie as a true servant leader who has an evident passion for teaching. She works hard to ensure that all Career and Technical Education teachers and students are successful.

“This past decade, I have had the pleasure of supporting and working alongside innovative educators who share the same passion for teaching and learning as I do,” she said. “I will never grow tired of seeing the sense of accomplishment in teachers’ faces when their students show mastery of knowledge, particularly after these teachers have taken students into learning expeditions full of adventures, discoveries, and new learning. I will never grow tired of seeing students enjoy learning while using new technologies or participating in authentic learning experiences. I will never grow tired of making a difference in education and the people around me. What we do as educators and leaders of educators matters!”

Dr. Rebekah B. Epps

CAREER AND TECHNICAL POSTSECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Rebekah Epps is the 2017 CTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year. She is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky where she instructs preservice teachers in Agricultural Education.

Dr. Epps is a member of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE), the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), and

the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators (KAAE). Not only is she a member of these organizations, but also she encourages her preservice teachers to become members, as well.



Dr. Rebekah B. Epps

During her instruction she uses the curriculum and teaching aids afforded by these associations. *Techniques*, a publication from ACTE, is used in her classroom, and she asks her students to attend the yearly conferences hosted by these organizations. Dr. Epps teaches three courses that prepare Agriculture teachers. Each of these classes is rooted in how do you imbed the state and national standards into your instruction? Paired with classroom management and pedagogy skills, this prepares her students for their career in education.

A former student states, “I could not imagine going through my college experience without a mentor, professor, and role model like Dr. Rebekah Epps. Her dedication, hard work, and innovation in and out of the classroom is evident to anyone who meets her.” Additional praise comes from Grace G. Gorrell, a colleague from the College of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky. Gorrell states, “She and her colleagues have done an amazing job at growing the program. Many of her students have won state and nation competitions.”

She helped develop a 5K race for an endowed scholarship for University of Kentucky Agricultural Education students. The University of Kentucky, along with the local and state Farm Bureau, the Beef Council, local vegetable production farms, and Kentucky American Water, coordinated the event. The race is held on-site at one of the University of Kentucky farms to ensure a further understanding of agricultural research.

Dr. Rebekah Epps is the embodiment of her favorite quote, “A good education can change anyone; a good teacher can change everything.”

LeeAnn Daugherty

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR



LeeAnn Daugherty

LeeAnn Daugherty is the 2017 Kentucky Farm Bureau CTE Teacher of the Year. She teaches Agriculture and is FFA advisor at Butler County High School.

Daugherty has been involved in and led many offices in professional associations. Her involvement in the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators (KAAE) has spanned 1994-present. She has served as KAAE President, Rules and Committee member, and many offices in between. She also served as the NAAE Region 4 Committee Chair. Daugherty has been a member of KEA/NEA since 1989 and has served as building representative and made advocacy visits to Frankfort.

Daugherty has been a member of ACTE/KACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education/Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education) since 1989. She has served on the executive board since 2008. She served as the KACTE President in 2015 and is a TALENTS Leadership Academy graduate.

Daugherty serves her community through her involvement in Kentucky Farm Bureau initiatives, 4-H Council, Butler County Ag Development Board, and has been a Catfish Festival Board member for 24 years.

At Butler County High School, she offers three pathways from a one person department. She rotates 12 course offerings, teaches multiple preps, and combines classes with overlapping content. She offers six options for dual credit through Murray State University's Racer Academy.

Greg Drake, County Extension Agent, states: "Her program is innovative and effective. She is able to motivate students and has created a culture where participation and achievement is expected." He adds: "LeeAnn is known in our community as someone who gets things done."

In and out of the classroom, LeeAnn Daugherty gets things done. As an FFA advisor she has 14 state gold ratings and advised two state officers.

2017 ACTE Award Candidates from Kentucky

REPRESENTING KENTUCKY in the 2017 ACTE national award competition are last year's honorees:

- ★ **J. Wes York**, agriculture teacher, Caldwell County High School, for Career and Technical Teacher of the Year.
- ★ **Kathy Croxall, Ph.D.**, family and consumer sciences teacher educator, Western Kentucky University, for Career and Technical Postsecondary Teacher of the Year.
- ★ **Marilyn L. Edwards-Barrick**, family and consumer sciences teacher, Barren County High School, for Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ★ **Carrie Wade**, guidance counselor, Pendleton County High School, for Career Guidance Award.
- ★ **Rebecca French**, agriculture teacher, Southwestern High School, Pulaski County, for New Career and Technical Teacher.
- ★ **Veronica R. Carmical**, family and consumer sciences teacher, Whitley County 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 Jekyll Island, Georgia, September 29-30, 2017. Regional winners will be forwarded to the ACTE Awards Committee. National winners will be announced at Vision 2017, the ACTE convention, in Nashville, Tennessee, December 6-9, 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2016 and 2017 award winners!!!

You may meet the 2017 Kentucky Farm Bureau Career and Technical Education Award Winners at ***The CTE Special Break*** on Monday, July 24, 2017, 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 24, 7 a.m. in the Archibald Room, Galt House Rivue Tower, third floor.

**KACTE extends a special thank you to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
for sponsoring the awards program.**

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, or by calling KACTE at 502-223-1823. In 2017, the awardees are:

Jonah Brannon
Calloway County High School
Secondary Award

Taylor Catherine Stewart
Western Kentucky University
Postsecondary Award

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 2017, 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 2017-18 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 62 years of service as both a family and consumer sciences classroom teacher and program consultant with the Kentucky Department of Education. Ms. Stratton died in 2016. 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 2017 recipients of the Donnalie Stratton Middle School Summer Program Stipend are:

- ★ Sharon Collins, Warren East Middle School
- ★ Kimberly Wilson, Muhlenberg North Middle School

Stratton-Tipton Scholarship

The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) administers the Stratton-Tipton Scholarships, which are awarded annually to support a special needs student pursuing a postsecondary degree. The scholarship is named after Donnalie Stratton (see information above) and Betty Tipton, a long-time administrator in the Kentucky TECH system, both of whom were pioneers in promoting education of special needs students. Contact KACTE for more information on the Stratton-Tipton Scholarship eligibility requirements. **The 2017 Stratton-Tipton Scholarship recipient is:**

**Rachel G House
Clay County High 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 CTSO State Advisers announcing the contest and deadline. **The 2017 KACTE Entrepreneurial Contest winners are:**

- ★ Cy Neyman and Drew Welsh, Jessamine County Career and Technology Center, \$1,000
- ★ Paige Mattingly and Lexie Thomas, Marion County High School, \$750
- ★ Mattie Miller and Kennedy Kelly, Calloway County High School, \$500
- ★ Bethany Allen, Morgan County High School, \$250