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**BMITE** Business, Marketing and  
Information Technology Education

**Monday Madness - March 8, 2021**

## **OK Summit Sessions – We Need Your Ideas!**

Let's get ready to Summit! Teachers and Administrators: take the following survey to tell us what you would like to see on Day 2 of Oklahoma Summit, when BMITE joins together for division-specific teaching and learning. We want to hear from you!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR5YPML> (Please respond by Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **CareerTech Virtual Job Fair**



The graphic features a large blue circle with three orange stars at the top and bottom. A green banner with white text reads "SAVE THE DATE". Below this, the text "CareerTech VIRTUAL JOB FAIR" is displayed in a colorful, stylized font. To the right, there is a call to action and a list of benefits. At the bottom, there is an illustration of diverse professionals and a logo for Oklahoma CareerTech.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CareerTech  
VIRTUAL  
JOB  
FAIR**

**OKLAHOMA  
CareerTech**

**Please join us for a  
statewide virtual  
job fair for all  
CareerTech students!**

**April 7, 2021**

**Students: Give yourself the best chance for  
employment by connecting with hundreds  
of Oklahoma businesses!**

- Engage in one-on-one interviews for open positions.
- Learn about businesses through interactive group sessions with recruiters.
- Upload resumes, work samples and more.

For more info, check out:  
[okcareer.tech/jobfair](http://okcareer.tech/jobfair)

This event targets students who are in their final year of a CareerTech training program and looking to enter the workforce or participate in an internship opportunity. Students in a high school setting should be seniors who are participating in a capstone course and plan to enter the workforce upon graduation.

RSVP to participate in this event with a point-of-contact for your school. Send information and questions to [aj.crowell@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:aj.crowell@careertech.ok.gov) or 405.743.5105.

## Dell Looking to Fill University Relations Position

Dell is looking to hire someone for a University Relations position for their new-hire class in the May/June timeframe. Candidates must have graduated by June or in the last two years. A minimum 2-year Associates degree is required but the type of degree is not as important as the quality of the student. Soft skills and hardware tech experience is vital. Starting salary: 40K+. Send candidates to [brucetheinert@gmail.com](mailto:brucetheinert@gmail.com).

# Oklahoma's First Making Schools Work Virtual Conference

The ***Making Schools Work*** virtual conference will showcase best practices and strategies implemented by high schools and technology centers across the state. In addition, the conference will provide administrators, teachers and counselors with opportunities to engage with both state and SREB leaders.

This conference is for ALL administrators, teachers, counselors and other educators from high schools as well as technology centers. You do not have to be a part of the *Making Schools Work* network in order to attend. Attendees have access to over 40 sessions, including unconference lunch discussions and keynote/featured speakers.

## Registration:

Each individual should register for the conference using the [Google Registration Form \(link provided here\)](#). The deadline for registration is **March 12, 2021**.

## BPA Updates

BPA's 2021 Virtual State Leadership Conference starts Tuesday morning at 8:00 AM. We are beyond proud of our members and advisors for their hard work to make this first virtual competitive conference a success.

SLC Participants: Logins to the Whova Conference site will go out today at 12PM.

BPA SLC Website: <https://bpaok.org/state-leadership-conference-2021/>

## DECA Updates

Check out the official ICDC promo video on our social media pages! **ICDC Information:** <https://decaok.org/international-career-development-conference/>

**ICDC Stipends:** Oklahoma DECA will be covering all 1st and 2nd place winners' \$55 Competition Fee for Virtual 2021 ICDC. Each winner will only receive ONE stipend regardless of how many events they placed in. Fill out this survey to let us know who will be attending ICDC and in what events. If your students do not appear on this survey they will NOT receive a stipend.

**Deadline to complete the survey is March 15th.**

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGWVLR8>

DECA Awards Session: <https://vimeo.com/509024830/7298606e48>

## Microsoft Retiring MTA Licenses

Microsoft will stop offering MTA licenses for purchase on June 30, 2021. Your students will have until June 30, 2022 to register and take the exam. Pearson is picking up the MTAs and

rebranding them to **IT Specialist Certification** with exams that match what MTA had been offering. We are working to update these in our approved testing guide.

### Microsoft Retiring MTA Exams

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/certifications/mta-retirement-faqs>

### Pearson Continuing the same style of exams under their Brand and Naming

<https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/ITSpecialist/Certification/Overview>

Here are the MTA exam titles and the ITS exam that is replacing them:

MTA Exam	ITS Exam
• Database Fundamentals	• Databases
• Networking Fundamentals	• Networking
• Intro to Programming Using JavaScript	• JavaScript
• Intro to Programming Using Python	• Python
• HTML5 Application Development	• HTML5 Application Development
• Software Development	• Software Development
• Security Fundamentals	• Network Security
• Intro to Programming Using Java	• Java
• Intro to Programming Using HTML and CSS	• HTML and CSS
• Mobility and Device Fundamentals	• Device Configuration and Management

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## ISTE Computational Thinking Courses

ISTE has partnered with Georgia State University and the Georgia Department of Education to develop [microcourses for integrated computational thinking](#). These three microcourses are free and can lead to ISTE badges at the end of each course (\$70 per badge) if desired, leading to ISTE's Integrated Computational Thinking Endorsement.

## Carl Perkins Grants Open

### Basic Grants

Applications for the Carl Perkins Basic Grants are now open. Below is the link to a training video on what is expected and required for year two of this grant.

<https://www.okcareertech.org/about/state-agency/divisions/federal-legislation-assistance/carl-perkins/grant-application-information/perkins-v>

Applications must be reviewed and approved by all parties no later than **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. The Option/Allocation Form will be emailed out to Local Superintendents on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Innovative Grants

FY22 Innovative Grants are now open. There are only a few sections of the application required to be completed this year. Those areas include requested funding amount, budget narrative, key personnel, and budget spreadsheet.

These grants are on a two-year funding cycle. Funding for year two is contingent upon your school showing progress towards the goals listed in your initial worksheet. One of the

requirements of the grant is to complete the monitoring process. Below is the link to the monitoring form. **Please complete one form per initiative and submit by March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZHgwmpg-CE-5CnKLYs8yxQIYvQtgshNPrieOJVrayzxUMjNORTBQNkwySkxOS0VMV0hSUENNVjZRWi4u>

For questions, contact Letha Bauter at [letha.bauter@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:letha.bauter@careertech.ok.gov) or 405-743-5569.

## CyberPatriot National Competition

**CyberPatriot XIII National Finals Competition** will be held virtually on **March 20-21, 2021**. CyberPatriot is planning a robust, virtual National Finals competition, which will include the Network Security Master Challenge, the Cisco NetAcad Challenge, the AT&T Mobile Computing Challenge, the TCP/IP event with CyberPatriot sponsors, an Opening Ceremony, and an Awards Ceremony. Top overall teams will receive scholarships from Northrop Grumman and Cisco. <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/>

## Oklahoma STEM Signing Day

The 2021 STEM Signing Day, presented by Boeing and powered by Tallo, is open for applications. All Oklahoma high school seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university and pursue a S.T.E.M degree or program are eligible to apply on Tallo.

Apply here: <https://tallo.com/oklahoma-stem-signing-day-2021/>

## K-12 Follow-up

Follow-up is open for K-12 Schools and there are some changes this year. We are collecting work-based learning opportunities. The guidebook includes definitions for work based learning and can be found on the [CTIMS webpage](#). Of course, if you have any questions, need help, or run into issues with CTIMS please contact CTIMS Support at [ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov) or call 405.743.5134.

Deadline for submission is May 15, 2021.

## CTIMS Internet Browser Update

As you know, Internet Explorer has always been the preferred browser for CTIMS. However, because Internet Explorer is no longer a supported browser, we ask that you use one of the following when accessing CTIMS.

- The latest version of Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome

If you experience issues in CTIMS using these internet browsers, please let us know at [ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov) or call support at 405-743-5134.

## Addressing Suicide

The Community Health Center of Northeast Oklahoma is sponsoring a free virtual suicide prevention event, "How to Bring the Light into Darkness," on **March 10th, 9am-2pm**. To register, click here: [Special Virtual Event - Suicide Prevention \(chcneo.com\)](https://chcneo.com).

Also, The [Jason Foundation](#) has some wonderful FREE suicide-prevention resources, including curricula, training modules, bookmarks, brochures, rack cards, etc.

## iCEV Curriculum

Join us for a short (30 minute) virtual presentation every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, beginning in February, to review iCEV state-approved curriculum and discuss the new Oklahoma adoption pricing. Please register at this [link](#).

## Free Access to TestOut Courses

TestOut understands you may not have all of the resources you need to teach your students in an at-home learning environment. **If you teach any of the below courses, we can give you free access for the spring semester to any of them!**

- Office Pro (MOS- Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Outlook)
- IT Fundamentals Pro (Basic Computer Concepts- Hardware, Software, Networking, Programming)
- PC Pro (Hardware, Software, A+ Cert Prep)
- Network Pro (Network+)
- Security Pro (Security+)
- Linux Pro (covers Linux+)
- Client Pro (Operating Systems)
- Routing and Switching Pro (covers CCNA)
- Ethical Hacker Pro (covers Certified Ethical Hacker)

**TestOut's certification courseware is for middle and high school students, can be offered entirely online, and can be used on Chromebooks, PCs, and Macs. [Applying only takes 15 minutes of your time](#), and best of all, it's free!**

Jared Skelton, Academic Account Executive, [jskelton@testout.com](mailto:jskelton@testout.com), 800.877.4889 x329

## Dean Denton/BMITE Scholarship Open for Applications

The Dean Denton/BMITE Scholarship is now open for applications through March 31, 2021. [Click here](#) for information on how to apply.

## Clinton HS BITE Position Opening

Clinton High School has posted an opening for their Digital Marketing (BITE) program. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and reference list to Adam McPhail, Assistant Superintendent, at [adam.mcphail@cpsreds.org](mailto:adam.mcphail@cpsreds.org).

Link to listing: <https://www.ossba.org/services/jobs/>.

## Distance Learning Resources

Log into ctYou.org and go to **BMITE Teacher Resources**. The link to **Distance Learning Resources** is directly under the bulleted menu options. [Click here](#) to access the resources. If you have trouble gaining access, contact [Kristi.Lofton@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:Kristi.Lofton@careertech.ok.gov).

Other Agency Resources:

- [BMITE YouTube Channel](#) – or just search YouTube for “OK BMITE”
- [ODCTE FAQs and Resources](#)
- [ODCTE – Career and Academic Connections Resources](#)
- [CareerTech Master Educator](#) – free online PD (see below under Professional Development)
- [Technology Center Distance Learning Plans](#)
- [K12 Schools Distance Learning Plans](#)
- [Oklahoma Department of Commerce COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Information](#)

## Professional Development



[CareerTech Master Educator](#) (CTME) offers online courses (including 7000+ LinkedIn Learning courses) and allows you to track/manage your PD, assist with certification, and upgrade your skills. For access, email Jennifer at [Jennifer.Wehrenberg@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Wehrenberg@careertech.ok.gov) or call 405-743-5155.

**Pamela Porter's Weekly CTME Pick:** This week's selection is, "Cybersecurity Awareness: Phishing and Whaling"



Phishing and whaling are types of cybercrime used to defraud people and organizations. The average 10,000-employee company spends \$3.7 million dollars a year dealing with phishing and whaling attacks alone. It's imperative that all employees of an organization are educated on how to avoid these attacks. Phishing is successful when an email message persuades a person to take an action or reveal information which should not be disclosed. Whaling focuses on high-profile targets such as executives, politicians, and celebrities. Learn about the tactics used in phishing and whaling, and view some examples so that you can identify suspicious emails and network intrusions. Then learn how to reduce your risk and put protections in place to help mitigate these threats. This course was created and produced by Mentor Source, Inc. We are honored to host this training in our library.

Are there specific areas or topics you would like for professional development? Please send PD ideas, along with the best time/dates for training, to [Pamela.Porter@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:Pamela.Porter@careertech.ok.gov).

[Click here](#) for a full list of professional development opportunities.

## Teacher Certification

For questions regarding teacher certification, renewal, missed certification exams, etc., please contact Laurie Richison at [laurie.richison@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:laurie.richison@careertech.ok.gov) or call 405.743.5518.

## BMITE Staff

Remember, the BMITE staff is here to assist you in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

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