



BMITE Business, Marketing and
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Monday Madness - March 22, 2021

Microsoft E² | Education Exchange



Microsoft Education invites you to **Microsoft E²**, March 22-24, 2021.

Our mission at Microsoft is to empower every student on the planet to achieve more. Microsoft E² offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn together and celebrate the achievements of extraordinary change makers--both leaders and educators--who are transforming education to ensure students can achieve more in their lives today and in the future.

This past year, all of you in education institutions worldwide have seen tremendous disruptions and opportunities. As you continue to navigate this journey, Microsoft E² will bring us together for inspiring keynotes, thought-provoking research, innovative practices, collaboration, and solution showcases.

Winners of the global Tech for Good Challenge will be announced on the final day of **Microsoft E²**, an experience not to be missed!

This previously exclusive event is now open to all educators and leaders around the world. Closed caption will be available for all sessions in seven languages.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Making Schools Work Conference

Oklahoma is hosting it's first Making Schools Work Virtual Conference on March 30-31, 2021. The conference is provided by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and is considered one of the nation's premier K-12 professional development opportunities. Schools

and technology centers are asked to submit information for each participant. [Click here to register.](#)

CareerTech Virtual Job Fair



The graphic features a large blue circle with three orange stars at the top and three at the bottom. A green banner with the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in white, bold, sans-serif font is draped across the circle. Below the circle, the text 'CareerTech VIRTUAL JOB FAIR' is displayed in a colorful, stylized font. To the right, the text 'Please join us for a statewide virtual job fair for all CareerTech students!' is followed by the date 'April 7, 2021'. Below this, a paragraph encourages students to give themselves the best chance for employment by connecting with hundreds of Oklahoma businesses. A bulleted list lists three benefits: engaging in one-on-one interviews, learning about businesses through interactive group sessions, and uploading resumes and work samples. At the bottom right, the Oklahoma CareerTech logo is shown, featuring a colorful starburst. Below the logo is an illustration of a diverse group of professionals in various fields, including construction, healthcare, and business.

SAVE THE DATE

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.

**CareerTech
VIRTUAL
JOB
FAIR**

**OKLAHOMA
CareerTech**

For more info, check out:
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 or 405.743.5105.

VR in Education Highlighted on OETA

OETA's Oklahoma News Report on Friday, March 12th included a story about the use of VR in education. Two of our schools were featured in the story – Jeremy Wright, Great Plains Technology Center, and Dana Myers, Francis Tuttle Technology Center. Jeremy was included in the story that starts at 21:11 in the link below, and Dana was featured in the teaser at the beginning of the show. Great job Jeremy and Dana!

<https://www.oeta.tv/shows/oklahoma-news-report/>

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.

BPA Updates

Thank you to everyone who made our first virtual SLC a reality! Congratulations to all of our participants for an awesome conference!

Share photos here: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/anpDGxEGcLEDec3jT5ZY>

NLC information: <https://bpa.org/nlc/>. The NLC competition will be sent out on 3/22/21 by National BPA via email.

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT A STIPEND REQUEST: If you would like to fill out stipend information for any student who placed first in their event and plans to attend NLC, you can do so at the survey link below. Stipend checks are made out to students and will be packed in SLC boxes. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNNRCSH>.

SLC Boxes: Look for an email from Paxton this week on options for getting your SLC box. We are currently waiting to add stipend checks to the boxes and will be able to do that after the stipend request survey closes this evening.

DECA Updates

Thank you to everyone who registered for ICDC! Invoices have been sent to you. ICDC stipend checks have been made out to students and will be delivered with your CDC box.

ICDC Information: <https://decaok.org/international-career-development-conference/>

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

MBA Research Updates

MBA Research is a not-for-profit working in partnership with business administration educators. Make the most of Oklahoma's state membership!

Using *The Office to Teach Business Ethics*. In the Bookmarks section of your State's Connection portal, find resources our researchers have recently found, including ethical dilemmas for class discussions and Using *The Office to Teach Business Ethics*, which includes case studies, a PowerPoint, discussion questions, and debriefing material. Login or create your free account at <https://mbastatesconnection.mbaresearch.org/>

Newly updated: Ethical Leadership course guide. Download the 2021 editions of [the Ethical Leadership course guide](#) at no cost courtesy of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative High School Program. We added an ethics case for students to every performance indicator in the course (before we only had cases for half of them), updated the resources, and included additional information on how to partner with the Epic Ethics program at the elementary school level for students' service learning project.

Is it time to return to the office? The newest Action Brief shares insights on this decision facing businesses worldwide. This is a terrific resource for classroom discussions. Find it in [State's Connection](#), available at no cost thanks to your state's membership in the MBA Research consortium.

Virtual Internships – Film Industry & Video Game Development

On **Thursday, March 25 at 11:30-11:45 a.m.**, Danny Rubin, founder of Rubin, will host a virtual internship with Craig Peck, Hollywood Film Producer who works with Disney, Warner Bros and Sony. His company has brought us films like “The Blind Side,” “Blade Runner 2049,” “Dolphin Tale,” and “Something Borrowed.” [Claim your spots](#) right now (students and teachers). Forward the email to your students so they can register on their own if you would like.

Wednesday, April 7th at 11:30-11:45 a.m. Rubin will host a virtual internship on video game development. Special guests will be Paul Silverman and Ryan Woodland, video game developers at Bethesda, the company behind popular franchises like “The Elder Scrolls,” “Fallout,” “Skyrim” and “Doom.” [Claim your spots](#) right now (students and teachers). There is a worksheet you can download for your students.

Both of these internship webinars will be recorded and have completion certificates for those that participate live.

Unsplash For Education Collections

[Unsplash](#) is a great source of free high-resolution images that you and your students can use in various school projects and art works. You may want to tag these free [photo sources for teachers and students](#). Unsplash is totally free and does not require a sign up. You can download and use photos there with or without attribution. Here is what the [Unsplash license](#) states:

- All photos can be downloaded and used for free
- Commercial and non-commercial purposes

- No permission needed (though attribution is appreciated!)

Unsplash hosts over two million free photos provided by 'a generous community of photographers'. The site also has a section for education named [Unsplash for Education](#) where students can search for and access a wide variety of photos to use in class.

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://certipoint.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 |

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 7th, 2021**. The Option/Allocation Form will be emailed out to Local Superintendents on **March 22nd**.

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 19th.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZHgwmpg-CE-5CnKLYs8yxQIYvQtgshNPrieOJVrayzUMjNORTBQNkwySkxOS0VMV0hSUENNVjZRWi4u>

For questions, contact Letha Bauter at letha.bauter@careertech.ok.gov or 405-743-5569.

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 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 or call support at 405-743-5134.

iCEV Curriculum

Join us for a short (30 minute) virtual presentation every 1st 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, 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.

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.

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 or call 405-743-5155.

Pamela Porter's Weekly CTME Pick: This week's selection is **"Creating Great First Impressions."** First impressions matter.

Whether you're walking into a meeting, interview, or negotiation, you need to know how to instantly build rapport. Luckily, the ability to make a lasting first impression isn't an innate skill; there's actually a science to it. In this course, Vanessa Van Edwards—lead investigator at Science of People, a human behavior research lab—shares research-backed strategies that can help you make the first few seconds of any interaction count. Vanessa dives into the body language that is essential to an engaging first impression, the vocal cues that help you sound confident both in person and on the phone, and the best opening lines for sparking a great conversation. Plus, get tips for changing dull small talk into a lively and memorable conversation."

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.

[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 or call 405.743.5518.

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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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