



BMITE Business, Marketing and
Information Technology Education

Monday Madness - March 29, 2021

Making Schools Work Conference

Oklahoma is hosting its first statewide Making Schools Work Virtual Conference on March 30-31, 2021 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The conference, hosted by Oklahoma CareerTech and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), is considered one of the nation's premier K-12 professional development opportunities.

Attendees have access to over 40 sessions, including unconference lunch discussions and keynote/featured speakers. Each participant should register by **Friday, March 26, 2021**.

[Click here for topics and speaker.](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

For additional information, please contact Ivy Alford at ivy.alford@sreb.org or Twila Green at twila.green@careertech.ok.gov.

OKACTE/ODCTE Summit Hotel Registration Open

Housing for the 54th Annual Oklahoma Summit is now open.

Please note: The conference website will link you directly to OkACTE's website this year. This is to help keep all the information current and in one spot.

For hotel reservations, please refer to <https://www.okacte.org/oklahoma-summit>. The hotel accommodations will be located at the bottom of the page.

CORRECTION to the Sheraton Hotel pricing sheet that was emailed last week – the price is \$139 per night, not \$129.

More information will be coming out soon regarding OK Summit, BMITE Day 2 activities scheduled to be at Francis Tuttle, Rockwell Campus.

OKACTE Membership Dues Installment Plan

OKACTE is excited to offer members the opportunity to join or renew their membership with OKACTE Membership Dues Installment Plan! This opportunity is available to OKACTE members whose annual dues total \$100 or more.

How does the OkACTE Membership Installment Plan work?

- This plan only covers membership dues. Optional items such as PAC cannot be included in payment installments.
- Primary and secondary dues can be included in payment installment.
- Members select between two installment payment options
- 4-installment plan (June - September)
- 2-installment plan (September & October).
- Members select the date of ACH: 5th or 20th monthly

How to Apply:

- Complete the [OkACTE Membership Installment Plan form](#).
- Submit the form by **March 31** for the 4-installment plan.
- Submit the form by **August 6** for the 2-installment plan.
- Participating members must complete enrollment form by appropriate deadline to initiate initial payment.
- 4-installment payments - May 31
- 2-installment payments - August 6

For additional information about the OkACTE Membership Dues Installment Plan, please visit the [OkACTE website - OkACTE Membership Dues Installment Plan](#) or you can contact Carmen Jones, cjones@okacte.org.

OKACTE Student Award Design Contest

OkACTE's trophy design contest is intended to complement our nationally recognized awards program and winners. We are pleased to have the opportunity to present these awards that represent the designer's creativity and showcase the cutting-edge technology of CTE.

One design will be chosen and used for the (7) ACTE Excellence awards. The winner or winning team will receive a \$500 cash prize!

Contest Entry Form Due: April 9, 2021

Design Entry Form Due: April 30, 2021

For more information and to download the entry forms, [click here](#), and select Student Award Design. Contact Lorri Carlile at lorri@okacte.org with any questions.

CareerTech Virtual Job Fair

Oklahoma CareerTech, along with the system's technology centers from across the state, will offer students and employees a statewide virtual job fair on April 7.

Employers can register to post job opportunities and hold group and one-on-one video sessions. Students can create accounts and upload resumes and portfolio work to share in interviews and question-and-answer sessions with businesses and recruiters.

The virtual job fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit the [CareerTech website](#).

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/>

BPA Updates

Thank you to everyone who made our first virtual SLC a reality! Congratulations to all of our participants for an awesome conference! Stipends are being delivered with SLC boxes this week.

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

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

DECA Updates

Thank you to everyone who registered for ICDC! Invoices have been sent to you. ICDC stipend checks 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 – Video Game Development

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.

This internship webinar will be recorded and has 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.

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**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZHgwmpg-CE-5CnKLYs8yxQIYvQtgshNPrjeOJVrayzxUMjNORTBQNkwySkxOS0VMV0hSUENNVjZRWi4u>

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.

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.

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 **"Animating in Photoshop."** (1hr 41min) Interested in bringing your line drawings to life? With Adobe Photoshop, you can transform your hand-drawn artwork into compelling animations quickly, avoiding complex specialty software with steep learning curves. Learn how to use Photoshop to make your drawings move in this course with veteran animator Dermot O' Connor. Find out how to draw captivating characters with media brushes, clean up your rough drawings, and add color and inking. Dermot then takes you to the timeline where the animation takes place and shows how to draw the keys, or main poses of an animation; breakdowns; and inbetweens. He also shows how to plot arcs to establish timing and spacing. Finally, learn how to adjust the timing of the final animation and render out the results. By the end of this course, you'll be able to harness this popular software to bring your artwork to life. This course was created by Dermot O' Connor. We are pleased to offer 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.

[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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