



BMITE Business, Marketing and
Information Technology Education

Monday Madness - May 10, 2021

2021 OK Summit Registration Open!

The 54th annual Oklahoma Summit registration is now open! There will be a \$2 convenience fee for anyone paying with a credit card or e-check. Early bird registration ends July 12th. Register at: <https://conference.okacte.org/User/Login>.

OK Summit will be on August 2-3 in Oklahoma City, with some pre-conference activities occurring on August 1st. The conference will be held at the new Oklahoma City Convention Center. BMITE Day 2 activities (August 3) will be at Francis Tuttle, Rockwell Campus.

Hotel reservations and conference information: <https://www.okacte.org/oklahoma-summit>.

Community Service Impact Hours Needed!

We are asking all instructors asking for your community service impact hours and dollar amounts. It is a short survey (8 questions) needed from each instructor, or for those districts with multiple programs (BPA/DECA), you can combine the information into one survey. It is important to note that you can only submit the survey once, so please complete all fields before submitting.

Please submit by **May 14th**. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/96PB9ZH>

Virtual Job Shadow Opportunity

CareerTech and the Professional Development Division are once again excited to announce VirtualJobShadow.com, a video-based career planning platform. After successfully piloting it in non-traditional CTE program areas, we are happy to expand it to all program areas. If your district would like to participate, please refer to the email that was sent out last week with the details. You can also view two short video overviews of VirtualJobShadow.com.

If you and/or your district is interested in participating, please complete the [Request to Participate Form](#) by June 4, 2021. Our goal is to continue establishing demonstration and best practice sites.

Districts/schools that participated in 2020-2021 and submitted requested participation data DO NOT need to reapply unless expanding significantly outside of the non-traditional career clusters requiring additional student licenses.

If you have questions about VirtualJobShadow.com and/or the RFP process, please contact Steven Aragon, Equity & Diversity Specialist at steven.aragon@careertech.ok.gov or 405.743.5180.

OSCPA Scholarship

OSCPA gives out an annual high school scholarship (\$500-\$1,000) to Seniors who are interested in majoring in accounting. Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for the scholarship. Our application portal currently shows "closed"; however, we are looking for teacher recommendations for students who may still want to apply for the scholarship.

Here is the [link to the scholarship page](#). The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- High School Senior;
- Planning to major in accounting;
- An official transcript;
- A current resume;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- A 250-word essay titled "Why I want to pursue an accounting career"

Garrett Hammonds, Director of Membership Oklahoma Society of CPAs 405-841-3800, ext 3811; 800-522-8261; www.oscpa.com

BPA Updates

Congratulations to the 147 National Finalists at this year's 2021 National Leadership Conference! Oklahoma was well represented with 20 first place winners. Thank you to all of the competitors this year and everyone who participated to make NLC a success. We are incredibly proud of our chapters who achieved service awards and scholarships. All top 10 rankings can be found at nlc.bpa.org. All complete rankings will be in the DLG membership system within 72 hours. The Awards show will be visible at <http://thinkcybis.com/bpa-live/> within 72 hours.

Congratulations to the following individuals and schools:

- Athena Frank of Central Technology Center Drumright was named the National BPA 2021 Advisor of the Year.
- Johnathan Gervasi of Yukon High School was named National Emerging Professional of the Year.

- Jacob Schonfield of Central Technology Center Drumright was named Student Recruiter of the Year.
- Nathan Slater of Francis Tuttle Technology Center at Deer Creek High School was elected to the 2021-2022 National Officer Team as National Historian.

Congratulations to everyone who was recognized for their years of service. We appreciate all you do for BPA.

Finally, thank you to Athena Frank and Natasha Smith for their tremendous terms of service on the National BPA Board of Trustees. These two individuals represented Oklahoma BPA and all members across the nation with determination and grace. We are proud to have had them representing Oklahoma BPA at a National level.



Join CTE educators from across the country at [CTE Inspired](#). Hosted by [iCEV](#), the nation's leading creator of Career & Technical Education (CTE) curriculum and resources, the FREE three-day event is designed to offer professional development and networking opportunities for CTE educators. Because of CTE educators' busy and varying schedules, as well as increased demand for professional development opportunities, CTE Inspired will be held twice: July 27-29 and August 9-11. While the same sessions will be streamed on both conference dates, participants can attend one or both conference dates, depending on their schedules and availability.

MBA Research Announces, Special Edition: MBA Conclave 2021

Imagine if MBA Research joined forces with BPA, DECA, and FBLA to bring you a power-packed conference. Now picture it happening just in time to get you ready and energized for next school year. ***And to top that off, what if it was completely FREE?*** No travel costs, no registration fees.

We could not be more excited to bring that reality to you this August. It's MBA Research's 50th anniversary, so this is our gift to you. Here are the details:

- August 3–5, 2021
- 100% Virtual



- 100% FREE
- Amazing speakers from business & industry
- Best practices and new ideas from top teachers
- Dedicated sessions for BPA and DECA advisors and FBLA advisers

[Registration is open now](#). This is a one-time opportunity, so mark your calendars and share with your friends. Questions? Contact Service@MBAResearch.org.

OKACTE Membership 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.

Teaching to Lead: Teacher Institute

The **Teaching to Lead: Teacher Institute** will provide a unique "quick start" opportunity to beginning CareerTech teachers, whom do not hold a degree in education. The program is intended for alternative and provisional teachers with less than two years of teaching

experience. This rigorous program provides beginning teachers with critical classroom strategies and foundational skills. The application is open. Below are a few highlights of the program:

- Program begins on July 27, 2021 and ending May 11, 2022
- Participants have an opportunity to obtain university credit
- Oklahoma Lottery Trust Fund Scholarship is available to each participant
- 2021-2022 Tentative Cohort Dates (see attachment)
- Registration fee of \$750 (college tuition expense not included)
- Fee includes meals and materials provided during the training
- Participants will have an instructional coach and an on-site mentor during the first year
- Mentors will commit to spending 72 hours in one-on-one mentoring with the new teacher
- Mentors will receive a payment of \$500 for providing 72 hours of mentoring

Applications are open until July 21st.

Click on the link for the application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TH93ZLR>

See our [website](#) for more information or contact Jennifer Wehrenberg at 405-743-5155 or Jennifer.wehrenberg@careertech.ok.gov

SHL Testing Tips

We have heard from some of you about challenges with SHL TalentCentral testing regarding the test timer and retaking tests. SHL has provided us with instructions for you to extend a student's timer and reset a test so that a student can retake it. These instructions are posted in ctYou under **BMITE Teacher Resources / Testing Information** in the **SHL TalentCentral Testing Resources** section: ***SHL TalentCentral – Reset Test or Extend Time of Test.pdf***.

For general support, contact www.shl.com. For specific information, contact Austen Larson at Austen.Larson@shl.com or 612.963.8617.

Open BMITE Teaching Positions

Liberty Public Schools

Liberty Public Schools in Mounds has an opening for a CareerTech BMITE business teacher. Send your resume to Jeremy.williams@libertyps.org. Liberty Public School is an EOE.

Northwest Technology Center Hiring

Northwest Technology Center-Alva Campus has an opening for a Computer and Business Technology Program instructor. The job description and more information is located on their [website](#).

Norman Public Schools Hiring

Norman Public Schools has an open CareerTech Marketing position (posted as Business/Marketing). The job description and link can be found [here](#). Interested candidates need to complete a Norman Public Schools job application form found on this site.

Putnam City Schools Hiring

Putnam City Schools has an opening for a CareerTech BMITE marketing teacher at Putnam City West High School. [Apply online](#) under the opening for “**DECA Teacher – PCW.**”

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Oklahoma Society for Technology in Education (OKSTE) announced it is working to help build consumer awareness about the Emergency Broadband Benefit, a new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program. The temporary benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$3.2B Emergency Broadband Benefit program provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid or the FCC’s [Lifeline](#) program;
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income through job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Emergency Broadband Benefit enrollment will begin (opened) on May 12, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the [Universal Service Administrative Company \(USAC\)](#) using an online or mail-in application. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. any day of the week

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.



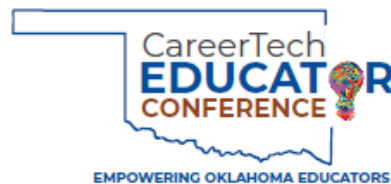
CAREERTECH EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

Fall – Thursday, September 16, 2021

Mid-Winter – Thursday, January 27, 2022

Audience: All CareerTech Educators
In Person & Virtual Options (*subject to change*)

<https://www.okcareertech.org/educators/professional-development/careertech-educator-conference>



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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 "Be More Productive: Take Small Steps, Have Big Goals."

(27min) Want to be more productive? Researchers tell us it's the small stuff that leads to big changes over time. Learn how to develop a productivity regimen using time-tested strategies for making incremental but powerful changes: goal setting, habit formation, and honest self-assessment. This course brings together lessons from influencers like NBA champion Shane Battier and productivity expert Gretchen Rubin, who offer proven strategies for foundational behavioral change. Unlock your productivity with these tips and tricks for taking the small steps that lead to big transformations. This course includes videos from: Shane Battier, retired NBA player and ESPN commentator Dan Ariely, professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke University Charles Duhigg, Pulitzer Prize–winning investigative reporter for The New York Times Gretchen Rubin, bestselling author Carson Tate, author and productivity consultant
Note: This course was produced by Big Think. We are pleased to host this content 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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