



November 2021



## President's Message

CTEI Members,

If your school year is going like mine, you're deep in the throes of fall work and trying to stay afloat. Thanksgiving provides a time for me to relax, reflect, and rejuvenate. I appreciate the increased focus this season brings on being thankful. I hope that each of you can find time over the next couple of weeks to take a breath and identify the things for which you are thankful.

Many of you are planning to attend the upcoming VISION conference either in person in New Orleans or virtually. The National ACTE Board of Directors election will open online during the VISION conference on December 3, 2021. Voting will close January 3, 2022. ACTE members can find more information about participating in the board election at: [www.acteonline.org/board\\_election](http://www.acteonline.org/board_election).

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Travis Edwards  
CTEI President

## Legislative Message from CTEI

Greetings and welcome to the season of Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for as career and technical educators in this great state. Our elected officials recognize the value of our programs and continue to support our efforts. This legislative support is spread across all parts of Idaho.

The CTEI Legislative Committee is excited to cooperate with the Division to offer the CTEI State Policy Seminar. This event, to be held in February, will provide training, and offer networking opportunities for program leaders. The committee has met with Division representatives, after the CTEI Board of Directors' decision to sponsor this event, and developed a framework. Participants will gain a better understanding of the legislative process and work cooperatively with elected officials who influence educational funding and policies.

As we prepare for a new year and legislative session, I encourage each of us to take a moment and reach out to our elected officials, make an introduction, offer thanks for their support, and share concerns. From these important conversations we can build bridges of understanding which are valuable when we face concerning legislative issues.

Best wishes,  
Lex Godfrey  
CTEI Legislative Liaison

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## Membership Committee

Hello fellow CTE colleagues! My name is Sarah Pelayo and I'm excited to take on the role of Membership Chair of CTEI. For those who don't know me, I'm a Business and Marketing teacher in Minidoka County at Mt. Harrison High School where I teach a variety of business courses. I am passionate about public education and hold a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Career and Technical Education. The leadership experience I bring to the table is advocacy as a long standing member of the Idaho Education Association and Past-President of the Idaho Business Education Association.

I look forward to building up our association and in the coming months, sharing out the various membership benefits of CTEI. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [spelayo@minidokaschools.org](mailto:spelayo@minidokaschools.org)

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## Check Out The CTEI Website

Please take a few moments to log into the [CTEIdaho.org](https://cteidaho.org) website and update your membership information. There are LOTS of exciting activities being planned for 2021/2022 and you won't want to miss any of them.

## News Beyond CTEI

Via ACTE SmartBrief

### Upcoming Innovation Webinar

Mark your calendar for this upcoming free webinar, covering innovative best practices in CTE: Transforming the Middle School Experience: A Community Approach to College and Career Readiness for Students in Grades Six to Eight on Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. ET.

[Read more.](#)

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