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President's Message

Seven years ago this week the paramedics were called to our shop. Two students in small engines class were playing with a flywheel nut as if it was an engagement ring. The “proposal” went awry when the nut got stuck on one student’s finger. When the school nurse wasn’t able to remove it, she called the fire department. One of the responders was a personal friend I have known since kindergarten, and I have some great pictures of the student’s finger in a vise with my friend using a hacksaw to remove the flywheel nut. In the end, the only casualties of the day were the student’s pride and some disrupted instructional time. Later that year our department was honored by the IATA with the illustrious “Screw-up of the Year” award for the incident, and it’s one of those stories we can look back on for a good laugh.

Why does this story matter to CTEI? As I have interacted with teachers from different disciplines across our state and nation over the last few months, the common thing I’ve heard is that this year is one of the toughest many teachers have faced in their careers. I remember being shown as a student-teacher a picture of a roller coaster (which you’ve probably seen) that illustrates the high and low points teachers face during a school year. But for many, this year feels different. It seems heavier and more teachers are approaching their breaking point than I’ve seen in the past.

So what can we do about it? The story I shared above is an example from a journal I began keeping when, as a student-teacher, a kid in the back of my Ag Earth Science class raised his hand and asked, "Mr. Edwards, why doesn't NASA just wait until it's dark and THEN land on the sun?" I knew immediately that I needed to write those things down. Now, when teaching feels heavy and getting bogged down in the challenges of the day causes me to lose sight of my reasons for teaching, I pause to look for the things that make me smile. I read back through my teaching journal and spend a little time exchanging stories with other teachers. Remembering the good times and building relationships are the things that keep me moving forward.

I'm usually not much of a pep talk guy because I feel like I'm preaching to the choir, but here is my pep talk for CTEI. You matter! The work you are doing matters! You are making a difference for someone! Keep your head up! When work seems overwhelming, find ways to refocus on your reason for working. Rely on your coworkers. Look out for each other. Build each other up. Together we can do hard things! Together we can make it through this year!

Travis Edwards
CTEI President

Membership Committee

Hello friends and colleagues, I hope your new year is off to a great start!

I don't know about you all, but I always look forward to the new year and the super-charged energy that comes with setting goals and resolutions. I recently opted into my district's wellness challenge that paired with the book study: *Atomic Habits*, by James Clear. I'm excited for the community and inspiration that'll come with this as I focus in on bettering myself.

In that same spirit, I'd like to share with you this Forbes article by Caroline Ceniza-Levine with tips on [10 New Year's Resolutions to Advance Your Career in 2022](#), along best wishes for the new year. Spoiler alert, #6 is Build a Supportive Community, and as your professional association, CTEI, is here to do just that through legislative updates, program support and professional development!

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

~Sarah Pelayo, CTEI Membership Chair

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The screenshot shows the CTEI website homepage. At the top left is the CTEI logo, which consists of a green outline of the state of Idaho with the letters 'CTEI' in bold black text. To the right of the logo is the text 'CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATORS OF IDAHO' in bold black capital letters. Below this is the tagline 'Serving Career Technical Educators by promoting opportunities for continual personal and professional growth.' in a smaller, italicized font. A green navigation bar contains the following menu items: HOME, BOARD, ASSOCIATIONS, AWARDS, MEMBER BENEFITS, and ABOUT US. The main content area has a light brown background and features a portrait of Ben Hamlett on the left. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: 'Congratulations Ben Hamlett', 'ACTE Region V', '2021 Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year', 'Trade and Industry Department', and 'College of Southern Idaho'. Below the main content area is a row of six small circles, with the second one from the left being filled with blue. At the bottom of the page are four icons with corresponding text: a legislative building icon for 'LEGISLATIVE UPDATES', a document icon for 'GRANT APPLICATION', a 'Monthly eNewsletter' icon for 'NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE', and a person icon with a plus sign for 'NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!'.

Check Out The CTEI Website

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

News Beyond CTEI

via ACTE SmartBrief

[High-schoolers earn health certifications](#)

Seven students at a high school in Texas have earned their Patient Care Technician and Phlebotomy certifications, making them eligible to start careers in the health care field right after graduation. This comes as the country experiences a shortage of health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

Full Story: [KVEO-TV \(Brownsville, Texas\)](#) (1/10)

via Idaho EdNews

Little proposes teacher bonuses and raises in historic 11% increase to K-12 education

Kevin Richert and Blake Jones 01/10/2022

Gov. Brad Little proposed bonuses and raises for teachers and a historic 11% increase to K-12 education funding on Monday as he kicked off the 2022 legislative session with his State of the State address.

Full Story: [More](#)

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{Member_Upcoming_Renewal_Date}

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