



May Newsletter

2023 Conference Update:

IFACSTA 2023 Conference theme: "We Are All IN This Together"

Where: Double Tree in Bloomington, IL

When: July 17 and 18

In the works: We will be having tours and some sessions at Illinois State University, a Luncheon at the Empathy Farms Restaurant, a Round Table mixer and Professional Development sessions all relating to FACS.

Watch for conference sign up. If you have something that you would like to share at a session or at the round tables please contact Deb Holmes, holmes3037@mchsi.com.

Awards

We will need individuals nominated for IFACSTA awards at the conference. Please consider your colleagues for any of the following awards. Contact Kay Smith at facs.oths@gmail.com with any questions or nominations.

IFACSTA Awards

- Carl Perkins Community Service Award - This award recognizes individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.
- Teacher of the Year - This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions

and communities.

□ Administrator of the Year - This award recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, state or federal level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective career and technical education programs.

□ New Teacher of the Year - This award recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique career and technical education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers.

□ Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes CTE professionals for their leadership on behalf of ACTE, their innovations in CTE and their contributions to the field over an extended period of time.

□ Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year - This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the postsecondary level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

□ Career Guidance Award - This award recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

□ Teacher Educator of the Year - This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs.

□ Billye Griswold Award - A Billye Griswold Professional Award honors Billye Griswold for her professionalism throughout her teaching career. It is meant to honor a classroom teacher who has made significant contributions in the classroom in Family and Consumer Sciences, is considered to be an outstanding leader in the field and has an active FCCLA program.

Region 1 Workshop

Save the date! More information to follow but all are welcome to attend!!

What: IFACSTA region 1 workshop

When: Thurs June 8th from 12:00-4:00 pm

Where: FONA-McCormick in Geneva

FCCLA

The Illinois FCCLA State Convention was held April 14-16 in Springfield, IL. There were 700 members, advisers, and guests registered for the event and over 480 participated in competitions. Students that

ranked as the top two for STAR Event projects will be eligible to compete at the National Convention. This year the National FCCLA Convention will be held July 2-6 in Denver, Colorado.

Along with the state convention, a new officer team was elected for the 2023-24 school year. Congratulations to the following new officers: Mikey Collman from Alton HS; Tanner Bishop from Mt Pulaski HS; Serena Raimer from Chrisman HS; Sarina Voegel from Sullivan HS; and Kaylee Ruff from Shiloh HS.

IACTE

Group shot is Regina Birch(presenter), Jen Austin, Kay Smith(presenter) and Brittany Birch, attendees. Middle Picture: President, Sally Lessen, accepted the Gold Level of Achievement Award for IFACSTA Right Side: Brandi LeQuia: New Teacher of the Year for IACTE, and will go on to compete in the Region



Ideas Wanted

Please let me know the great things you are doing, or someone you know is doing, in your programs. Your ideas could help other teachers in the classroom or just spread the word on how great our programs are!!

It is important to share our success stories, encourage others, and give other FACS teachers ideas to use in their classrooms or schools. Photos are welcome too. Thank you.

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