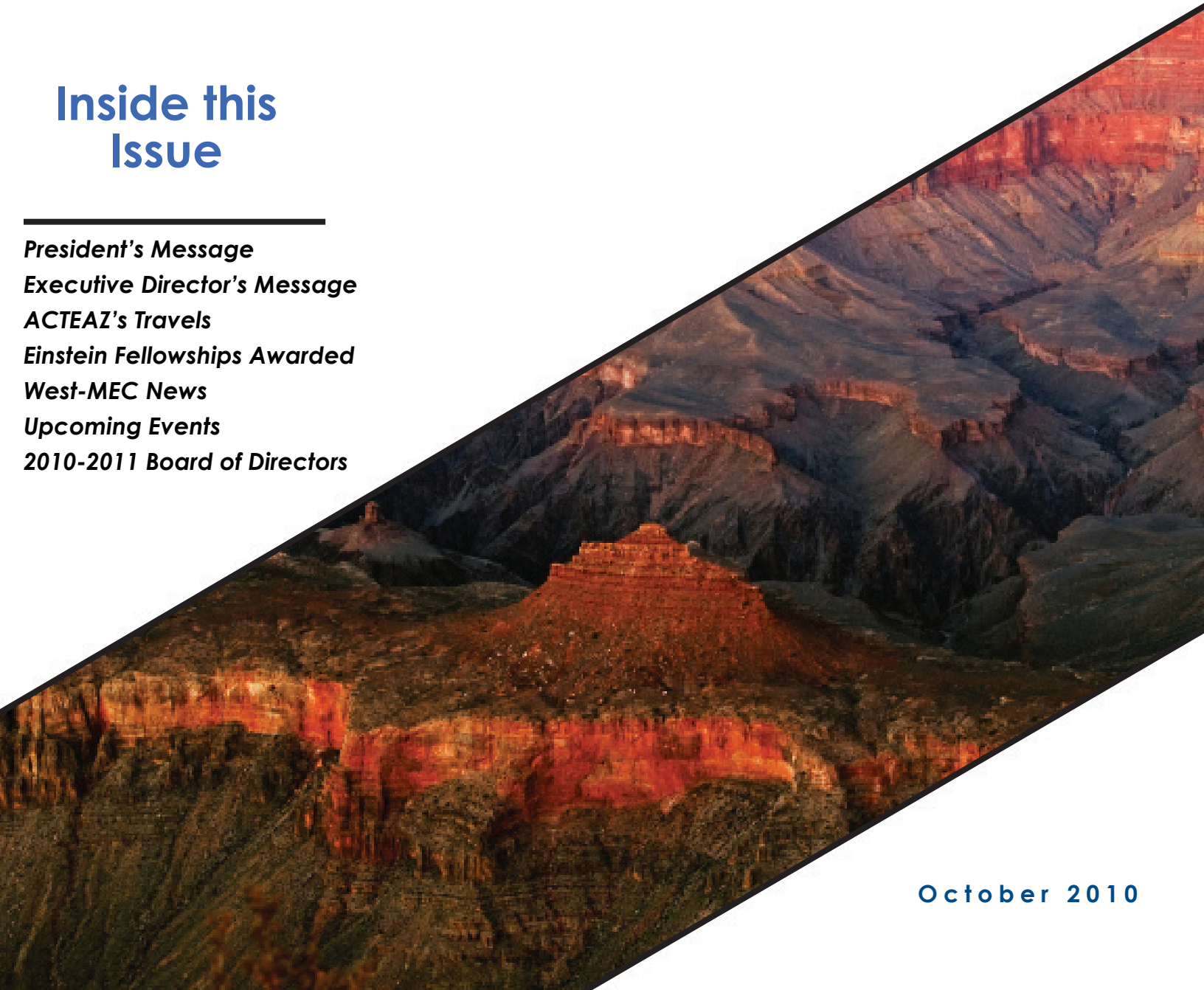




ACTE AZ REVIEW

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A Message From the President

Well what do you know. The first quarter of school is now behind us and I hope that you are having a productive and successful school year. I feel confident that you are helping your students build new paths to success and are providing high quality career and technical education.

Your ACTEAZ Board of Directors had a very productive Leadership Retreat in September and identified a few important and attainable goals for the Association. These include:

- Increased involvement and input from business and industry representatives
- Continue to work to increase ACTE national membership-each Board member committed to getting two new members. How about you??
- Design and put into place a Corporate Membership category
- Enhance participation of exhibitors as a major component of annual conference
- Assist affiliates to comply with association legal requirements

You might be saying to yourselves-these are lofty goals? Maybe not lofty, but necessary and their accomplishment will strengthen the Association for the future.

Now the next order of business is to begin the planning of the Mid-Winter Leadership conference scheduled for February 3-4, 2011 in Prescott, Arizona. Make your plans to attend this excellent professional development opportunity. In fact, if you have something you are doing in your organization/classroom that you feel like sharing, consider responding to the call for presentations. Just contact your Executive Director, Pam Ferguson, and she can hook you up. I look forward to seeing you all up in Prescott. It will be wonderful.

I think that should be just about enough. Not to sound like a broken record, but thank you for all you do every single day to help your students build their roads to productive lives. Along the way, don't forget to take care of yourselves. Take care and if we can help in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Your colleague,

Dean Petersen
ACTEAZ President

A Message From the Executive Director



“October 26, 2010

*Pam Ferguson
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Dear Pam Ferguson,

Congratulations! Arizona’s application for the Quality Association Award has been reviewed and has qualified as a Quality State Association.

ACTE is delighted your state has taken the time and effort to complete this lengthy application process and your diligence has been rewarded. More importantly, this award signifies the level of service that your state’s ACTE delivers to its members as well as the way in which you and your Board advocate for career and technical education in your state. We trust that your state will continue to strive for excellence and provide the very best leadership for your state association and its members. (Jan Bray, ACTE National Executive Director).”

When we received this notification from Jan Bray, National ACTE Executive Director, we were really excited. You, as Arizona ACTE Members, have without a doubt worked hard to earn this Quality Association Award. Awards that ACTEAZ receives are always a collective work of effort as we work together to increase public awareness and appreciation for Career Technical Education. We relish and are proud of the benefits CTE provides for student achievement which increase the opportunities for a great post-secondary education.

Our ACTEAZ Members are a remarkable force for commitment, excellence and positive energy that surrounds their timeless values to reach every child and train them for the 21st century global careers. Members reach higher every day and never forget who shoulders they have benefited from in the past. Only because of those pioneering efforts of Career Technical Education Educators and Administrators before us do we have the resources, tools and networking connections to do our CTE jobs more wisely, more compassionately and more richly with proven substance and academic excellence. ACTEAZ is honored by your company; respects your example and your wisdom. We salute each of you.

Pam Ferguson
ACTEAZ Executive Director

A Message from the ACTEAZ Fellows

In July of 2010 I attended my first event as a CTE Fellow at the Summer Conference in Tucson. It was also the first event that I had attended in my new position as Career Liaison Director at West-MEC. At the conference I focused on observing, interacting and gaining a broader insight into the partnership between CTE and guidance & counseling services.

The ACTEAZ Fall Retreat broadened my understanding of the Fellowship program as well as the ACTEAZ Board of Directors and Affiliates. The Fellowship break-out groups were especially helpful in getting to know one another and gaining greater insight into the efforts of the Fellowship and the vision of what we will be working toward as we work collectively in Building Roads to Success. I am honored to be included in the 2010 Cohort Fellowship Program. I look forward to the opportunities to advance CTE for the benefits of students in Arizona.

Marilynn Babyar
Career Liaison Director – West-MEC
2010 Fellow



ACTEAZ Travels

2010 Arizona Construction Career Days

This month I had the pleasure to go with Pam Ferguson, our ACTEAZ Executive Director, to the 2010 AZ Construction Career Days. We began the morning in a sectioned off tent to listen to several construction industry leaders share facts and hopes for the future of our students and Arizona job market. This year's event invited several legislators as well as key educators from across the state to create a dialogue and see the impact construction plays in supporting Arizona's economy. The questions for the Association for Construction Career Development and industry leaders, such as, Empire were insightful in how construction can help our economy and lead our students into a brighter future.

The Construction Career Days was held October 21-22, 2010 from 8:00am to 12:00pm in Phoenix at the Army National Guard, Papago site. The event was open to 11th and 12th grade high school students interested in pursuing a career in the industry. Employers, construction representatives and several trade schools were available to answer questions about job availability, training and education and benefits.

In addition to networking and information gathering, students were able to take guided tours where they could view and participate in actual industry applications. Planned activities included building masonry brick walls, pipe design/build contest, electrical schematics and design, AutoCAD, plumbing projects, skills competitions, welding, crane simulator, and operating heavy equipment under the supervision of a trained operator.

According to Rose Ann Canizales, president of the Association for Construction Career Development, "The construction industry offers a number of rewarding careers at all levels of training and education. This hands-on event is a great opportunity for students to meet industry professionals, and choose a career that will include them in growing Arizona's infrastructure."

Article submitted by Tony York.



FEA Fall Leadership Conference

The Arizona FEA held their 2010 FEA Fall Regional Leadership Conference on Monday, October 25th, 2010 at ASU Student Memorial Union Tempe, AZ.

Over 600 FEA Chapter members from 30 schools across the state attended, making this the largest turnout for an FEA state sponsored event. Key Note Speaker, Jamie Valderrama, 2010 Teacher of the Year Ambassador provided the students an inspiring message about the joys and privileges of influencing students in a way that will forever change and mold their lives.

Students attended several breakout sessions including: How to Attract Students to Your Program, Fund Raising, Service Projects, Competition Guidelines for State Competitions, Media Workshops, Event Planning, Campus Tours, College Program Exploration, College Student Panels, Strategies for Success & Financial Planning for College and more. “Magic Mike” provided the lunch time entertainment and the afternoon was filled with exciting team building activities.

The highlight of the conference was seeing the Arizona FEA State Officers facilitate breakout sessions and team building events. The second Fall Regional Leadership Conference will be hosted at U of A on November 10th with the same format. The Arizona FEA is part of the National FEA organization of PDK with over 20,000 members.

For further information on the Arizona FEA and the many opportunities that are available for students pursuing a career in education, please contact Gerry Corcoran, Arizona FEA State Director at Gerry.corcoran@azed.gov.

Article submitted by Gerry Corcoran.



Arizona FFA attends the 83rd National FFA Convention

Nearly 600 Arizona students recently returned from the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. While at the convention, these students joined over 56,000 other students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. While in Indianapolis, these students attended large general sessions complete with an elaborate stage set, lights and music. Sessions include notable keynote speakers, awards and recognition, performances by the National FFA Band & Chorus, national officer speeches and more. Eight of the nine convention arena sessions took place at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Many students competed in Career Development Events (CDEs). Arizona members, along with other students from across the country, qualified for competition in these national events by winning at the state level. Events include public speaking, agricultural mechanics, livestock and food product judging and will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, downtown hotels and remote locations as far away as Champaign, Illinois. Arizona was represented well by its students and was fortunate this year in bringing back 9 Bronze, 8 Silver and 3 Gold team medals. The individual recognition was just as notable with 31 Bronze, 31 Silver and 6 Gold medalists.

Students weren't the only ones receiving recognition though. Arizona was honored to have one of its own long time supporters honored with 11 other individuals from across the country with National FFA's coveted "VIP" designation. Mrs. June Morrison from Gilbert was added to the list of individuals who have devoted much of her life to agriculture and the FFA at this year's convention.

In addition, each state sent voting delegates who follow parliamentary procedure in considering delegate issues and vote on important organizational initiatives. Students and advisors alike enjoyed attending the FFA National Agricultural Career Show. Housed at the Indiana Convention Center, the career show covered more than 260,000 square feet and attracted more than 400 exhibitors including businesses, industry, colleges and universities. Participate in educational tours throughout the state of Indiana. (25 Indiana based businesses offered tours)

Article submitted by Tyler Grandil



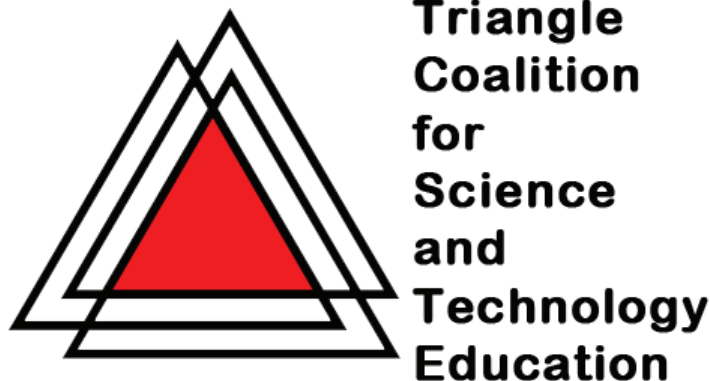
Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowships Announced

Peoria, Arizona Teacher Selected for Distinguished Fellowship at the National Science Foundation's Lifelong Learning Cluster

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – The Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education announces the selection of Terrie Rust, a Technology and Career Exploration teacher of Grades 5-8 at Oasis Elementary School, Peoria, Arizona as a 2010-11 Einstein Fellow. The prestigious Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers with a demonstrated excellence in teaching an opportunity to serve in the national education or public policy arenas. One of 32 teachers serving this year, Rust was carefully selected from a nationwide pool of applicants.

Terrie Rust, an 18 year teaching veteran, has been nationally recognized for her work in building the Technology, Life, Careers program for the elementary schools in her district. The program was cited for excellence by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) in March 2010. Rust says, My personal teaching philosophy is founded on my view of teaching as a public trust. I take my responsibilities seriously and know that I owe my students no less than my best effort.” Her enthusiasm for technology led to the creation of the Girls Exploring Technology (G.E.T.) club at her school, the subject of Rust's article in the Fall 2006 issue of Illinois Journal of Technology Education entitled “Girls Exploring Technology: A Program to Involve Girls in Underserved Careers “. Rust earned the Visible Difference Award from the Arizona Association of Career and Technical Education in 2007 for her work with G.E.T.

Article submitted by Eileen Cudney



West-MEC News

Parents take preventative measures to protect their child’s physical safety – buckling up seatbelts, bicycle training wheels, helmets, etc. But what can a parent do in precaution if the unthinkable happens – a child goes missing? Law enforcement professionals recommend parents keep records of their child’s DNA and fingerprints in case of an emergency.

“You can never be too safe,” said Robert Nichols, Paradise Valley Unified School District father of three.

Keeping safety in mind, Paradise Valley High School and North Canyon High School Forensic Science instructors and students organized a child identification night for families in the community. Parents were invited to bring their children to the school district office to create a personal child identification kit.

The ID kit includes, a personal card for fingerprints and information, a new photograph of the child and an envelope for DNA sample (hair sample) to be collected by the parent.

Chris Huffman is the Forensic Science instructor at Paradise Valley High School. She also has 24-years of law enforcement experience.

“I worked Missing Persons as a detective, it was amazing to see how many unfortunate cases were made more complicated because parents did not have the proper identification to help locate and identity their child,” said Huffman.

Huffman and partner Forensics instructor, Don Davis of North Canyon High School, developed curriculum for students to use fingerprinting lessons from class in a practical application.

“Creating a real-world activity helps them (students) recognize the relevance of what they’re learning in class and they have fun helping their community at the same time,” said Davis.

Forensic Science Sophomore, Ariana Hernandez said she really likes her Forensic Science class at Paradise Valley High School because it is more interactive than her other classes. She enrolled in the program after watching crime scene investigation and law TV shows. “I used to watch CSI all the time,” said Hernandez. “The show got me interested in forensics and now I want to explore a law career.”

Forensic Science is a West-MEC Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that teaches students a combination of science and law for the purpose of crime scene analysis, evidence gathering and critical thinking. Huffman and Davis hope to organize more safety events like this.

Article submitted by Adriana Alvarado.



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ACTE Las Vegas

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December 2-4, 2010 • Las Vegas, Nevada

This Year's Highlights:

- Philosopher and mechanic Mathew B. Crawford will discuss his best-selling book, *Shop Class as Soulcraft*.
- The first-ever service event with Habitat for Humanity and the Home Builders Institute to build homes for needy families.
- Pre-Convention tours to area technical academies, Zappos.com, and Cirque du Soleil.
- Hundreds of sessions spanning more than a dozen career clusters.
- An exhibit hall full of the latest resources and technology.
- Thousands of opportunities to connect with colleagues.

Along with the networking, best practices and the latest products you've come to expect, this year's Convention is the event to attend!



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Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

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February 3rd & 4th, 2011

**Prescott Resort & Conference Center
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\$260 - Until Jan. 28, 2011

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www.acteaz.org

Upcoming Events

ACTE 2010 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo

December 2 - 4, 2010

Las Vegas, NV

ACTEAZ/ACOVA Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

February 3 - 4, 2011

Prescott Resort and Conference Center

CTE Month

February, 2011

National Policy Seminar

March 7 - 9, 2011

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

www.acteonline.org

ACTE 2010 Region V Conference

April 6 - 9, 2011

Rapid City, SD

National Association for Workforce Development

April 27 - 29, 2011

Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

National Association for Career and Technical Education Information

May 11 - 13, 2011

Philadelphia, PA

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July 15 - 20, 2011

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