

Award Biography

Leadership matters! The CTE Administrator of the Year award showcases those leaders and their impact across Arizona. This year, ACTEAZ honors Tina Gudvengen with Cochise Technology District.

Tina has been instrumental in expanding and supporting CTE within the Cochise Technology District. Her involvement on the AZCTECC Steering Committee is crucial in recruiting exemplary educators to contribute to the development of CTE curricula. Tina works closely with schools to ensure that course sequences are coherent and effective by engaging top regional professionals to craft program Blueprints, Frameworks, Scope and Sequences, Task Analyses, and Benchmarks. Tina has forged partnerships with key stakeholders such as Cochise College, Tucson Medical Center, and Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), leading to establishing and expanding ten programs. Tina's dedication and commitment have significantly contributed to student success, teacher development, and the overall advancement of CTE in the region. CTD has witnessed remarkable growth, with enrollment increasing from 402 in 2012 to 796 this year. She exemplifies professionalism and integrates research and practice seamlessly to develop groundbreaking programs to serve the community.

Tina has shown remarkable innovation by prioritizing top-quality educational experiences for students. With a sharp focus on student needs, she tailors programs, exploring unconventional methods when necessary for improved learning outcomes. Her relentless pursuit of excellence has resulted in the establishment of numerous programs for CTD, spanning Law and Public Safety (LPS), Mental and Social Health Services, Home Health Aide, Drones, Medical Assisting, Patient Care Technician, Automotive Technologies, Welding, Construction, HVAC, Network Security, Software Development, and Pharmacy Support Services.

Tina's leadership within the CTE community is exemplary, with a longstanding commitment to organizations such as ACTE and ACTEAZ. Tina has led countless initiatives, including launching Premier Series courses as an early adopter and becoming a premier series instructor.

She is widely regarded as a champion of CTE, dedicated to advancing the field and empowering individuals within it. Tina's leadership is characterized by her dedication, collaborative spirit, and tireless advocacy for students and educators. Her impact resonates across the state.