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Spring Announcements

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Congress Cuts Perkins: Take Action!

Where does your school get money for your equipment, conferences, training, etc.? It is probably the Perkins Grant. Congress already cut Perkins and you need to get involved. On April 14, the US House and Senate approved the final funding bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. Despite all efforts of CTE stakeholders across the country, this bill cuts \$140.2 million from Perkins, eliminated Tech Prep and cut Basic State Grants by \$37.3 million. This cut impacts your funds on July 1 for the 2011-12 school year. Your VTEA summer conference attendance most likely comes from Perkins.

ACTE and VACTE will work together with you to promote CTE. Congressional work will now shift to Fiscal Year 2012. This will be a tougher funding fight. Congress is calling for more cuts and some believe the current bill did not go far enough to reduce federal spending. In this drive for funding cuts, coupled with the president's proposal to cut Perkins funding by \$264 million (FY 2012), both parties may agree to cut CTE funding – your equipment, conferences, training, TSA travel, and more.

Congress needs to understand CTE and how these cuts impact our communities. Contact Congress. Explain how CTE will help rebuild the economy and create the 21st century workforce. ACTE and VACTE will continue to work diligently to protect CTE programs and create a national strategy.

TAKE ACTION:

Contact your Representative and Senators and express your disappointment that Perkins CTE funds were cut. Explain how less money will hinder your ability to educate students to secure our future economy. Remember, restoring funds to Perkins is going to be a long and difficult road. If legislators and their staff do not hear from you, they will never know how crucial CTE funding is to securing a successful, highly skilled workforce. Build a relationship with the key staff making decisions about education and workforce program funding, and rally your colleagues to do the same. We need you and everyone in your sphere of influence to work on behalf of CTE. You make the difference.

Invite Members of Congress in your voting area to see your program first hand. Stay (cont. pg. 4)

VTEA Call for Resolutions: 2011-2012

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The resolutions committee wants to hear from you!

Greetings, the resolutions committee is gearing up to prepare and compile recommendations from the membership that express your wishes and feelings regarding the technology education profession.

There are three types of resolutions for consideration by the board of directors. These include standing resolutions, acknowledge resolutions, and current resolutions. Visit the VTEA Website to view active resolutions for 2010-2011 at <http://www.vtea.org/general/resolutions10.pdf>

The resolutions ultimately guide actions of the VTEA Board of Directors. Please consider submitting a proposal. The intention is to receive some high level resolutions that would advance the profession and teaching. Please submit your input to committee chair, Terry Beddow, at tbeddow@hampton.k12.va.us no later than May 14, 2011. Resolutions will be presented at the annual business meeting during the summer conference in August.

Scholarships for Students

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The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) offers scholarships and fellowships to students attending higher education member institutions in Virginia or any of Virginia's 23 Community Colleges. Visit the following links for more information on Undergraduate Research Scholarships (<http://www.vsgc.edu.edu/sf/undergrad/index.shtml>), Graduate Research Fellowships (<http://www.vsgc.edu.edu/sf/gradfellow/index.shtml>), Community College STEM Scholarships (<http://www.vsgc.edu.edu/sf/ccstem/index.shtml>), and Teacher Education STEM Scholarships (<http://www.vsgc.edu.edu/sf/teachered/index.shtml>).

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Student Successes

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Scott Schlosser, RCHS and Ron Vickers, Lurray High School teamed up to provide a wood turning workshop at Rappahannock County High the Saturday of April 2nd. Technology Education teachers came from Washington DC to Roanoke VA to learn more about wood turning, chisel sharpening and network about instructional ideas. Everyone went away informed and pleased with the event.



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VTEA Summer Conference

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The summer technology education conference is an excellent professional development opportunity. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn and reunite with other Virginia technology teachers! See you in Surprising Suffolk. The only surprise will be if you don't come! Register at www.VTEA.org.

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(cont. pg. 1. Perkins) informed of action that is needed by signing up to receive text alerts by texting CTEALERT to 88202.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the ACTE Public Policy Department. You can read more about ACTE's policy activities and the latest happenings in Washington, DC, on ACTE's CTE Policy Watch blog -- check it out today!

An Eye Opener

VTEA President Yakman recently attended AERA (see: <http://www.aera.net/>). When asked, many attendees did not know the acronym CTE, thought Technology Education was Educational Technology and were new to STEM. It seemed a

bit outrageous that so many seemed out of touch with CTE and TEE. She also found that many attendees thought of problem-based learning as a new teaching strategy and were not familiar with the CTE/TEE educators or programs at home.

President Yakman asks VTEA members to educate local politicians, administration and teachers about how Technology and Engineering Education classes integrate math and science to create technology. Members should show-off their curriculum such as EbD or Project Lead the Way and the efforts of students in TSA. Help science and math educators discover resources and not have to reinvent the wheel. VTEA members can do amazing things. When an opportunity arises, collaborate and knowledge to make school a better and more fun place.

National TSA Week
April 24th - 28th, 2011, Nationwide

TSA Technosphere
April 29th - May 1st, Chantilly, Virginia

VTEA Board of Directors Meeting
May 21st, Elliston, Virginia

National TSA Conference
June 21st - 25th, Dallas, Texas

Principles of Technology Workshop/Course
July 18th - July 21st, Norfolk, Virginia

VTEA Summer Conference
August 3rd - 5th, Suffolk, Virginia



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