The Arkansas Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators (AACTEA) is hosting a one-day drive-in innovation showcase on Wednesday, April 1, at the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative in Plumerville. The program will include presentations from school districts and CTE centers around the state on a variety of outstanding programs. Come hear what opportunities these “cutting edge” programs are providing to students through access to state-of-the-art programs of study that are skills-based and offer national certifications in many skills. Students can also earn meaningful concurrent or articulated credit as state institutions of higher learning. Across the state, current technology is being made available to students that will acclimate them to the modern workplace.

The program includes a presentation on the state’s first agriculture school, Centerpoint’s Academy of Agriculture and Skilled Trades (CAAST), that includes a Meat Processing Systems program of study. Come hear about Lake Hamilton’s Food Production, Management, and Services program that partners with local restaurants to provide work-based learning opportunities, provides concurrent course work and industry certifications, and actually provides catering services locally. Fort Smith SD will share a new systemic approach to Career Development and student success. Collaborative efforts are providing more opportunity for early exploration, new resources for students and parents, and a variety of personalized learning. Check out the conference program for additional information on these and other outstanding programs that will be highlighted on April 1!

Registration for this one-day, drive-in event is $35 for members and $45 for non-members. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the day’s activities start at 8:45. Lunch will be provided. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

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**AACTEA Scholarships**

The Arkansas Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators (AACTEA) is offering two AACTEA Scholarship to high school seniors to supplement education costs beginning their freshman year. The scholarship awards are $500.00 each for the first academic year, and will be awarded to full-time or part-time students who enroll in an Arkansas college or university, including junior colleges, community colleges, and vocational or technical colleges.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Concentrator or Completer status on at least one Program of Study
2. Having a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale
3. Exhibiting a good citizenship record with no suspensions or expulsions
4. Attempted or achieved an industry certification (ex CRC, OSHA, MTA)
5. Planning to major in a demand occupation (listed on Discover Arkansas)

The completed application must be **received** on April 1, 2020.

Click [here](#) to access the AACTEA Forms page where you can download the application.

**CTE INNOVATION SHOWCASE**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative

Plumerville, AR

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**ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

If you have an innovative project in your schools you’d like to share for our newsletter, contact Mike Mertens, AAEA Assistant Director, at 501-372-1691 or at m.mertens@theaaea.org or Dr. Joe Rollins, President, at 479-409-7409 or joe@nwacouncil.org.
CTE DAY 2020

Career and Technical Education Day took placed at the State Capitol Tuesday morning, February 11, 2020, in Little Rock. Held in the Capitol rotunda, the event was designed to showcase CTE programs and leaders from across the state. The day was full of showcasing what CTE means to so many students from all across Arkansas. Student organization leaders came together to network along with 12 program areas from secondary and post-secondary.

Entrepreneur Day at Paragould High School
Students “Pitch Their Products”

A total of 25 teams participated in the fifth annual Entrepreneurs’ day at Paragould High School in February. Student teams were to create an original product, make a business display for that product, produce a video for it, and make an “elevator presentation” of the product to a panel of judges. An “elevator pitch” is a concise presentation of an idea covering all of its critical assets, and delivered within a short time span. A three-person panel judged the contestants’ teams for all their commercial displays.

Fayetteville HS JAG Students Practice Filing Tax Returns
Also Earning EverFi Financial Literacy Certification

EVERFI: Financial Literacy for High School is a digital education program that teaches students how to make wise financial decisions to promote financial well-being over their lifetime. The interactive lessons in this financial history course translate to complet financial concepts and help students develop actionable strategies for managing their finances.