

OKACTE STEM

Newsletter of the OkACTE STEM Division

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Dr. Dennis Portis, III Award

Dr. Dennis Portis, a Metro Tech hero had a infectious smile that would go on for miles, as the saying goes.

Starting as a pre-engineering Instructor in 2003, he quickly rose in the ranks to Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for Metro Tech in 2013. He was beloved by all and had a passion for student success. With his unexpected death in 2016 Oklahoma Career and Technical Education lost a valiant champion for education in Oklahoma. To honor his memory OkACTE introduces the Dr. Dennis Portis, III Award

Award: This award is to recognize someone who has made an impact within the Career and Technical Education community through their contributions to the CTE system. Nominees must show leadership, devotion, and commitment to bettering the CTE system.

We are able to send one STEM nominee on to the State level.

Please see information on nominations on the next page.

Award Information

DEADLINE: MAY 1ST

All requirements can be found [here](#).

Criteria:

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria.

- Shows determined leadership in furthering the success of the Oklahoma CareerTech system
- Devoted in encouraging member growth and leadership development
- Dedicated and engaged in self improvement
- Inspires others in professional development

To nominate someone send the following information to olga.caulfield@mntc.edu

Nomination Requirements

- Description of Candidate's Qualifications
- Photo/Headshot
- Biography



Upcoming Events

Oklahoma Summit

August 1-3 2021



OkACTE STEM Board News

Welcome to our new Reporter Mary Tran, we are excited she is on the team.

Mary comes to us from Metro Technology Center as a Computer Science Academy Instructor.

Board Openings

Tulsa VP (2)

If interested, contact
Juliette Dalhed
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How To Get Involved

OKACTE STEM NEEDS YOU!

- Are you curious to know more about what the OkACTE STEM Board does?
- Have you wanted to participate, but just do not know what you could do?
- Are you confused as to what the different positions are responsible for?

Keep reading and find out the answers to these questions and more:

What we do:

OkACTE STEM is a division of OkACTE. The purpose of OkACTE STEM is promoting the interest and welfare of the STEM teachers in the great state of Oklahoma, and to assume an active leadership role in making and maintaining a well-educated citizenship, and to render greater service to our state and local communities.

OkACTE STEM Mission

OkACTE STEM's Mission is to promote the interest and welfare of STEM education throughout the State of Oklahoma and to assume an active role in strengthening STEM awareness to our state and local communities.

OkACTE STEM Vision

OkACTE STEM will promote and unify the diverse membership of STEM educators as a vital part of OkACTE. This association will provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, methods, and information relating to OkACTE STEM stakeholders and take an active interest in STEM activities at the local, state, and national levels.

See the next page for committees and positions which you can serve on.



Board Positions

All positions below attend the quarterly STEM Division meetings as well as Leadership OkACTE. They participate as the governing body for the STEM Division. These are general descriptions. To find the full list of duties, please email to okactestem@gmail.com

President: Runs the STEM Board meetings and sits on the OkACTE Executive council. Participates as part of the CTAC board. Looks for ways to reach more members and provide professional development needed by the members.
Develops the strategic plan for the division with the help of the officers.

President-Elect: Preside in the absence of the Division President. Coordinates with the Executive VP in recruitment and retention of members. Is in charge of the Conference Planning Committee (to plan the Mid-Winter Conference). Helps to implement the strategic plan.

Executive VP: Assists the Division President with membership communication efforts as well as assists the President Elect in recruitment and retention of members.

Secretary: Keeps all records of the Division. Aids the President in determining business needing to be addressed at the Division meetings and helps develop the agenda. Records all meeting proceedings and provides minutes from the previous meeting for verification.

Treasurer: Has full knowledge of handling the organization's finances (passed on by the previous treasurer). Serves as banker and custodian of the Division's funds. Maintains all financial records and performs monthly reconciliation of financial records.

Reporter: Aids in the development of the Strategic Plan. Assists the Division President in communicating events or announcements to divisional members. Publicizes activities or events. Helps the Division President and Vice President in finding effective ways to communicate with the members.

Past President: Serves on the OkACTE nominating committee, assists the OkACTE President, attends the annual OkACTE Legislative and Appropriations Planning Forum.
Chair: Paul Wollenberg

Regional VPs: Serve as representatives for their regions (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, Tulsa (2), Oklahoma City (2)) and work with the Executive VP on recruitment and retention within their areas.

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OkACTE Committees

Awards Committee

Chair: Paul Wollenberg

Conference Planning Committee

Chair: Olga Caulfield

Diversity Action Committee

Chair: Olga Caulfield

Legislative Committee

Mia Sweetman

Membership Committee

Chair: Dustin Bennett

Nominating/Election Committee

Chair: Shane Martin

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Directors (9 positions): These members attend meetings, work on committees and represent the membership.

What can you do?

If you are interested in any position on the board please contact:

Juliette Dalhed

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We are always in search of members to serve on committees and anyone is welcome to participate.

We encourage our members to get involved by starting on a committee. The committees are listed to the left. Please reach out to the above email or phone number if you are interested in finding out about the open board positions or committees.

The more involvement we have the better represented OkACTE STEM is within the organization. Please consider joining us today.