
OKACTE STEM

Quarterly Newsletter of the OkACTE STEM Division

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Why I Choose to Teach

BY JULIETTE DALHED

Teaching, often referred to as a thankless job for those that take on the mighty challenge. The hours we put into getting curriculum in order, perfecting documents, researching new ways to introduce subjects, building relationships with young people who are trying to figure out life, and then learning whole new ways to teach due to a pandemic that hit hard and fast, the list goes on and on . . .

One wonders why do so many of us do this unending job that continues even after we "clock" out.

Then a letter from a parent comes that is unexpected and much needed during this crazy year. One that says how thankful they are for the long hours we put into educating their child and the effort we take in being a leader in their child's life. The answer then becomes clear, we teach because we are needed and it is a calling.

To all the STEM teachers out there, you are amazing. Keep up the incredible work you do. You may not get to hear it all the time, but you make a difference.



Upcoming Events

Crystal Washington Workshop

October 27 and November 5

OkACTE Partners in Change Series: "Voting Rights Act"

October 29

Legislative & Appropriations Forum

November 10

OkACTE Awards Workshop

November 19

Crystal Washington Workshop

OCTOBER 27TH AND NOVEMBER 5TH

\$50 FOR ONE SESSION OR \$75 FOR BOTH
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 26TH

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OKACTE

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CRYSTAL

October 27th:

Future Focused: Leveraging Technology for
Professional Growth

Learn how to help your students learn to use
technology to enhance scholarship, internship,
and employment opportunities.

November 5th:

The Experience Lab

Learn how to be fun and engaging in the virtual
environment. Ms. Washington will show you
how to make your virtual environment enticing
to your audience through demonstrations.





Partners in Change Series

OCTOBER 29TH: 7:30AM-9:00AM

FREE VIA ZOOM

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION

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Speaker: Dr. Jason F. Kirksey

Vice President for Institutional Diversity and the Chief Diversity Officer at Oklahoma State University (OSU)

This session will provide an overview of the Voting Rights Act, its history, and its significance within the American political system. Information regarding how this Act continues to impact current electoral politics and policy. A brief overview of some of the current issues surrounding minority voting rights will also be discussed.

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Legislative & Appropriations Forum

NOVEMBER 10TH: 3:30PM-5:30PM

FREE

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION

Come learn about the legislative process and how Career and Technical Education programs are affected by the decisions made. You can be an active participant in the issues and learn what you can do to be an advocate for CTE

OkACTE Awards Workshop

NOVEMBER 19TH: 10:00AM-12:00PM

FREE

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION

Come learn about the OkACTE Awards program. Topics will include an in-depth look at the process, who should apply, qualifications, the Award Portal, how to write an award winning application.

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Dates to Remember

MBP Open Enrollment

Closes November 13

Upcoming OkACTE Committee Meetings:

CTAC

October 22

Diversity Action Committee

January 12

Political Action Committee (PAC)

December 9

Upcoming OkACTE STEM Meeting:

November 18

Join Zoom Meeting
[HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 992 5864 5831



Mutual Benevolence Plan (MBP) Open Enrollment

NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 13

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OKACTE

Open enrollment allows any active member to participate in the MBP plan.

Requirements:

- Active OkACTE Member or Spouse
- Pay \$40 MBP Registration Fee
- Must be in Good Standing with the MBP Board



Mentorship Program



Mentorship Program

In order to try to make meaningful connections for new CT STEM teachers, OkACTE STEM would like to collect some information from new teachers and current teachers. The plan is to use this information to make links within the new teachers region and by program type.

The mentorship program was developed to serve our new members by matching them with veteran CT instructors to help ease the transition of coming into OkACTE as well as to give new teachers connections they may need while serving our students.

Please take a few minutes of your time to fill out the google form [HERE](#) to give us some information so that we can start matching our members.

Upcoming OkACTE STEM Meeting:

November 18

Join Zoom Meeting
[HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 992 5864 5831

Board Openings

Reporter

Tulsa VP (1)

Tulsa VP (2)

If interested, contact
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(405)717-4765



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:

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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.