

**QUICK UPDATES**

**Upcoming Advance CTE and Center to Advance CTE Board Meetings:**

Advance CTE

- June 20, 2-3 p.m. ET
- Topic: FY19 budget approval

The Center to Advance CTE

- June 20, 4-5 p.m. ET
- Topic: FY19 budget approval

**State CTE Director Changes:**

- In April, Brian Pyles was named Michigan’s new State CTE Director. For the past 15 years, Brian has served as a county CTE director in Michigan and began his career as a high school marketing teacher.
- On May 1, Wayde Sick will begin as North Dakota’s new State Director. We will hold an introductory call soon.
- As of April, there are now five vacant State Director positions:
  - Alabama
  - New York
  - New Jersey
  - South Carolina
  - Virginia

**Administrative Updates:** With the support of the Finance/Audit Committee, we have renewed our engagement of Gelman, Rosenberg and Freedman as our auditing firm. The annual audit has been scheduled for September 2018.

**Priority: Develop internal PROCESSES and PROTOCOLS to ensure a strong and sustainable organization**

**Finance Update:** At the end of April, 83% of the fiscal year had been completed. The payroll reconciliation for quarter three is underway, with those numbers to be reflected in the May report.

Advance CTE Budget Snapshot	Center to Advance CTE Budget Snapshot
Received 104% of budgeted income	Received 100% of budgeted income
Expended 65% of budgeted expenses	Expended 52% of budgeted expenses

**Fundraising:** Advance CTE is currently pursuing a variety of federal, corporate and foundation contacts to discuss potential grants and contracts. Below is a chart explaining this month’s engagement with various development opportunities.

<i>Grant/Proposal/Contract</i>	<i>Organization/Partner</i>	<i>Engagement in Past Month</i>	<i>Status</i>
Strategies for Recruiting Students into CTE	Siemens Foundation	Our new grant is well underway, with our next cohort of four states – Colorado, Idaho, New Hampshire and North Dakota – selected to receive TA and implement recruitment activities. We have also begun work on the development of a workshop for counselors to become “champions” for CTE in their communities, which will be launched at ASCA’s conference in summer 2018.	Ongoing
New Skills for Youth	JP Morgan Chase; CCSSO	This work is well underway. See fuller update below.	Ongoing
Postsecondary program quality	Joyce Foundation	This project to help advance quality and rigor at the postsecondary level is underway.	Ongoing
CTE Landscape	Gates Foundation	We have secured a \$100,000 contract to develop a landscape analysis of all things CTE for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to inform their future investments in the area.	Ongoing
Partnership for Advancing Youth Apprenticeship	New America, Siemens, TBD	We are continuing discussions with New America to partner with them on a multi-year project to conduct research and develop supports for states and local communities interested in scaling youth apprenticeship programs. The project would likely start in earnest in summer/fall 2018.	Proposal development
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## Priority: Empower members through PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

**Membership Update:** Advance CTE received eight new memberships – 2 new State Members, one Associate-State and 5 Associate, Non-state members.

**Note:** As the state membership implementation continues, staff are monitoring and adjusting how we report on the changes to the state membership. New individuals who are added to open spots on a state membership will be reported with all new memberships. Those that are removed and/or replaced will be reported separately. This analysis is an important part of understanding the churn and impact of the membership structure on our systems. We will continue to report monthly.

Total membership as of March 31, 2018: **453** individuals

- State Membership\*: 53 states (representing 53 State Directors and 173 state members)
- Associate, State: 12
- Associate, Non-state: 111

- Organizational: 34 organizations (representing 104 individuals)

**FY19 Dues Renewal:** Our dues renewal process has now moved into its second phase, having collected nearly all of the state dues intent forms and member renewals. Only four states have outstanding components and staff are working with them.

The state membership renewal process this year was a test of the newly expanded membership structure and what type of changes we might see among the states. Tentatively, we can report the following:

- 86% of state members were retained for FY19.
- Though 19 state members were removed, a majority of them had left their positions.
- States added 32 new members, thus resulting in a net gain of 13 members for FY19.

We also had a few notable state memberships that are bound to bring another great depth and dynamic to Advance CTE. In **Ohio** and **North Carolina**, both State Directors added 10 and nine state members, respectively. These state memberships, notably, include a number of their direct reports as well as a cross-agency approach. For **Vermont** and **New Mexico**, these are two states who only added one individual to their memberships last year and this year, fully maximized this benefit to bring in their cross-sector partners in labor, postsecondary and economic development.

As we move into the second phase of dues renewal for our individual and organizational members, we will continue to report on this progress in future reports.

**Meetings/Events**

Event Name	Date	Total Participants	Total Participating Members	% of Participation Goal (if applicable)
2018 Advance CTE Spring Meeting	4/6-8	219	39	118%
CTE on the Frontier webinar	5/17/18	TBD	TBD	
2018 Advance CTE Fall Meeting	10/22-24	n/a	n/a	n/a
2019 Advance CTE Spring Meeting	4/8-4/10/19	n/a	n/a	n/a

**2018 Spring Meeting:** The [2018 Spring Meeting](#) was an exciting, highly attended convening. Registration has far surpassed expectations at 118% of the target and the same can be said for our sponsorships, which closed at 132% of the target.

This year, staff tried a new way of evaluating the breakout sessions using paper tickets. This proved very effective, but also had an effect on the number of overall meeting evaluations received. The meeting received high marks across the board, including the new elements we introduced including the focus on equity, a shortened, more interactive Excellence in Action Awards ceremony and a series of region-specific workshops about Perkins.

**Priority: Ensure the adoption and implementation of high-quality state and federal CTE POLICY.**

**Federal Advocacy Plan:** In April, our advocacy efforts focused on the reauthorization of the Carl D.

Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins) and the federal investment in Perkins. In addition, we engaged with Administration and Congressional leaders on the House and Senate Education and Appropriations Committees by sending them a letter signed by 25 organizations opposing the proposed merger of the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) and the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE). We have also continued to check in with partners and build our knowledge about the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) by holding meetings and hosting a panel on reauthorization at the Spring Meeting, but there were not any new developments in April.

**Perkins:** In April, we advocated for Perkins reauthorization and provided related tools for our members by:

- Presenting a session, “A Refresher on Congress’ Work to Reauthorize Perkins” at the Spring Meeting,
- Delivering a general session and breakout workshops on “Maximizing Perkins to Realize Your State’s Vision for CTE” at the Spring Meeting,
- Moderating a “View from the Hill” discussion among key Senate staff at the Spring Meeting,
- Hosting multiple calls with staff for members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee staff,
- Discussing our legislative language with key Senate HELP Committee staff and providing additional input around key reauthorization themes identified by the staffer,
- Providing an overview of the status of Perkins Reauthorization in the Senate to State CTE Directors, along with a high-level summary of the ideas included in the Republican Discussion Draft and
- Sending out a survey to the Senate HELP Committee Kitchen Cabinet (comprised of State CTE Directors from the states represented on the Senate HELP Committee) soliciting their feedback on ideas and discussion drafts proposed by congressional staff for the Senate HELP Committee.

**Budget / Appropriations:** In April, Congress began to turn its attention to the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) appropriations process. A summary of the month’s highlights are below:

- We moderated a discussion with Kara McKee from the Domestic Policy Council at the Spring Meeting, during which the federal investment in CTE was brought up.
- Advance CTE has been attending meetings with both the Committee for Education Funding (CEF) and the Campaign to Invest in America’s Workforce (CIAW) with congressional staff for key members of the House and Senate appropriations committee.
- A letter led by Senator Blumenthal (D-CT), along with two of the co-chairs of the Senate CTE Caucus, Senators Baldwin (D-WI) and Kaine (D-VA), that requested \$1.3 billion for the Perkins Basic State Grants garnered 38 signatures.
- On April 25, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on the FY19 Pipeline to the Workforce. Dr. Tom Friedemann, Superintendent/CEO of the Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Oklahoma testified, along with other representatives from business and industry and workforce development.
- On April 26, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on the FY19 Budget for public witnesses to testify. Advance CTE submitted testimony for the record to the Committee requesting that Congress double the investment in the Basic State Grant to \$2.4 billion for FY19.

#### **Congressional Offices Engaged in April 2018**

- Katherine McClelland, Senate HELP Committee
- Jake Baker, Senate HELP Committee
- Garnett Decosimo, Senator Enzi (R-WY)
- Karishma Merchant, Senator Kaine (D-VA)
- Kate Cassling and Thomas Lucas, Senator Manchin (D-WV)
- Julia Sferlazzo, Senator Casey (D-PA)
- Liz Albertine and Robin Juliano, Representative DeLauro (D-CT)
- Geoff Browning, Representative Clark (D-MA)

- Jose Miranda, Representative Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
- James Redstone, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

### **State Policy Update:**

**New Skills for Youth:** After compiling and organizing resources and artifacts across the NSFY cohort, Advance CTE finalized and launched a shared knowledge warehouse with the full project team to facilitate information access and ensure all partners are equipped to support states' work. The knowledge management system will also set up Advance CTE staff to draw lessons and artifacts from the NSFY cohort that can be shared with other states.

Staff attended and facilitated at the recent NSFY convening in Providence, RI during the week of April 22. The ten NSFY states spent much of the convening hearing from each other by sharing common challenges, promising practices and planning for future wins.

In April staff attended an in-person stocktake in Nevada, and joined another stocktake virtually. These stocktakes serve as progress monitoring checkpoints for the NSFY states, as well as a chance for the states to request specific technical assistance and/or content research.

**Joyce Foundation – Postsecondary Program Approval:** The first cross-state sharing call between the Joyce states happened in April. Representatives from Colorado and Illinois shared their goals for the grant period, and discussed anticipated challenges and technical assistance needs. Staff also began work on a publication exploring the role of states in ensuring quality for postsecondary CTE programs. This publication will be released this summer.

**Vermont Strategic Planning:** Staff completed stakeholder interviews and began diving into the nearly 1500 survey responses from a range of Vermont stakeholders, including students, employers, parents and teachers. In May staff will use this data to begin planning strategic goals for Vermont CTE, as well as planning a workshop that will take place in July. The workshop will allow around forty Vermont stakeholders to weigh in on the strategic plan goals and metrics.

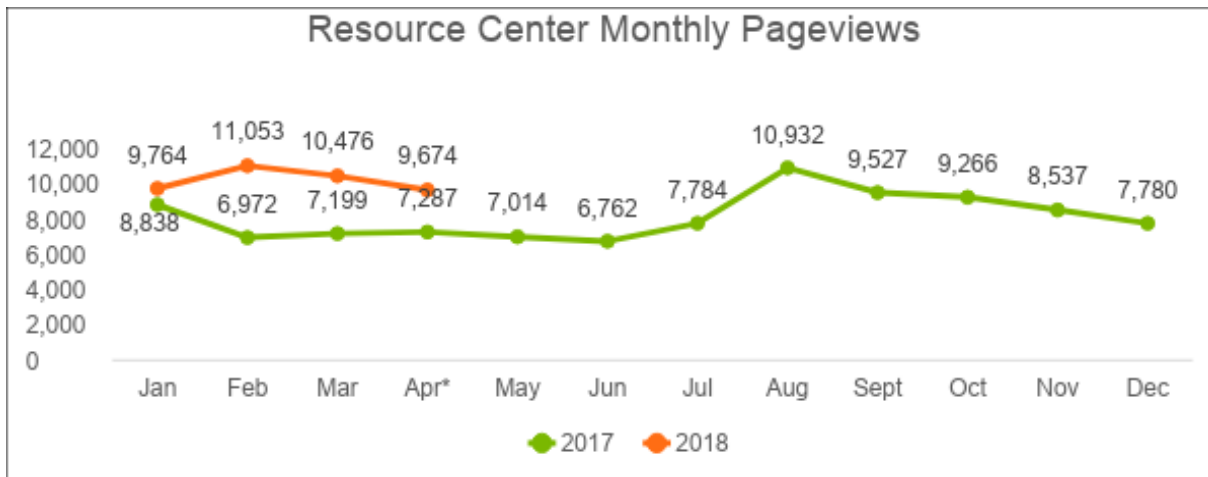
**Rural Initiative:** Advance CTE released the final tool in the CTE on the Frontier series this month, a five-point guide to developing a rural strategy for CTE. Staff have been working with national partners to get the word out about these resources. The National Rural Education Association posted a guest blog, and the Education Commission of the States plans to post a blog shortly. Advance CTE also shared these resources on a webinar for the Department of Labor's Youth CareerConnect Virtual Training and has as scheduled a webinar in mid-May to unpack some major takeaways and strategies from the series.

**NSFY Snapshots:** Advance CTE developed updated state snapshots highlighting activity from the first full year of New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Phase Two. Snapshots were published and shared with states at this month's NSFY convening in Providence, Rhode Island. Advance CTE plans to launch these resources to the public in May.

**CTE Virtual Institute:** After the success of last year's inaugural CTE Virtual Institute, Advance CTE is preparing to re-launch the virtual program to the public this summer. Before the program application opens again, Advance CTE staff plan to update the course syllabus and build out a virtual platform on Moodle to facilitate the course.

**Equity Initiative:** Staff have begun planning an organizational equity initiative, focusing on numerous equity-related topics in CTE. This work began at the Advance CTE Spring Meeting with a panel and breakouts focused on equity themes, and will continue with a series of briefs this summer. Additionally, Advance CTE is planning to convene members and organizational partners to serve in an advisory capacity on the initiative. More information on that will follow soon.

**Resource Center:** As of April 27, 2018, the Resource Center had sustained a total of 9,674 hits for the month, bringing the monthly average for 2018 to slightly over 10,000. Overall, this is a great start to the year. Traffic to the Resource Center has outpaced the monthly totals from 2017, and, with an ambitious publication schedule on the horizon, Advance CTE expects to see this trend continue throughout the remainder of the year. The top two resources for this month include Advance CTE’s latest CTE on the Frontier resource, the rural strategy guide, as well as the American Institute for Research’s 50 state scan of CTE teacher licensure policies. The most visited topic page was Work-based Learning.



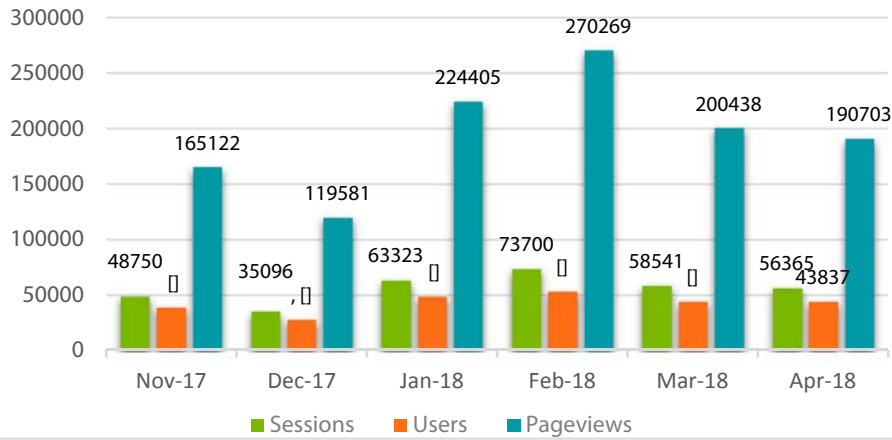
**Postsecondary Update:** Advance CTE staff are progressing through the activities proposed in the organization’s new postsecondary strategy. The strategy is organized through the five priority areas:

- **Policy:**
  - **Federal:** Postsecondary federal policy has been a major focus for Advance CTE staff as Congress considers reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.
  - **State:** Staff released a fact sheet on the role of CTE in postsecondary student success initiatives in April, which was picked up by multiple national organizations in their member newsletters, and was received well by other partners. A second fact sheet on the role of CTE in state attainment goals is scheduled for release in late May.
- **Promotion:** The postsecondary blog series and research requests have been delayed, as staff explore options for how best to communicate with postsecondary members separate from avenues such as newsletters and the State Director listserv, which not all postsecondary members receive.
- **Professional Development:** Advance CTE’s Spring Meeting featured multiple postsecondary partners, with at least three sessions being dedicated specifically to postsecondary content.
- **Partnerships:** Staff have been leveraging existing partnerships with postsecondary partners, including the Joyce Foundation, to make new connections and generate new content ideas.

**Priority: Raise the visibility and PROMOTION of high-quality CTE**

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

## WEBSITE



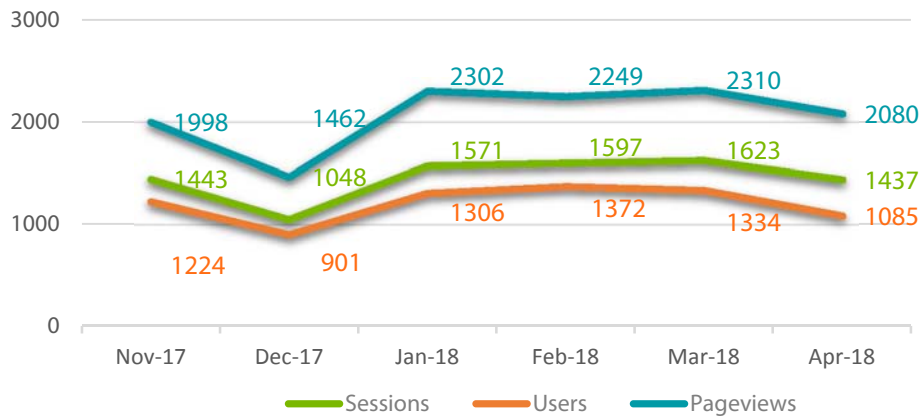
### Major Organizational Releases/Initiatives

- Resource Center (1839)
- Rural Strategy Guide (419)
- Federal Policy Agenda (434)
- Spring Meeting Agenda (741)

### Acquisition of site users

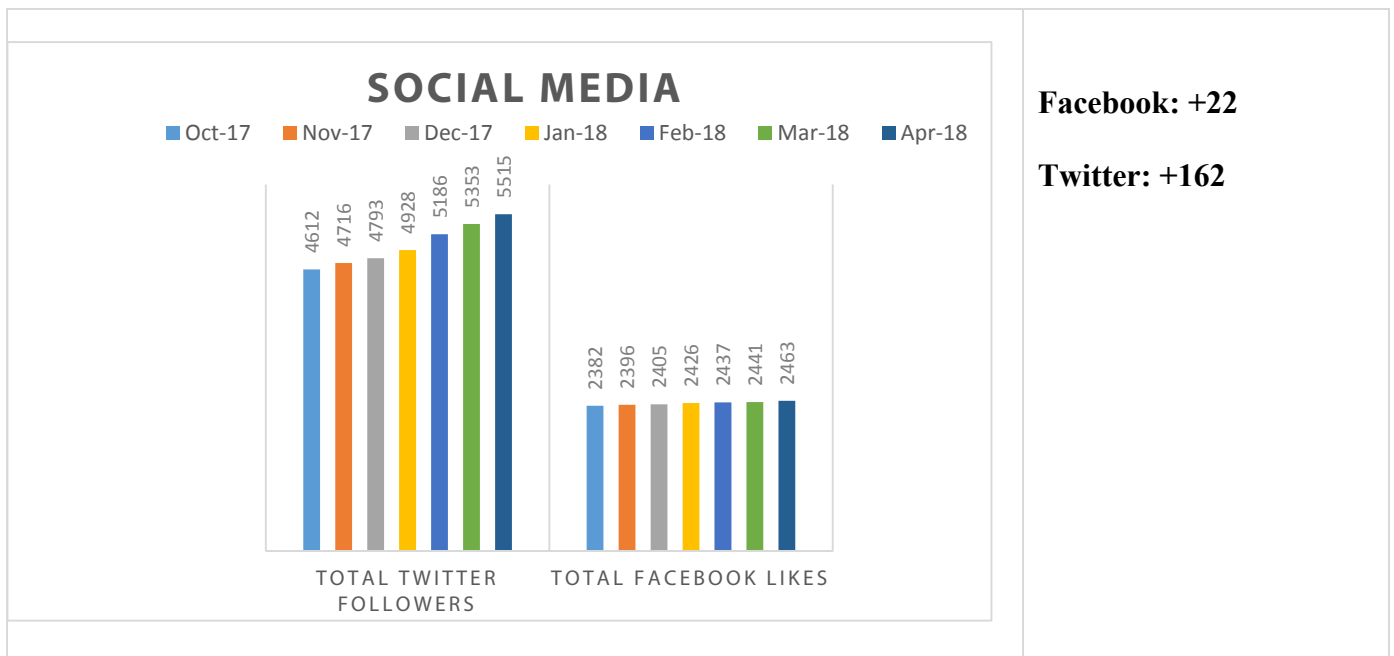
- Organic search (52%)
- Direct (38%)
- Referral (11%)
- Social (.8%)

## LEARNING THAT WORKS BLOG



### 15 Blog Posts Published Most visited blogs:

- FY18 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Includes Increase for Perkins
- Congratulations to the 2018 Excellence in Action Award Recipients!
- Advance CTE Explores the Critical State of CTE Research at the 2018 Spring Meeting



**Media:** Advance CTE had significant media pickup this month around a variety of initiatives including rural CTE, federal policy and the Excellence in Action award. See full list below:

#### **Excellence in Action Award:**

- Career-Tech Center Wins National Excellence Award, Traverse City Ticker
  - CTC's Teacher Academy program wins national award, Traverse City Record-Eagle
  - Michigan Teacher Academy Program Wins National Award, U.S. News and World Report
  - TBAISD's Career Tech Center Teaching Academy Receives National Recognition, 9 & 10 News
  - Traverse City area teacher academy wins national award, Detroit News
- ICTC nursing program receives award, Muskogee Phoenix
  - ICTC Nursing Transition receives award, Tahlequah Daily Press

#### **General**

- High-paying jobs go begging while high school grads line up for bachelor's degrees, Hechinger Report
  - Revamped and Rigorous, Career and Technical Education is Ready to be Taken Seriously, PBS
  - High-Paying Trade Jobs Sit Empty, While High School Grads Line Up For University, NPR
  - With our shortage of skilled workers, career and technical education is ready to be taken seriously, Manchester Ink Link
- Career Technical Education creates pathways to high demand, high wage careers, Stateman's Journal
- Batel: Rethinking the School-to-Work Pipeline With Career and Technical Education That Is Rigorous, Inclusive, and Equitable, The 74
- Research and Commentary: Massachusetts Career Technical Education Programs Increasing Graduation Rates, Raising Test Scores, Heartland Institute



### Teacher Training Proposal

- Senators Make Bipartisan Push to Boost Career and Technical Education Teachers, Education Week
  - Kaine, Portman, Baldwin, Capito Introduce Bill to Expand Teacher Training to Prepare Students, WVNSTV.com

### NSFY

- Delaware Pathways Receives \$3.25 Million Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies to Prepare Students for High-Demand Jobs

### Rural CTE

- For rural colleges, good vocational teachers are hard to find, Hechinger
  - The lack of faculty is going to kill our rural schools,' PBS

**Strategies for Attracting Students to High-Quality CTE:** Advance CTE staff has been working with each state (Colorado, Idaho, New Hampshire, North Dakota) on their recruitment strategies. Additionally, staff has created an audit of all the assets created by round one grantees to scale them up to be used by all members. Staff will release a series of tools/materials, based on the first state cohort (Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey and Washington) created by the states in June.

**Priority: Build and maintain strong and effective PARTNERSHIPS that advance our vision and mission.**

Below is a list of Advance CTE’s staff most impactful or otherwise notable engagement activities from last month

<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advance CTE Spring Meeting</li> <li>● Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics</li> <li>● Iowa Department of Education Webinar: <i>CTE &amp; the Federal Policy Landscape: Updates and Outlook for 2018</i></li> <li>● New Skills for Youth spring convening</li> <li>● New Skills for Youth convening, facilitated state-featured breakout discussions</li> <li>● <i>Rural Workforce Development Challenges</i>, presented on <i>CTE on the Frontier</i> topics, Western Governors Association, webinar</li> <li>● Youth Career Connect - <i>CTE on the Frontier</i> (webinar)</li> <li>● WICHE Academic Dean’s Conference, Vancouver, WA</li> </ul>
<b>EVENTS ATTENDED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● America’s Promise Leadership Summit</li> <li>● Aspen’s Community College Excellence Selection Committee</li> <li>● Committee for Education Funding</li> <li>● Education Commission of the States’ Higher Education Policy Forum</li> <li>● Education Matters: Investing in America's Future - CEF Budget Book Event</li> <li>● House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on FY19 Pipeline to the Workforce</li> <li>● MSSC’s Career Development Advisory Board Meeting, Washington, DC</li> <li>● <i>Symposium on Section 504/ ADA and Learning Disabilities</i>, National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities, Rockville, MD</li> <li>● NAPE Equity Summit, Arlington, VA</li> <li>● National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Public Policy Day</li> <li>● Nevada’s New Skills for Youth Stocktake</li> <li>● New America’s Equity in Youth Apprenticeship Roundtable</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● OCTAE Equity SME Meeting</li> <li>● OCTAE, YA Diversion SME Meeting</li> <li>● Project Management Institute Education Foundation’s Project Learning Network, Raleigh, NC</li> <li>● RISE, Anniversary Celebration of A Nation At Risk</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OTHER PARTNERS ENGAGED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Achieving the Dream</li> <li>● ACTE</li> <li>● AIR Center on Great Teachers and Leaders</li> <li>● American School Counselor Association</li> <li>● CCSSO and ESG on New Skills for Youth</li> <li>● Center for Law and Social Policy</li> <li>● Data Quality Campaign</li> <li>● Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights</li> <li>● NAPE</li> <li>● National Governors Association</li> <li>● National Skills Coalition</li> <li>● National Wildlife Federation</li> <li>● RTI</li> <li>● Siemens Foundation</li> <li>● Texas Instruments</li> <li>● United Way of Delaware</li> <li>● U.S. Department of Education, meeting with leadership on proposed OCTAE merger</li> <li>● YouScience</li> <li>● Workforce Data Quality Campaign</li> </ul>

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### NEW RESOURCES

Case Study: [Guided Pathways: The Scale of Adoption in Michigan](#)  
(Michigan Center for Student Success)

Tool: [Guided Pathways: Scale of Adoption Assessment and Planning Tool](#)  
(Community College Research Center)

## Dear Advance CTE Members,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Spring Meeting earlier this month in Washington, D.C. For those of you who missed it, please check out our staff reflections' blog series [here](#) and [here](#). We hope that you will add **October 22 - 24, 2018** to your calendar and join us for the Fall Meeting.

This month, we also wrapped our *CTE on the Frontier* series exploring CTE in rural communities. You can find all five briefs [here](#), and a new [CTE on the Frontier: Rural CTE Strategy Guide](#), which offers a series of questions for state leaders to use as they reflect on current efforts to expand access to high-quality CTE and career-focused pathways and experiences in rural communities. Let us know if you would like any support putting the guide into action.

Lastly, at the Spring Meeting we recognized our 2018 Excellence in Action award winners, which span 11 Career Clusters® from nine states. These high-quality programs of study serve students in communities ranging from rural Michigan to the metro area of Salt Lake City, Utah, providing all students - no matter their race or income - with a world-class education. Learn more about these amazing programs [here](#).

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Green

## Member Updates

### Member News

Heads up! It's dues renewal season here at Advance CTE. If you are an individual or organizational member, you should have received an email from Andrea Zimmermann, our Senior Associate for Member Engagement and Leadership Development, providing you with more information about making sure your membership gets renewed for the coming year. As a reminder, Advance CTE memberships run from July 1 to June 30. Please send any questions to Andrea at [azimmermann@careertech.org](mailto:azimmermann@careertech.org) or call our office at 301-588-9630.

### Comings and Goings

Welcome to Trey Michael, the new State CTE Director for North Carolina. Trey previously led the office's Division of Curriculum and Instruction and brings a wealth of experience and energy

with him to his new position.

Advance CTE wants to wish Diane Salazar of Texas a fond farewell as she retires from the Texas Education Agency on April 30. Diane is a longtime state CTE leader and worked for the agency for 21 years and within education for 35 years.

## View from the Hill

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In April, Advance CTE continued to advocate for the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins) and the federal investment in the Perkins Basic State Grant. In partnership with Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), we also sent a letter to Members of Congress who lead the House and Senate education and appropriations committees opposing the reported merger of the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) and the Office of Postsecondary Education. Twenty-five organizations in total signed on to this letter, a strong signal of unity from the education and workforce communities.

As Congress begins the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) appropriations process, Advance CTE is meeting with Congressional staff and advocating on your behalf. We are encouraging Congress to build upon the \$75 million increase from FY18 and continue to increase the investment in CTE in FY19! As we [reported](#), Senators Blumenthal (D-CT), along with two of the co-chairs of the Senate CTE Caucus, Senators Baldwin (D-WI) and Kaine (D-VA), led an effort to send a "Dear Colleague" letter to the Chairman, Senator Blunt (R-MO) and Ranking Member, Senator Murray (D-WA), of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies encouraging that they consider increasing the federal investment in Perkins. A record [38 Senators across 26 states](#) signed the letter - a strong show of support for CTE and a reflection of your advocacy efforts! Advance CTE will be sending thank you letters to these members of Congress and we encourage you to do so as well if your [Senator\(s\) signed](#) on to the letter.

## State Policy Overview

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In the **District of Columbia**, the Council of the District of Columbia passed the [Workforce Development Systems Transparency Act](#), which requires the District's Workforce Investment Council to detail the District's spending on adult education programs and workforce development education programs, as well as the performance outcomes of those programs, in a public report.

In **Texas**, the University of Texas System launched an updated version of the [database](#) Seek UT to include University of Texas graduates' earnings in the hopes of showing the benefits of higher education.

In **Colorado**, a [bill](#) that allows Colorado's community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees in nursing recently became law. The bill was passed without the governor's signature or veto.

Similarly, in **Ohio**, three community colleges [received state approval](#) to offer bachelor's degrees in microelectronic manufacturing, aviation, unmanned aerial systems, land surveying and culinary and food science. These programs still need to receive accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission before the community colleges can offer the degrees.

For more updates on state CTE policy developments, check out Advance CTE's [state policy blog](#).

## Where We've Been

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Staff presented at a number of events including:

- New Skills for Youth Spring Convening in Providence, Rhode Island
- Youth Career Connect - CTE on the Frontier (webinar)
- CTE and the Federal Policy Landscape: Updates and Outlook for 2018 (webinar)
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Annual Forum in Vancouver, Washington
- Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region 1 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland
- Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region 5 Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Staff also attended a number of events and meetings including:

- Symposium on Section 504/ADA and Learning Disabilities, National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities
- Equity in Youth Apprenticeship Convening, New America
- RISE: 30th Anniversary of Nation at Risk Event
- Meeting with U.S. Department of Education leadership on proposed OCTAE and OPE Merger
- Public Policy Day, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE)
- Education Matters: Investing in America's Future, Committee for Education Funding
- Higher Education Policy Forum, Education Commission of the States
- Project Learning Network, Project Management Institute Educational Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina
- Hearing: FY 2019 - Pipeline to the Workforce, House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee



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