



October 19, 2018
Advance CTE
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Dear Awards Selection Committee:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of the University of Central Florida's CTE team led by the degree program's coordinator, Dr. Lisa Martino, for the Excellence in Action Award. UCF's CTE team has provided valuable feedback and insight regarding the needs of our students here at Florida Virtual School (FLVS). FLVS is an established leader in developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the U.S. and, the world.

Currently, Dr. Martino serves as our advisory board chair for the Information Technology Career Cluster. We are honored to have someone with the knowledge and experience in ensuring our CTE courses provide students with the **highest standards of excellence**.

As our advisory board chair, Dr. Martino exemplifies Advance CTE's Excellence in Action award through her work with our committee by:

- **Implementing Career Cluster[®]-based programs of study**-Sharing her knowledge of what it takes to properly implement a PoS for the IT Career Cluster to ensure that students receive high skill, high wage, in-demand jobs that meet the need of our state and its economy.
- **Demonstrating alignment to rigorous and relevant college- and career-ready expectations**-Providing input to our advisory board on what the expectations are for students to be prepared for postsecondary education and the skills required for career success.
- **Demonstrating a clear progression of knowledge and skills and learner transitions across secondary and postsecondary systems**-Giving input on how to ensure our students can successfully transition from secondary education into postsecondary.
- **Integrating successful career guidance and advisement**-Informing us on the need to form a partnership with guidance to ensure students have the information they need to thrive in CTE programs.
- **Providing concrete data on the program of study's impact on learner achievement, success at both the secondary and postsecondary levels and meeting the needs of**

underserved populations-Recommending ways to gather data to ensure the PoS meets the needs of our student population to assure learner achievement.

Due to her outstanding contribution to FLVS CTE, I fully believe Dr. Martino is very deserving of this prestigious honor and has the full support from FLVS CTE.

Sincerely,

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I would like to recommend Dr. Lisa Martino for the Excellence in Action Award by Advance CTE to promote our Career and Technical Education Bachelor's and Master's programs. Her department at UCF has supported the Florida Technology Student Association for the past several years. She has encouraged students to get real life interactive experience with CTE students by encouraging them to judge at the Florida TSA State Competition. This involves judging student work from middle school and high school along with interviewing these students. Support from UCF is very important as over 100 volunteer judges are needed each year for a successful competition. I would like to support Dr. Lisa Martino with receiving recognition for supporting Florida TSA.

Sincerely,

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October 24, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We would like to recommend Dr. Lisa Martino with the University of Central Florida (UCF) – Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department – for the Excellence in Action Award. Dr. Martino is both an Advisor and Instructor within the CTE field who both leads by example as well as being very motivational.

Our former Executive Secretary, Evelyn Creech-Wright, was a student in the UCF CTE program for four years, the first two achieving her BA minor and the second two years she achieved her MA degree in CTE. It has been our privilege to see Evelyn grow in her knowledge and skill of leadership and training within the program. As a non-traditional student already trained in administration, her additional skills learned have enhanced her role as a leader and trainer.

Evelyn has filmed our monthly meetings working with people like Astronaut Bob Crippen and Viet Nam POWs that turned down interviews with Walter Cronkite. Evelyn has done the webwork, meeting arrangements and any other duties requested of her. As Evelyn was working for a group of senior United States Naval Officers, her skill requirements are unique. Evelyn's learnings have transferred over to the Bald Eagles enhancing her value both as a volunteer and in her life skills.

Sadly, Evelyn was forced to give us notice in August due to her lung cancer surgery and her need to recover while still attending to her studies. Evelyn will be graduating this December and has decided to pursue a career in teaching others, following in the footsteps of Dr. Martino. It has been our pleasure to see her grow and flourish with her dreams of serving the public in this role, with her desire to help others achieve their goals and to ensure that the students in her county have the options to receive training in the Technical Education field. Evelyn has trained in administration so that she is able to work with businesses to ensure solid partnerships for

students. Evelyn tells me that this desire to teach was clearly due to her role model – Dr. Martino. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

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