



TACTE 2027 Conference
Grapevine Hilton/Embassy Suites
Grapevine, TX 78744
Date: April 7-9, 2027

**Trailblazing Together in
CTE Excellence**

Wednesday, April 7th

6:00 - 9:00 am	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
9:00 - 11:30 am	Pre-Conference: Intel Corporation – AI and CTE Education Workshop <i>Intel will lead the Pre-Conference session focusing on global AI skills development, opening with an overview of Intel's academic curriculum and student outcomes showcased directly by Intel Student Ambassadors. The session will transition into specialized, audience-specific parallel workshops.</i>
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Conference Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium/Networking Break
Opening General Session	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Welcome/Introductions/ TACTE Business Meeting/Partner and Exhibitor Recognition
2:00 – 3:15 pm	Conference Keynote- Mike Howard “Breaking the Gravity of Average: Trailblazing Together for CTE Excellence”
3:15 – 3:45 pm	Exhibitor’s Engagement /Networking Break
3:45 – 4:45 pm	Breakout Sessions (1) Five Tracks
4:50 – 5:20 pm	TACTE New Member Orientation
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Boots, BBQ, and Beverages at the TACTE President’s Hoedown! (All conference attendees invited) <i>Menu: smoked brisket, hill country sausage, fried catfish, east Texas venison chili with corn bread, shiner bock Borracho beans, cheddar-bacon potato casserole, grilled corn on the cob, and jalapeno hushpuppies. Dessert options and Drink Bar with craft beer, ranch water, and non-alcoholic options.</i>

Thursday, April 8th

6:00 - 9:00 am	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
8:30 - 9:45 am	Conference Keynote Rachel Mann “Teaching in an AI World”
9:45 - 10:15 am	Program of Excellence & Lindle Grigsby Leadership Award
10:15-10:30 am	Exhibitor’s Engagement /Networking Break
10:30-11:30 am	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (2)
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Conference Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium/Networking and Vendor Break
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (3)
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Exhibitor’s Engagement /Networking Break
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (4)
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Exhibitor’s Engagement/Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Breakout Sessions/Workshop (5)
Evening	Dinner on your own

Friday, April 9th

6:00 - 9:00 am	Full Breakfast Buffet (Free for Hotel Guests)
9:00– 11:00 am	YTexas Panel Discussion with CTE Industries and Leaders Coming to Texas <i>What do we need to know about why they are coming and what do they need to know about Texas Community Colleges.</i>
11:00 am	Conference Adjourned