Dear TACTE Members and CTE Colleagues,

For 30 years, TACTE has brought together Texas' Career and Technical Education leaders, faculty, administrators, workforce partners, and innovators to strengthen student success and build a Talent Strong Texas workforce. We invite you to join us April 7–9, 2027, in Grapevine, Texas, as we continue that tradition with our 2027 conference theme: **Trailblazing Together for CTE Excellence.** Whether your focus is Perkins compliance, workforce development, student success, emerging technologies, healthcare education, or institutional leadership, TACTE 2027 offers an unmatched opportunity to learn, collaborate, and lead the future of CTE in Texas. **The Registration and Presentation Proposal windows open on November 1, 2026.**

"Why CTE Leaders Choose TACTE, Year After Year?"
Despite rising conference costs nationwide, conference registration and hotel room rates remain unchanged from the 2026 conference, ensuring exceptional value for you and your institution. Engage with fellow faculty, administrators, workforce partners, and institutional leaders who share your challenges, your goals, and your commitment to student success.

Stay in Spacious Two-Room Suites
Enjoy the comfort of a two-room suite while connecting with colleagues from across Texas. Your stay also includes:
• Complimentary parking
• Complimentary DFW Airport shuttle service
• Hotel connected directly to Bass Pro Shops
• Minutes from Historic Downtown Grapevine's restaurants, shops, and entertainment district

Learn from Texas CTE Leaders and Innovators
AI in Education Preconference **-** Begin your conference experience with a dedicated preconference focused on practical and innovative applications of Artificial Intelligence in education, workforce training, student engagement, and instructional excellence.

25 Breakout Sessions Across Five Powerful Tracks
Perkins & CTE Compliance
- Perkins V updates
- Accountability and reporting
- Best practices and compliance strategies

CTE Leadership & Strategy
- Leadership development
- Program growth and sustainability
- Strategic planning and innovation

Health Science Workforce Innovation
- Industry partnerships
- Workforce readiness
- Healthcare talent pipeline development

AI & Emerging Technologies in Education
- Generative AI
- Emerging instructional technologies
- Future-ready workforce skills

Student Success, Work-Based Learning & Career Pathways
- Retention and completion strategies
- Employer engagement
- Career pathway design and implementation

Build Your Network
TACTE remains Texas' premier gathering of postsecondary CTE professionals. Connect with:
• Community and technical college faculty

• Deans, directors, and vice presidents
• Perkins leaders and coordinators
• Workforce and economic development professionals
• State agency representatives
• Industry and employer partners
These conversations often lead to new partnerships, innovative ideas, and solutions that can immediately benefit your students and programs.

Engage with Industry Partners
Explore the latest educational technologies, workforce solutions, instructional resources, and student support tools through multiple exhibitor engagement sessions designed specifically for CTE professionals.

Enjoy Outstanding Hospitality

Your registration includes:
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
✓ Complimentary full breakfast for hotel guests
Wednesday and Thursday
✓ Conference buffet lunch feast
Every Evening
✓ Complimentary guest happy hour from 5:30–7:00 p.m. for hotel guests
Special Event: Boots, BBQ, and Beverages with the President
On Wednesday evening, join colleagues for a memorable Texas-style celebration featuring:
• Smoked BBQ favorites
• Fried catfish
• Traditional Texas sides
• Fresh salads
• Desserts
• Adult beverages
This signature networking event combines great food, great conversation, and great company in a relaxed Texas atmosphere.

Celebrating Excellence
Help us recognize the outstanding individuals and programs shaping the future of Career and Technical Education through the presentation of the:

- 🏆 Lindle Grigsby Leadership Award
- 🏆 Workforce Program of Excellence Award

Everyone is Welcome
Registration is open to anyone committed to advancing workforce education and building a Talent Strong Texas. Whether you are a faculty member, administrator, workforce partner, employer, policymaker, or educational leader, TACTE 2027 offers valuable insights, meaningful connections, and practical strategies you can immediately put into action.
Join us April 7–9, 2027, in Grapevine as we celebrate 30 years of leadership and continue **Trailblazing Together for CTE Excellence.**

We look forward to seeing you in Grapevine! Registration opens October 1s, 2026 and secure your place among Texas' CTE trailblazers.

Sincerely,
The Texas Association for Career & Technical Educators (TACTE) Board of Directors