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49th Annual FACTE Conference

The 49th Annual FACTE Conference & Trade Show was our largest conference in over a decade, with 510 attendees registered. We also had 35 exhibitors filling 40 exhibitor booths.

Monday was packed with preconferences hosted by FAAE, FAITE & FLATE, FBTEA, FEFACTS, and FLCTE. The Florida Department of Education provided CTE Data Workshops for over 100 secondary and postsecondary teachers and administrators. They also offered a New Teacher Orientation. After a long day of meetings, everyone gathered at the President's Reception for snacks and networking.

Tuesday was a busy day, packed with 60 breakout sessions, the annual Awards Luncheon, and the Scholarship Auction and Dinner. [Check out the conference & events page of our website](#) for more information on our breakout sessions.

We would like to extend a special congratulations to all our award winners:

Outstanding Apprenticeship Award—Vincent Palmitesto

CAD Academy Innovation—Tampa Bay Regional Aeronautical Academy

Outstanding Secondary Student—Case Emerson

Outstanding New CTE Teacher—William Mount

Outstanding Teacher in Community Service—Thomas Hieptas

President's Award—Harold Rutledge

Hall of Fame—

Cheryl Fante

Denise Willis

John Small

Visit [FACTE's Facebook page](#) to view photos of all our award winners.

Tuesday's Scholarship Auction and dinner was a huge success, bringing in \$3430. All the proceeds from auction will go directly to funding scholarships for next year's award recipients.

The Florida Department of Education was the star of Wednesday's schedule. The FLDOE offered supervisor updates, "Ask the Experts" appointments, and a panel featuring DCAE Chancellor Duckworth, State Board of Education Chair Marva Johnson, and ACTE's Alisha Hyslop.

Overall, the conference was a success. We would like to thank every for their contribution to the conference. We hope you will all join us next year for our 50th Annual FACTE Conference & Trade Show!



Calendar of Events

September 7— Labor Day: FACTE Office is closed

September 16 –18 is Interim Committee Week. [Check out Marsan’s blog](#) for any breaking legislative news.

September 24 –27 is the ACTE Region II Conference at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa in Montgomery, Alabama. There is still time to [register online](#) if you are interested.

Do you have a big CTE event coming up? Want us to include it in our Calendar of Events? Or would you like us to feature it in an article in our newsletter? Just email lboyd@facte.org with the details of your upcoming event.



SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Interim Committee Week			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				ACTE Region II Conference		
27	28	29	30			

Letter from the President

Dear FACTE Members,

I'm absolutely thrilled to have this opportunity to serve as your FACTE President for the 2015-16 school year. Even more exciting to me is the fact that this year will mark our 50th Annual Conference. That is extremely impressive! I invite all of you to promote and celebrate our success.

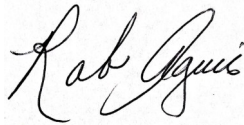
I hope you all enjoyed July's FACTE conference. Marsan, Lesley and staff along with the FACTE Board worked extremely hard to put on the conference with relevant content and activities to meet everyone's needs and interests. Marsan has already begun work for next year's conference. At the conference we had over 500 participants and a waiting list for interested vendors. I hope that you enjoyed collaborating with colleagues from around the state, sharing new and best practices, creative ideas and working within your divisions. It also gave everyone a chance to meet and welcome our new leaders. Congratulations and good luck to those new directors, administrators, and school leaders with the districts.

As leaders, I would like to solicit your help in becoming an ambassador for FACTE and Career and Technical Education. Through the FACTE Professional Learning Community, teachers and school leaders can join FACTE for as little as \$25. As legislation changes and our educational systems change so rapidly anymore, it's important that we all stay informed and unified on issues that directly affect CTE. FACTE is your association – serving CTE directors, teachers, and students.

This year I would like to encourage increased participation amongst the divisions. I believe we need to take the time to meet and collaborate to drive CTE forward. I realize we all come from different regions throughout the state but it's critical that we take the time to work together and advocate the same ideals to those who may not know about CTE or are interested in learning about CTE.

Finally, I hope that each and every one of you will have a successful and prosperous year ahead. Career and Technical Education is so important to the development of our students, our workforce and our economy. It's been often said in education that we as teachers and leaders can "make a difference". I believe we as CTE educators are the "Game Changers" and add significant value to the lives of our students. So, I challenge each of you to, "Change the Game"!

Respectfully,



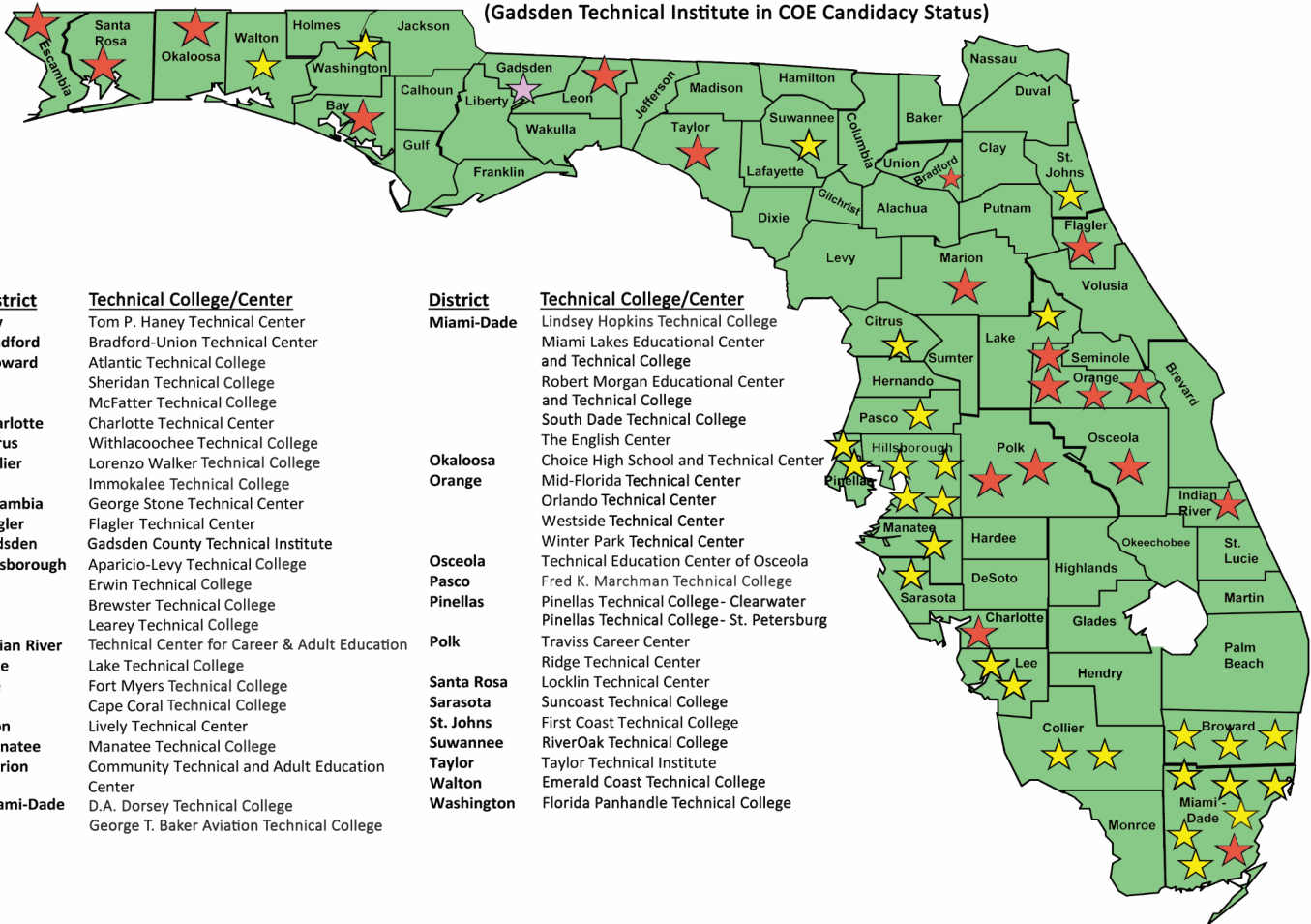
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Principal, Fred K. Marchman Technical College



Updated Career in a Year Map

28 Technical Colleges/20 Technical Centers with COE Accreditation

(Gadsden Technical Institute in COE Candidacy Status)



District	Technical College/Center
Bay	Tom P. Haney Technical Center
Bradford	Bradford-Union Technical Center
Broward	Atlantic Technical College Sheridan Technical College McFatter Technical College
Charlotte	Charlotte Technical Center
Citrus	Withlacoochee Technical College
Collier	Lorenzo Walker Technical College Immokalee Technical College
Escambia	George Stone Technical Center
Flagler	Flagler Technical Center
Gadsden	Gadsden County Technical Institute
Hillsborough	Aparicio-Levy Technical College Erwin Technical College Brewster Technical College Learey Technical College
Indian River	Technical Center for Career & Adult Education
Lake	Lake Technical College
Lee	Fort Myers Technical College Cape Coral Technical College
Leon	Lively Technical Center
Manatee	Manatee Technical College
Marion	Community Technical and Adult Education Center
Miami-Dade	D.A. Dorsey Technical College George T. Baker Aviation Technical College

District	Technical College/Center
Miami-Dade	Lindsey Hopkins Technical College Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College South Dade Technical College The English Center
Okaloosa	Choice High School and Technical Center
Orange	Mid-Florida Technical Center Orlando Technical Center Westside Technical Center Winter Park Technical Center
Osceola	Technical Education Center of Osceola
Pasco	Fred K. Marchman Technical College
Pinellas	Pinellas Technical College- Clearwater Pinellas Technical College- St. Petersburg
Polk	Travis Career Center Ridge Technical Center
Santa Rosa	Locklin Technical Center
Sarasota	Suncoast Technical College
St. Johns	First Coast Technical College
Suwannee	RiverOak Technical College
Taylor	Taylor Technical Institute
Walton	Emerald Coast Technical College
Washington	Florida Panhandle Technical College

SAVE THE DATE

50th Annual FACTE Conference

July 25-27, 2015

Orlando, Florida

Online CTE courses will start back in October 2015. A course catalog will be available on the FACTE website in mid-September.

Don't forget: Professional Learning Community membership runs September 1st—August 31st. If you haven't renewed your PLC, now is the time to do it!