

FYI Conference Agenda

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes

Myrtle Beach, SC
January 16-18, 2026

Friday, January 16, 2026

1:00 - 3:30 SCACTE Board Meeting
5:00 - 6:00 Registration and Badge pick-up
6:00 – 7:30 Networking Reception

Saturday, January 17, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast in Main Room
8:00 - 8:30 Registration
8:30 - 9:00 Opening Sessions
 Dr. Kayce Cook, SC Dept. of Education - CTE Updates
 Michael Connet- Benefits of ACTE/SCACTE Membership/updates
9:10-10:00 Networking: Career Clusters

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee/Hot Tea Break

10:15 - 11:00

Breakout Session 1

Room: C

Admin: *Everything You Need to Know About CTE Certifications*
Rod Miller

Room A

You and the Career Technical Student Organizations.
Steven Watterson

Room B

Breaking Beyond the Impossible
Bryan Raeckelboom

Room D

Pathways with Purpose: Partnering to Meet Local Workforce Needs
Tara Black and Sandy Vining

Room E

Lead, Follow, OR . . .
Chris Dinkins

Room: Triton

Skillionaires & Every Role Counts: Career Exploration Through Real Stories
Dr. Adams

Room: Coral

Cracking the Code: How Alternatively Certified Teachers Can Succeed on the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Evaluation
Caroline Atkins, EdD

11:15 - 12:00

Room: C

Breakout Session 2

Admin: *Pathways with Purpose: Partnering to Meet Local Workforce Needs*

Tara Black and Sandy Vining

Room A

Honoring Pathways: Redefining Rigor in Career and Technical Education
Dr. Nikki Honeycutt

Room B

Empathy-Building Better Relationships Through Understanding
Kelli Lancaster

Room D

A Step Above the Rest: Leveling up your classroom through engagement and relationship building.
Alvin Allen

Room E

General Shop Tips & Tricks
Mark Bonda

Room: Triton

Embracing Career Cluster Advancements
Dr. Adams

Room: Coral

Admin: *Procedures for Hiring CTE Instructors*
Robin Amick and Kimberly Kelso

12:15 - 1:00

Networking Lunch provided on site

Comments from our Sponsors

1:00 - 2:00

General Session/Panel

2:15 - 3:00

Room: C

Breakout Session 3

Admin: *Dual Enrollment Implementation -Effective Strategies vs. Mistakes to Avoid*
Dr. Julia Kaczor

Room A

Classroom Management for CTE Teachers
Mark Bonda

Room B

Teaching Beyond the Trade: Transitioning from Industry to Education
Derrell Jenkins

Room D

South Carolina Regional Career Specialist: Your #1 SC Career Development Resource in K-12
Kathy Bradford

Room E

CTE Honors Credit: How it Works
Kristie Davis, Instructional Coach

Room: Triton

Education is a Relationship Business
Bryce Myers

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| Room: Coral | <i>CTE Travel & How to Get It Done Correctly.</i> Chris Dinkins |
| 3:00 - 3:15 pm | Afternoon Break |
| 3:15 - 4:00 | <u>Breakout Session 4</u> |
| Room: Triton | <i>Teach, Build and Inspire: An CTE Educators Guide to success</i> Dr. G. Cleve Pilot |
| Room: Coral | <i>Advocating for Your CTE Program: Strategies for Every Audience</i> Dr. Beyonka S. Wider and Mrs. Leah Scott |
| Room: C | <i>Admin:</i> <i>CTE Advisory Committee Updates/Discussions</i> Bryce Myers |
| Room A | <i>Everything You Need to Know About CTE Certifications</i> Rod Miller |
| Room B | <i>Welcome Week Activities</i> Jessica McManus |
| Room D | <i>Admin:</i> <i>First-Year Focus: What Every New CTE Leader Needs to Know to Thrive</i> Maria Swygert / Melissa Benton |
| Room E | <i>Marketing Your CTE Program</i> Leon Burgess |
| Sunday, January 19, 2025 | |
| 9:00 - 9:45 am | Closing Session CTSO: Steven Watterson ; Mark Bonda (Skills), Kelly Steen, HOSA Advisor, Jessica McManus (FFA) |
| 9:45 - 11:00 | Discussion Panel, Participants Feedback |
| 11:00 | Pick up certificates at the welcome table. Safe Travel Home! |

* Schedule subject to change without notice.

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