

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	<i>Admin: Everything You Need to Know About CTE Certifications</i> Rod Miller
Room A	<i>You and the Career Technical Student Organizations.</i> Steven Watterson
Room B	<i>Breaking Beyond the Impossible</i> Bryan Raeckelboom
Room D	<i>Pathways with Purpose: Partnering to Meet Local Workforce Needs</i> Tara Black and Sandy Vining
Room E	<i>Lead, Follow, OR . . .</i> Chris Dinkins
Room: Triton	<i>Skillionaires & Every Role Counts: Career Exploration Through Real Stories</i> Dr. Adams
Room: Coral	<i>Cracking the Code: How Alternatively Certified Teachers Can Succeed on the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Evaluation</i> 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

Breakout Session 3

Room: C

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

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: 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: 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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