

## Annual Florida Association for Career and Technical Education ([FACTE](#)) Conference & Trade Show

July 25-27, 2016, Orlando FL

The 2016 Florida Association for Career and Technical Education ([FACTE](#)) Annual Conference and Trade Show hosted approximately 500 participants. The Conference provided three days of intensive and informative general sessions, workshops, focus sessions, open forums and business meetings.

The Trade Show provided an opportunity for all attendees, who represented all areas of vocation, career and technical education, to see first-hand and hands-on the latest materials, information, equipment, and services that will help fulfill and enhance their professional responsibilities.



### Pre-Conference & Session Strand

The pre-conference and session strand on July 25 and 27, 2016 were hosted by FLATE and the Florida Association for Technical and Industrial Educators ([FAITE](#)). Ninety-five percent (95%) of respondents to the pre-conference technical tours considered that the overall professional development value was very good/excellent. Technical tours included Disney behind the scenes, Orange Technical College, and Lockheed Martin locations in Orlando, FL.

**The FLATE – FAITE Session Strand** provided approximately 252 professional development hours to CTE educators and administrators around Florida. Presentations included topics such as the impacts of STEM work-based learning events, Florida best practices for CTE, and industry panel focused on preparing students for success in Florida's economy.

Even though all the presentations had great content, the Work-Based Learning Events session was one of the high lights of the day. The session shared the logistics and impacts of three different work-based learning event strategies: Construction Days; Manufacturing Day student tours; and STEM expos. Presentation and discussion considered the importance to provide workplace experiences for students in CTE programs. Presenters shared their experiences and best practices in how to replicate these activities and/or tailor them to suit other disciplines. These types of events can well serve the work-

based learning continuum (Expose-Explore-Experience) level and support the next step of student engagement with industry.

**FLATE's continuous support for Excellence in Technical Education.** To achieve excellence in technical education, FLATE believes that one of the key aspects is to support and work closely with educators, providing professional development and networking opportunities.

During this conference, FLATE, in conjunction with the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education ([FACTE](#)) and the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), focused its energy supporting the Florida Association for Technical and Industrial Educators ([FAITE](#)) to re-launch the teacher professional organization. [FAITE](#) is a non-profit professional organization, affiliated with FACTE, which works collectively toward the advancement and enhancement of technical and industrial education throughout Florida. Membership in [FAITE](#) is open to all Industrial & Technical educators.

Special invitation to all Florida CTE Educators to participate in the First board meeting conducted via conference call on Friday, September 2, 2016 at 3:00 PM. For more information contact Alan Lynch at [alan.lynch@ocps.net](mailto:alan.lynch@ocps.net)