



Thursday, February 19

Location: *Bank of Springfield Conference Center – Lower Level*

Session 1 – Deep Dive Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
8:30-10:30 AM	B2	Maximizing DPS 61 Student Achievement Through CTE & Innovative Programs	Dr. Edwin Robinson Ashley Grayned
8:30-10:30 AM	B4	An Extended Dive into Course Coding	Terry Stroh
8:30-10:30 AM	B6	From Industry to Instruction: Mentoring New CTE Teachers for Success	Elyse Matulevich Heather Penczak
8:30-10:30 AM	B7	Motivating All Students and Those with Special Needs in the CTE Classroom	Julia Ann Oglesby
8:30-10:30 AM	B9	Utilizing Industry Partnerships to Fill Educational Openings and Opportunities	Brian Rick
8:30-10:30 AM	B10	Postsecondary CTE Roundtable	Dr. Dana King
8:30-10:30 AM	B11D	AI Powered Teaching: From Basics to Beyond	Tori Hale

Session 2 – Regular Concurrent Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B1	Platinum Chef	Anna Hespen
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B2	Sustainability vs Fast Fashion	Mattie Eye
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B3	Alumni Career Connection Website	Travis Mackey
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B4	All In: Building Inclusive Classrooms for Students with Special Needs	Nataly Gutierrez Megan Deangelo
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B7	Preparing for Retirement	Rod McQuality
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B8	Middle School WBL: Planning, Partnering, and Putting it into Practice	Haley Gruber John Heiser
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B9	Preparing Students’ Skills for a Rapidly Evolving Future Workforce	Franny Lee CEO WorkTour
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B10	The Power and Potential of Rural Pharm Tech Programs	April Suter Chris Kendall John Glasgow
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	B11D	AI in Education: Transforming Teaching and Learning	Dr. Sebastian Kapala Alex Escareno

Session 3 – Regular Concurrent Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
2:25-3:25 PM	B4	Efficiency Through Alignment: The Lazy Genius Approach to Regional CTE Development	Holly Camerano Patty Zuccarello
2:25-3:25 PM	B6	Blinded by the Light: A Former Superintendent’s Journey into WBL	Dr. Todd Stirn
2:25-3:25 PM	B7	Connecting with Counselors	Dr. Elizabeth Kaufman Dr. Alicia Cook
2:25-3:25 PM	B8	From Problems to Practice: Engaging Learners Through Scenarios and Simulation	John Heiser Rachel Walker
2:25-3:25 PM	B9	Value of Vocabulary	Callie Schorfheide Cutting Edge Curriculum
2:25-3:25 PM	B10	Real Money, Real Life	Jillian Smith
2:25-3:25 PM	B11D	Preparing the Next Generation for Success in an AI-Driven World	Justin Barker

Session 4 – Regular Concurrent Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
4:00-5:00 PM	B2	Empowering Tomorrow’s Workforce: ACTE’s Strategic Vision for CTE Success	Brandon Russell, ACTE
4:00-5:00 PM	B3	Reflections from the Rearview Window	Emily Conquest Nicole Edgar
4:00-5:00 PM	B4	Showcasing Student Success: Public Projects, Community Events, and Family Involvement	Courtney Keenan
4:00-5:00 PM	B6	The Tech Campus Way: How to Train and Retain CTE Teachers	Alex Escareno Dr. Sebastian Kapala
4:00-5:00 PM	B7	Boring to Brilliant: How to Teach Dry Topics Without Putting Everyone to Sleep	Tori Hale
4:00-5:00 PM	B8	Intercultural Competence and Global Leadership	Kevin Homan
4:00-5:00 PM	B9	Hire360 + CPS Build Construction Pathways	Rashaan Meador Cattie Tenzillo
4:00-5:00 PM	B10	Interval Instruction in Culinary Arts	Sydney Schneider Martha Elliott
4:00-5:00 PM	B11D	Aligning Assets and Action for Rural CTE Success: New Insights from the Rural IL CTE Project	John Glasgow Karli Strom

Friday, February 20

Location: *President Abraham Lincoln Hotel*

Session 5 – Regular Concurrent Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
8:00-9:00 AM	Ottawa B	Teaching Basic Sewing Through Upcycling	Kristen Zell
8:00-9:00 AM	Altgeld	From Classroom to Career: CTSOs in Action	Dr. Nancy Awdziejczyk Dustin Smith Heather Penczak Joe Sieczkowski
8:00-9:00 AM	Freeport A	School Wide CTE: Academic and Career Integration for CTE	Michael Moriarty
8:00-9:00 AM	Freeport B	Running a Successful Shop-Based Program for Practical Insights for Woods, Construction, and Auto Classes	Demetrius Trakas Russell Olley
8:00-9:00 AM	Freeport C	How to Motivate Students Who Traditionally Would Be Counted Out	Andrew Melvin Josh Smith
8:00-9:00 AM	Lincoln	Dual Credit	ICCB/ISBE

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Session 6 – Regular Concurrent Session			
Time	Room	Title	Speaker(s)
9:10-10:10 AM	Ottawa A	Empowering Rural CTE Through Community-Connected Fundraising Projects	Amanda Morgan
9:10-10:10 AM	Ottawa B	FoodMASTER Curriculum: Using STEM to Teach Nutrition and Promote Body Positivity	Elizabeth Jatkowski Dr. Melanie Duffrin
9:10-10:10 AM	Altgeld	CTE Superheroes Unite: Building Your Community’s League for Student Success	Dr. Todd Stirn Nancy Coleman Terry Stroh
9:10-10:10 AM	Freeport A	Working Together: Communication Strategies for CTE and Multi-Teacher Teams	Kindra Callahan John Heiser
9:10-10:10 AM	Freeport B	Career Clusters	ISBE
9:10-10:10 AM	Lincoln	AI-Powered Teaching: Transforming Technology and Engineering Education	Don Whitman

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Session 7 – Regular Concurrent Session

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10:20-11:20 AM	Ottawa A	Bringing Culture to the Table: Inclusive Approaches in Culinary and FCS Education	Monica Rzeszuto
10:20-11:20 AM	Ottawa B	Danielson Framework for Teaching: Component 3b – Using Questioning	Julia Ann Oglesby
10:20-11:20 AM	Altgeld	Policy and Legislature	Kaleb Smith Terry Stroh
10:20-11:20 AM	Freeport A	Take Back Your Time: Thrive, Don't Just Survive	Jennifer Waters Sue Schafer
10:20-11:20 AM	Freeport B	Assessments That Drive Growth in WBL	Brett Thompson Peter Hostrawser Andrea Szczepanski
10:20-11:20 AM	Freeport C	Addressing the Teacher Shortage in Technology and Engineering Education	Dr. April Zawlocki