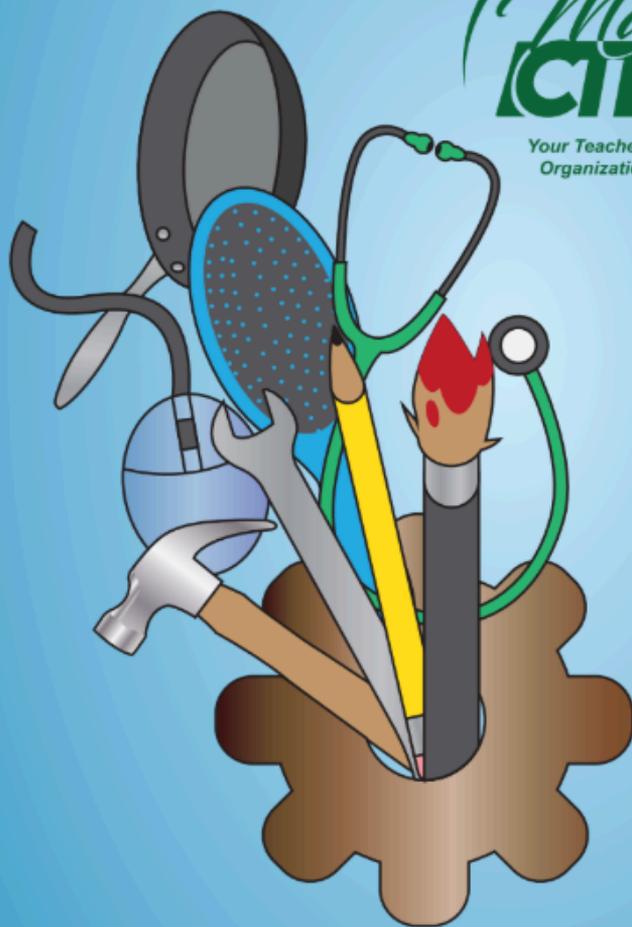


93rd Annual MassCTE Conference, Leadership, & Awards Banquet

March 27 & 28, 2026

Massachusetts Career & Technical
Educators Organization



Tools for Teaching
Empowering CTE Teachers
for the Future

TOOLS FOR TEACHING:

EMPOWERING CTE TEACHERS FOR THE FUTURE

2026 Award Winners

Secondary Student Awardees

Emily Corey

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School
Central Chapter

Rachel R Botte

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School
Eastern Chapter

Olutayo Oyewusi

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School
Southern Chapter

Lauren E Brooks

Smith Vocational and Agricultural School
Western Chapter

Post Secondary Student Awardees

Belta M Ndzi

Practical Nursing Program
Blackstone Valley Regional Voc Tech High School
Central Chapter

Samuel W Guimaraes

Evening Education Program
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical District
Eastern Chapter

Alexandra K Maynard

Southeastern Technical Institute
Southern Chapter

Colleague & Community Awardees

New CTE Teacher of the Year

Kristen Martinson

Worcester Technical High School
Central Chapter

Friend of Career & Technical Education

Kevin Holmes, President & CEO Advantage Truck Group

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
Central Chapter

Marcus Ashley III Presidential Leadership Award

Timothy P. Murray

President & CEO
Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce

Harold L. Pride Award

State Representative Adam J. Scanlon

Honorable House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Friday's Leadership - "Building Fundamentals" Revolution D

7:30-8:15

Sign-in / Registration / Breakfast

8:15-8:30

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Jarrold Lussier
MassCTE Leadership Coordinator

8:30-9:15

Foundations

Learn about the foundational skills students value in teachers.
Kyara Sanon & Kaylee Doherty - Students
Southeastern Regional High School

9:15-10:15

Framing the Work

Strengthen daily practice through professionalism, clear structures, consistent routines and expectations.
Andrew Rebello - Assistant Superintendent
Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School

10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-11:15

Systems that Support

Explore the systems and processes that enable foundational practices to function effectively.
Lloyd Lamarre - MTSS Coordinator
Southeastern Regional High School

11:15-12:00

Finishing with Purpose

Explore how refining instructional practices can enhance clarity, engagement and accessibility for students.
Pamela Olsen - Director of Vocational Programs
Tri-County Regional Vocational High School

12:00-12:45

Lunch - in Restaurant Area

12:45- 1:45

Alignment, Fidelity and Preventing Drift

Learn monitoring practice and adjustment can help ensure fidelity to core instructional fundamentals.
Erica Thomas- K-12 Director of School Counseling
Attleboro School District

1:45-2:45

Sustaining Quality

Consider how reinforcing fundamentals, supports long term effectiveness and student success.
Michele Mastroianni-Darce- Reading Specialist
Southeastern Regional High School

2:45-3:00

Closing Remarks-

Jarrold Lussier
MassCTE Leadership Coordinator

**Friday Night Reception - 5:00pm to 7:30pm - Lobby
Music- Passed Food- Flatbread Bar - Cash Bar**

Saturday's Schedule of Events

8:00 am- 3:00 pm - Exhibitor Hours
and "Best in Show" Drop-off

7:45-8:45

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EXHIBITOR
HALL

8:50 - MassCTE Welcome - Patriot 2

9:00-9:45

Keynote - "Structural Integrity"
Jarrod Lussier -
MassCTE Leadership Coordinator

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9:45-10:15

Time with Vendors

EXHIBITOR
HALL

10:15-11:05

Breakout Session 1 - Concurrent breakouts -
Presenters A & B

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1 & 2

11:10-12:00

Breakout Session 2 - Concurrent breakouts-
Presenters C & D

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12:00-12:40

Lunch - in Restaurant Area

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12:45-1:35

Breakout Session 3 - Concurrent breakouts-
Presenters E & F

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1 & 2

1:45-2:35

Breakout Session 4 - Concurrent breakouts-
Presenters G & H

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1 & 2

2:45-3:45

Session 5 - Round Table Discussion

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Annual MassCTE Meeting

4:00

Legislative Session/Annual Meeting
MassCTE/ACTE Updates & Overview of Bylaws
All members are encouraged to attend!

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93rd Annual MassCTE Awards Banquet

5:30-6:30

**Cocktail Reception,
Raffle Sales
Cast your votes- "Best in Show"**

BALLROOM
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6:30-10:30

Annual Banquet

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BALLROOM

Saturday Breakout Sessions

Session One - 10:15 - 11:05

A. Taryn Lang: Ignite, Innovate, Implement: A Design Thinking Roadmap for CTE Educators.

Looking to feel empowered to rethink your classroom in an era shaped by AI and rapid innovation? Join "Ignite, Innovate, Implement: A Design Thinking Roadmap for CTE Educators" to gain practical tools, confidence, and a clear roadmap for transforming your curriculum into a future-ready learning experience.

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B. Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent: Tools for the Trade.

The following presentation will model teaching techniques used to build an environment rooted in Student Ownership of Learning and simple measures to foster

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Session Two- 11:10 - 12:00

C. Nikki Holland: Designing Rigorous Performance Tasks in the CTE Classroom - Tools for Authentic Assessment.

In this interactive session, participants will explore practical tools and strategies for designing high-quality performance assessments that align with academic standards and real-world applications. Drawing on examples from current classroom practice across Massachusetts, the session will examine what makes a strong performance task, how to align tasks to standards, and how to develop clear criteria for evaluating student work.

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D. Michele Mastroianni-Darche: Literacy in the Vocational Setting: Strategies that Advance CTE Students

Participants will understand how literacy skills impact learning, learn about literacy strategies, see some literacy strategies in action in the CTE setting, be able to reflect on the literacy needs of their population and have a chance to collaborate with colleagues to discuss literacy in the CTE setting.

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Session Three- 12:45 - 1:35

E. Dina Taylor: Tools to regulate and motivate you as an instructor.

We will focus on strategies through movement and mindfulness to support you during the school day and beyond. Worcester Technical High School

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F. Michael Mino: Learning to Learn AI with AI... Vibe Coding to AI Agents.

Explore how AI can be used as a practical classroom tool to help students learn how to learn with AI. This session focuses on engaging with AI tools and "vibe coding" to build adaptive thinking, collaborative problem solving, and digital fluency, future ready skills valued in Communications, IT, and Advanced Manufacturing pathways. Participants will walk away with clear, classroom-ready strategies for integrating AI into project-based learning and performance tasks that strengthen learner agency, reinforce career-relevant competencies, and prepare students to succeed in high-demand careers.

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Saturday Breakout Sessions

Session Four - 1:45 - 2:35

G. Mario, Lynne Sousa, Mullen: Grading What Matters: Using Competencies to Measure CTE Learning

CTE teachers work hard to develop real-world skills in students- this session focuses on grading those skills intentionally. Participants will explore how standards-based grading and competency-aligned assessment can clarify expectations, improve feedback, and provide a more meaningful picture of student progress toward technical and professional mastery.

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H. Rick Torres: Creating Effective Advisory Committees-Weaponizing Industry Expertise for Chapter 74 CTE Program Success.

Advisory Committees are strategic assets, not just compliance requirements. They strengthen programs, improve student outcomes, and align with workforce needs Goal: Transform your Advisory Committee into an active driver of program success!

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Session Five- 2:45 - 3:45 Round Table Discussion Revolution - D

I. Michelle Gallagher: Using Mission-Based Learning to Support STEM and CTE Pathways.

This session highlights how educators can use Learning Blade to build career awareness, integrate real-world problem-solving, and support Massachusetts frameworks. Attendees will explore engaging resources that increase student motivation and prepare learners for future pathways.

J. Tom Donahue, Technology Education Concepts: Launching an Affordable Industrial Robotics Program with Niryo: A Turnkey CTE Solution.

Explore how you can integrate robotics, coding (Python), simulation, vision systems, conveyors, and end-of-arm tooling into manufacturing, engineering, and mechatronics programs. We'll cover curriculum resources, certification pathways, and lab setup considerations.

K Robbie Basiri, Diamond Point Wealth Partners: Understanding Proper Planning for Your Retirement.

Going through planning points on: social security, MTRS pension, 403(b) planning, general financial planning

L. Michael Mino: The AI Creative Edge...Connecting AI and the Future of Work.

Participants will experience hands-on demonstrations of AI tools that support generating ideas, creating content, and driving innovation. You'll learn how leveraging emerging experimental AI tools and no-code platforms can help students prepare for the jobs of tomorrow, even those that don't yet exist.

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Annual Meeting - 4PM - All Members Welcome

Please consider attending the annual meeting to help make MassCTE better. Updates and information to be shared. All members are encouraged to attend.

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CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

AET Labs

CRL Promotions

Diamond Point Wealth Partners

Fitchburg State University -

School of Graduate, Online and

Continuing Education

Imagine Learning

JFYNetworks

Learning Blade

Lincoln Technical Institute

Massachusetts BPA

Massachusetts DECA

Ockers Technology

TechEd Products

Technology Education Concepts

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Conference Book Chair- Jillian Plante

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