President’s Message

Greetings CTEI Members:

I have some good news - the Memorandum of Understanding between CTEI and the Division of CTE has been signed. This means that CTEI will be even more involved in the planning of REACH 2020, and that means that you can be even more involved if you want to be. Please contact your Association leadership if you have ideas to make REACH better.

We are moving ahead with the plans for REACH 2020, even with all of the present uncertainty, because to not plan is unthinkable. We have worked too hard to gain the ability to influence REACH, so let's not squander it. If REACH is cancelled, at least we have plans on the shelf for the next year.

In addition to the MOU being signed, the Division has also gone to bat for CTE by requesting and receiving waivers for the WRA and TSA for this year. I'm not sure what that means for next year's funding, but I am grateful for Director Long and the Division acknowledging that the current crisis necessitates some relief from these accountability measures. If you were not sure that the Division "has our backs", these waivers should help put that question from your mind.

I hope that all of you stay well, wash your hands often, and maintain social distancing. I want to see all of you healthy and happy when we next meet again.

Thank you for all that you do for CTE students in Idaho.
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“Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them.” ~ George Orwell, "1984".

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**Member Spotlight**

**Name:** Pandora Handley

**Where to you teach:** College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls

**How long have you been teaching:** This is my sixth year teaching the Baking and Pastry program at CSI, I had taught as an Adjunct for the Culinary program for several years a few years prior.

**Are you from industry:** Yes, I am from Industry and continue to work in the Culinary field. I started on the taco station in a Naugles in San Diego, and worked through many positions to become an Executive Chef in both the sweet and savory kitchen.

**What do you enjoy about your job:** My favorite part of teaching is helping my students discover talents and strengths they thought they didn’t have.

**Why would you encourage a new teacher to engage in their teaching association:** I would encourage participation in your teaching association because of the personal development, networking and mentorship opportunities. In the past six years these resources have been invaluable to me when facing new challenges in the classroom.

**If you could change one thing about your classroom environment, what would it be:** Just one? Lockers for the students belongings, someplace for them to store basic tools and put jackets and backpacks so that they aren’t scattered around the room creating physical hazards. A window, skylight or exterior door
Room creating physical hazards. A window, skylight or exterior door for deliveries would be nice too!

**What is something about you that would surprise people:** :/ If I told you it wouldn’t be a surprise.

**What is something you would like to learn:** I would love to be fluent in Italian. Honestly, there are a lot of things I would like to learn!

**What is one of your goals:** I would like to create a mobile coffee/bakeshop so that the pastry students could sell their baked goods on campus or at community events.

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Idaho ACTE is conducting a statewide search for excellence in CTE to highlight outstanding educators as part of our annual awards program. We are seeking nominations from all divisions, positions and content areas this month for the following awards:

- CTE Idaho Teacher of the Year
- CTE Idaho Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- CTE Idaho New Teacher of the Year
- CTE Idaho Teacher Educator of the Year
- CTE Idaho Administrator of the Year
- CTE Idaho Career Guidance Award
- CTE Idaho Carl Perkins Community Service Award
- CTE Idaho Lifetime Achievement Award

Deserving candidates for these awards have demonstrated their commitment to CTE through their innovation, accomplishments, and contributions to the CTE community. We are accepting nominations until **July 1, 2020**. Award recipients will then be judged and Idaho ACTE award winners will have their nominations forwarded on to be considered for the ACTE Region V Awards. Learn more about the nomination guidelines and how to submit a nomination online here: [https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/ID/home](https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/ID/home)

If you have any questions, please contact Idaho’s Awards Committee Chair: [Debra Guinn](mailto:Debra.Guinn@cteidaho.org).
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Riverside Inn, Boise, ID

August 3-6, 2020 Reach for purpose. Reach for passion. Reach for your why. This is Idaho’s premiere CTE professional development opportunity. Registration:

- Early Bird Pricing for All of 2020
- NO Late Registration Fees
- Just $225, Through July 15th!
- $40 Awards Dinner and Celebration (August 4th; location TBD)

Participant registration will open approximately May 1st, due to COVID-19 concerns at https://cte.idaho.gov/educators/reach

Have You Logged Into the CTEI Website Lately?

We are in the process of updating content at www.cteidaho.org so there’s LOTS of new information to explore. If you haven't logged in recently you'll want to do so TODAY! A few highlights...
• "Member's only" content and public content are separated. Log in to see additional information.
• Professional development opportunities are available to members.
• Each industry organization has a public screen so others can learn more about your organization, along with specific content available only to members.
• Please check your profile and update information as needed so you are connected with others as needed. Upload a picture too so we can get to know you.

Don't remember your password? Click on "forgot password" and have it emailed to you.

CTEIdaho is now on Facebook! Join us at www.facebook.com/CTEIdaho and connect with fellow CTE faculty and staff from across Idaho. Share your news and teaching best-practices.

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If you’d like to have something included in this monthly communication, please contact Robin Bagent, Chair of the Public Relations Committee. (Members are encouraged to submit content for the newsletter.)