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President's Message

Spring is almost here! For most of us, spring is an incredibly busy time because, in addition to teaching, we have student leadership conferences, competitions, testing, and spring break as we enter the home stretch of the school year. As busy as things get this time of year, I've found that this is also the season when my students and I get to enjoy the sweet rewards that make all the work worthwhile. It is these experiences that keep me coming back for more as an educator. Spring also brings professional opportunities:

- **CONNECT** - Registration is open for the CONNECT Conference which will be a new adventure for all of us with the new three-site format.
- **CTEI AWARDS** - Applications will be open soon for CTEI awards. Please consider taking some time to nominate your deserving colleagues to be recognized for their excellence.
- **CTEI LEADERSHIP** - Consider getting involved in CTEI leadership! Soon we will be looking for candidates to run for president-elect. There is also a need for help on some of the CTEI committees. Please consider getting more directly involved in CTEI. We will share more details about these opportunities in the near future.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank Lex Godfrey, Dona Orr, and Alison Duman for the work they did to host the CTEI policy seminar in February. They have laid the foundation for an annual event that will provide training to help educators engage in the legislative process in our state.

I hope that this spring you will experience some of the joys that come with being a career technical educator!

Travis Edwards
CTEI President

Board Member Spotlight



Name: Pam Kantack

School/Position: Shelley High School/Business Teacher/CTE Admin

CTEI Position: President-Elect

What do you do as part of your CTEI position: The President-Elect position is a role where you help the CTEI President and learn what you will need to do the next year. You are also the head of the by-laws committee.

What is your life's greatest achievement: My greatest life achievement...I would have to say raising my two sons, Carson (23) and Cashe (21). They were involved in a lot of sports; hockey, football, track, baseball; so that was a lot of early mornings!

Tell me about a challenge and how did you overcome it: I chose to not finish going to college to take time to raise my boys. That gave me a challenge when it came time to go back to school when I was a bit older. My boys were still in school when I went back to school and it took a lot of time, late nights, to be able to study and still take care of my boys and husband at the time. Making the decision to do my best was how I overcame it. I worked hard for a few years and finally graduated with my bachelors in secondary education in 2010. I went on to get my masters in 2015 and will get my second masters in

2023. Dedication has been the key for me to overcome my challenges.

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, skiing, shopping, crafting and having coffee with friends.

If you could be a movie star/professional sports athlete, who would it be and why: I would choose to be Madonna. Anyone that knows me knows that I am a fan and have been since junior high. I love her music, but most of all I was inspired by her sense of business. She has run many successful businesses behind the scenes and still manages to make people notice her, whether they like her or not. She has amazing talent and doesn't care about what other people think.

If you could go to dinner with an historical figure, who would it be and why: Jesus. I would want to know what he thinks of our world now and what we can do to make it better.

News Beyond CTEI

via Idaho Education News

Idaho's teacher-retention rate holds firm, again

At least 90% of Idaho teachers stay put. **INSIDE:** Find out what the retention rate is in your district or charter.

Full Story: [More](#)

via SmartBrief on EdTech

Report: Cyberattacks up in K-12 schools

There were fewer documented cyberattacks last year than the year before, but ransomware attacks on K-12 schools and districts increased, according to a report from the K12 Security Information Exchange or K12 SIX. Doug Levin, national director of K12 SIX, says the ransomware attacks increasingly are coming from sophisticated international cybercriminals.

Full Story: [Education Week](#)

via ASCD Express

Embracing Uncertainty

"For school leaders, [the last two years changed everything](#)," superintendent Avis Williams writes in the [latest issue](#) of *Educational Leadership*. This month's articles seek to reckon with that change—and, more centrally, to help school leaders identify and build the skills and dispositions they need to guide schools

in a time of profound transformation and uncertainty. How, they ask, can leaders become more adaptive in their work?

Check Out The CTEI Website

Please take a few moments to log into the CTEIdaho.org website and update your membership information. There are LOTS of exciting activities being planned for 2022 and you won't want to miss any of them.



The screenshot shows the CTEI website homepage. At the top left is the CTEI logo, a green outline of Idaho with the letters 'CTEI' in black. To its right is the text 'CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATORS OF IDAHO' in bold black letters, followed by the tagline 'Serving Career Technical Educators by promoting opportunities for continual personal and professional growth.' Below this is a green navigation bar with white text for 'HOME', 'BOARD', 'ASSOCIATIONS', 'AWARDS', 'MEMBER BENEFITS', and 'ABOUT US'. The main content area has a light brown background. On the left is a portrait of Ben Hamlett, a man with glasses and a dark jacket. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: 'Congratulations Ben Hamlett', 'ACTE Region V', '2021 Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year', 'Trade and Industry Department', and 'College of Southern Idaho'. Below the banner is a row of six small circles, with the second one from the left filled with blue. At the bottom of the page are four icons with text labels: a capitol dome for 'LEGISLATIVE UPDATES', a document for 'GRANT APPLICATION', a green envelope for 'NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE', and a person icon with a plus sign for 'NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!'.

Membership Status

Your membership with {Organization_Name} will expire on
{Member_Upcoming_Renewal_Date}

If you are about to expire or have expired, please consider bringing your membership up to date. [Renew your membership](#)

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