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### Career and Technical Education Professional Development Conference





7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast** 

**APC Event Room** 

At 8:05 a.m. attendees will exit the APC Event Room and walk to the Auditorium for the Opening General Session.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Opening General Session Auditorium

Exploring Boundaries, Connections and Communication: Seeking to Understand and to be Understood

In an increasingly diverse, fast-paced, technologically driven world, we are faced with questions regarding personal and societal boundaries, who we are, where we fit in, how we connect with each other, how we communicate, and the interplay of these factors.

These complex issues will be explored in creative ways through movement that will encourage us to examine our own perspectives as well as consider the perspective of others.

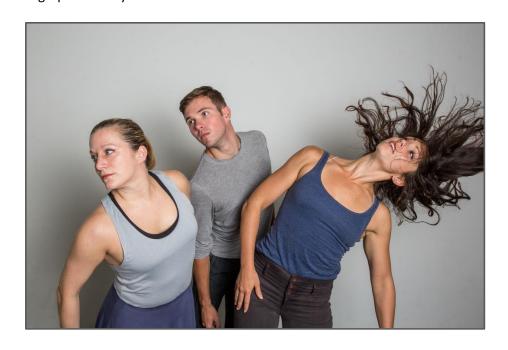
Grounded in the Soil set to music by Otis Redding by Shana Simmons Dance.

Choreographer: Shana Simmons

*Red Rover, Red Rover* inspired by the concepts of placement and displacement and an exploration of personal and physical boundaries by Shana Simmons Dance.

Choreographer: Shana Simmons

The Screen Between Us set to narration by Sherry Turkle's TED talk "Connected, But Alone?" explores the relationship between technology and the human connection. Choreographer: Brady Sanders





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#### Schedule

9:30 a. m. – 10:25 a.m.	Breakout Session 1	
	Business Advisory Field Trip: Hyundai Motor America	Hyundai Motor America (Aurora)
	CTE and Common Core: Speak with Confidence About How CTE Programs Support Common Core	APC 170
	Exploring Boundaries, Connections and Communication: Seeking to Understand and to be Understood	APC 120
	Living miDream Financial Empowerment: Preparing Your Students for Success	APC – A
	Managing and Engaging Your Class with Technology	APC 165
	The CTE-Special Education Connection	APC 160
	What's Your Deficit Disorder?	APC 190
10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session 2	
	Finding the Algebra Using Business and Industry Visits	APC 195
	Incorporating TED Into Your Classroom	APC 190
	Manufacturing Career Awareness: A Business Advisory Panel Speaks to Educators	APC 180
	Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High	APC 270
	We Are Changing the Way We Work	APC 170
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	APC Event Room
12:25 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Breakout Session 3	
	Automotive Technology Committee Meeting	Fox Valley Career Center
	Business Advisory Field Trip: American Heartland Bank and Trust	American Heartland Bank and Trust (Sugar Grove)
	Criminal Justice Business Advisory Meeting	APC 270
	Early Childhood Education Business Advisory Meeting	APC 158
	Financial Fitness for Life	APC 165
	Finding the Algebra Using Business and Industry Visits	APC 195
	Fire Science Business Advisory Meeting	APC 258
	Graphic Communications Program Committee Meeting	Fox Valley Career Center
	The CTE-Special Education Connection	APC 160
	The Power of Storytelling	APC 120
1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Breakout Session 4	
•	Culinary Arts Regional Lab Assessment Development	APC 194
	How to Convince Anyone Your CTE Program is Worthwhile	APC 180
	We are in an EMOTIONAL REVOLUTION!	APC 190



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#### Breakout Session 1 9:30 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Title: Business Advisory Field Trip: Hyundai Motor America (continued through breakout session 2)

Room: Hyundai Motor America, Regional Training Facility, Aurora Presenters: Don Rotermund, Senior Manager, Field Service Training

Description: Tour Hyundai Motor America's regional training facility in Aurora and speak with Don Rotermund,

Senior Manager, Field Service Training, about career opportunities in the automotive industry.

Transportation is provided.

Title: CTE and Common Core: Speak with confidence About How CTE programs support Common Core

Room: APC 170

Presenter: Laura Edwards, Assistant Director, Indian Valley Vocational Center

Description: This session will provide an overview of the Common Core Anchor Standards for Reading and

Writing, Common Core Mathematical Practices, and the Disciplinary Core Ideas of the Next

Generation Science Standards. Participants will leave with the ability to confidently reference the applicable standards for a variety of CTE courses. Participants will also be given a tool to document

how their CTE course supports the various academic standards.

Title: Exploring Boundaries, Connections and Communication: Seeking to Understand and to be

Understood

Room: Auditorium

Presenter: Panel facilitated by Diane McFarlin, Assistant Principal, Kaneland High School

Description: A panel conversation with the opening general session artists Kerra Alexander, Jessica Marino, Jamie

Erin Murphy, Brady Sanders, Shana Simmons, and Jean-Paul Weaver.

Title: Living miDream Financial Empowerment: Preparing Your Students for Success

Room: APC – A

Presenter: Somya Munjal, Chief Youth Servant, Youthful Savings, and Living miDream students

Description: Learning to generate income, manage debt, and invest wisely are critical skills given the cost of

college and the exploding realm of contingent (freelance) work. Gain knowledge and explore tools and processes from both a financial expert and student perspective on how to leverage resources to pursue personal goals. This session includes practical applications for every teacher, student, and

parent.

Title: Managing and Engaging Your Class with Technology (continued through breakout session 2)

Room: APC 165

Presenter: Leon Pedraza, Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT), Waubonsee Community College

Description: This session surveys technology that can help you manage and engage your class. There are tools

that can help you focus your student's attention, offer individualized help, and assess the class through low stakes polling and quizzes. Some of these tools are most beneficial to classes taught with computers, but others can be used in any class. Either way, you should leave with a few ideas to

add to your toolkit.



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Title: The CTE-Special Education Connection

Room: APC 160

Presenter: Bob Barwa, Ed.D., College of Education, University of St. Francis

Description: In this interactive session we will explore ways to expand the connections between CTE and Special

Education teachers to serve students with IEPs enrolled in CTE courses. Recent research on co-taught

classes will be presented along with other information on effective programs where classroom

teachers and special educators work together effectively.

Title: What's Your Deficit Disorder?

Room: APC 190

Presenter: Michael Cermak, Dean Business and Career Technologies, Waubonsee Community College
Description: Sometimes we take for granted things we pick up over the years and the experiences of our

students. Using an audience response system, this presentation should have you thinking differently

about the information both teacher and student bring to the classroom.

Breakout Session 2 10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Title: Finding the Algebra Using Business and Industry Visits

Room: APC 195

Presenter: Brad Christensen, Illinois State University

Description: Learn how teams of high school teachers visited northern Illinois businesses and industry to "find the

algebra" in everyday work experiences. These real-life mathematics problems were then published as the inquiry and problem based curriculum materials *Real Numbers*. In this engaging session, complete hands-on activities from *Real Numbers* and learn how you can use business and industry

visits to craft work experiences for students.

Title: Incorporating TED Into Your Classroom

Room: APC 190

Presenter: Allison Beltramini, Associate Professor Communication, Waubonsee Community College

Description: TED was founded with the premise of "ideas worth spreading". Using TED talks in class is a great tool

for engagement that allows instructors to flex different muscles outside of the often typical lecture format. Student-designed TED talks are also a dynamic way to get students involved with their own

topics, concepts and ideas worth spreading.

Title: Manufacturing Career Awareness: A Business Advisory Panel Speaks to Educators

Room: APC 180

Presenter: Cindy Tomei, President, Valley Industrial Association and a panel of local manufacturing

representatives

Description: Statewide over 94,675 students are enrolled in high school technology and engineering education

CTE programs. A panel of local manufacturers will answer questions about what they manufacture

right here in the region and the job opportunities for students after high school.



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Title: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High

Room: APC 270

Presenter: Judy Judy, Institute for Transformational Synergism; Michelle McAnally, Counselor, Newark High

School

Description: A crucial conversation is a discussion between two or more people where opinions vary, stakes are

high and emotions run strong. Learn how to create working conditions and establish a classroom environment that empowers people to speak with complete candor and respect while promoting the free sharing and exchange of ideas in a safe and friendly environment. This workshop will build skills

that can build acceptance rather than resistance.

Title: We're Changing the Way We Work

Room: APC 170

Presenter: Roger Sanders, Director, Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES)

Description: Explore the changing nature of work at a time when contingent workers account for over half of the

workforce. Examine how workforce changes impact how schools prepare students for a new world

of work.

Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Breakout Session 3 12:25 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Title: Automotive Technology Committee Meeting (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: Fox Valley Career Center 47W326 Keslinger Rd., Maple Park

Presenter: Clay Hansen and Paul Potvin, Automotive Technology Instructors, Fox Valley Career Center
Description: Program committee meeting at Fox Valley Career Center automotive shop to demonstrate new

equipment, discuss curriculum and debrief business advisory meeting. Participants are responsible

for transportation to the career center.

Title: Business Field Trip: American Heartland Bank & Trust (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: American Heartland Bank & Trust, Sugar Grove

Presenter: John Medernach, Executive Vice President & Head Loan Officer

Description: Learn about career opportunities in banking and finance from an independent community bank and

tour their newly opened building on Route 47 in Sugar Grove. John Medernach, Executive Vice President and Head Loan Officer will discuss the banking and finance industry and career pathways

available. Transportation is provided.

Title: Criminal Justice Business Advisory Meeting (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: APC 270

Presenter: Joe Heinrich and Pat Rolison, Assistant Professors Criminal Justice, Waubonsee Community College Description: Meet with local criminal justice and law enforcement leaders during the annual business advisory

meeting.



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Title: Early Childhood Education Business Advisory Meeting (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: APC 158

Presenter: Meghan Jones, West Aurora High School

Description: Secondary and post-secondary early childhood education teachers discuss career pathways with

local business advisory members.

Title: Financial Fitness for Life (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: APC 165

Presenter: Tammy Baston, Center for Economic Education, Northern Illinois University

Description: This training introduces teachers to strategies that help students make thoughtful well-informed

decisions about important aspects of personal finance, including earning income, spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and managing money. Lessons are based on real-world concepts. Teach students how to make good decisions and avoid poor ones through an economic way of thinking.

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visits to craft work experiences for students.

Title: Fire Science Business Advisory Meeting (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: APC 258

Presenter: Michelle Evans, Assistant Dean Health Professions and Public Service, Waubonsee Community

College

Description: Meet with local fire department leaders during the annual business advisory meeting.

Title: Graphic Communications Program Committee Meeting (continued through breakout session 4)

Room: Fox Valley Career Center, 47W326 Keslinger Rd., Maple Park

Presenter: Nicole Larsen, Graphic Communications Teacher, Fox Valley Career Center

Description: Graphic Communications teachers should bring a prepared image to this session where Nicole

Larsen, Graphic Communications Teacher, will demonstrate Fox Valley Career Center's newest technology a Direct To Garment printer (Anajet mP5i). Enter through door 22 on the north side of Fox Valley Career Center, classroom G112. Participants are responsible for transportation to the

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teachers and special educators work together effectively.



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Title: The Power of Storytelling

Room: APC 120

Presenter: Lana Brown, Communications Consultant, Director of Michigan State University Internship Initiative

and Adjunct Professor Vanderbilt University

Description: Stories are all around us. They move us, make us feel alive and inspire us. It's been said "the shortest

distance between two people is a story." Explore how storytelling can enhance learning, help promote your Career and Technical Education program and add impact to your message.

Breakout Session 4 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Title: Culinary Arts Regional Lab Assessment Development

Room: APC 194

Presenter: Dan Okoren, CTE Department Chair, Oswego High School

Description: Regional foods/culinary arts teachers will begin development of a regional laboratory skill

assessment document. This session is devoted to creating a skill-based assessment product for use in classrooms and is a continuation of the last program committee discussions. *Bring materials to share* 

and discuss, approximate number of copies needed to share 12.

Title: How to Convince Anyone Your CTE Program is Worthwhile

Room: APC 180

Presenter: Brian Gordon, Executive Director, Three Rivers Education for Employment System

Description: During this practical session, specific strategies from building relationships with key stakeholders, to

becoming an advocate and understanding your local politics, to creating CTE student events the public supports will be discussed. Leave with ideas and methods that convince anyone your CTE

program is worthwhile.

Title: We are in an EMOTIONAL REVOLUTION!

Room: APC – D

Presenter: Diane McFarlin, Assistant Principal, Kaneland High School

Description: Our classrooms are now filled with students burdened with anxiety, depression, rage, or debilitating

sadness. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE is the ability to monitor one's own and others' feelings, to discriminate among them, and to use this information to guide one's thinking and action. Using Dr. Marc Brackett's research at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, this session will challenge educators to find their part in educating the ENTIRE student.....including supporting the motto that

EMOTIONS matter.