



**Good Morning!**  
March 24, 2022

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**Did You Know?**

ACTE-Maryland offers customized professional development opportunities for CTE teachers and some of it is free!

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**Spring Meeting**  
**10:30 am – 12:15 pm**

Please use the CHAT feature to sign-in with your name, organization or school.



Today's meeting will be recorded.

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Welcome

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Mr. Douglas Handy  
Executive Director, Equity and Cultural  
Proficiency, Baltimore County Public Schools  
MCTA President, 2020 - 2022



# Agenda

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10:30 am: **Welcome & Introductions**, President Douglas Handy, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)

10:35 am: **Recognition of 2022 ACTE-Maryland Award Recipients**, Douglas Handy, BCPS

11:00 am: **CTE Bills in the Maryland General Assembly**, Nina Roa, MSDE & Yousef Ahmad, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations

11:35 am: **The Blueprint for Maryland's Future: An Update on Policy Area 3: College and Career Readiness Pathways (Including Career and Technical Education)** Michael R. DiGiacomo & Molly Mesnard, Gov. Workforce Dev. Board.

12:10 pm: **MCTA / ACTE-Maryland Executive Board Election Update and Call for Nominations**, Michael Weglein, MCTA

12:15 pm: **Adjourn**



# Executive Board

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**DOUGLAS HANDY**  
Baltimore County Public Schools



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**MICHAEL L. WEGLEIN**

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## 2022 Awards



## Teacher of the Year Award Debra Walker Bladensburg High School Prince George's County Public Schools

Ms. Walker is a Certified Nursing Assistant teacher with [Prince George's County Public Schools](#). She has been teaching CNA since 2015 but began serving students and families of PGCPSS in 2005 as a nurse and outreach worker in the walk-in counseling center. Ms. Walker not only teaches traditional CNA courses during the school day, but she is also the sole CNA instructor in CTE Evening High School providing opportunities for students requiring a nontraditional setting to complete their Certified Nursing Assistant coursework and prepare for the CNA certification examination.

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## Teacher of the Year Award

### Debra Walker

Bladensburg High School

Prince George's County Public Schools

Ms. Walker also serves as an adjunct professor with [Prince George's County Community College](#) (PGCC) teaching CNA and other healthcare related courses. As a curriculum writer and as an industry expert on CNA laboratory facility equipment and educational specifications, Debra Walker helps to keep the CNA programs aligned with industry trends. Ms. Walker focuses on her students as individuals and differentiates her instructional support to meet their needs. She has developed a pipeline with her former students who have opened CNA businesses to create placement opportunities for current students preparing to enter the workforce.

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## Administrator of the Year Award Carrie Akins

Calvert Career & Technology Academy  
Calvert County Public Schools

Mrs. Akins is the Director of Career & Technical Education for [Calvert County \(MD\) Public Schools](#) and the Principal at the [Calvert Career & Technology Academy](#) located in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She began her career in education in 2002 teaching English in Manassas Park Virginia. She then had the privilege to be part of opening [North Point High School for Science, Technology, and Industry](#) in Waldorf, Charles County, Maryland, a comprehensive CTE high school.

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## **Administrator of the Year Award Carrie Akins**

**Calvert Career & Technology Academy  
Calvert County Public Schools**

It was at North Point that she was introduced to and became passionate about CTE, especially through her work with SkillsUSA, where she advised and coached two national gold medalist teams for Quiz Bowl and several state medalists in Prepared Speech and Extemporaneous Speaking competitions. Mrs. Akins later served as the principal at [Milton Somers Middle School](#) and then as a Supervisor for CTE with Charles County Public Schools before taking her current position with Calvert County Public Schools in 2019.

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## Counseling & Career Development Professional Award Cameron Agerston Frederick Douglass High School Prince George's County Public Schools

Mr. Agerston is the Professional School Counselor for the Pathways in Technology Early College High School ([P-TECH](#)) at [Frederick Douglass High School](#) in [Prince George's County Public Schools](#). Upon receiving his master's in School Counseling, Cameron began to serve in his role at this Career & Technical Education specialty program focused on Health Information Management and Hospitality Services Management.

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### **Counseling & Career Development Professional Award Cameron Agerston Frederick Douglass High School Prince George's County Public Schools**

As a professional school counselor, Cameron used his previous experience to advocate for equitable outcomes for students participating in and facilitating meetings with faculty, Career and Technical Education staff, and key stakeholders. Serving as a technology liaison and college and career counselor, Cameron hosts college and career workshops and trips for students to enhance their exploration and understanding of career opportunities

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## Post-Secondary Professional of the Year Award Nicole Clarke

Prince George's Community College

Ms. Clarke is the Director of the Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Teaching and Learning Center. She has also served as Associate Professor at Prince George's Community College, in the [Wellness, Culinary Arts and Hospitality department](#) and primarily taught courses in the field of hospitality. Ms. Clarke is a former local catering manager at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor Maryland. She has served 20+ years in the hospitality industry; eight years in the United States Army Reserves and performed as a food service specialist/nutritionist at Walter Reed Army General Hospital.

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### **Post-Secondary Professional of the Year Award**

**Nicole Clarke**

**Prince George's Community College**

Ms. Clarke earned her baccalaureate degree in hospitality and tourism from [Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University](#) and completed her master's in project management with the [University of Maryland University College](#). She earned and has been recognized with Certified Meeting Professional, Certified Professional Catering Executive and Certified Hospitality Specialist designations. She has been an active member of the [National Association of Catering and Events](#) and has served on the board for 10 years as President, Vice President, Membership Chair and CPCE spokesperson for the Greater Washington, DC Chapter.

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## Teacher Educator of the Year Award Dr. Regina Spruill

Department of Career and Technical Education  
Prince George's County Public Schools

Dr. Spruill is a committed educator, advocate, and community organizer. She has spent more than 25 years in education supporting students, families, and communities through education, school partnerships, and community development. Dr. Spruill has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and Director of Education for a community-based organization, and currently serves as Instructional Specialist for Prince George's County Public Schools' [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Department](#). Her primary goals include improving students' academic success by strengthening teachers' instructional practice, providing professional development, and enhancing CTE programs.

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## 2022 Awards

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## **Teacher Educator of the Year Award** **Dr. Regina Spruill**

**Department of Career and Technical Education**  
**Prince George's County Public Schools**

Working with school administrators, program coordinators, and teachers across the district, Dr. Spruill strives to enhance school based CTE programs by strengthening teacher capacity through professional development, coaching, and evaluation. Over the past ten years, Dr. Spruill's work in the CTE departments has been focused around increasing student and parent awareness of CTE programs, expanding enrollment in CTE programs, and increasing students' success on Technical Skills Assessments enabling them earn industry licenses and certifications.

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## 2022 Awards



**Our Maryland ACTE award winners will participate in the ACTE Region 1 awards process which includes the winners from:**

[DC](#) | [Massachusetts](#) | [Connecticut](#) | [Delaware](#) |  
[Maine](#) | [Michigan](#) | [New Hampshire](#) | [New Jersey](#) | [New York](#) | [Ohio](#) | [Pennsylvania](#) | [Rhode Island](#) | [Vermont](#) | [West Virginia](#)

**May 4-6, 2022**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
**Conference location – Grand Valley State University, L.V. Eberhard Center**

**MCTA**

11 am Session

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**Nina Roa**, Director of Finance and Legislation for Career Programs, MSDE



**Yousef Ahmad**, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations, MSDE

## **CTE Bills in the Maryland General Assembly**

# Legislation Update

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- **HB 132 (SB 498):** Student Horizon Database and Scorecard (Students Right to Know Act of 2022)
- **HB 24 (SB 4):** Cybersecurity Scholarship Program – Alterations
- **HB 200:** Public Middle and High Schools – Financial Literacy Curriculum and Graduation Requirement
- **SB 228 (HB 443):** Maryland Corps Programs - revisions
- **SB 422 (HB 750):** Jobs That Require Driving (Drivers Education Good Jobs Act of 2022)

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- **SB 318 (HB 652):** More Opportunities for Career Focused Students Act of 2022
- **SB 478:** Career and Technical Education Committee - Alterations
- **HB 630:** Financial Literacy Pilot Program - Establishment
- **HB 771 (SB 702):** Baltimore County and Frederick County - Career Exploration and Development Activities - Sale of Coffee
- **SB 699 (HB 1437):** Public High Schools - Financial Literacy - Curriculum, Graduation Requirement, and Professional Development

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- **HB 792:** Workgroup to Establish a Career Credential Jumpstart Pilot Program
- **SB 833:** Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation
- **SB 753 (HB 1334):** Labor and Employment - Workforce Development - Cyber Security
- **HB 985:** Education – Public High Schools Financial Literacy Curriculum
- **HB 1000:** Maryland Earn and Learn Act of 2022 - Establishment

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11:35 AM Session

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Michael R. DiGiacomo,  
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Development Board



Molly Mesnard, Workforce  
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Workforce Development  
Board

**The Blueprint for Maryland's  
Future: An Update on Policy Area  
3: College and Career Readiness  
Pathways (Including Career and  
Technical Education)**



12:10 PM Session

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## ACTE - Maryland Call for Nominations

### President: 6-Year Commitment

President-Elect: 2022 - 24

President: 2024 - 26

Past President: 2026 - 28

ACTE-Maryland will conduct the election electronically. Each member will receive an electronic ballot on Sunday, July 17 via email. Voting will be open for 7 days closing on July 24. We will announce our next president at the **July 26 Summer Institute**.

#### Nominees:

- Carrie Akins, Calvert County Public Schools
- Dr. Jean Paul Cadet, Prince George's County Public Schools





LEA Sharing

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**LEA Discussion and/or Updates  
from CTE Directors or  
Membership**

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**Thank you for attending today!**



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