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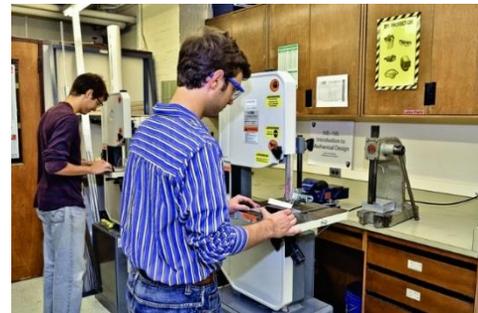


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Scholarship for CTE Students

The Horatio Alger Endowment Fund will award 500 scholarships of up to \$2,500 each to students who have overcome great obstacles in their lives and who plan to enroll in a career and technical education program at an accredited nonprofit postsecondary institution. [Learn more and apply online.](#)



The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) is the professional organization for technology, innovation, design, and engineering educators. Our mission is to promote technological and engineering literacy for all by supporting the teaching of technology and engineering and promoting the professionalism of those engaged in these pursuits. Become a member [here!](#)

SkillsUSA is finalizing plans for teacher professional development offerings for the 2021-22 school year, and we want to hear from you! What technical knowledge and skills would you enjoy learning from industry professionals? Which SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements could you use the most support in developing? What other professional development needs do you have? [Complete a short survey](#) and share your ideas with SkillsUSA.



While COVID-19 has led to many challenges for career and technical instructors, the pandemic has also created opportunities for innovation in education. [A new publication from The Association for Career and Technical Education \(ACTE\)](#) describes these challenges, shares innovative practices and provides recommendations for how CTE leaders can better prepare the post-COVID-19 workforce and embrace lessons learned during the pandemic.

ITEEA Offers Micro-Badging Opportunities

Micro-badging is a hot topic in education! These bite-sized visual representations provide clear evidence that learners have acquired a specific skill and are sought after by employers. Micro-badges are portable, easy to consume, and easy to trust.

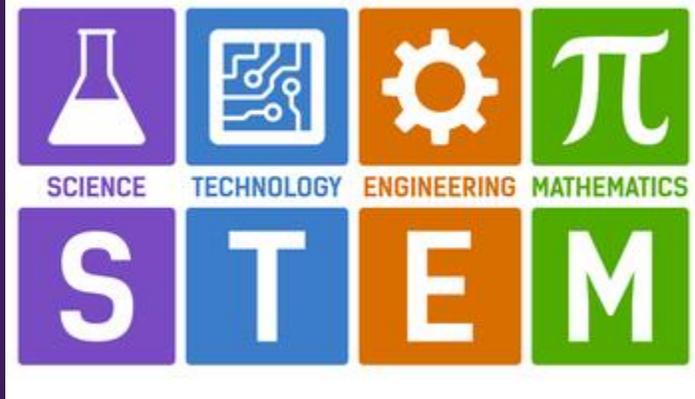
ITEEA's STEM Center for Teaching and Learning™ is offering two micro-badging 10-

hour professional learning series focusing on safety in the STEM classroom and digital learning. Participants may register for any number of sessions, from one to ten.

Learn more by visiting here:

<https://www.iteea.org/microbadging.aspx>





IN ACTION MAY 18, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED THE BIPARTISAN RURAL STEM EDUCATION RESEARCH ACT WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, D-TEXAS, AND REP. FRANK LUCAS, R-OKLA., WHO SERVES AS THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. LEARN MORE [HERE!](#)



The rising cost of higher education can be a discouraging factor for many Kansans in pursuit of attending their dream college or technical school. That's why the Kansas State Treasurer's office has launched the Kansas ScholarShop initiative. ScholarShop aims to restore hope and excitement for students seeking educational and career advancement after high school. With access to 6 million scholarships worth up to \$30 billion; students can search and find scholarships, grants and awards tailored specifically to their deepest passions. Learn more here: <https://kansasstatetreasurer.com/ScholarShop.html>



Beginning in the spring of 1998, the presidents of six Kansas community colleges met to evaluate an online means of offering courses to their student populations. From these early meetings, EDUKAN was formed. We are not a separate institution, but instead, a cooperative effort between member colleges to offer courses via the internet beginning Fall 1999.

Students who enroll in our online programs will be able to take coursework that can lead to an associate degree from one of four current, participating institutions.

The institutions currently involved include [Barton Community College](#), in Great Bend; [Dodge City Community College](#), in Dodge City; [Pratt Community College](#), in Pratt; and [Seward County Community College](#), in Liberal.

For complete information, visit the [EDUKAN website](#)

F 73rd Annual **our-State Regional** **T** November 11-12, 2021 **Technology Conference**



Mark your calendars! The 73rd Four-State Regional Technology Conference will be held at Pittsburg State University on November 11-12, 2021. It is an annual conference which entails many technical presentations, emerging technologies, state-of-the-art processes/programs, and the latest in products and software. This conference is for teachers, administrators, industry innovators, and supportive community leaders. It is also a venue for TEECA (Technology & Engineering Education Collegiate Association) competitions, featuring competitors from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Nebraska. As an educator, one of the most important tasks you can do is network. Attending the Four-State Regional Technology Conference allows you to network with educators from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Also, this provides a unique opportunity to gain professional development for license renewal. If you are interested, please fill out the following interest form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ZFw6goLtunYHry-0HgQqOMD3OA6A9VgqhoV9p4D6BVEwpw/viewform?usp=sf_link

