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CALL FOR PROPOSALS



* Do you have a proposal idea? The call for proposals for ACTEM's 35th anniversary fall conference is OPEN! We welcome teachers, integrators, coaches, vendors, and tech folks to submit conference session presentation proposals through June 30. Please submit your proposal here: <https://forms.gle/81KJiYq5ZKFj4xaq8> and reach out to conference co-chairs Amanda Nguyen and Stephanie Cheney at: conference@actem.org with any questions.

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Getting Ready for our Fall Conference...

KEYNOTE

We are so excited to welcome folks back to the Augusta Civic Center for the 35th annual ACTEM Fall Conference which will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 13 & 14, 2022. The theme of the conference is Connection and Reconnection which we are all doing at school and with friends after spending time apart due to COVID. We have secured two wonderful keynote speakers! Carla Jefferson and Joe Welch will be joining us to speak on this theme.



Carla will present the Keynote on Thursday. She is the proud principal of the Darlington County Virtual Academy for the Darlington County School District in South Carolina. A 24 year veteran educator, she has

been a classroom teacher, school level curriculum facilitator, and district level administrator. Her motto, "Why Not Darlington?", inspired by a colleague, motivates her to fight for digital equity, not only for the children of Darlington County, but children all over the world.

Carla is an Apple Distinguished Educator, Google Certified Educator/Trainer/Innovator, 2017 PBS Lead Digital Innovator for South Carolina, a frequent ISTE presenter and a 2020 ISTE featured speaker. Her work has been highlighted in several publications including ISTE Empowered Learner, Tech & Learning Magazine, and District Administrator. Carla is a current member of the ISTE Board of Directors and has served on the ISTE Digital Equity and EdLeaders PLN Leadership teams. She also served as a member of the South Carolina ASCD Board of Directors, was instrumental in founding the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) and served as the 2019-2020 chairman for

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thank you, Will!

Will Backman recently completed his 3-year tenure as the ACTEM President at the May 19th Annual Business meeting. Will received his Bachelor's degree from Haverford College outside of Philadelphia in 1993 and a Master of Education from Thomas College in 2013. He is a part of the Adjunct Faculty at UMA and teaches courses on networking, Linux and system administration.

Will live in Augusta with his family and spends time in the summer at his camp on Threemile Pond.

Will has been the Technology Director of the now former AOS 92 since 2007 where he oversees technology in the Waterville, Winslow and Vassalboro Schools. Will was there for the creation and dissolution of the AOS. He is still director of the three communities even though the AOS has been dis-

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actem 2022 BUSINESS MEETINGS

- September 22, 2022**
- December 8, 2022**
- March 9, 2023**
- May 18, 2023**

Meetings held virtually and at remote sites TBD around the State from 9:30 AM - Noon followed by METDA Meetings.

Fall Conference (Continued from Cover)

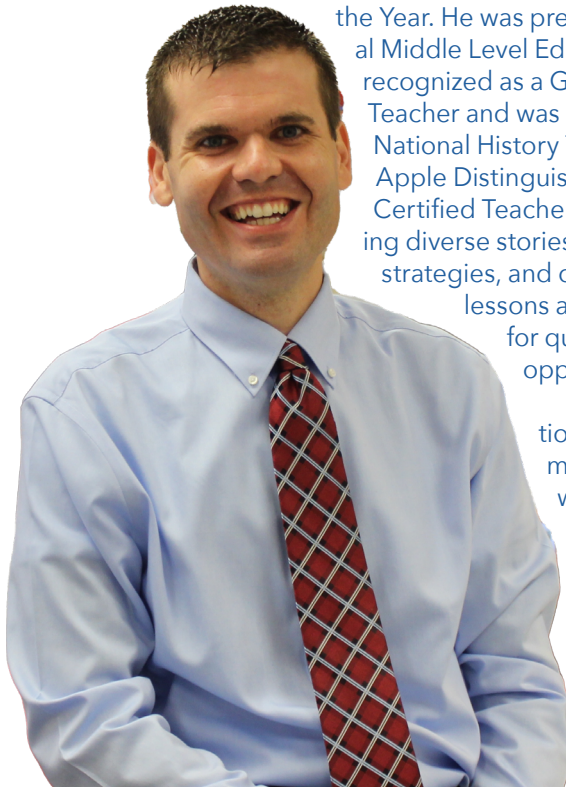
the SCASA Instructional Technology Roundtable.

Carla lives by the creed, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

When we talked with her ahead of the conference, she shared more about her current experience as a school leader: "Our school is fully virtual by design; students and families choose this format for a variety of reasons and so it was risky to start bringing students together for in person days once a month. Our 8th graders are always the harshest critics and they loved them! We made them as creative, fun, and hands-on as possible with a traveling planetarium and making slime. As a result of the in-person time, students and parents both said that they felt like they had a deeper connection with teachers, felt safe, and like someone cares about me. As the old saying goes, "they don't care what you know until they know that you care" and this has been especially true in COVID times. Building out our student experience for fully virtual with some in-person time has been truly rewarding for our whole school community."

Joe will lead the Keynote on Friday. Joe Welch, an American History teacher from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was a 2022 National Teacher of the Year Finalist and serves as the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania Teacher of

the Year. He was previously honored as 2019 National Middle Level Educator of the Year. He is also recognized as a Gilder Lehrman Institute Master Teacher and was recognized as Gilder Lehrman's National History Teacher of the Year in 2018. An Apple Distinguished Educator and National Board Certified Teacher, Joe is a strong believer in bringing diverse stories, personal emotions, innovative strategies, and community connections into his lessons as well as fostering excitement for quality and engaging educational opportunities.



Joe tries to build out his educational materials to follow Mr. Roger's mindset: how do we connect kids with new people, new places, new organizations and do it together? At the end of the 2020/21 school year, after a year of hybrid learning, Joe was trying to keep students connected to each other, community resources, and of course worried that his school wasn't doing enough.

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After Hours

Replacing the popular Brew CUE this year is ACTEM After Hours which will be held at the Augusta Civic Center after the close of the conference day on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Hosted by some of our fabulous vendors, ACTEM After Hours will feature rooms of fun activities, food, and drinks. This is a great chance to connect and reconnect with new people and old friends. By holding the event on-site at the Civic Center, we hope to have more people participate than previous CUE events. No RSVP required, just plan on ramping up the fun after the close of conference activities.

On the end of the year survey, he asked students "how did you feel about this school year?" and was really worried about responses but, students were so positive. One in particular said, "I felt like I belonged this year" and isn't that the number one thing that we want students to feel? Technology can help ignite that feeling of belonging; we are lucky to have the tools that make students feel that they belong to their school and their community.

We appreciate the generous support from our friends at Apple, Inc who are helping to bring Carla and Joe to ACTEM this fall.

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Thank You, Will *(Continued from Cover)*

solved. This comes with the benefit/disadvantage of attending THREE school board meeting most months.

Will's steady leadership was greatly appreciated as ACTEM went through these past few COVID years and hosting virtual conferences. Will was the right person to fill in some of the dead air time when our virtual conference keynote had some technical issues (remember the jokes). Our recent Spring Leadership Conference held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland this year made us all realized how much we missed being in-person!

WILL'S OUTGOING MESSAGE AS PRESIDENT IS...

"I wanted to extend a thank you to the members of ACTEM for making the organization so effective, fun, and successful. It has been a pleasure and honor to be part of the ACTEM Board and to work more closely with the inner workings of the organization. I wish the new slate of offers all the best and can't wait to see what new and amazing things are in store for our educators in Maine and beyond."

HERE ARE A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE ACTEM LISTSERVE ABOUT WILL...

"Thank you for your service. You had the right skills to keep the gears greased on this well-lubricated ACTEM machine. Your efforts were appreciated."

Vincent Vanier, Madawaska Schools and ACTEM Past President.



"Thanks for the leadership. I don't know if you are aware, but I have looked to you for guidance since 2010 when I was one of your UMA students. Having you at the helm of ACTEM was VERY helpful for me to have the familiar face as I transitioned from lowly tech closet resident to Tech Director. Look forward to the continued work!" Jim Morrill, RSU 25, Bucksport and newly elected ACTEM VP.

"Thanks for your leadership over the past three years. I'll always remember your stance that we would continue to offer our conferences and the tremendous job you did using the Hopin platform to keep some "whimsy" in our events. This organization has always been powered by its membership. The organization is stronger after your years of leadership." Mike Arsenault, ACTEM President, pictured above handing Will his award.

And finally, as Crystal Priest stated on the listserv: *"Thank you for all the hard work and leading ACTEM through the pandemic and enjoy your new found free time!"*

ACTEM has a fixed membership year from July 1st to June 30th annually. All memberships are up for renewal on July 1st 2022



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20 ANNUALLY

- Quarterly newsletter
- Lunch at quarterly business meetings
- Discounted registration fees at the annual ACTEM conference and other sponsored PD
- Opportunity for Professional Development reimbursement up to \$400
- Access to OverDrive eBook & Audio book PD library
- Educational discounts on software & other items (as permitted by vendor)
- Access to a member-only resource area on ACTEM's website (Recorded workshop videos)

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP \$50 ANNUALLY

(\$25 small, single school districts)

- Gives school and districts the opportunity to purchase software and other items at our low educational, volume pricing. Some of ACTEM's vendor partners also provide special benefits to our institutional members.
- Also provides one free fall conference registration to an approved district/school administrator for institutional members.

Renew your membership by sending a PO or check to the ACTEM office at P.O. Box 187, Gorham, ME 04038. Members may also renew online with a credit card or PayPal at <http://www.actem.org/join>.

Changing of the Guard

At the May 19th ACTEM Annual Business meeting a new slate of officers were nominated and elected by members present. The ACTEM Officers for the next 3-years will be as follows:



President:
Michael
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ACTEM Board Member Deb White Honored

Social Studies teacher at Orono Middle School and board member for ACTEM, Deb White, was featured in the Spring issue of the *Maine Educator*, a publication by the Maine NEA. The article quoted a student as saying that "Mrs. White made social studies fun, relevant and real." The parent said that Mrs. White's class is the reason her eighth grader gets out of bed in the morning, that the class is the answer to 'What was the best part of your day' question at the family dinner table.

Deb White has been a member for "a really long time," she says. Executive director, Gary Lanoie commented that "Deb is the Recording Secretary on the ACTEM board. She is a great asset to us, helping to meet our mission of serving teachers in Maine. Her commitment to this non-profit has been outstanding, and we deeply appreciate her contributions." Mrs. White said that this honor was a surprise, and she was still working to figure out who submitted the article. "ACTEM is an organization that every classroom teacher needs to belong to. We are ALL technology educators. The support that ACTEM provides is far more than other educational-based organizations."

White also serves as co-chair with Jaime Ela for ACTEM's ACHIEVE award. ACHIEVE Award winners are professionals who effectively apply available technology now. They move forward utilizing current best practices and cutting edge approaches. They see students as real people by activating student voice and choice in education. They teach through relationships, inspiring, encouraging and nurturing. These professionals also recognize that further change is necessary, but understand that it is a process for all stakeholders. They realize that teacher and student empowerment is the key element to technology integration. ACHIEVE Educators expect success and motivate through awareness and access to information. Nominate an innovative educator in your district today!

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Andy Wallace Innovative Leader Award

At the Tech & Learning Leadership Summit in Boston, school district leaders gathered at the beautiful Connors Center for a day of professional development that included small group discussions on important topics such as data privacy, digital wellness, changing pedagogy, and more.

The Summit closed with an award ceremony that named the winners of the Boston Tech & Learning Innovative Leader Awards, which recognizes exceptional administrators in select regions around the country who are leading innovation in their school districts.

As South Portland Maine School's Director of Technology, Wallace and his team used emergency funding to refresh most instructional spaces. South Portland equipped most instructional spaces with Lightspeed-Tek audio distribution systems to greatly improve speech intelligibility during a period of universal mask wearing, and it's already yielding post-pandemic benefits. Going beyond the basic voice distribution solution, some teachers implement classroom audio "pucks" in addition to the lanyard style microphones. These small devices are placed in small group areas around the classroom so students can share their voices via the ceiling mounted systems. The new audio solution complemented the Promethean interactive touch panels recently added to all K-5 instructional spaces.

South Portland also approached classroom video in a new way by mounting the interactive panels to a ClearTouch mobile tilt & height adjustable stand. Because the panels can move around the room for small group as well as whole class instruction these deemphasize lecture-style, front-of-classroom instruction. The motorized mounts were chosen by a team of South Portland educators with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in mind, allowing students of all physical sizes and abilities to touch and interact with the panels. Teachers connect their lanyard microphone to their laptop or interactive panels to distribute the voices of remote students or guests throughout the classroom - making this solution flexible for hybrid learning.

The Audio Puck system is being expanded to more classrooms, so that students too can share their ideas and observations in a true participatory classroom. South Portland's innovative Audio Puck solution is literally and figuratively amplifying "student voice" and agency in the classroom.



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This year, ISTE Live 22 will be a hybrid event featuring powerful voices and offering a treasure trove of content and resources for attendees in New Orleans and those attending virtually around the world. For more than four decades, the ISTE conference has been recognized as one of the world's most influential education events. It's where educators and education leaders gather to engage in hands-on learning, share best practices and hear from the brightest minds from the world of education and beyond.

The annual event attracts over 16,000 attendees and industry representatives, including teachers, tech coordinators and directors, library media specialists, education leaders, tech providers and researchers from around the world. Attendees enjoy over

two dozen featured voices on our mainstage, thousands of sessions in a variety of formats and a massive expo hall.

Due to the global pandemic, the ISTE conference went fully virtual in 2020 and 2021, using a custom-built platform that allowed real-time collaboration with presenters and attendees, gamification features designed to deepen learning and engagement, and an archive of more than 1,000 learning experiences that attendees could return to for six months.

ISTE Live 22 Registration is open here: <https://conference.iste.org/2022/attend/>

Upcoming ISTE conferences

- ISTE Live 23 • June 25-28, 2023 • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ISTE Live 24 • June 23-26, 2024 • Denver, Colorado

ACTEM Individual Members

ISTE Live 22 would qualify for ACTEM's PD Reimbursement Program. See requirements and details about this program here: <http://www.actem.org/ACTEM-PD>. See page 4 to read more about ACTEM's PD reimbursement program.

NEW ACTEM PARTNERSHIPS

ENA - Education Network of America

ACTEM and ENA have recently entered into a partnership agreement to help Maine Schools & districts with cybersecurity, unified communications and cloud solutions. Connect with ENA's account representative, Matt, to learn more about their voice and cloud solutions. Matt Woodrow, ENA Account Service Manager, mwoodrow@ena.com | (603) 836-4472

Squirrels LLC

ACTEM is offering Ditto for Maine schools at an affordable price of \$90 per device per year (regular pricing is \$150 per year).

Ditto is an all-in-one screen mirroring and digital signage tech solution. It can mirror your iPhone, iPad, Mac, Android, Chromebook and Windows devices with ease to your Apple TV's.

Ditto includes powerful digital signage creation and scheduling tools to keep idle displays active even when you're not screen sharing. For more information check out the following website: <https://www.airsquirrels.com/ditto?hsLang=en> Contact the ACTEM office for a quote and purchasing.

Screencastify

Offered through the 3-State consortia with Vita-Learns and NHISTE **Screencastify** works in the Chrome browser, so it'll work on Macs and PCs as well as Chromebooks. The screen capture can easily be done on Macs and PCs without it, but it's Submit feature is nice on any platform. It allows a teacher to set up a weblink that they can send to kids. The kids just click the link and land on a page with a button. They click the button, and it engages their webcam. They can record, then click done. It automatically saves to the teacher's google drive folder.

A nice easy tool for student responses, reflections and language or kindergarten teachers wanting to hear kids read aloud.

More information about Screencastify can be found here: <http://actem.wildapricot.org/page-1752561>

Pricing through the consortia is:

School Pricing - \$57 per Teacher & \$2 per student [Minimum purchase \$500]

District Pricing - \$50 per Teacher & \$1 per student [Minimum purchase \$2500]. Place Orders at this link: <https://vita-learn.org/screencastify/order/>

Seesaw

Our 3-State Consortia has achieved the best pricing for 2022-23 at the 30,000 licenses level for Seesaw for School. A Seesaw license is offered at \$4.85 per student through the consortia vs. the regular price of \$6 from Seesaw. If you missed the deadline and want to get in on the consortia pricing, complete an order form today at this website: <https://vita-learn.org/seesaw2021/seesaw-order-form/>

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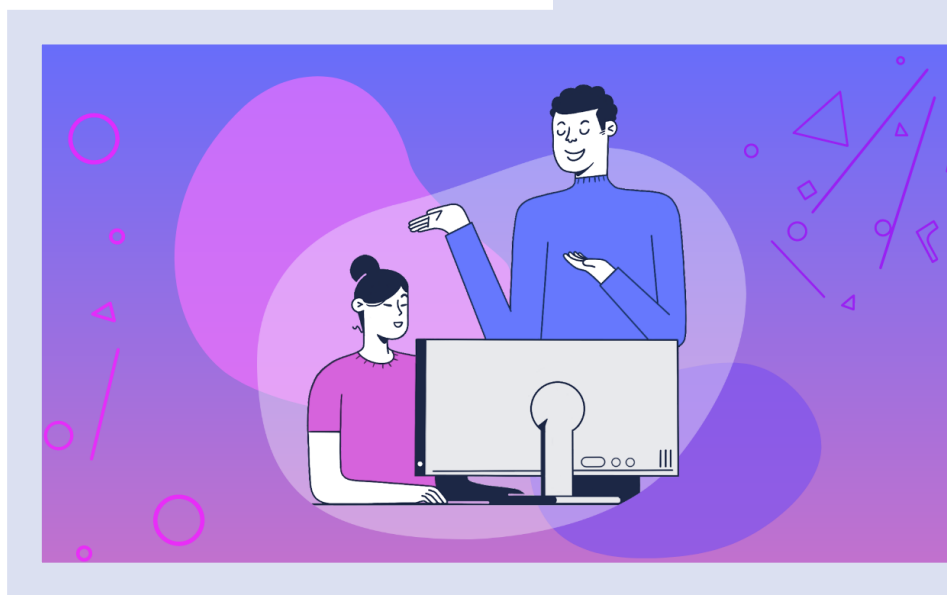
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Maine DOE Newsroom

Free Virtual Summer Workshop on Navigating Historical Themes

The Maine Department of Education's partnership with Network Maine is excited to share a free virtual summer professional development workshop for teachers, offered by the Presidential Libraries and the Presidential Primary Sources Project (PPSP). Presidential Character and Decision Making is a three-day online workshop from July 12-14, 2022, focused on presenting teachers with tools and primary sources to help them navigate historical themes in their curriculum.

This workshop is hosted by the Internet2 Community Anchor Program and is available to Maine's K-12 teachers thanks to the University of Maine's membership in Internet2. (Internet2 is the United States' Research and Education Network much like Network Maine is Maine's.)

WORKSHOP: Presidential Character and Decision Making

LOCATION: Online via Zoom, hosted by the Internet2 Community Anchor Program

SCHEDULE: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CT, July 12-14, 2022

REGISTRATION:

<https://forms.gle/DKqA3hGSh8z845jA8>

COST: FREE as a thank you to teachers for getting through this school year!

The 2022 workshop offers teachers the opportunity to learn and interact with presenters from the Hoover Library, FDR Library, Truman Library, Johnson Library, Nixon Library, Carter Library, Reagan Library, George W. Bush Library, George H.W. Bush Library, and Clinton Library. Numerous teaching activities, lesson plans, and interactive resources will be shared throughout the week by each presenting institution. For more information, read Internet2 CAP's latest blog post or visit the workshop homepage. For any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Therese Perlowski, tperlowski@internet2.edu, CAP's Program Manager.

MLTI STUDENT CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONER MAKIN, SENATOR KING, STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A ROBOTICS COMPETITION TO LAUNCH 19TH ANNUAL MLTI STUDENT CONFERENCE

Maine Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin and Senator Angus King kicked off the 19th annual MLTI (Maine Learning Technology Initiative) Student Conference today by participating in a live robotics competition with students at Nokomis Regional Middle High School.

Makin participated in person while King entered the competition remotely from his office in Washington, D.C. Student teams from schools across the state also competed to see who could get their robot to complete the skills tests the fastest, including nationally-ranked basketball phenom and Nokomis freshman, Copper Flagg. The morning launch session also included a welcome video from Governor Mills and a high-altitude balloon launch into space.

This year's MLTI student conference was the highest attended in MLTI's 19-year history with 55 schools, 5,672 students, and 696 educators participating. The theme of this year's conference was MLTI Launches Space-2Connect and included interpretations of space and connection as they relate to Maine students and their use of technology. The new virtual, classroom-based session style allowed students to attend in a classroom setting where they could learn, practice, and create.

Following the morning launch event, workshop leaders taught the conference participants new skills, provided time for students to practice these new skills, and then supported them as they created something new with what they learned. This new design allowed students to work together as they explored new resources and applications, created with new digital mediums, and collaborated to complete tasks.

Every school also received shirts for all participants that were designed by an MLTI student, and a 3-D printed medallion that traveled to space and back.



Maine DOE welcomes Jim Chasse as MLTI Technology Infrastructure Specialist

The Learning Through Technology team welcomes Jim Chasse as the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) Technology Infrastructure Specialist. Jim has served many roles in public education, including teacher, coach, technology coordinator, curriculum leader, principal, and superintendent of schools, where he has led initiatives to advance technology.

As Superintendent in Hermon, Jim worked with the school committee to leverage COVID relief funds to advance the K-12 district to a 1:1 technology platform as a response to deliver remote instruction during the pandemic. As the Orono High School Principal, he implemented the high school's first 1:1 laptop program, worked with Network Maine to enhance connectivity, and transitioned the district's antiquated email system to Google Suite. He planned and supported a local student "Geek/Tech Squad" to work with students and staff. Earlier in his career, Mr. Chasse served as the Technology Coordinator for MSAD23/38 (Carmel and Levant), supporting learning through the first year of MLTI, new school construction, web-based student information systems, and 1:1 teacher device integration. He served as principal in Guilford, one of Maine's nationally recognized school systems for 1:1 technology. He was the Headmaster at Bangor Christian School, a teacher in Hermon, and tennis coach at Bangor High School.

In this role, Jim will work with MLTI school administrators and educators to ensure that their technology infrastructure is robust enough to support the needs of technology integrated classrooms and 21st century learning. He will be available to provide leadership and expertise to SAUs and educators statewide around building and maintaining highly effective technology infrastructure in school buildings. Jim will work with SAUs to leverage funding opportunities for infrastructure improvements and help to build local capacity around school connectivity needs.

Besides being excited about this new job, Jim also enjoys the Maine outdoors, athletics, theater and playing guitar. He and his wife, Charlene (a special education teacher in Belfast), love to spend time with their grandchildren, five and counting!



MAINE'S 2022 COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Sixteen Maine teachers were announced as 2022 County Teachers of the Year at a ceremony in the Hall of Flags at the Maine State Capitol Building. Governor Janet Mills joined Education Commissioner Pender Makin, Educate Maine Executive Director Jason Judd, State Board of Education Chair Fern Desjardins, 2022 Maine Teacher of the Year Kelsey Stoyanova, and Maine County and State Teachers of the Year Association Co-President Shana Goodall to announce the new class of County Teachers of the Year.

As part of the Maine Teacher of the Year Program, hundreds of teachers across Maine are nominated by a member of their school community. Through a rigorous application process, one teacher from each county is selected as a County Teacher of the Year by a panel of teachers, principals, and business community members within the county.

"It is a privilege to congratulate Maine's 2022 County Teachers of the Year," said Governor Janet Mills. "As the daughter of a long-time public school teacher, I know how hard each of these teachers works every day to make sure our kids have the best shot at success. I am so grateful for all they do for our students, our communities, and our state, and I promise that my Administration will do all we can to support them."

Androscoggin: Kelsey Boucher, Robert V. Connors Elementary School, Lewiston

Aroostook: Heather Anderson, Caribou Community School, Caribou

Cumberland: Matthew Bernstein, Casco Bay High School, Portland

Franklin: Stacey Augustine, W.G. Mallett School, Farmington

Hancock: Rebecca Edmondson, Connors-Emerson School, Bar Harbor

Kennebec: Seth Mitchell, Monmouth Memorial School and Monmouth Academy, Monmouth

Knox: Bethany Goding, Prescott Memorial School, Waldoboro

Lincoln: Tracy (Trae) Stover, Wiscasset Elementary School, Wiscasset

Oxford: Ashley Bryant, Sacopee Valley Middle School, Hiram

Penobscot: Emily Albee, Hampden Academy, Hampden

Piscataquis: Nycole McEwen, Milo Elementary School, Milo

Sagadahoc: Kathleen (Katie) Clark, Bath Regional Career and Technical Center, Bath

Somerset: Debra Susi, Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield

Waldo: Nancy Nickerson, Captain Albert W. Stevens School, Belfast

Washington: Alyssa Stephens, Woodland Elementary School, Baileyville

York: Melissa Luetje, Kennebunk High School, Kennebunk



About **actem**

ACTEM is a non-profit 501(c)3 educational association with the mission to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology. ACTEM is the Maine affiliate of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and connects with more than 70 other affiliates to share best practices,



increase service to members, and strengthen impact in local education communities.

ACTEM 2022 Dates to remember

ACTEM 2022 Spring Conference

■ May 3rd, 2022
Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, ME

ACTEM 2021-22 Business Meetings

■ March 10th, 2022
■ May 19th, 2022

Funds Available for Professional Development THROUGH THE PD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

One of the benefits of being an ACTEM individual member, is the ability to access funds through our Professional Development Reimbursement program. In accordance with ACTEM's mission to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology, individual ACTEM members, who have held membership for at least 180 days, are invited to apply for assistance in the form of reimbursement on qualifying technology professional development opportunities.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES QUALIFY?

The training may be in the form of a conference, workshop, a one or more days seminar, university course, online course or combination thereof. ACTEM will reimburse individuals for course and registration fees associated with the professional development activity. Course materials, lab fees, travel, hotel, meals and other similar costs will not be reimbursed. Reimbursement is limited to one approved activity per ACTEM membership year. The intent of the PD reimbursement program is to pay for activities that your district is not able to support.

PLEASE NOTE: Any ACTEM sponsored professional development is not eligible for PD reimbursement (ACTEM conferences or ACTEM sponsored workshops).

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO ME?

- Maine Educators with current INDIVIDUAL ACTEM memberships are invited to apply for up to \$400 per year for professional development reimbursement.
- Your membership must be CURRENT when submitting your application.
- New ACTEM members must hold an individual membership for at least 180-days prior to the start of the professional development activity to be eligible for the reimbursement benefit.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete an online application at this link BEFORE your PD activity begins: <http://www.actem.org/Online-PD-Application-Form>

Your application must be received and approved prior to the start date of the professional-development activity. You will need to pay for your PD activity upfront with personal funds. ACTEM does not reimburse districts through this program.

Complete your PD activity. Submit proof of completion and personal payment to Dennis Kunces, ACTEM PD Administrator at dennis.kunces@gmail.com

Reimbursement payments are generally processed within a few days after submitting your completion and payment documents.

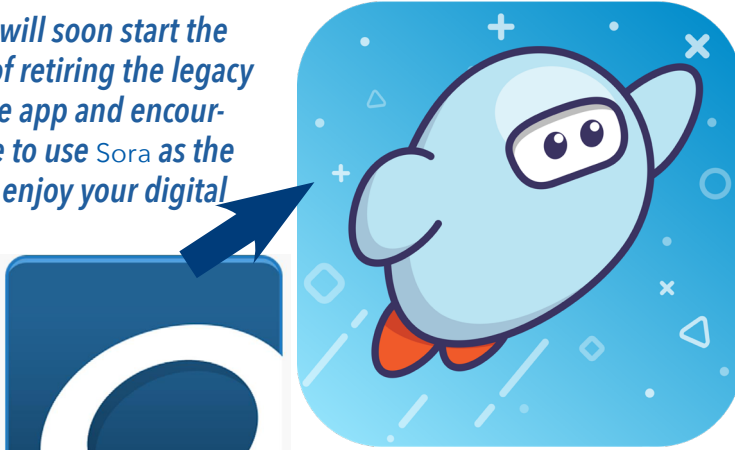
OVERDRIVE MOVING TO SORA

OverDrive will soon start the process of retiring the legacy OverDrive app and encouraging everyone to use Sora as the primary app to enjoy your digital collection.

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- The OverDrive app will be removed from Play, and for the Windows and Mac will be removed from overdrive.com/apps.
- New users looking for the OverDrive app will be directed to Sora.
- Users who previously installed the OverDrive app will still be able to use it without disruption.
- All users can continue to use, borrow, and open titles from your school's lib.overdrive.com OverDrive website via a browser until we begin further migration to Sora.
- OverDrive's goal is to move everyone over to Sora by the end of 2022. Please visit the [Resource Center](#) for helpful materials, including Sora promotional kits, staff training resources, classroom activities, self-paced learning modules, and more. We encourage you to start using these materials now in preparation for this update.

OverDrive is committed to supporting a smooth transition for you and your students and will send updates on the plans and timing for the **eventual retirement of the OverDrive app**.



from the Apple App Store, Google the Microsoft store. Download links legacy OverDrive desktop app for

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Contact Jacob Bebar: Director of Partnerships - ME, CT, NH, RI, and LA

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- Website: [Newsela - Maine State Page](#)
- Cell: 540-810-5309



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2022 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REPORT

ATTENDANCE

144 Registrations
 136 People Attended (105 Attendees + 31 Exhibitor Reps)
 94% Attendance Rate
 24 Exhibitors Booths

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Marc Milstein

Topic: New Insights into Avoiding Burnout and Boosting Happiness

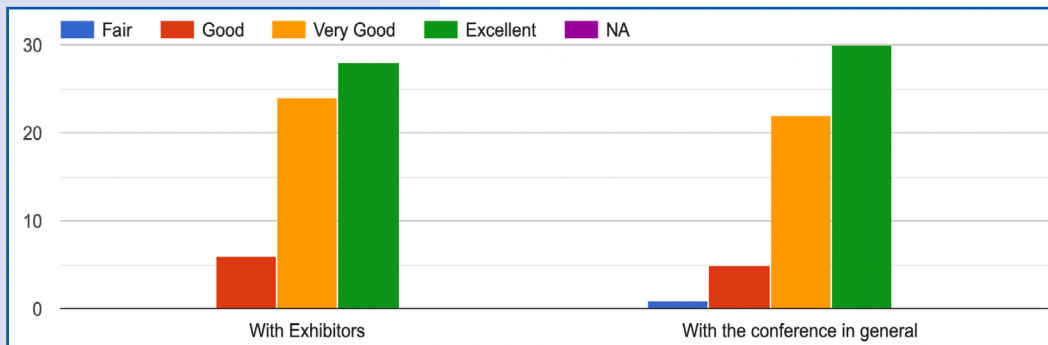
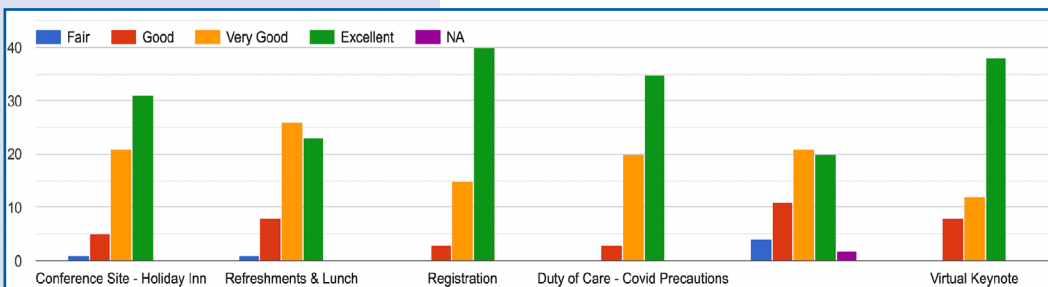
- Our keynote speaker, Dr. Marc Milstein, offered to share his slide presentation with attendees. Here is the [LINK TO THE SLIDE PRESENTATION](#).
- You will have the option to receive

SURVEY RESULTS

58 responses to conference survey
 Unmarked bars above (2nd from Right) was responses for "Workshop Session Offerings"

OVERALL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE...

[See charts]



- My overall Experience with the conference...
 - 89% of attendees rated conference very good or excellent
 - My overall experience with exhibitors
 - 89% of attendees rated conference very good or excellent
- 2022 Spring Leadership Conference

A FEW SURVEY COMMENTS...

- Great to see everyone in person again! (many comments about this)
- I thought it was a great conference. Can't wait to attend your big conference in October
- I only have one com-

a brain health tip via email, if you wish, or you may choose to opt-out.

- Virtual Keynote was less costly for ACTEM but always offers logistical concerns.
- Thank you to Pro AV for providing the equipment and technical expertise for the keynote.
- Keynote offered a non-techie topic but one that was appreciated and commented on by attendees.
- Keynote was not able to be recorded according to our contract but Dr. Milstein he did offer his slides to attendees. A link was sent out with the conference survey
- Comments: "Keynote was FANTASTIC! :)" - "Thank you for stepping outside the "tech box" and providing an excellent and "life changing" keynote topic today. "

ment. I couldn't get to see all of the workshops I wanted because they conflicted. But I know that's normal for any conference.

- It was a great day of learning.
- Would like to see more teacher/integrator friendly (non sales) offerings.
- Wider selection of sessions - too many focused on vendors
- I love the ACTEM conference each time I go. Thank you again for an amazing day!
- I really enjoyed this conference, and being able to network and meet new people in similar positions.

2022 Spring Leadership Conference Report

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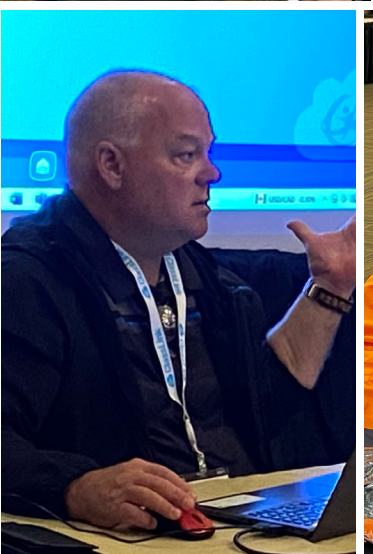


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Maine Schools receive discounted educational pricing on the products and services listed here for ACTEM institutional members.

ACTEM Purchasing Consortium offers significant price savings on popular software titles from Adobe, Microsoft, Sophos, and many other vendors.

ACTEM works to partner with vendors that can offer better pricing for Maine schools and also offer something in return to assist with our mission.

Microsoft | ACTEM has agreements with Microsoft for Select Plus (perpetual) and Microsoft EES - Enrollment for Educational Solutions (subscription) licensing.

Select Plus Districts register under ACTEM's agreement then can purchase software at educational volume license pricing.

Enrollment for Educational Solutions (EES) is a subscription licensing based on a people count (FTEs) in a school district. ACTEM offers pricing at the 3,000 FTE level for all schools.

Adobe | ACTEM offers Maine schools & staff subscription licensing for Adobe Creative Cloud. This licensing through Adobe's Value Incentive Plan (VIP) offers either **single app, all apps and site licensing options**. All ACTEM Creative Cloud subscriptions have an annual renewal date of Aug. 9th each year. Licensing purchased partway through the renewal period will be pro-rated in cost and will be up for renewal in August at the annual pricing.

Sophos | Security software and hardware, providing endpoint, encryption, email, web, mobile and network security as well as Unified Threat Management products.

Filemaker | Filemaker Pro is an easy-to-use cross-platform relational database software application.

Deep Freeze | Software that preserves your computer configuration. Any changes - either malicious or unintentional - are reversed on reboot.

Kaspersky | Antivirus & Internet security software offers premium protection against viruses, malware, spam and other threats for your home or business.

Lanschool | Classroom management software that is used by schools to monitor students' activity in a digital classroom.

Parallels | Software for Mac that allows you to run both Windows and MacOS applications side-by-side without rebooting.

Rosetta Stone | an online subscription platform to learn a foreign language. ACTEM consolidates a group purchase to allow better pricing for all Maine schools.

Kajeet | Purchase via ACTEM and receive 5% off the Kajeet Education Broadband solution (includes hardware, wireless services, filters, and management portal.)

MacBook Batteries & Power Adapters | Education Pricing on aftermarket batteries and power adapters for MLTI MacBooks.

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Vendor Partner Offerings

These vendors have a partnership with ACTEM and offer their products or services at discounts for Maine schools.

Please contact vendors directly when ordering.

BrainPOP | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe to BrainPOP and save up to 20%.

CDW-G | CDW-G offers discount pricing and FREE shipping on orders to ACTEM Institutional members.

ClassLink | ClassLink provides single sign-on to web and Windows applications, and instant access to files at school and in the cloud. ClassLink is an ACTEM partner and offers a discount for Maine districts.

Connection | Connection is partnered with ACTEM to extend discounted pricing on technology products. Connection has a special purchasing portal for ACTEM institutional members. Portal link: www.govconnection.com/actem

Edspire eHallPass | e-hallpass is a unique digital hall pass management tool for schools, designed to enhance control, security and oversight through electronic hall passes. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Edspire Flextime Manager | Flextime Manager allows teachers to create, and students to register for, school activity periods. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Eduporium | Our partnership with Eduporium offers members extra discounts on all their products. An online portal provides a link to the many educational tools, customized tech bundles and activities for students. Portal link: <https://www.eduporium.com/actem>

Explore Learning | All Maine schools receive a 10% discount on all Gizmos, Reflex and Science4Us

orders. Contact Brandon Nash at 866-882-4141 x357 or email brandon.nash@explorellearning.com

Impero | Impero is a cross-platform software solution, combining a suite of features into one tool for a school's network management, classroom management and online safety needs.

Lightspeed Technologies | Districts with ACTEM Institutional memberships are eligible for discounts of 22% off Lightspeed brand classroom audio technology.

Neverware | With Cloudready, you can get the speed, simplicity, and security of Chromebooks on nearly any PC or Mac, up to 13 years old. Contact Sean Terry at sterry@neverware.com or 646-880-3597 to get started.

Newslea | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe to Newslea and save between 5-25% on Newslea PRO, Powerwords, and Collections!

Vocabulary Spelling City | A game-based website and app that can supplement your core literacy curriculum, saves time streamlining data and improves student performance.

Wyebot | Wyebot is the leader in WiFi automation. It's vendor agnostic Wireless Intelligence Platform provides visibility and analyzes the WiFi network using patented AI-based engine and market-leading multi radio sensor, automatically providing problem and solution identification resulting in up to 90% reduction in mean-time to problem resolution. power adapters for MLTI MacBooks.

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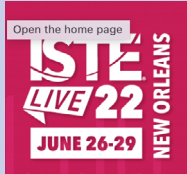
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July 12 UNE Workshop:
What is Possible in
Online Learning, What is
in the Secret Sauce at UNE Online? – Alice
Barr, UNE Portland Campus <https://online.une.edu/summer-courses/educator-workshops/>

July 19 UNE Online Workshop: What is
Possible in Online Learning, What is in the
Secret Sauce at UNE Online? – Alice Barr,
Via Zoom <https://online.une.edu/summer-courses/educator-workshops/>

Aug. 2-4 UMaine 2022 Summer
Technology Institute <https://umaine.edu/edtech207/2022-summer-institute/>

October 13-14 ACTEM Fall Conference,
Augusta Civic Center, <https://umaine.edu/edtech207/2022-summer-institute/>

October 19-20 MassCUE 2022, Gillette

Stadium, Foxboro, MA

Nov. 16-18 Vita-Learns Vermont Fest,
Killington Grand Resort, Killington, VT

Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Christa McAuliffe
Technology Conference Manchester, NH

Dec. 9 Educate Maine - 2022 Education
Symposium, Holiday Inn by the Bay,
Portland, ME

March 20-23, 2023 CoSN 2023
Conference Austin, TX

May 1, 2023 ACTEM 2023 Spring
Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn by the
Bay, Portland, ME

**June 25-28,
2023** ISTE 2023
Conference,
Philadelphia, PA



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Tech Sherpas <http://maine.gov/mlti/events/hp.shtml>
Meet every Tuesday at 3:00 pm. <http://www.techsherpas.org/>

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