

MoACTE/MCCTA 2026 Summer Conference

2026 MISSOURI ACTE/MCCTA GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday July 20th -Thursday July 23th, 2026

Locations: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center & The Doubletree Hotel
North Glenstone Ave. in Springfield, MO

Monday, July 20

9:30 a.m.	Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Saraha Room	
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Missouri ACTE Conference Registration Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Grand Ballroom	
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Grand Ballroom	
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Maui Ballroom	
3:00 pm.- 5:00 p.m.	All Divisions Breakout Sessions- TBA	
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	MCCTA Exec Comm Dinner Meeting (at Doubletree)	Rathdangan 1

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Grand Ballroom	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Missouri ACTE Conference Registration Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Grand Ballroom	
9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Opening General Session – Paradise Ballroom Welcome: Travis Plume, Assistant Commissioner, DESE President-Elect Speeches and Speaker – Kim Becking	
11:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.	<i>/// MCCTA Transition to the Doubletree Hotel ///</i>	
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Buckets to Best Practices - Lighter Fare Luncheon Welcome by: Jake Lohse, Anne Hickman, Gage Tiller Gold Level Sponsor: SAVAAS Learning	Glendalough III
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Kirk Elmquist (Keynote) Executive Director of Branson Lake Area Tourism Enhancement District: Leadership Insights Facilitator: Gage Tiller	Glendalough III
1:15 pm - 2:15 p.m.	Leadership Development Session Facilitators: Anne Hickman, Eric Schneider, Kevin Andert	Glendalough III
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m	Networking Reception until MoACTE Awards Reception Hosts: Gold Level Platinum Partners: iCEV Services & Hasting Air Energy	Glendalough III
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	MoACTE Awards Reception at the Barley House-Moon Town	

Wednesday, July 22

(MCCTA Sessions Wednesday at Doubletree)

> 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Assistant Directors and Assistant Principals Bridging Roles in CTE: Best Practices for Next Gen Leaders

> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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> 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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7:45 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.

MCCTA Kick-Off Breakfast
Welcome: Jake Lohse and Bob Larivee
Gold Level Sponsor: The College Board
Facilitator: Christy Collins

8:45 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Introducing our Guests and New Members
Facilitators: Eric Schneider

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Program Innovations and CTE Career Academy
Facilitators: Randy Oliver and Kaci Dorton

10:00 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

Intermission Gold Level Sponsor: AIDEX **Glendalough I&II**

10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

CTE Systems, Compliance and “In the Weeds” Essentials Glendalough I&II
Unconference Session - Table Sessions
Facilitators: Gage Tiller

11:15 a.m. - Noon

Partnerships with Sending Schools
Facilitators: Brian Moler, Lisa Watson, Matt McClellan

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCTA Retirees' Celebration Luncheon(4) **Glendalough I&II**
Host & Emcee: Anne Hickman
Gold Level Sponsor: Mo Retired Teachers Association(MRTA)

1:00 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.

“CTE Advisory Committee”
Presenters: DESE & MCCTA Leaders

1:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Quick Break by Eric Schneider

2:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m.

Building & Sustaining Strategic Business Partnerships Glendalough I&II
Facilitators: Andrew Wakeman and Casey Donahue

3:15 p.m.

ACTE House of Delegates Meeting
Regional Meetings -(Beverages in Breakout Rooms by AIDEX)

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Northwest Regional Meeting** Rathdangan I
- **Southwest Regional Meeting** Rathdangan II
- **Southeast & Northeast Regional Meeting** Rathdangan III
- **Workforce-Based Learning Leaders** Gracie's Venue

5:00 p.m. – 9:00+ p.m.

Exploring Springfield Restaurants & Happenings

Thursday, July 23

(MCCTA Sessions Thursday at Doubletree)

7:30 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.	MCCTA Breakfast Buffet Gold Level Sponsor: CareerSafe Facilitator: Anne Hickman	Glendalough I&II
8:15 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.	MCCTA Business Meeting: Jake Lohse & Anne Hickman, MCCTA	
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Work-based Learning Presentation Facilitator: Brandon Russell	Glendalough I&II
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Quick Break by Eric Schneider	Glendalough I&II
10:00 a.m. -10:15: a.m.	Refreshing Break: Gold Level Sponsor: AIDEX	
10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.	“DESE Updates: Key Issues & Topics” Facilitators: Perry Gorrell & Lori Brown w/Q&A	Glendalough I&II
11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Conference Debriefing & Closing	Glendalough I&II

Safe Travels: Grab Some Provisions on Your Way Out
Gold Level Sponsors: AIDEX & Doubletree Hotel

12:00 p.m. ***Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Member’s Meeting***
Oasis Hotel & Convention Center – Coco Room
Lunch service begins at 11:30

Upcoming MCCTA Events

- **MOASSP/MCCTA Joint Fall Conference, Columbia – Sept 20-23, 2026**
- **MCCTA 2027 Winter Conference, Jefferson City- January 25-27, 2027**

Thank You to Our 2026 Summer Conference Partners

Partner	Support Level	Activities
iCEV Services	Platinum	Year-Round Conf Support
Hastings Air Energy	Platinum	Year-Round Conf Support
AIDEX	Gold	(All) Conference Breaks
SAVVAS Learning	Gold	(Tues) Launch Luncheon
The College Board	Gold	(Wed) Kick-Off Breakfast
MRTA	Gold	(Wed) Retiree's Luncheon
CareerSafe	Gold	(Thurs) Fellowship Breakfast
Doubletree Hotel	Silver	(Overall) Conference Support