

Welcome back one and all! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and are ready to get back to it! I have some tidbits and news I've been collecting for the last month, so I hope you're ready for resources!

"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."

Steve Jobs

1. First and foremost—**congratulations to our very own LaDonna Selvidge**, who thanks to your support, is now the Health Science Vice President for ACTE (our national CareerTech organization)! We are so very proud of you LaDonna!!! <https://www.acteonline.org/press-releases/acte-announces-board-of-directors-2024-election-results/>
2. Are you starting new curriculum this semester? Do you need fresh ideas? Do you have great ideas to share? Do you have questions about classroom resources? Do you want to network? This webinar, hosted by the Health Science Educators Assn. officer team, is designed as breakout room discussions on 1) **the implementation of a pacing guide**, 2) **a new approach to allied health through stackable certificates**, 3) **integrating academics into health science education**, 4) **utilizing the NCHSE Enhancements**, and 5) **implementing a work-based learning program**. [Meeting Registration - Zoom January 17, 2024 from 3-4pm CST](#)
3. The **Spring 2024 application for the Lottery Scholarship**. Please review the eligibility requirements before the beginning the application process by clicking on the link to the application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring24LotteryScholarshipApp> This is for the 2024 Spring semester only so you must be enrolled AND meet the requirements to apply. Closes January 30!
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Metro Technology Centers has added a state-of-the-art classroom ambulance simulator to train students in its emergency medical technician program.

The simulator, installed in the lab at the newly built Public Safety Academy, was funded by the 2019 community bond initiative. It resembles the body of an ambulance without the front cabin and engine.

The EMT program is in its second year in the new facility on Metro Tech's South Bryant Campus.

Read more about the program and the simulator on [Metro Tech's website](#)

5. We currently **have FIVE people** who have **submitted OKACTE Awards** and ten OHCEA scholarships. Please, please, nominate yourself or someone else for the awards at: <https://www.okacte.org/awards> Awards include: Teacher of the Year, Postsecondary Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, New Teacher of the Year, Carl Perkins Community Service and Outstanding New Professional
OHCEA Scholarship Application: <https://forms.gle/MWcpvKiXnj9hpyag6>
6. Enjoy this free **reading comprehension activity that integrates career exploration/discovery**.

This short activity allows you to include reading and writing in your curriculum with ease. For additional career and work readiness related lessons that integrate academics check out *Hands on Academics for Careers, On the Job Writing*, and *Learning About Careers*. [beaf41f3-c854-4568-abdd-a3d9625fde74.pdf \(constantcontact.com\)](https://www.constantcontact.com/resources/learning-about-careers)

7. How many times a day do you ask students to find a partner? It's such a common practice in the classroom, but without intentionality, students will naturally pair up with the same student over and over again. Check out today's strategy to learn a new way to creatively partner student's up. [The Power of Pairing Strategies | CharacterStrong](#)
8. As educators, one of our primary goals is to make learning as effective and engaging as possible. To achieve this, understanding the foundational knowledge that students bring into our classrooms is crucial. This foundational knowledge, known as '**prior knowledge**', plays a pivotal role in shaping how students perceive,

understand, and interact with new information. But **what exactly is prior knowledge, and why is it so essential in the learning process?** [20 Ways to Assess Prior Knowledge - Educators Technology](#)

9. [Best Lesson Plan Websites for Teachers - Educators Technology](#)

10. New research has found that **students who take notes outperform students who photograph slides during an online lecture.** "We consistently found that note-takers remembered more information from the lectures than photo-takers or no-note-takers," says Dr. Sarah Shi Hui Wong, an instructor at the National University of Singapore, and the lead author of the paper. "In fact, photo-takers performed just as poorly on the test as their peers who didn't take any notes at all." **Full Story:** [Tech & Learning](#)

11. [Listen to this 2 minute video](#) to hear how you can focus on **building relationships and establishing check-ins with students**

12. **Study pinpoints** genetic adaptation in fruit bats that allows the animals to consume twice their body weight in sugar each day; findings may lead to **new therapies for diabetes** ([More](#))

13. Mark your calendar for our **Health Careers Education "Day at the Capitol"** on **February 20, 2024**. We will send out a scavenger hunt and other activities for the day, but consider bringing students (wearing clinical attire) to learn about the legislative process, meet their legislators and see their newly renovated OK State Capitol Building. We will not serve food/drink so there will be no registration charge.

We had a fantastic week last week with New Teachers (since July) and a day with those new teachers who joined us in July. It's one of our favorite things to do to meet all the new instructors and remind them we are here to help—but that goes for EVERYONE! If there is something that's changing in your profession, let us know! If you need information or assistance in putting something together, let us know! We also love coming to visit your campus or even just hearing about great things happening in your classroom—let us know! And don't forget to join the Facebook groups Oklahoma HCE, OHCEA (Oklahoma Health Careers Education Teachers Assn.), NCHSE (National Consortium for Health Science Education) and Health Science Educators Assn.

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