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Fall 2013

## COE Experiences Unprecedented Growth

Since July 1, 2012, COE has added 78 new candidates counting eight applicants for alternate procedure. The total number of institutions in the COE membership is 514 including 73 candidates and alternate procedure institutions. This represents an increase of over 15% in the number of institutions affiliated with COE. Most of this growth is from the addition of public institutions in Missouri, Ohio, and West Virginia. Because of this unprecedented growth, COE conducted eight Candidate Academies as indicated below:

Meeting	Date	Participants
Summer Conference	July 2012	48
Ohio Candidate Academy	September 2012	53
Annual Meeting	November 2012	45
Atlanta Candidate Academy	January 2013	39
West Virginia Candidate Academy	February 2013	89
Missouri, 1 <sup>st</sup> Candidate Academy	March 2013	25
Missouri, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Candidate Academy	March 2013	28
Atlanta Candidate Academy	April 2013	55
<b>Total</b>		<b>382</b>

## *Lake Technical Center's Fire Academy Recognized as Fire Training Center of the Year*

Lake Technical Center's (Lake Tech) Fire Academy has been named "Fire Training Center of the Year." The Fire Academy is offered at Lake Tech's Institute of Public Safety in Tavares, Florida, and was recognized as part of the 2013 Fire Service Awards in March.

"Lake Tech's Institute of Public Safety is an impressive facility that offers workforce training for those looking for a career in public safety," said Adam Sumner, manager of Lake County's Economic Development and Tourism Department. "By being recognized at the state level, it establishes the county as being at the forefront for workforce development in this field."

Lake Tech's fire-service technology programs consist of the basics of firefighting: equipment, organization, fire-service occupational safety and health, fire investigation, fire code and fire detection. It has been offering this training to rescue-service personnel since 1982.

The school was nominated for the award by the Florida Fire Training Directors Association for several reasons:

- Students who are enrolled in the fire science technology program at Lake Tech Fire Academy consistently demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to have a safe, vital, and rewarding career in the fire service.
- Lake Tech's Fire Academy has provided multiple classes to Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces Four, two Weapons of Mass Destruction classes through Homeland Security, and Minimum Standards classes. Lake Tech also offers remedial training for all graduates and conducts employment testing.

### Department of Education Recognition

On June 7, 2013, the United States Department of Education again recognized the Council on Occupational Education as a reliable agency to determine the quality of education.



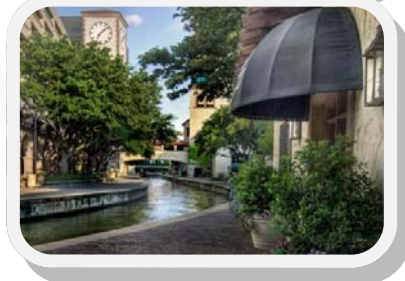
## REGISTER NOW

COE ANNUAL MEETING  
& CANDIDATE ACADEMY  
NOVEMBER 6 - 8

The COE Annual Meeting & Candidate Academy will be held in Irving (Dallas), Texas, November 6-8. The registration fee is \$525 through October 7, and \$575 per person beginning October 8 which includes all sessions.

The conference hotel is the Omni Mandalay Dallas Hotel at Las Colinas. See the COE website ([www.council.org](http://www.council.org)) for complete registration and housing information.

**Join us in Dallas!**



## *Defense Acquisition University Wins Gold Award for World's Best Overall Corporate University*

The Global Council of Corporate Universities (GCCU) presented the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with the Gold Award for the World's Best Overall Corporate University during a ceremony in Paris March 13. This award was presented to DAU, the Department of Defense corporate university for acquisition, for performing at the highest level of excellence and creating strategic value for business, people, organizations, and society. DAU Professor Tim Freihofer accepted the award and was accompanied by CAPT Robert Buzzell, military attaché, U.S. Embassy Paris.



The GCCU Awards honor leaders and innovators among corporate universities and provide a forum for networking, exchanging ideas, and sharing best practices. Multinational academic institutions and companies from around the world competed for the award, making this a milestone event for the corporate education professional and further establishing DAU as a preeminent example of excellence on an international stage.

The Advisory and Judging Committee, composed of international experts of the profession, selected the winners among candidates from 19 countries.



## New COE Commissioners Nominated

COE's nominating committee met in August 2013 to review nominations for vacancies on the Commission. These nominees, who will serve three-year terms, will be considered for election by the delegates at the Annual Meeting in November. Al Salazar, Vice Chair, and Denise Willis are nominated for re-election.

**Fred Albrecht** has served as the director/owner of CALC, Institute of Technology since the school's inception on October 31, 1996. Over the past seventeen years, Mr. Albrecht has managed all aspects of the day-to-day operations. The institution was nationally accredited by the Council on Occupational Education on September 22, 2004, and serves the greater Alton, Illinois, community. Throughout his affiliation with COE, Fred has served on the appeals panel and on COE team visits. After receiving his BA in Communications with a minor in Business Management from Eastern Illinois University 1980, Fred worked 14 years in human resources, ten years as a manager of an employment service agency, and four years as the director of human resources for a multi-national manufacturer. The years of searching for qualified employees who possessed vocational skills needed in the workforce brought about the development of the school.



**Kelley Berta** is currently the Accreditation Liaison Officer for the Defense Acquisition University headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She has been with DAU for 18 of her 30 years with the Department of Defense and has been the Director of Outreach and Communications since 2001. Prior to that, she worked in the Acquisition Reform Communications Center, which was established to translate new acquisition legislation into training materials for the Defense Acquisition Workforce and incorporate those training materials into existing DAU curricula. She also serves as the Executive Secretary for DAU's Board of Visitors and works closely with the university's stakeholders in their advisory role to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. Ms. Berta is the immediate past president of the COE/DoD and Federal Community of Practice, has served on the Council Committee on Accreditation Standards and Conditions for three years, and is very excited to be



nominated for Commission membership. She holds a BS in Technical Management from DeVry University.

**Sharon G. Hornsby** has 38 successful years of experience as an educator with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. For the past twelve years she has served as the dean of the Northshore Technical Community College – Florida Parishes Campus. She is a Louisiana licensed professional counselor/therapist and serves as a supervisor for counselor interns. Sharon Hornsby holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Southeastern Louisiana University, a Master's in Guidance and Counseling and an Educational Specialist Degree in Counseling and Psychology from Louisiana State University. Two exciting career highlights are receiving the National Models for Change Champion for Change Award presented by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 2012 and being instrumental in building the new NTCC-Florida Parishes Campus facility. Sharon has been a COE team leader and team member for the past twelve years and has served on the COE Appeals Council.



**Stephanie Houston** started as a Career Technical Education professional 19 years ago, Stephanie has been a CTE teacher, program manager, director and superintendent. In addition to a professional clear teaching credential and administrative services credential, she earned a Liberal Studies/Bilingual-Cross Cultural bachelor's degree from California State University San Bernardino, a master's degree in Educational Administration at the University of Redlands, and is currently a doctoral candidate at Brandman University, completing coursework in Organizational Leadership. Throughout her career, she has affiliated herself with career technical education organizations and is also active in professional education associations. In 2009, she submitted a grant to the California Department of Education (CDE) to design and implement a new CTE Teacher training program, *CTE Teach*, which was designed to meet the unique needs of industry professionals who transition into education. *CTE*





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Teach has received statewide, nationwide, and international attention. Over 1500 teachers have been trained in the project.

Stephanie has over ten years of accreditation experience as a visiting team member and team chair. Most recently, she has been asked to serve on several COE/WASC dual accreditation visits.

**Howard W. Moore**, retired, spent over 38 years working at technical schools accredited by COE or its predecessor, SACS-COEI. Howard retired as the Regional Executive Director, Northeast Region, Kentucky Tech, consisting of 14 technical schools (over 600 faculty and staff) serving 20 counties in northeast Kentucky. Prior to that assignment he served as Superintendent of the Ashland Area Tech School and its five branches, as the Ashland Tech main campus director, night principal and instructor.



After retiring, he was appointed to serve two years as the dean of technical education at Maysville, Kentucky Community and Technical College. While there, he was responsible for developing a new on-campus technical school including design, construction, and staffing. Since then, Howard has been active with COE serving as a presenter at COE conferences and as a team leader and team member on a multitude of COE, SACS, and COE/Joint Venture visiting teams.

Howard earned a BS, MS, and Rank 1 from Morehead State University.

**Al Salazar** is the chief executive officer of Homelife and Community Services in San Antonio. Homelife is certified by the State to provide individualized services and support to people with intellectual disabilities who are living with their families, in their own home, or in other community settings. In 1971, Mr. Salazar entered the private sector of the education community and remained active as an administrator in the occupational education sector until 2009. Mr. Salazar has served on several education advisory



committees for the Alamo Service Area and is a current member of the Accrediting Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.

**Denise R. Willis** has served as director of Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Inverness Florida since 2008. Denise received her BS from Louisiana State University, MEd from Saint Leo University, and Director Credential from the University of West Florida. Before joining Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Denise served as Citrus County School District Director for Career and Technical Education. Denise currently serves as a COE Commissioner and as a committee member for Workforce Connection and the Citrus Leadership Team for Duke Energy. Denise has served as president of the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education, Florida Department of Education Chancellor's Leadership Team, and as a member of Florida Leaders for Career and Technical Education, and Florida Association of School Administrators. Denise has been a team member and a team leader on numerous COE visits. She has received many awards including recognition by the ALTRUSA International Inc. of Citrus County as the 2013 Most Admired Woman in Education.



## **ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Position Available**

The Council is seeking qualified candidates to interview for the position of Assistant Executive Director. The deadline for submitting applications is October 4, 2013.

More information on the position, salary, benefits, and the application process can be found on the home page of the Council's web site ([www.council.org](http://www.council.org)) under 'Latest News'.

## **ALERTS !!!**

**Beginning in 2014, schools will have the option of preparing exhibits (crates) in hardcopy or digitally. In 2015, digital exhibits will be required.**