

CTAT/ACTE Business Leader of the Year—for leaders and executives from the business community who contribute to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE.

Nominee Name: Carla Thompson

Title: Workforce Development Manager

Business Name: Turner Industries Group, LLC

Why Are You Nominating? Carla has been a content expert who aids districts in continuously refining their CTE programs to not only meet college and career-readiness standards, but also address the current needs of business and industry. As a result of her pledge to lead and serve, countless students have had an opportunity to intern for Turner Industries and other businesses she works with.

Nominated by: Melissa Botkin, Galena Park ISD

Nominee Name: Wendy Mazurkiewicz

Title: Director of Community Affairs

Business Name: Director of Community Affairs

Why Are You Nominating? Wendy is a Leader and Advocate for Brazosport ISD's CTE Program and oversaw the Freeport LNG grant of \$265,000 to improve our Manufacturing Program.

Nominated by: Jessie Jennings, Brazosport ISD

CTAT/ACTE Business of the Year—for businesses and organizations that contribute to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE.

Business Name: CHI St. Lukes Patients Hospital

Why Are You Nominating? Patients Hospital in Pasadena has consistently allowed clinical rotation students from a variety of surrounding districts to use their facility and staff as a training ground for students planning to enter the health science field. The staff at Patients Hospital is not only welcoming, but also encouraging for our students. Everyone at Patients Hospital works hard to help our students succeed. They are very deserving of this award.

Nominated by: David Berrier, Deer Park ISD

Business Name: Freeport LNG

Why Are You Nominating? This past year, Freeport LNG provided, Brazosport ISD with a generous donation of \$265,000 to improve our welding/manufacturing program.

Nominated by: Jessie Jennings, Brazosport ISD

CTAT/ACTE Champion of the Year—for any individuals or entities that contribute to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE.

Champion Name: Dr. Don Beck

Why Are You Nominating?

As Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Beck is a huge supporter of CTE programs. He seeks out ways to improve and promote our CTE programs. He helps to seek out industry partners and others to strengthen our programs. He is supportive and he loves CTE. I appreciate the fact that he is open-minded and that he values CTE programs.

Nominated by: Mia Young, Channelview ISD

Champion Name: Dr. Ronda Kouba

Why Are You Nominating? Dr. Ronda Kouba served as principal of Deer Park High School - South Campus for 13 years prior to becoming our Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. Dr. Kouba's support and acknowledgment of our strong CTE programs led to many improvements within our department. As principal and assistant superintendent, Dr. Kouba has continuously served on our CTE Advisory Committee for 16 years. Her commitment to CTE has been unending and invaluable. She is certainly deserving of this award.

Nominated by: David Berrier, Deer Park ISD

CTE Showcase of Excellence - for any district/program that represents best practices and excellence in CTE through community partnerships, sustained excellence, innovation, transferability, cost effectiveness, student impact, and/or membership/activities.

Nominated Program: CTE Department

District: Humble ISD

Why Are You Nominating? Humble ISD Career and Technical Education Department utilizes a hybrid model where 165 course offerings are available to students. Along with this broad selection of courses they also offer many specialized pinnacle programs which help students to obtain industry certifications and licenses. In 2016-17 over 4,000 industry certifications and licenses were awarded to students.

Nominated by: David Berrier, Deer Park ISD