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## WASHINGTON EDUCATOR A FINALIST FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces **Tricia Littlefield** of Bonney Lake, Washington is a finalist for the ACTE Teacher of the Year award. Littlefield is family and consumer sciences (FACS) educator at Bonney Lake High School. As the Region V winner of ACTE's Teacher of the Year award, Littlefield is one of five finalists competing for the national title of 2014 Teacher of the Year, which recognizes educators who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote career and technical education (CTE).

The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on Wednesday evening, December 4, 2013 at CareerTech VISION 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As a family and consumer sciences educator at Bonney Lake High School, Tricia Littlefield teaches popular life skills courses (with a focus on early childhood education) to nearly 300 students a year. Littlefield has been effective at enhancing student engagement through the use of technology, project-based learning and adult connections, while also providing students with real-world experience at child care centers. She provides training and support for teen parents to help them cope with their multiple roles and graduate. Littlefield also coaches her peers on her successful strategies, and has provided trainings on ways to improve school-wide literacy and incorporate the guiding principles behind High Schools That Work. As a HSTW site, Bonney Lake High School has been recognized as a Pacesetter School and Innovative School in the state of Washington, and the school principal has credited Littlefield's CTE program as being instrumental in these achievements.

Littlefield has also taken on a greater role as a leader in her CTE community, helping to align FACS curricula across schools and serving on the WA-ACTE executive committee. As a Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) adviser for the past 13 years, she has helped her students become better leaders, coaching eight state champions and three national champion teams with perfect scores. A former student and current FCCLA state officer said of Littlefield, "By far, she is the most inspiring teacher I have ever had. It was her passion and dedication that shaped my decisions about my future."

The ACTE Awards Banquet is sponsored by Cisco, Kuder Inc., Stratasys, CEV Multimedia Ltd. and Certiport. For more information about the Awards Banquet at CareerTech VISION 2013: [https://www.acteonline.org/vision\\_banquet](https://www.acteonline.org/vision_banquet)

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The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the nation's largest not-for-profit education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. Founded in 1926, ACTE has more than 25,000 members; career and technical

educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical education programs at the secondary, postsecondary and adult levels. ACTE provides advocacy, public awareness and access to information on career and technical education, professional development and tools that enable members to be successful and effective leaders.

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