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Calvert Career and Technology Academy teacher, Robin Burns, named as the 2025 Maryland ACTE Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Career and Technical Administrators (MCTA) chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).

Ms. Robin Burns, Networking and Cybersecurity Teacher, has demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovation in implementing high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that drive student success. In just her second year as a Cybersecurity Teacher at Calvert Career and Technology Academy, Robin has had an immediate impact by greatly expanding industry partnerships and improving student outcomes.

Under her leadership, the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) has doubled in size within a single year. By forging meaningful connections with industry professionals and engaging them in the program's growth, Robin has ensured that her students are exposed to real-world applications of cybersecurity and are better prepared for the workforce. These partnerships have also enhanced the program's alignment with industry standards, keeping it relevant and rigorous.



Robin has also been instrumental in implementing a new Industry Recognized Credential (IRC), significantly enhancing the program's credibility and value. Her commitment to excellence has resulted in an extraordinary increase in student certifications. Thanks to her dedication to integrating high-quality instruction and strategic preparation student certification rates increased by 75%. This remarkable turnaround underscores her ability to inspire both students and colleagues while ensuring the program's long-term sustainability.

Ms. Burns will move on to compete in the Northeast, United States ACTE Region I competition during the spring.

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