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Good Morning!
July 28, 2025

MCTA Summer Conference

Powering Possibility: CTE as the
Gateway for All Learners

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Turf Valley Resort
Ellicott City, Maryland**

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Welcome!



Mrs. Carrie Akins

Director of Career & Technical Education

Calvert County Public Schools

MCTA President, 2024 - 2026



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Time	Session	Presenters and Facilitators
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Check-in, Breakfast and Networking	Sharon Kramer, Executive Director of MCTA
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome	Carrie Akins, MCTA President Calvert County Public Schools
8:45 am – 9:30 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Chelle Travis Executive Director, SkillsUSA 
9:30 am – 9:40 am	Sponsor Presentation: iCEV	Robert Limpert, Territory Manager 
9:40 am – 9:50 am	Break	
9:50 am – 11:35 am	General MSDE Presentation	Richard Kincaid Assistant State Superintendent Division of College and Career Pathways 
11:35 am - 11:45 pm	Sponsor Presentation: MCEE	Julie Weaver, MCEE Executive Director 
11:45 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch	<i>Thank you to our sponsors for lunch!</i>
12:30pm – 12:45pm	Break to Arrange Space for Afternoon Breakouts	



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<p>12:45 pm – 1:25 pm</p>	<p>Session A-1: Grow Your Own Apprenticeships – How One School District Made It Work <i>Waterford Ballroom - A</i></p> <p>Explore how cross-sector collaboration, equity, and innovation are powering apprenticeships in Baltimore City Schools.</p> <p><i>Tasha Merritte, Director of Operations, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools</i></p> <p><i>Yolanda Harris, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools</i></p> <p><i>Stan Wolfe, CTE Coordinator, Secondary Success and Innovation, Baltimore City Public Schools</i></p>	<p>Session B-1: Designing for the Unseen: Preparing CTE Learners for AI-Enhanced Industries <i>Waterford Ballroom - B</i></p> <p>Explore how AI can strengthen CTE pathways by enhancing technical skill development, deepening digital literacy, and expanding opportunities for real-world application.</p> <p><i>Quiana Bannerman, Director, Maryland Center for Computing Education (MCCE)</i></p>
<p>1:30 pm- 2:10 pm</p>	<p>Session A-2: Updates with the CTE Committee <i>Waterford Ballroom - A</i></p> <p>Join us for a roundtable discussion with updates from the CTE Committee about their current work related to the Blueprint.</p> <p><i>Shamara Bownes, Senior Director, CTE Committee</i> <i>Molly Mesnard, Senior Advisor, CTE Committee</i></p>	<p>Session B-2: MLs in CTE: Unlocking the Code to Comprehension and Certification Success <i>Waterford Ballroom – B</i></p> <p>Explore easy-to-use and ready-to-go strategies for working with Multilingual Learners (MLs) in your CTE classrooms, ensuring student success on IRC exams and in the workplace.</p> <p><i>Robin Burns, Cybersecurity Teacher and MCTA CTE Teacher of the Year 2025, Calvert County Public Schools</i> <i>Eve Dodson, ESOL Teacher, Calvert County Public Schools</i></p>
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BREAK

(Resume at 9:40 am)



Richard W. Kinkaid

Senior Executive Director

Office of Career and College Pathways



Julie Weaver
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Lunch

11:45 – 12:30 pm



Note: At 12:30, the staff will separate the main room into two separated rooms to allow for afternoon breakouts which will begin at 12:45pm.



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Closing &
Next Meetings

MCTA Fall Conference

October 8, 2025

Charles County

ACTE Vision 2025

December 9-12, 2025

Nashville, TN

MCTA Spring Conference

March 20, 2026

Cecil County

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