



# CTSO ALASKA

## Performance Based Assessment Conference

### NAVIGATING YOUR FUTURE

~ BPA ~ DECA ~ FCCLA ~ HOSA ~ SkillsUSA ~ FEA

Black Spruce Design

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### *Navigate The Future*

Well, not much was happening as we delved into December and most of us were probably consumed with the end-of-semester activities like finals and grades. As such, no newsletter for December but here we go for January.

The State Officers continue to diligently work on planning and implementing their ideas for our State Conference. We'll be getting together shortly after the 2nd semester starts for our Winter Planning Meeting and they will be practicing their speeches, contacting workshop presenters, and working with other people that make our conference what it is.

The conference t-shirts were ordered and I picked them up from Carlile Package Express just last week. They look great and it is another item checked off the to-do list. Here are a few more things for you to ponder as we go through January.

### *Civic Project*

Don't forget about our Adopt-A-Family Civics project. The flier can be found on our Conference Website at [www.ctsoalaska.org](http://www.ctsoalaska.org). We encourage you to participate in however your community can best be served and however your CTSO chapter can help out in your local community.

### *CTSO Instagram*

Don't forget that CTSO has an instagram account and we are looking for you to help us by providing photos of your year's activities so that we can use some of your photos in our opening and closing ceremonies. Just use the hastag **#ctsoalaska**.

### *Workshops*

Workshops is a difficult committee to be a part of in the entire conference planning process. The state officers spend a great deal of time calling, emailing, writing and following up on all of their contacts. Many times they reach dead-ends, contacts do not respond,

or potential presenters are unable to be a part of our conference because of various conflicts.

Your assistance is welcomed along the way. Any ideas and contact information can be forwarded to me at [steve.cook@matsuk12.us](mailto:steve.cook@matsuk12.us) and I will make sure our workshop committee chair will have his committee follow-up. A variety of topics are welcome and we hope to provide relevant topics for all of our attendees.

### *Conference Website*

The CTSO website continues to evolve and be updated along the way. The major change that will be showing soon is the Contact page that will be changing to a whole new source of information. Here will be forms and documents for conference details, job opportunities and contacts, archived materials and more. Please stop by and check out the Extras page.

### *Matsu College Scholarship*

The 2015 Mat-Su Scholarship is also posted on the CTSO Website. Please have your interested students begin working on completed the required items. Final deadline for applications is March 19, 2015 at noon.

### *Important Dates:*

- Winter Planning Meeting . . . . . January 16 - 18  
(for state officers only)
- Registration starts . . . . . February 1
- Registration ends for the following on . . February 16  
BPA, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, and FEA
- SkillsUSA registration ends . . . . . February 28
- Late registration ends . . . . . TBA
- State Conference. . . . . March 19 - 21

*These dates may be adjusted and additional dates may be announced for special events.*