

*ATEA,
An organization that lifts your eyes to see the future of technology while
keeping your feet on the ground with best practices in technical education.*

The American Technical Education Association (ATEA) was founded in 1928 by William Fenniger, the Director Technical Programs for the State of New York. ATEA has had and still has a board of leaders of technical education at all levels and from a range of states. ATEA has been consistently committed to its mission of the role and importance of technical education with a focus on postsecondary and to identifying technology and trends that will effect technical education. This focus on technology is what sets ATEA apart from other associations. It delivers on that mission through sharing best practices in conferences and on Best Practice Calls and the *ATEA Journal* which is often a source of information for journalists not familiar with technical education. Dr. Randy Shearer, Vice President of Learning Futures, Autodesk, and presentation is summarized in the ATEA 2019 national conference hosted by Ivy Tech Community College. A summary of the key points of his presentation is the ATEA Journal Vol. 46.No.1 page 20 found on ATEA website [ATEA Journals 2012-2020](#) from spring 2019. The *ATEA Journal* is a magazine and has a reviewed section. But it is mostly a celebration of the people in technical education.

ATEA is a source of referral for best practices and has been interviewed by CNN Money 2012 and the Executive Director was interviewed on C-SPAN Weekly Journal 2012.

ATEA's programming is at a level that participants can contribute to partners and discussions on technical programs with business and industry and with scientists and engineers. Conference provide in depth programming on site and now virtual that bring in industry tours, breakouts and keynotes.

ATEA has identified sectors of focus for the next two years with board and member champions. Those sectors, the first five of which are featured in the 2021 virtual conference: Cybersecurity, Allied Health, Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing, Agriculture—precision, aquaponics, sustainable protein, livestock and forestry; and aerospace, unmanned systems and space exploration. The program is on the website:

[Workforce Intelligence--Human Machine Technical Education](#) This conference title captures the role and importance of technical education the nexus for technology, education and industry to come together to see the future and create programs for jobs now and in the future. We identity the transferability of skills so it is worth student's investment.

ATEA Facts:

Positions of board members:

- 2 Ivy Tech Community Colleges Indiana System VP of Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Sciences and Business member
- 2 Tennessee President of TCAT—and EVP of TCAT for Chattanooga State College
- 2 New Jersey President and System Level Organization President—New Jersey Council of County Colleges
- 2 Maine, VP of Academic and Student Affairs, Maine College of Health Professions and Past President Council member
- 1 Texas President Lamar State College Port Arthur
- 1 Nevada former VP of Administration and Finance Truckee Meadows CC, Reno
- 2 WA, President of Bates Technical College, Tacoma and Ex Director of Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Everett
- 3 South Dakota, President Western Dakota Technical College, faculty Southeast Tech College, Sioux Falls and Faculty and Supervisor Electrical Systems and Robotic, Watertown South Dakota
- 1 Nebraska President Mid Plains CC, North Platte
- 1 Wisconsin, President Gateway Technical College, Racine, Kenosha
- 1 Minnesota, President Dunwoody College of Technology and host of ATEA national office
- 2 Idaho Director of Program Services Career and Technical Division, State of Idaho and Director of Training Idaho Forest Group
- 2 Mississippi Deputy Executive Director for Program Accountability Mississippi Community College Board and Mississippi Extension CAVSE Canton, Training Education, Digital Tools, and Manufacturing Manager

1 Oklahoma home residence

1 Alabama, Director of Workforce Training, Northern District, Alabama Community College System

1 Massachusetts, SVP Dassault Systems

1 Virginia, Executive Director, SkillsUSA

1 Georgia, Deputy Executive Director, CTECS

18 States

9 College Presidents

2 Business executives, President and CEO and SVP

3 Association leaders, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, Skills USA, CTECTS

2 Directors of Training, one Alabama and 1 Business Idaho Forest Group

2 System level—Ivy Tech, Mississippi Community College Board

1 Executive Directors Center of Excellence

2 faculty

1 former VP of finance new position pending

Past President Council retired

Past College President Northern Wyoming Community College District

Past College President, Northeast College, Blountville TN—and former Vice Chancellor for Tennessee Colleges of Applied Science

Dashboard 02/27/2021

Members:

938 individuals within membership categories: individual, Life Time, Institutional, Supporting Institutional, System and Library
24 new members in the last 7 days.

Contacts

2920—Contact in the ATEA network: 44 new in the last 30 days, 30 new in the last 30 days

Contact from 46 states

Event attendees

2343 over a 5 year period, includes conferences and Best Practice Calls-1100 March to October 2020

Region 6 Conferences, topic focused conference: Gigafactory 2017 –Scaling for Incentivized Industry Tesla in Reno and Space Travel 2020—“How Dona Anna, New Mexico State meets the needs of the Space Port tenants and White Sands Testing Facility and Missile Range.”

Annual national conference attendance 250 to 500—with trade show, keynotes, breakouts and industry tours. Pre-Covid all conferences included industry tours.

American Technical Education Association

Values:

To communicate the role and importance of technical education

To share best practice

To build professional relationships

To identify trends that affect technical education

Mission:

The organization is dedicated to excellence in quality of postsecondary technical education focusing on practical teaching ideas and best practices. ATEA recognizes outstanding performance and leadership and provides a network for career connectivity.



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