

# ATE Webinar

## Addressing STEM Workforce Needs in a Virtual World – How ATE Grants Can Help and Why You Should Apply

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Wednesday, June 17, 2020



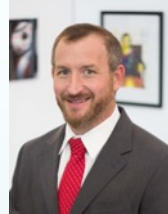
# Welcome & Introductions



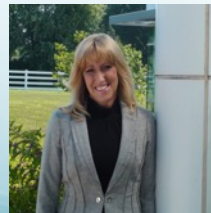
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# Welcome from NSF

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ATE Lead Program Officer  
National Science Foundation**



# Agenda



## I: Introduction to the NSF ATE Program

- NSF – the agency
- Opportunities for NSF ATE Grant Funding

## II: Virtual Teaching & Learning Strategies through ATE

- National Center for Autonomous Technologies
- VESTA National Center
- RC-NET

## III: ATE Proposal Resources

- Tips for Success

# Poll



**What is your current role at your institution?**

- A. Faculty**
- B. Administrator**
- C. Grant Writer**
- D. None of the Above**

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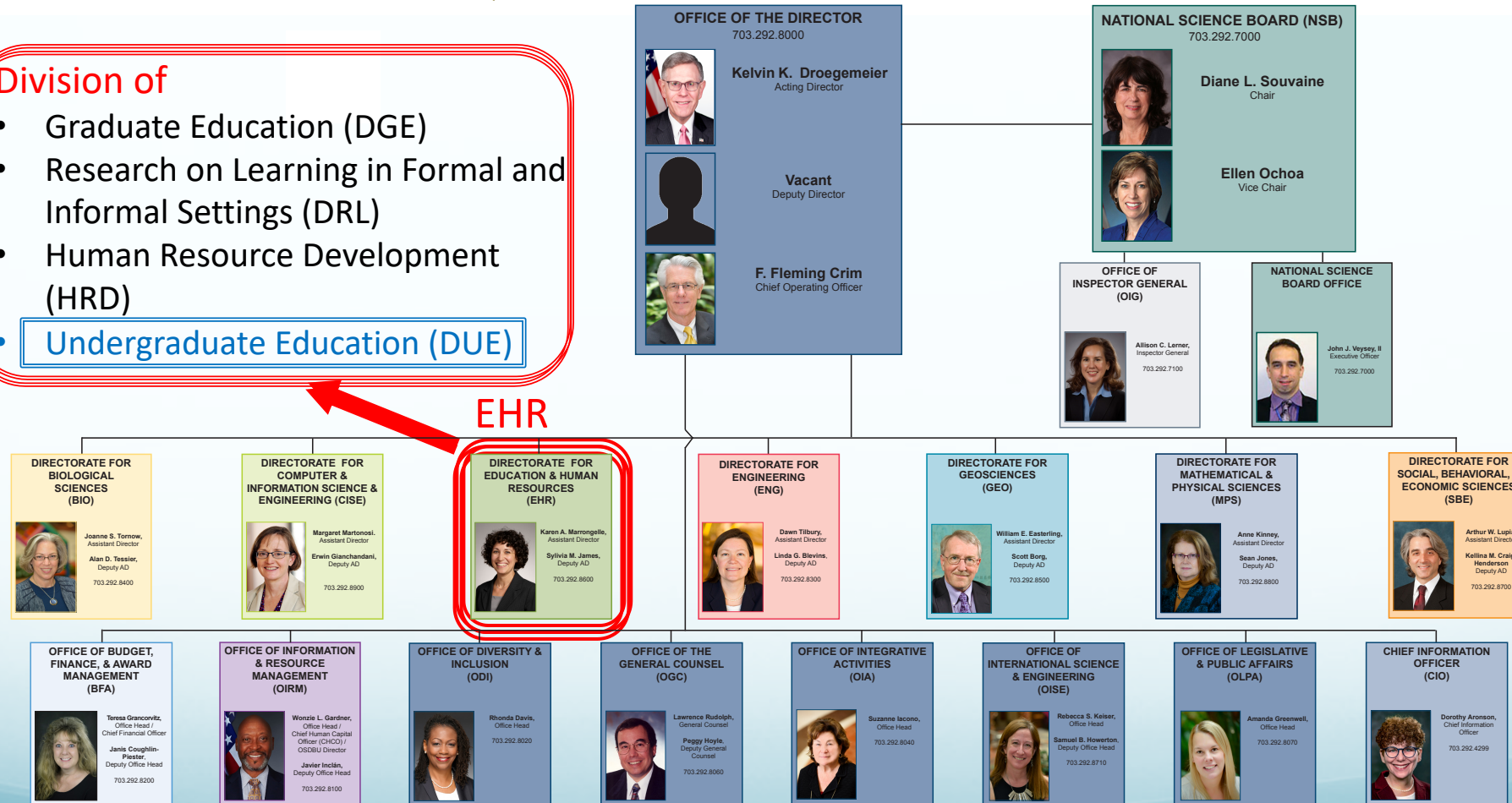


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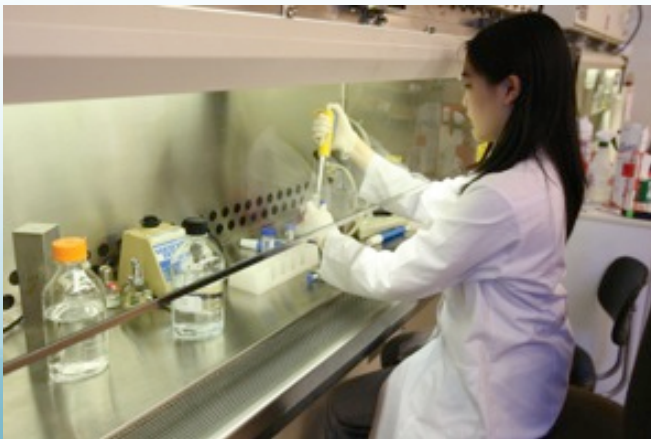
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# Advanced Technological Education (ATE)



The education of highly qualified science and engineering technicians for advanced-technology fields that drive the nation's economy.

- **Community and Technical Colleges (2-yr IHES)** have leadership roles on all projects.
- Grades 7-12, 2yr- and 4-yr institutions can be supported. (**Pathways**)
- **Partnerships** with Industry and Economic Development Entities – **Hiring Needs**

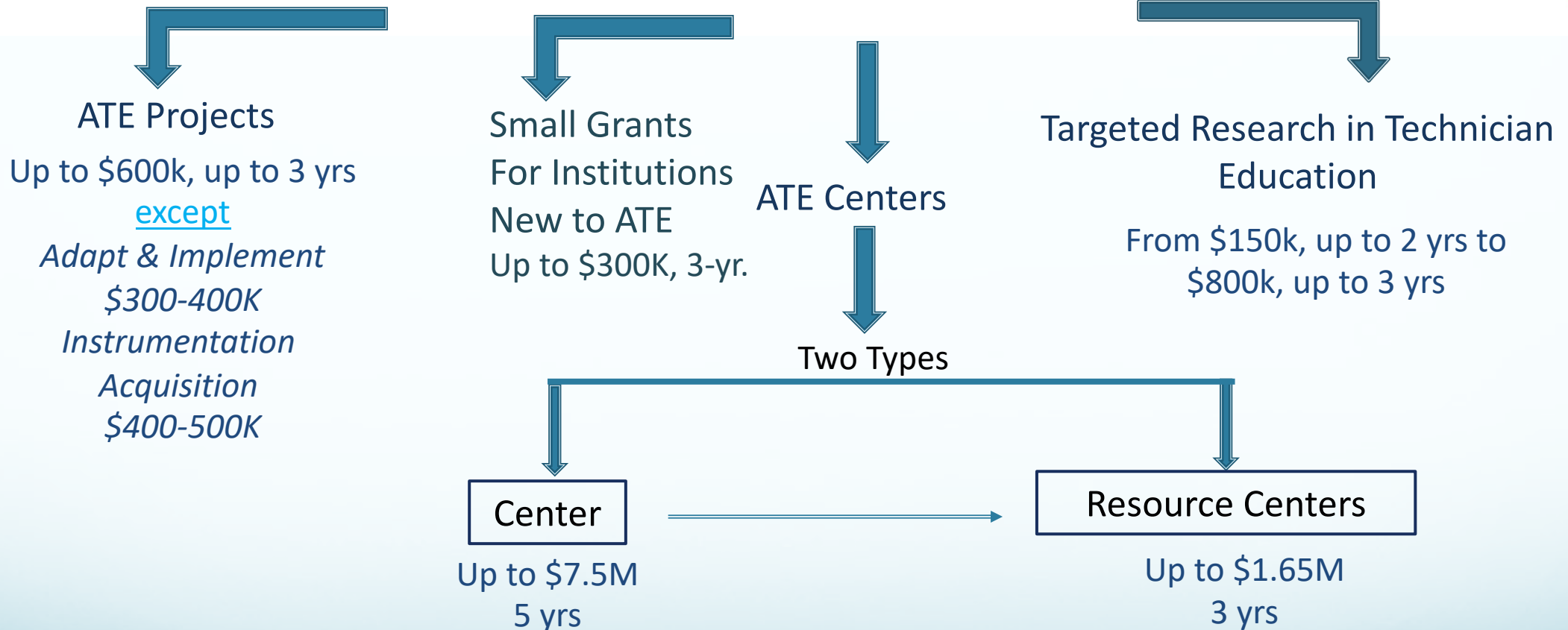




# ATE Program continued



## Four Program Tracks



**Deadline (All Tracks):**  
**October 1, 2020**

# ATE Projects



**Projects** - up to \$200,000 /yr. (\$600,000 max.), 3yrs.

- Program Development, Implementation and Improvement;
- Professional Development for Educators;
- Curriculum and Educational Materials Development;
- Teacher Preparation;
- Small Grants for Institutions New to the ATE Program (\$300K, 3-yrs.);
- Adaptation and Implementation (A&I); \$300-400K, 2-3 yrs.);
- Instrumentation with Curriculum Updates; \$400-500K, 2-3 yrs.)
- ATE-Coordination Networks (up to \$600,000, 3 yr.)



# Questions





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# National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT)

Jonathan Beck

Principal Investigator & Director | National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT)

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# Innovation Born in Surreal Times

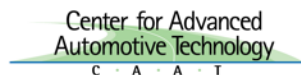
- **State of Education**

- Challenging
- State of Evolution
- Constantly Adapting
- Implementing New Strategies
- Integrating New Technologies
- Then a Pandemic Hits Requiring Social Distancing Over Night

- **ATE Community**

- Innovators and Change Agents
- Constantly Seeking New Opportunities
- Thinking Outside the Box
- Promoting Collaboration
- Existing Resources to HELP

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# NCAT - So Now What?

- **NCAT Response**
  - Plan for Everything or Pivot?
  - Unique Flexibility, Workshops, Camps and Competitions
  - Partners and Networks



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# What Options are Available ?

- **Webinar Series**

- Overview of Distance Delivery Modalities
- VR for Social Engagement
- Digital Content Development
- Video Production
- Content Packaging



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# Considerations and Planning

- **Equipment Supply**
  - In Demand
- **Access to Technology**
  - Video Capture Kits
- **Platforms for Delivery**
  - Level of complexity



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# Ancillary Benefits

- **Engaging Students**
  - Inspiring Curiosity
  - New Perspectives Increase Active Learning
- **Student Recruitment**
  - No Lab Tours but Here is What you Can Expect
- **Reshaping Learning**
  - Increase Collaboration and Simplify the Concepts
- **Increased Exposure to Future Work Force Technology**
  - The Future of Work is Changing, We Should Too



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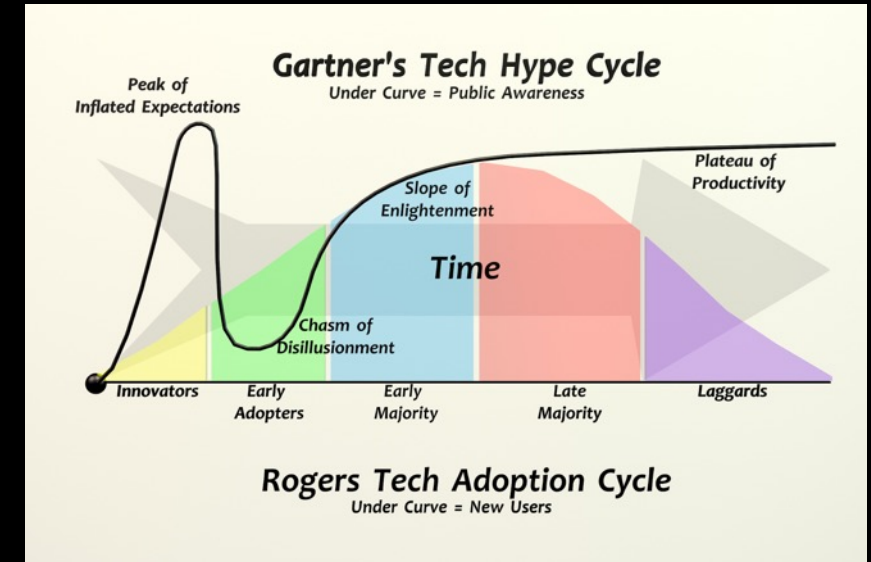


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# Thinking Long Term

- Enhanced Resources
- Improved Quality in Education
- Equity and Inclusion
- Additional Delivery Options
- Evaluation and Continuous Improvement



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# NSF ATE MINDSET

- Technology Complicates
- Technology Advances and Creates Opportunities
  - Technology Limits Access
  - Technology Enables New Ways to Learn
- Technology that Seems Strange Shouldn't be Explored
- Technology Innovation is about Trying New Things



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# Questions?



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# What's in a Bottle of Wine? \$219.9 Billion!

**The Wine Industry Boosts the United States Economy**

**\$219.9 Billion**

Total Economic Impact

**10,236 Wine Producers**

in All 50 States

**677,581 Vineyard Acres**

**1.7 Million Jobs**

**\$75.8 Billion**

in Annual Wages

**43 Million**

Tourist Visits

**\$17.7 Billion**

Tourist Expenditures

**\$31.3 Billion**

Total Taxes

**\$18.1 Billion**

Federal Taxes

**\$13.2 Billion**

State and Local Taxes



2017 Economic Impact Report on American Wine Industry  
Prepared by John Dunham & Associates, New York  
For methodology or additional information visit [wineamerica.org](http://wineamerica.org)  
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# Viticulture & Enology Science & Technology Alliance



- *Industry-Guided Design* to Address the Workforce Needs of the U.S. Grape and Wine Industry
- *Recognizes the Accessibility Challenges* for Students Who are Generally Rurally Located and Travel-limited
- *First For-Credit Distance Education Program* in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Business Entrepreneurship
- *Industry-Validated Program* of Online Courses, Structured Field Experiences and Workshops Leading to Technical Certificates and AAS Degrees.



# Rigorous and Comprehensive Educational Program

- **39 online courses**
- **3 educational tracks – viticulture, enology, and wine business entrepreneurship.**
- **Multiple educational paths**
  - Individual courses
  - Technical Certificate
  - Associate of Applied Science
- **Curriculum that is industry driven and supervised by notable professors**
  - **Dr. Anne Fennell, South Dakota State University**
  - **Dr. Barry Gump, Florida International University**
- **Dedicated Instructional Designer**
  - **Dr. Nicholas Farha, Missouri State University**





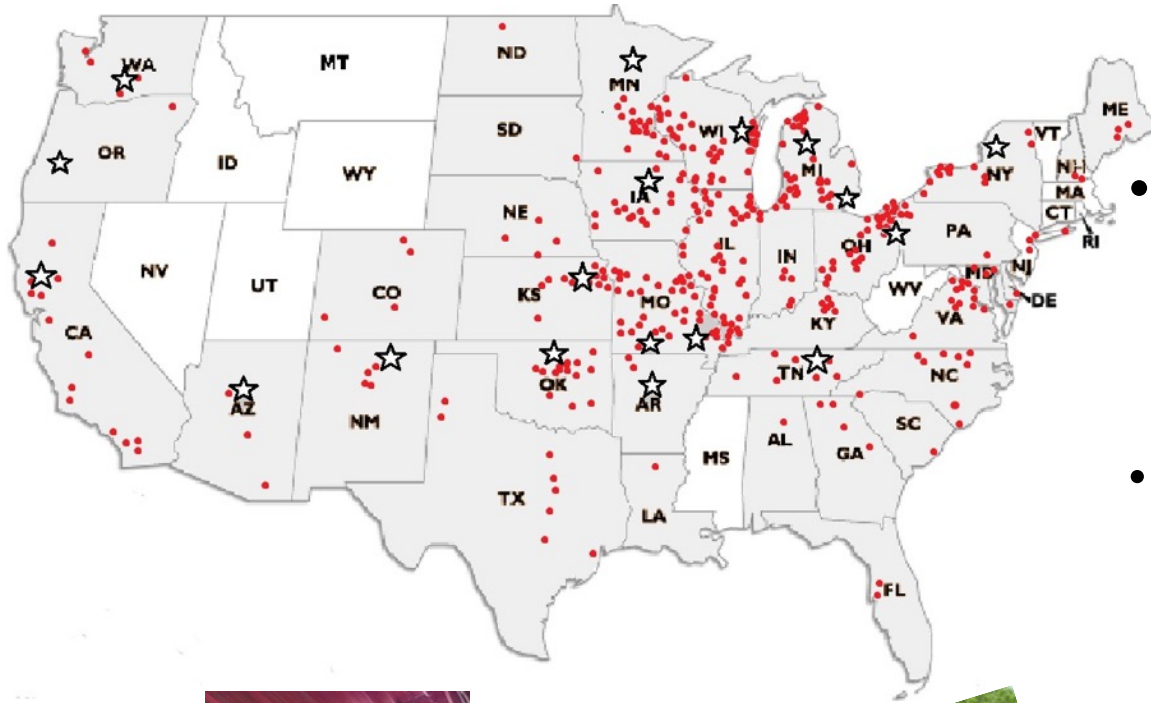
# Infusing VESTA Courses with Workplace Hands-on Learning



- Field Practicums
  - Mentored Field Experiences Integrated into Viticulture and Enology
  - Apply Knowledge and Develop Critical Skills
  - Durations Aligned with Course Learning Objectives
- Workshops
- Virtual Vineyards and Wineries
  - [Computer Simulations & Virtual Reality Models](#)
  - Enable Real-World Problem Solving



# Onsite Field Practicums



Redlands Community College Viticulture I class learning how to run a PTO and Auger.  
November 21, 2009



- **Onsite field practicums**
  - (over 600 industry partners in 41 states and 6 foreign countries.)
- **Opportunity to work alongside industry mentors.**



# Innovative use of distance educational technologies



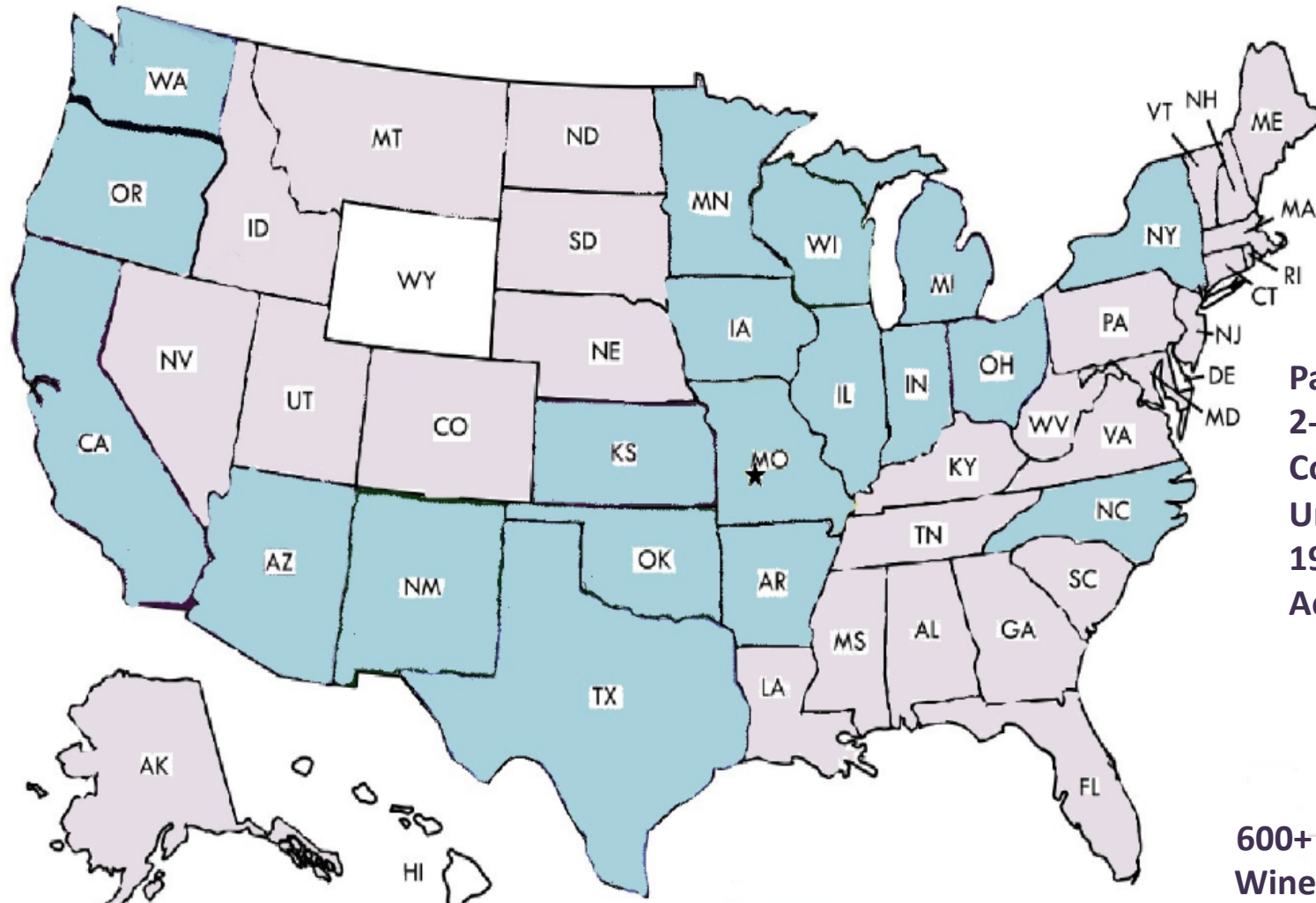
**Synchronous and  
Asynchronous distance  
educational technologies.**



**Mobile compliant for the  
student on the go.**



# VESTA – has a National Foot Print for Viticulture and Enology Education

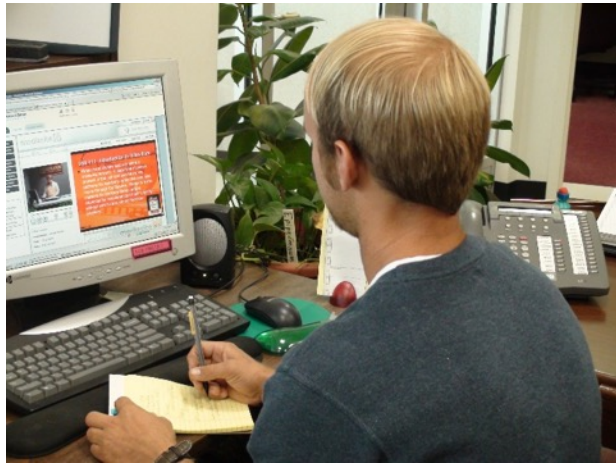


**Partnership of  
2- and 4-year  
Colleges and  
Universities in  
19 States  
Across the U.S.**

**600+ Mentor  
Wineries and  
Vineyards across  
the U.S. and 6  
Foreign Countries**

Legend:  
Light Purple: Students  
Light Blue: Students & Partners

**Enrollment of over 6,000 Since 2003**  
**Students from 48 States, DC, and 12**  
**Foreign Countries**



Thank You



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# Reintegration Post-COVID

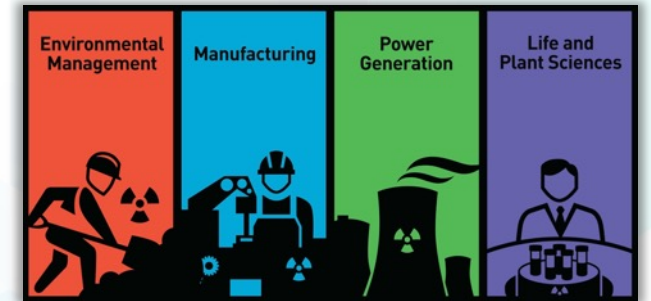
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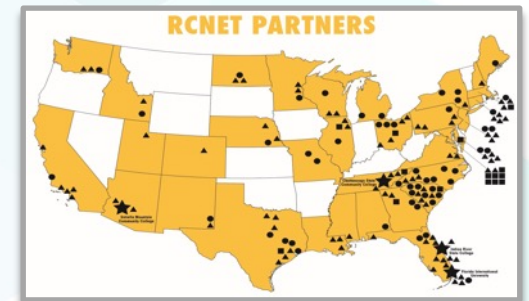
# Regional Center for Nuclear Education & Training



**MISSION:** RCNET is an NSF ATE CENTER. Established in 2011, RCNET's mission is to make sure the demand for skilled nuclear technicians is met in a standardized and systematic way.



**PARTNERSHIPS:** RCNET is headquartered at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, FL and is a consortium of 100 industry, 55 academic, and 15 agency partnerships across the United States and 7 countries



**OUTCOMES:** RCNET has become a viable workforce pipeline, largely due to an ever-expanding network. RCNET's largest measure of success is the placement of over 3,000 program graduates in nuclear technician jobs at over 60 industry partner locations.



# Common Program Details – Pre COVID-19



- **Enrollment was ~ 24 - 48 FT students per school**
- **80% in-person**
- **~ 50% Hands on & 50% Lecture**
- **Embedded Industry Certifications**
- **Summer Internships**
- **Direct Outreach & Recruiting**







## Resources Thanks to ATE & the ATE Culture

- **Network**
- **Tons of Online Resources**
- **Dynamic Personnel**
- **Dynamic Budgets**

# RCNET & IRSC's Support

- **Curriculum**
- **Continuity of Operations**
- **Marketing & Outreach**



# Online Curriculum Solutions & Support



- 18 Courses segmented into course learning outcomes modules (or cartridges)
- Full Environmental Management A.S. Degree
- Built to Quality Matter Specifications for Blackboard.
- VR resources with hands on activities matching key industry training events
  - Tagging and Start Up Procedure
  - Maintenance Procedure
  - Event Response



# Continuity of Operations

- **Scheduling Advice**
- **Operating Procedures**

1. The overall class is ~ 20 students broken into two 10 person blocks for staggered live training
2. ~70% of fundamental material online done as a whole class of 20 students
3. ~ 30% in person which equates to 1 live lab, lecture, group project every 2 weeks. This portion is staggered into two groups of ten and repeated by the faculty twice ~ once every 2 weeks.
4. The faculty receives 4 credits instead of 3 because they are doing ~ 30% more work (i.e. repeating the 30% two times)



# Marketing & Outreach

- Academia went Online (K-12)
- Academia had trouble filling a daily agenda



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a grid of 20 participants in a 4x5 layout. The top row shows five video thumbnails. The second row shows a video thumbnail of the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by four name tiles: A'Necia, Noah Vigilio, Alisa Brown, and brianfullen. The third row shows name tiles: brenda, angelmarquez, Tameshia Martin, Mary Slowinski, and Saúl Pérez. The fourth row shows name tiles: Garrett Cunningham, miguel guadarrama, and Galaxy S8 active. On the right side, there is a 'Participants (23)' list with search and control options. Below that is a 'Chat' window with a message from 'brenda' and a response from 'Me'. The Zoom interface includes a 'Recording...' indicator at the top left and a 'Zoom' title bar at the top.

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brenda	angelmarquez	Tameshia Martin	Mary Slowinski	Saúl Pérez
	Garrett Cunningham	miguel guadarrama	Galaxy S8 active	

Participants (23)

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- KC Kevin Cooper (Host, me)
- J JHA06HT
- a ajb32963
- A Alicia's
- AB Alisa Brown
- a angelmarquez

Invite Mute All Unmute All More

Chat

From **brenda** to **Everyone**:  
Good day. Brenda from Lane Community College. I am wondering if this will be recorded. I would like to share with others. Thanks

From **Me** to **Everyone**:  
Yes and we will send out link

To: **Everyone** File ...

Type message here...

# ■ Thank You & Questions

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# Advice from Program Officers



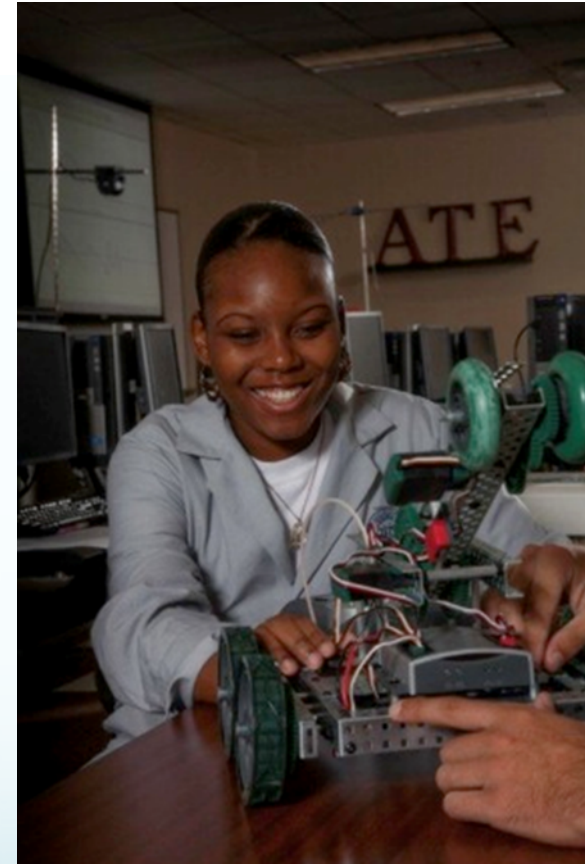
- Read the solicitation!**
- Choose right program track**
- Start early**
- Faculty-driven concept & work plan**
- Get help – avoid errors**

Program Officers  
Project/Center PIs

## **Be alert to guidelines**

Proposals submitted need to be in compliance with both the ATE solicitation and the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1)

[https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg20\\_1/index.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg20_1/index.jsp)





# ATE Resources



- [www.atecentral.net](http://www.atecentral.net)
- [www.mentor-connect.org](http://www.mentor-connect.org)
- [www.Evalu-ate.org](http://www.Evalu-ate.org)
- [www.nsf.gov/ate](http://www.nsf.gov/ate)

The screenshot shows the ATE Central website homepage. The header includes the ATE Central logo, a search bar, and navigation links for HOME, COMMUNITY, RESOURCES, EVENTS, and ABOUT. A 'Sign In' link is also present. The main content area features several sections: 'What is ATE?' with a brief description and links to learn more; 'ATE Centers and Projects' with a map of the United States showing numerous location pins and filters for 'All', 'Active', 'Inactive', 'New', 'Centers', and 'Projects'; 'ATE Fact Sheet' with statistics: Active ATE Centers (30), Active ATE Projects (340), ATE Resources (5,402), New Projects/Centers (108), and New Resources (153); 'ATE Events' with a list of upcoming events like 'Recruiting Women to Cybersecurity' and 'Keys to Sustain & Thrive in Your Career...'; and 'ATE Resources' with a featured article on 'Manufacturing Technology Training Center (MTTC) Pressure Sensor Process'.

The screenshot shows the Mentor-Connect website homepage. The header includes the Mentor-Connect logo, navigation links for HOME, ABOUT US, CONTACT US, RESOURCES, and EVENTS, and a search bar. The main content area features a large orange banner with the text 'Increase your impact on technician education' and a photograph of two young women in a workshop setting. Below the banner, there is a paragraph describing Mentor-Connect as a leadership development and outreach initiative for the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Program (ATE).

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