

Valerie Dodrill-Killen, Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs in Adams 12, has been selected as the President-Elect for the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA). Dodrill-Killen works at the Bollman Technical Education Center and is an 18-year employee in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

CACTA is a professional organization for administrators of CTE programs that helps to energize and communicate the passion and value of Career and Technical Education programs throughout local communities. As part of the President-Elect's duties, Dodrill-Killen will oversee and chair the CACTA Task Force, a division of CACTA that works to ensure a strong voice for CTE in all forums and levels of education in Colorado, as well as communicating and networking key issues and best practices for secondary and post-secondary CTE in Colorado. She will also plan and organize the February 2011 Mid-Winter Conference for the CACTA group.

CTE Programs available to students in Adams 12 include: Business, Marketing, Family & Consumer Science, ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education), Construction Technology, Applied Technology, PC Servicing (A+/Net+), Health Sciences, Graphic Design, Welding Technology, Auto Technology, CAD (Computer Aided Drafting), Teacher Cadet and ProStart (Culinary & Restaurant Management). CTE Programs provide students with hands-on, work-site based learning experiences in preparations for high skill, high wage, high demand occupations and emerging industries. All CTE programs offer opportunities for students to earn college credit while still in high school, which provides a seamless transition for students into their post-secondary education and career goals.

Dodrill-Killen will begin her duties as President-Elect for CACTA in July 2010. Until that time she will continue in her role as the CACTA Membership Chairperson.