



Hello,

I am Sidney G. Delepine, III Ed.D., the President of ASTS. I want to introduce you to the Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences

(ASTS). ASTS emerged in 2006 by combining the National Association for Trade and Industry Educators (NATIE) and National Association of State Supervisors for Trade and Industrial Education (NASSTIE) into one organization as a means of unifying and strengthening the two groups to benefit students of Trade and Industry (T & I) courses of instruction.

ASTS is recognized nationally by education, business, and government as the premier organization representing technical educators in shaping policy and programs to build a skilled global work force.

ASTS empowers educators to be leaders and advocates for skilled and technical sciences education. We accomplish this through a structured program of training, networking, conferences, political action, and recognition activities.

The ASTS mission is built upon — and our success depends on — the commitment of our members and partners to the following values: integrity, ethics, respect, responsibility, citizenship and service.

The purpose for this letter is to encourage all your Trade and Industry educators to join ASTS and become nationally certified teachers in their respective fields through the ASTS Professional Badge or ASTS CTE Programs. Additional information can be found on the ASTS website at www.astsonline.org. I have attached information pertaining to the ASTS Professional Badge for your review.

I look forward to corresponding with all your Trade and Industry teachers as together we move forward with achieving higher recognition for all T & I teachers in the coming years.

Please forward this letter to the T & I teachers in your database.

Sincerely,

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President