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Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for May 2025

May - the month of blooming possibilities and fresh starts.

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Governing Board Election Results

Congratulations to the following board members whose terms on the Governing Council will begin at the conclusion of the 2025 Conference in Buffalo. They are:

President-Elect
Jan Gonzalez, Purdue University Northwest

Governing Board
Lisa Borre, Volunteer State Community College
Lindsay Jensen, University of Kentucky
Kelsey Jordan, Purdue University

2025 NCTA Conference Sessions & Speakers and the Meme Contest

The full list of sessions and speakers for the 2025 NCTA Annual Conference is now available on our website! This year's conference will be held from **July 7–10, 2025**, at the **Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center** in Buffalo, NY.

A heartfelt thank you to all our speakers who have contributed their time and expertise to create a dynamic and engaging program. With a diverse array of sessions planned, there's something for everyone. Don't miss this opportunity for learning, networking and fun with fellow testing professionals!

Registration is open, and we encourage you to secure your spot during early bird registration. Early registration ends on **Friday, May 30, 2025**, and regular registration concludes on **Friday, June 20, 2025**. Additionally, take advantage of the discounted hotel rate by booking before **Friday, June 6, 2025**.

For more details on the conference agenda, speakers, and to register, please visit our official conference page: https://www.ncta-testing.org/2025-conference.

The 5th Annual Meme Contest opens TODAY! Create and submit your meme before the May 31 deadline. See more information on the Meme Contest!

We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo for an enriching and memorable experience!

NCTA Proctor Certification

The next window for Proctor Certification is:

June 2-27, 2025
Registration Deadline: May 2, 2025
Accommodation Request Deadline: April 18, 2025
Register for the June 2-27 Proctor Certification Window

Learn more about Proctor Certification.

Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers

Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers! Your hard work is applauded!

Initial

- Jacksonville State University
- Cuyahoga Community College Brunswick

Recertification

- South Florida State College
- Coastal Carolina University

Shout Out

Valentina Burton submitted a **Shout Out to Rebecca Piety,** thanking her for her leadership and dedication to NCTA, The Finance Division and the Grants Program Committee.

Valentina states: Upon accepting the role of Grants Program Committee Chair, Rebecca established clear and open communications to foster a wonderful, positive, and productive environment where committee members feel valued and empowered to achieve goals. Her lead-by-example approach to planning, organizing and executing committee tasks encourage members to acknowledge, participate and take accountability for every aspect of the Committee's contributions to the goals of the program.

Rebecca is an excellent coach and leader who leverages her experience and innovative ideas to promote cohesiveness and team building to serve her committee. In just a few months, she has advanced the vision and purpose of the Grants Program to attract the involvement and participation of our members, especially those seeking opportunities to improve their staff and themselves through professional development.

Congratulations, Rebecca, and thank you for your service!

Testing Professionals Week

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5TH-9TH, 2025

Don't forget to use the hashtags to show us how your center celebrates!

TESTING PROFESSIONALS WEEK

May 5 APPRECIATION

Send personalized thank yous or provide small tokens of appreciation to your staff.
#TYTestingPros

May 6 PRO DEVELOPMENT

Host a Mini-Training, encourage best practices, provide a short article about proctoring or test security, or invite a guest speaker
#TestingExcellence

May 7 WELLNESS & SELF-CARE

Set up a relaxation station, encourage staff to stretch, offer a lunch and learn on Stress Management.
#Testing Wellness

May 8 ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

Organize a retreat or team-building activity, recognize staff with "Testing Hero" awards, (i.e. "Most Calm Under Pressure"), share positive student feedback
#TeamTesting

May 9 FUN & FESTIVE

Allow Staff to dress casually or in school spirit wear, bring treats or host a catered lunch, share testing memes and GIFs
#TestingProsRock

Mark your calendars! **Testing Professionals Week** is happening **May 5-9, 2025**.

This is a great time to recognize and appreciate the hard work of testing professionals who ensure fair and accessible assessments.

Click here to learn more and find ways to celebrate with your staff and testing colleagues.

CAS Webinar Series

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is delighted to announce the launch of the Improvement Imperative webinar series. Building off the success and themes of our Continuous Improvement Summit, these free monthly webinars (held the first Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. ET) will highlight topics of interest in assessment, accreditation, program review, and overall continuous improvement.

Details for the sessions this year can be found at: https://erau.edu/continuous-improvement/continuous-improvement-summit/improvement-imperative-webinar-series

And you can register here: https://erau.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E3OGO7tISzGEburb8ISIcQ (if you scroll you can actually register for the entire year with a single registration by checking the box for each month).

We welcome any questions and look forward to hopefully seeing many of you there!

Connect with Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at the 2025 Conference

The Partnerships & Outreach Division is thrilled to announce that the SIGs will be hosting two events at the upcoming conference:

- SIGs Networking Lunch: Connect, Share, and Collaborate
- SIG Coffee Date: Brewing Community and Conversation

Details including the date, time, and location of each event will be shared closer to the conference — stay tuned!

We invite all NCTA members to participate in these sessions and get involved with the SIGs. Whether you're attending your first SIG event or you're a returning member, your voice matters. Topic include, but are not limited to, emergency planning for vendor testing, universal access compared to accessibility, managing Gen Z, and

more. We encourage open discussion and ideas! Come ready to ask questions and collaborate with colleagues from across the country.

📬 Want to get involved before the conference? Send questions, topic suggestions, or resource ideas (white papers, sample documents, etc.) to our SIGs email: [partnerships@ncta-testing.org]partnerships@ncta-testing.org!

If you have items to contribute to *Quick Bites* that are of benefit to all members of the NCTA organization, please share them with the Administration division chairs: Jan Gonzalez at jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu and Alan Dixon-Hurd at a.hurd@csus.edu.

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