



Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for October 2026

“Every successful exam begins with a well-prepared testing team—and every well-prepared team grows by sharing knowledge, supporting one another, and staying connected.”



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Message from Your New President



It is a tremendous honor to serve as President of the National College Testing Association. I am humbled and honored to represent NCTA, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me through my election as President.

NCTA is a remarkable organization because of the people who make up our community. We share a commitment to providing fair, secure, and accessible testing experiences for students, while supporting one another through the challenges and opportunities of our profession.

As I look toward the year ahead, I have two important priorities for our organization.

First, I want to grow NCTA's membership both nationally and internationally. There are testing professionals who have yet to discover the professional community, resources, and connections that NCTA provides. Growing our membership isn't simply about increasing our numbers—it is about welcoming new voices, experiences, and ideas into our organization. I encourage each of you to be an ambassador for NCTA and invite a colleague to become part of our community.

Second, I am excited about the opportunities presented by our new Proctor Training Division. Well-trained proctors play an essential role in protecting exam integrity, creating consistency, and supporting students. By expanding practical, high-quality proctor training and professional development, NCTA can provide even more valuable resources to our members and the institutions they serve.

Of course, these priorities—and everything NCTA accomplishes—depend on the dedication of our members and volunteers. I look forward to listening, collaborating, and working alongside all of you as we continue to strengthen our organization and our profession.

Thank you for your confidence, your dedication to NCTA, and the privilege of allowing me to serve as your President. I am excited about what we can accomplish together and look forward to making this an outstanding year for NCTA.

Together, let's continue to grow our community, strengthen our profession, and support the important work of testing professionals everywhere.

Jan Gonzalez
President

Celebrating Connection and Innovation at the 27th Annual NCTA Conference



The 27th Annual NCTA Conference took place September 14th - 17th at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento. More than 300 testing professionals from across the country came

together to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and celebrate the important work happening throughout our profession.

Many exciting special events were also enjoyed by conference attendees, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the newly renovated Sacramento State Testing Center, followed by a planetarium show. Another fun event brought teams together for a city-wide scavenger hunt all around the Sacramento capitol area, downtown Sacramento, Old Sacramento, and the waterfront.

Looking Ahead: NCTA Conference 2027 in Anchorage, Alaska



We had a fantastic time at this year's NCTA Conference in Sacramento! From insightful sessions to reconnecting with colleagues, the energy and engagement were truly inspiring. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it a success!

Now, we're already looking ahead to next year. Mark your calendars for September 20–23, 2027, as the NCTA Conference heads north to Anchorage, Alaska!

Anchorage offers a unique combination of breathtaking natural beauty, rich Indigenous culture, and exciting outdoor adventures. Attendees can explore scenic parks and trails, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, enjoy views of the surrounding mountains and coastline, or take a day trip to experience Alaska's wildlife and glaciers. With its stunning landscapes and one-of-a-kind attractions, Anchorage is an unforgettable conference destination.

We can't wait to welcome you to Anchorage in 2027! Stay tuned for more updates.

Don't Forget Your Conference CEs!



Now is a great time to submit your **Continuing Education (CE) credits** from the conference to your NCTA member profile for **Proctor Certification**. Keeping your CE credits up to date helps ensure your professional development is accurately recorded.

Quick steps: Log in to your NCTA profile → **My Membership** → **Continuing Education** → **Add Credit** → enter your conference information → Save → upload your certificate/documentation.

 [Click here for a guide](#) that walks you through the process step by step. Questions? Reach out to **CE Committee Chair Jade Saeger** at saegerj@otc.edu for assistance.

We want your feedback!

Don't forget to complete the conference survey in the NCTA app! Your feedback is valuable and helps us improve future conferences, strengthen educational opportunities, and better serve our professional community. Thank you for sharing your thoughts!



Congratulations to Our 2026 NCTA Award Winners



Congratulations to all the 2026 NCTA Annual Conference award winners! We are pleased to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the NCTA community:

- **New Professional Award:** Katie Woods, College of Western Idaho
- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Bill Thelen, Central Washington University
 - **Service and Leadership Award:** Cynthia Duarte, Duke University
- **Outstanding Program Innovation Award:** University of Central Florida
- **President's Award:** Jim Wollack, University of Wisconsin–Madison
 - **President's Award:** Jarret Dyer, College of DuPage
- **President's Award - Corporate:** Scott Greene, Meazure Learning
 - **Friend of NCTA Award:** Marc Weinstein, PLLC

We also congratulate our exhibitor award winners:

- **People's Choice Award:** College Board
- **Best Booth Award:** RegisterBlast
- **Customer Service Award:** Yondr

Congratulations to **Meme Contest Winner** Margaret Thomas of Seminole State College!

We also extend our appreciation to our **social media contest winners** from the 2026 NCTA Annual Conference in Sacramento:

- Heather Appold

- Denise Rogers
- Jessie Christensen
- Aaron Smart
- Katherine Edge
- Melissa Gleckler
- Melissa Ramsay

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped share the excitement, connections, and memorable moments from this year's conference.

Finally, we offer our sincere thanks to our **outgoing Governing Council members** for their time, talents, and dedication:

- Tabatha Spain, Professional Services Division
- Cathy Jackson, Partnerships & Outreach Division

Please join us in welcoming our **incoming Governing Council members** to the Board:

- Andrea Burton, Treasurer-Elect
- Emily Camp, Co-Chair of the Administration Division
- Lisa Holben, Chair of the Proctor Training Division
- Theresa Beebe Novotny, Co-Chair of the Membership Engagement Division

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful NCTA Annual Conference!

Celebrating Our 2026 NCTA Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors



Dear 2026 NCTA Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors,

On behalf of the National College Testing Association (NCTA), we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of the 2026 NCTA Conference, held September 14–17 in Sacramento, California.

This year's conference brought together more than 300 professionals for four days of learning, connection, and collaboration. With more than 45 professional development sessions and numerous opportunities to exchange ideas and build relationships, the conference reflected what makes the NCTA community so special. Your partnership helped make that possible.

We were honored to recognize **Pearson** and **RegisterBlast** as our Platinum Sponsors; **ACCUPLACER**, **Brainseed**, **College Board**, **Honorlock**, **Prometric**, **Prov Exam Services**, **PSI**, and **Yondr** as our Silver Sponsors; and **Meazure Learning** and **Proctorio** as our Bronze Sponsors. We are truly grateful for your investment in NCTA and in the professionals and institutions we serve.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our exhibitors—**ACT**, **Computer Comforts Inc.**, **Redrock Software Corporation**, **Surpass Assessment**, and **SmarterServices**. Your presence added another valuable dimension to the conference. The conversations, demonstrations, and connections you shared with attendees created opportunities to discover new resources and solutions while strengthening relationships across our professional community.

More than anything, we hope you know how much we value your partnership. The success of the NCTA Annual Conference is built not only on outstanding educational programming, but also on the relationships we share with organizations like yours. Your willingness to invest your time, resources, and expertise helps us create an experience that is meaningful for our members and advances the work of the testing profession.

We hope your time in Sacramento was rewarding and that you left with new connections, meaningful conversations, and a renewed sense of partnership with the NCTA community.

Thank you again for being an important part of the 2026 NCTA Conference. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to the possibility of welcoming you back for the **2027 NCTA Annual Conference in Alaska in September 2027**.

With sincere appreciation,

Chair, Finance Division and Sponsors and Exhibits

Connect and Collaborate at the SIG Coffee Dates



The Special Interest Groups would like to invite you to the upcoming SIG Coffee Dates via zoom. Any NCTA member is welcome to attend for FREE.

February 11th, 2027, 3 pm EST

April 8th, 2027, 3 pm EST

June 24th, 2027, 3 pm EST

Aug 5th, 2027, 3 pm EST

Grab your coffee and come join us for relaxed conversation and collaboration. We look forward to seeing you there!

A huge thank you to all of those who came to the SIG sessions at conference for engaging conversation and collaboration!!

NCTA Book Study



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025-2026 NCTA book discussions of *Start with Why* and *The Opposite of Cheating*. Your insight, questions, and engagement helped make the conversations thoughtful and meaningful, and highlighted the value of coming together to reflect critically and learn from one another.

We have another great book study planned for spring, with details to come shortly. We'd also love to give you the opportunity to lead a future book discussion! Serving as a discussion moderator is a great way to engage with fellow professionals while helping foster meaningful dialogue.

The role of Moderator is simple but impactful:

- Choose the book
- Set the weekly reading schedule (typically over 5 weeks)
- Facilitate the discussions (usually held in the afternoon)

We will take care of the logistics, including setting up the virtual meeting link, handling registration, and sending out reminders—so you can focus on the conversation. If you're interested in leading a book discussion, or if there is a book you would like to suggest, please email professional.development@ncta-testing.org. We are eager to get started organizing and building another great experience.

Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers

Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers. Your commitment and hard work are truly commendable.

Initial Certifications

- South Dakota State University

Recertifications

- Florida International University MMC
 - Florida Gateway College
- Florida Southwestern State College - Collier
 - Kishwaukee College
- Rio Salado College - Tempe



Interested in Volunteering?

Looking for a meaningful way to get more involved with NCTA?

Volunteers help shape the future of our association while building leadership skills, expanding their professional network, and giving back to the testing community. Explore current volunteer opportunities and find a role that's right for you!

View the NCTA Volunteer Jobs Board:

<https://ncta.memberclicks.net/ncta-volunteer-jobs-board>.



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