



Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for October 2025

"Fall reminds us to pause, reflect, and embrace new beginnings."



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Save the Date: NCTA 2026 Annual Conference in Sacramento!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the [2026 NCTA Annual Conference](#) in beautiful **Sacramento, California** on **September 14-17, 2026**! As the state capital and a hub of history, innovation, and culture, Sacramento provides the perfect backdrop for our community to come together, exchange ideas, and inspire one another. Sacramento's unique blend of old and new awaits you. Stroll through the charming streets of Old

Sacramento, discover the vibrant food scene and farm-to-fork dining, or take in the natural beauty of the Sacramento River and nearby wine country.

Start thinking now about sharing your expertise with the membership through a presentation. You can co-present with another member or someone from your office. **The conference proposal will be open December 1, 2025 to February 1, 2026.**

Whether you're attending for professional growth, networking, or the chance to recharge and be inspired, the 2026 NCTA Annual Conference promises to be a highlight of the year. Mark your calendars now. **Registration will open on Monday, March 16, 2026.** Look for more information in future communications and on the [website](#).

Testing Professional Week of Giving Thanks



Membership Engagement will be hosting Testing Professional Week Of Giving Thanks November 3rd through 7th, 2025. This will be a week of giving thanks for testing staff for all they do on a daily basis to keep your operations functioning.

Throughout the week we will post questions about testing related activities to gather statistical data that will be shared with our administrators.

Then at the end of the week show your gratitude by hosting a pizza lunch for all your testing staff. Flyer will be posted on the listserv on November 1, 2025.

Volunteer Opportunities with NCTA

NCTA is seeking volunteers to support our work and strengthen our community! Volunteering is a meaningful way to connect with colleagues, develop new skills, and give back to the profession.

We are currently looking for:

- **NCTA Test Center Certification Team Members**
- **NCTA Digest Editor**
- **NCTA Grants Committee Members**

If one of these opportunities sparks your interest, visit the [NCTA Volunteer Jobs Board](#) to learn more and apply.

Your time and expertise make a real difference—thank you for considering getting involved!



Brewing Connections: SIG coffee Dates and Member Insights

Just a reminder:

SIG Coffee Dates

Next: October 21, 2025 3:00 pm-4:00 pm EST

Future Coffee Date: February 19th, 2026 and June 18th, 2026 3:00 pm EST

Also, Partnerships and Outreach would love to hear from you. We are looking for additional information to share as we reach out to non-members and we want to share your perspective of NCTA.

So, share with us your best benefit of being part of NCTA!

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Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers



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

Recertification

- Heartland Community College

Connect With Us:

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 chair, Alan Dixon-Hurd, at a.hurd@csus.edu.

