



## **Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for September 2025**

"Success isn't about avoiding mistakes, but about learning from them. Every test is a chance to grow and show how far you've come."



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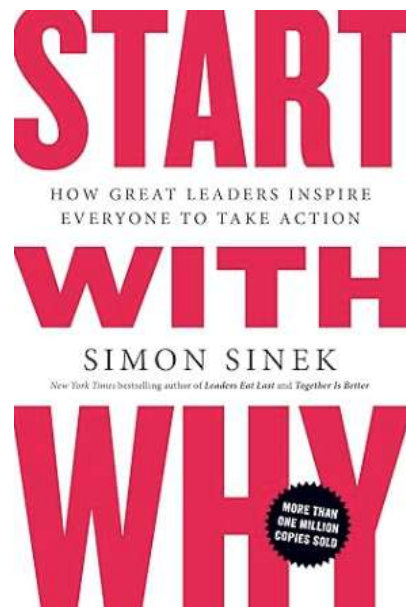
### **Save the Date: NCTA 2026 Annual Conference in Sacramento!**

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.

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](#).

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.**

## Fall Book Study



**Book Title:** *Start With Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action*, by Simon Sinek

**Facilitator:** Emily Camp, Auburn University, Biggio Center Testing Services

**Time:** Thursday in October from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

**Book Discussion Schedule:**

The book discussions will take place in October on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST

Thursday, October 2, Chapters 1 - 4

Thursday, October 9, Chapter 5-7

Thursday, October 16, Chapter 8-10

Thursday, October 23, Chapter 11-12

Thursday, October 30, Chapter 13-14

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop yourself both personally and professionally. Discuss the why about innovation, individuals are more influential, or command greater loyalty. Whether you're an NCTA member or not, you can benefit from this enriching experience.

Registration is FREE for NCTA members, and only \$30 for non-members. **Registration Deadline Tuesday, September 30, by 11:00 AM EST.**

*Registration opens Friday, September 5th. Keep an eye out for an email invitation to sign up.*

## **NCTA Proctoring Network (NPN) Update**

The NCTA Proctoring Network (NPN) has been experiencing setbacks due to a database reconstruction. We have been diligently working behind the scenes to bring the database back online but have been encountering data migration issues transferring data from the old system to the new.

We understand the important role the NPN service can play in optimizing your services so we will continue to work through the issues to bring the database back online. Until such time when we are able to do so, we are suspending both the use of the network and NPN membership enrollment for prospective subscribers. Access to the network will end October 1, 2025. If you currently have a paid membership to the network, your membership will not expire until such time when the network is back online and a new expiration date is determined. Please do not attempt to complete or submit the enrollment form until we have notified you that it is okay to do so.

We will keep you informed by posting updates and announcements to the listserv.

## **Celebrate Your Colleagues – Nominate Them for an NCTA Award!**

Did you know that nominating an outstanding colleague is just a click away?

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond, finds creative solutions, or improves processes by collaborating with vendors, departments, or peers? NCTA has many dedicated and hardworking members who deserve to be recognized — and you can help highlight their contributions!

You can nominate someone (or submit a shout-out) for one of the following awards:

- **NCTA Shout Out**
- **NCTA Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **NCTA Service & Leadership Award**
- **NCTA New Professional Award**
- **NCTA Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **NCTA Outstanding Program/Innovation Award**

Learn more about each award and submit your nomination or shout-out here: <https://www.ncta-testing.org/awards>

Let's celebrate the amazing work of our NCTA community!



## New NTA Digest Editor Needed



The NCTA Board decided to no longer publish the NCTA Journal based on the recommendations of the former Journal editor and committee. Instead, the Board approved the creation of *The Digest*. *The Digest* is our new member-driven publication featuring articles, book reviews, and opinion pieces submitted by NCTA members. It provides valuable professional insights while fostering a strong sense of community within our association.

See the [NCTA Volunteer Jobs Board](#) to submit your application.

**Free "Special Interest Group" (SIG) Coffee Date: Zoom with the NCTA Leaders**



JOIN US!

Mark your calendar!

**Date:** Tuesday October 21st, 2025 3:00 pm-4:00 pm EST

**Where:** Zoom (link will be sent to those who sign up)

**Register Here:** [https://ncta.memberclicks.net/oct25\\_sig\\_coffee\\_date](https://ncta.memberclicks.net/oct25_sig_coffee_date)

**SIG Spotlight for October:** Emergency Preparedness

*Each month we will spotlight a different SIG and then have open Q&A with all the leaders.*

Seize this opportunity for great conversation and information.

We are here to help!

The SIG groups focus on gathering and sharing information and resources on specific topics which include Emergency Planning, Online Learning, Management, and Universal Access.

## From the Desk of the Chair, Finance Division

**Reminder.:** We are simplifying the process for everyone. Change to ACH, EFT or Credit/Debit Cards. If you or your organization need help establishing the ACH or EFT payment process, contact NCTA Finance by emailing [treasurer@ncta-testing.org](mailto:treasurer@ncta-testing.org)

**Sending payments:** If your institution is still sending paper checks to NCTA, be sure to use the correct address below:

National College Testing Association (NCTA)

1502 West Broadway

Suite 102,

Madison, WI 15713.

**New:** If your organization requires a W-9 to process membership dues, log on to the NCTA website and visit [Member Resources](#) to access the prefilled form.

**NCTA Donor Program:** Interested in supporting NCTA and our members' efforts for professional development and research? Visit <https://www.ncta-testing.org/ncta-donor-program> to lend your support.

Email [treasurer@ncta-testing.org](mailto:treasurer@ncta-testing.org) for questions or concerns involving fees and payments.

**Next Month:** Get to know your NCTA Invoice

**NCTA Proctor Certification**





**The next window for Proctor Certification is:**

October 6-31, 2025

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2025

Accommodation Request Deadline: August 22, 2025

[Register](#) for the October 6-31 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

- Southwestern Michigan College

#### Recertification

- Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus

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#### 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](mailto:a.hurd@csus.edu).

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