



## 2025 NCATC President's Message

As the new President of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC), I am honored and energized to lead this dynamic network of forward-thinking institutions, partners, and industry collaborators. Together, we share a powerful mission: to fuel innovation, empower learners, and strengthen our workforce through advanced technology education.

At NCATC, our Strategic Pillars guide everything we do. From advancing lifelong learning environments and embracing emerging technologies, to deepening employer engagement and partnerships, our focus remains firmly on the future. As an Affiliated Council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC), NCATC catalyzes a national network of higher education and industry-led Strategic Partner resources that advocates, advises, and promotes the use of advanced technology to enhance economic and workforce development.

Our commitment to competency-based education and work-based learning ensures our efforts lead to real-world outcomes—and we recognize that success depends on having the right talent in place. As the demand for skilled workers grows, so too does the challenge of finding qualified instructors to deliver high-quality technical education. NCATC is committed to raising awareness, supporting recruitment, and amplifying this critical need at the national level.

In the coming year, NCATC is doubling down on engagement—and we invite all our members and strategic partners to lean in. Whether through thought leadership, collaborative projects, or piloting innovative initiatives, your voice and vision are essential. There are countless ways to get involved: share best practices, mentor emerging advanced technology centers, serve on committees, amplify your work by tagging #NCATC on social media, or join us this September in Tucson, Arizona for our 2025 Annual Conference.

As we continue to navigate a rapidly evolving workforce landscape, NCATC remains committed to staying ahead of the curve—through innovation, collaboration, and shared purpose. Thank you for your continued partnership and belief in the power of connection.

Here's to bold ideas, shared success, and a transformational year ahead!

With gratitude and enthusiasm,  
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President, NCATC