

The Official Newsletter of the Viticulture & Enology Science & Technology Alliance

September 2022

Upcoming Deadlines & Industry Events

VESTA Courses for Fall 2022 semester began August 29.

Registration for Spring 2023 VESTA Courses opens October 1, 2022.

Spring registration deadlines are as follows:

VIN 212 – registration deadline December 16, 2022

VIN 214 – registration deadline March 17, 2023

VIN 215 – registration deadline April 14, 2023

All other classes – registration deadline 1/13/2023

VESTA Resource Center will be attending the [2022 ATE Principal Investigators Conference](#) October 26-28, 2022, in Washington, D.C. *Reconnecting & Advancing the Skilled Technical Workforce* will be the discussion among all the Advanced Technological Education Program participants.

The American Wine Society National Wine Conference will be held in Bellevue, Washington October 27-29, 2022. [Click here for the agenda for the 55th conference.](#)

Grape Camp hosted by Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association is being held in Dripping Springs, Texas November 2-4, 2022. [Registration is still open.](#) Education sessions include exploring viticulture challenges like water, drought, heat, and labor, plus unique grape and wine sensory education.



[CW Kelley III](#) joins VESTA Resource Center as Marketing Coordinator.

CW is a certified sommelier and has earned his Associate degrees in Viticulture & Enology through the VESTA program.

Meet our Content Experts



[Dr. Anne Fennel](#) is a Distinguished Professor at South Dakota State University.

Academic Interests/Expertise:

- Grapevine bud dormancy and cold hardiness
- Grapevine Genetics and genomics
- Plant Physiology and Molecular Biology



[Dr. Barry Gump](#) is the Harvey R. Chaplin Eminent Scholar Chair in Beverage Management at Florida International University.

Academic Interests/Expertise:

- analytical methodology applied to grapes, juices, and wines
- Beer, Wine Consultant, Wine Judge

Offering
The Resources and Services
To Advance the Grape and Wine Industry

The 17th Annual VESTA Summit was held May 31-June 4, 2022, at Geneva on the Lake, Ohio. Kent State University Ashtabula hosted the curriculum retreat. VESTA team members including management, instructors, content experts, host institutions, and industry representatives gathered to discuss the successes of the previous year and improvements for the new year.



Photo of Dr. Barry Gump (right) and Tony Kosicek (left) of Kosicek Vineyards in Geneva, Ohio. The team enjoyed a visit to [Laurello Vineyards](#) for a winery tour, barrel sampling, and dinner.

Tony Kosicek is currently serving as a committee member of [Ohio Grape Industries Committee](#).

Practicum Site Alliance Member



Etude in Carneros AVA of Napa, California

The Grace Benoit Ranch, home to the Etude Estate Vineyards, lies in the Coast Ranges of California – young mountains thrust up by forces of colliding crustal plates. These forces are also the origin of the San Andreas Fault System and its parallel components, including the Rogers Creek Fault that runs a few hundred feet west of the Ranch. The property itself is cut by at least one fault – the Bennett Valley Fault – which our “Temblor” Vineyard pays tribute to.

Follow us on Social Media!



Mission Statement: The VESTA Resource Center seeks to be the preferred destination for resources and services that will advance the U.S. Grape and Wine Industry (GWI). An alliance of educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and private industry working together with different levels of government offers a unique way to address the deployment of Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) opportunities in the GWI and other high-technology fields across the country.