

Professional Bio
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A firm believer in experiential education, Michelle Hampton has taught for the New Castle County Vocational Technical school district for the last two and a half years.

She earned her bachelors degree in Secondary Education, English and Communications graduating with honors from Pennsylvania State University. A University Scholar, Michelle studied overseas in both England and Puerto Rico. Her graduate study at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

focused on both print and broadcast journalism. After receiving her Master of Journalism degree, Michelle spent the summer in Spain taking intensive Spanish language courses at La Universidad de Madrid and exploring the countryside.

Professionally, she worked as a technical clerk for seven years in the pharmaceutical industry. She worked some of those years part time as she began to look into a career working with youth. She held a position as social worker and court liaison at Sleighton School, a residential school for both delinquent and dependent teens, in Media, Pennsylvania.

Currently, she serves as one of two English instructors for Delcastle High School's Academy of Communications and Publishing, a career area focused on connecting student learning to the industry of communications through broadcasting, design and printing. She also teaches mainstream English and Reading courses while serving as advisor to various student organizations. These include the school newspaper -- *The Trademark*, the band front/color guard, the pep club, and the Travel Club that visited England, Italy, and Spain within the first two years it was founded.

What's the Connection?

I am pleased to be able to join this years APEC and VTM conference. Likewise, my student companion, Thomas Romay, is excited about the educational experience this opportunity will provide. Please note his comments regarding where we are located and how our community and state relate to Mexico. Don't forget to visit us at <http://www.nccvotech.org/> on the Internet.

Like my student traveler, I am interested in learning more about APEC and VTM. Until now, I never knew there was an international organization focusing on trade that included students and was interested in educating them about the world in which they live. I would like to see how the businesses as well as their representatives from various countries interact to promote cross-cultural/economic trade. Relating APEC and VTM to my community is important to me. What will I be able to bring back to my community and my students that will impact them now and in the future? What will I say when they ask me why APEC and VTM should be important to them and their international counterparts?