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Dr. Mark L. Johnson received a BSBA in 1983, a MS in Technical Teacher Education in 1987, and an Ed.S. in Industrial Education in 1989 all from PSU. He received is Ed.D. in Vocational Education from the University of Arkansas in 1993. He is currently a University Professor in Technology and Workforce Learning in the College of Technology at PSU.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Johnson has been an advocate for student achievement and success, in and out of the classroom. He has served on 5 national boards of directors in the field of career and technical Education, including President of the Association for Career and Technical Education T&I Division and a member of the ACTE National Board of Directors. He is also a frequent presenter at state, national, and international conferences. He was named PSU Outstanding Faculty in 1995, 2004 and 2009. In 2000, he was named the National Career and Technical Educator of the Year by the National Association for Career and Technical Education.

Most recently, he has been contracted by the Entertainment Industry as a Training Consultant for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stagehands all over North America, having taught more than 1,000 industry trainers in more than 35 cities across the US and Canada, as well as working with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, the Union of Painters and Allied Trades, the Utility Workers Union of America, and the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters.