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Greeting From SDACTE President Tom Wolff, President



As I am talking to my fellow teachers in my school district, I never hear them talk about other teachers in their curriculum areas that they meet and share ideas with. As a CTE teacher, I feel fortunate to have a network of people I can ask questions to, share ideas with and voice my concerns. Not only that, I get to know them on a personal level and I feel like I have an extended family. The annual "family reunion" takes place when I attend the conference. This year the SDACTE Conference will bring new and familiar faces to a new location!

This premier CTE conference in Rapid City will be held from July 29-31 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Western Dakota Technical Institute.

You will be provided with a wide variety of activities and events for junior high and senior high school CTE educators, post-secondary educators, administrators and counselors to attend. Something new this year is the Welcome Reception that will take place at the Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City. A scavenger hunt will also take place downtown that evening. We have Brooks Harper as our keynote speaker, a wide variety of breakout sessions allowing everyone to find something worthwhile, division time, the trade show, tours and our banquet with Jim Scull speaking. Do you need a credit to re-new your teaching certificate? You can earn undergraduate or graduate credit by attending the conference. As you can tell, there are so many great things packed into our conference that you do not want to miss this annual event. I hope you have plans to attend and I would encourage you to seek out a new teacher or any other teacher in your division who has not attended or joined the SDACTE and encourage them to attend and get involved in our great organization! I hope to see you in Rapid City!

Register Now!

<https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2308283>

WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF SDACTE?

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Silent and Live Auction, Basket Bonanza and more.....

Josh Christiansen, President-Elect

Every year SDACTE sponsors fundraisers at conference to raise money for the SDACTE secondary and post-secondary scholarships and various stipends. This year, we have some fun things lined up to support the cause.

Here are some of the details on the fundraisers you can look forward to at summer conference:

* Silent Auction = The Silent Auction will take place on Monday night during the Awards Banquet. We will also be trying out an online bidding system with about 20 items. Members will be able to bid on items throughout the day on Monday using your mobile devices.

* Live Auction = 5 items will be chosen from the donated items up to be part of the Live Auction after the Awards Banquet on Monday night. The live auction is always a crowd favorite!

* Basket Bonanza = Back from last year, each Division will be providing a "basket". Members will have opportunities to buy a square on the Grid Board for a chance to win the basket.

* More to come = The SDACTE Executive team is working to create more interactive fundraising activities in which members may participate at conference.



Some of the highest demand items in the past couple of years have been student projects brought by instructors to add to the auctions. We want to showcase the great things that our students are doing, so we are asking each of our members to try to bring student projects for the silent and/or live auctions. The individual who brings the item that sells for the highest bid will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Cabela's. To get into the competitive spirit a bit more, the SDACTE division which raises the most money through student projects will be the carriers of a new "Traveling Trophy".



The SDACTE Board has been working to bring you new, innovative and relevant teaching ideas for you to use in your classroom. The Greatest Hits e-blast that have been coming to you monthly come from our Board and our members. I would like to encourage each and everyone of you to share your successful teaching strategies with the rest of our SDACTE members. To do so all you need to do is write a short excerpt on how you utilize the method in your classroom or a quick tutorial. Attach any web links or pictures you would like to share and send them to Megan.Jaquet@k12.sd.us. We hope to continue to share these ideas through the summer and into the following year. Please consider sharing your incredible teaching tools through our Greatest Hits.

FACS Division Updates

Every year we hear how wonderful it is to network with the other FACS teachers in the state during our Summer Conference. Well this year will be another great opportunity for networking and sharing teaching ideas and techniques.

This year the FACS division will be holding a Teaching Talk Social on Sunday from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. We will have light appetizers and table talk conversation starters to get the sharing started.

The FACS division will also be bring back a Round Table session. If you have some ideas you would like to share during the Round Tables let one of the FACS Division board members know.

Along with the FACS division activities there are also many wonderful tours and break out sessions planned. We would also like to invite you to our Main Street Square Social on Sunday Night from 6:30-8:30.

This event will be fun for you and for your family as well if they are going to be attending this summers conference with you. Hope to see you in Rapid City!

Megan Jaquet, FACS Division

Main Street Square Social

Great Food

Families Welcome

let the kids play
in the fountain

Cash Bar

Downtown Scavenger Hunt
with prizes

Sunday July 29, 2018
6:30-8:30pm

From Trades and Industry Division:

Greetings from Trades and Industry Division:

Do you have summer plans yet? If not, South Dakota's CTE Conference is fast approaching. It will be taking place July 29-30 in Rapid City! Don't miss this year's inspiring keynote speaker, Brooks Harper. He will kick off the conference with an entertaining presentation with emphasis on soft skills development, personal branding, networking and self-marketing. We also will have engaging industry tours and over 50 breakout sessions and more!

Remember what this conference provides for you-- a great opportunity to get those grad credits for renewal or continuing education hours. You have an opportunity to learn something new to take back to your classroom. With this conference you are a member of SDACTE, ACTE and can benefit greatly from those organizations! This conference allows you see what is happening in the industry and at the college level. Don't forget the great networking you get from this conference. We don't always get a good opportunity to work with other teachers in our field so it is always nice to see what everyone one else in the state is doing.

Here is the link to register for this year conference. Hope to see you all there.
<https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2308283>

Travis Santistevan Trades and Industry Division President.

Hello, Xello! Meet the New SDMyLife.

Erin Larsen, SD DOE

Starting in fall 2018, SDMyLife will be supported by a new platform called Xello. The new platform brings improved course planning, a personality assessment, and interactive, online lessons that assist students with meaningful career exploration.

These new features will be in addition to features currently being utilized, such as the Career Matchmaker, learning styles inventory, ACT Method Test Prep, career and college exploration and much more. SDMyLife will remain a FREE resource for all 6-12th grade students in South Dakota.

To learn more, join the Division of CTE staff and Xello trainers at one of the following trainings.

Rapid City – May 30, 2018
Mitchell – May 31, 2018
Sioux Falls – June 1, 2018

Register at <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com>. Contact Megan.Tatum@state.sd.us for questions.

National Policy Seminar Update

The week at National Policy Seminar was an exciting one! Hot topics in Washington, D.C. this year included the reauthorization of the Perkins CTE Act and the Higher Education Act, and the consolidation of the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE). Upon arriving in Washington, D.C., participants in this year's seminar engaged in various roundtable discussions regarding these topics. Breakout discussions were provided to participants to better understand the Higher Education Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act. General session topics included Federal Funding Outlook, Perkins Reauthorization, and an informational session on Secretarial Authority.

On Tuesday, March 6, participants of the National Policy Seminar headed to Capitol Hill for Congressional visits. Members representing South Dakota who met with Senator John Thune's office included Dodie Bemis and Karen Roudabush. Discussion topics of that visit included asking for Senator Thune's support for bipartisan reauthorization of Perkins funding and increase the Perkins CTE Act Funding to \$1.3 billion to restore recent cuts. This would raise the funding back to the 2007 Perkins funding levels. Other topics of discussion included asking for support in ensuring that the Higher Education Act reauthorization reflects today's diverse postsecondary landscape by reducing barriers to higher education and ensuring quality programs while reducing the data collection burden for institutions. It was also asked that congressional members oppose efforts to consolidate the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), as the consolidation could have potentially negative effects on secondary CTE education due to a shrinking presence of CTE in the Department of Education. A Capitol Hill Reception featuring students from Career and Technical Student Organizations from across the country was held in the Senate Dirksen building in the evening. Speakers for the event included national and state officers from the various CTSOs and CTE Caucus Co-Chair Senator Tim Kaine.

The seminar concluded on Wednesday, March 7 with roundtable discussions on sharing the CTE message with your states and communities. Those in attendance discussed how the value of CTE was shared in their respective local areas. Also that morning, a Constituent's Coffee was held by Senator John Thune, Senator Mike Rounds, and Representative Kristi Noem. South Dakotans in attendance for various events, including National Policy Seminar, took the opportunity to meet with their congressional leaders and again discuss the issues regarding Career and Technical Education with them. National Policy Seminar was a great event to attend to become more aware of legislation that impacts our local programs. Meeting with congressional members to discuss issues and thank them for supporting CTE continues to promote a positive image of Career and Technical Education in South Dakota.



Karen Roudabush
Bridgewater-Emery School District

Lodging at Summer Conference



The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel for the summer conference in Rapid City. All the Sunday activities and Tuesday activities will take place at the Ramkota. The majority of Monday's activities will take place on the campus of Western Dakota Tech. The exceptions will be division time for the agies and FACS Monday afternoon and the Awards Banquet on Monday evening. The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$139.99 for a standard double or single room. Please have the attendees call the hotel direct at 605-343-8550 and ask for Summer Conference and Institute to obtain the group rate.

Attend 2018 Summer Conference

Russ Swanson, SDAAE President

As the end of the school year starts to wind down, be sure to register early for this year's Summer Conference. I am excited for the change in venue this year as we head out to Rapid City at the end of July. The kickoff will begin on Sunday evening downtown at Main Street Square. Summer Conference is a great way to get prepared and energized for the coming school year. In addition to the tours, trade show, and workshops, the ideas and strategies you acquire from visiting with other Teachers are invaluable. If you have never been to Summer Conference, or if it's been a while since you last attended I encourage everyone to be there. I would also like to remind everyone to start lining up donation items for the auction. This is a great event that really helps support our close knit family of educators.

Proposed Changes to Graduation Requirements

South Dakota's current graduation requirements have been in place since 2009. Currently, a proposal to revise the state's graduation requirements is being vetted across the state. The full proposal can be viewed [HERE<http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/>](http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/).

The proposal was developed as a means to provide flexibility for students to meet their postsecondary and career aspirations within a framework of general graduation requirements. The flexibility is aimed at better supporting schools to provide opportunities to meet students' diverse interests and goals. Along with that, the proposal allows more opportunities for students to explore post-secondary and work-based opportunities while they are still secondary students.

The proposal will go through the required public hearing process via the Board of Education Standards<<http://doe.sd.gov/board/>>. This includes a first reading at the board's May 8 meeting in Vermillion and a public hearing at the board's July 16 meeting in Pierre. Watch this website<<http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/>> for an announcement of the opening of the official public comment period.

Administration Division

Isolation is a common problem among teachers in the CTE disciplines. Single-person departments and incompatible schedules lead to teachers feeling alone and secluded. The following list of teamwork benefits helps make the case that teamwork increases efficiency, leads to better educational outcomes, and might be the secret weapon for CTE teachers.

- When a team works together as a single unit, they are able to accomplish more than they can alone.
- Diversity in groups increases the different skill sets, which can create better solutions to complex problems.
- Mutual support benefits people by creating an encouraging, motivating environment in which groups can reach goals that individuals could not reach by themselves.
- Teams inherently possess more resources; and more oversight in projects reduces the risk of failed initiatives.
- Teams that work well together create a supportive environment in which individuals can achieve larger and more complicated goals.
- When members of a team achieve shared goals, there is a greater sense of accomplishment than when an individual works alone.

If creating better outcomes by working smarter, not harder is something you desire, I highly recommend finding a opportunity to meet educators who share the same goals as you. Actually, there is already such an event planned this summer in Rapid City. See you there!

Dr. Paul von Fischer
Brookings Area CTE Consortium Director
Brookings High School Principal

Innovative Program Recognized

The SDACTE Board of Directors selected Bret Johnson and his Architecture and Construction Cluster program at Yankton High School as the Region V Innovative Program from South Dakota. Johnson was recognized earlier this month at the Region V Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. The Yankton School District purchased a saw mill and instructor, Bret Johnson, has been implementing its use into his Introduction to Cabinetry and his Cabinetry class curriculum. Three Yankton tree-trimming businesses gladly donate high-quality logs at the high school since the landfill charges a fee to dump trees. This partnership has a threefold benefit: more profits for local businesses, reduced debris in the landfill, and students benefit from the "up cycling" of the logs for their projects.

Once the logs arrive on site, the students measure each log for length and diameter and check the logs for defects. They take this information and estimate board feet of lumber, the market price for green and dried lumber, and the waste in each log. Then the cutting begins! The saw will handle logs up to 36 inches in diameter and 20 feet long. Students will cut logs for 2 to 3 days yielding 1000 to 2000 board feet of lumber. The lumber is then measured for yield and either put in a solar kiln (built by the Intro to Building Trades class) or it is stored inside where it will dry naturally. The lumber will usually take about 3 months to dry, during that time students will occasionally check on the lumber with a moisture meter and look for mold forming on the boards. Once the lumber is dry enough to mill, they will measure for shrinkage and process the lumber into usable dimensional lumber and calculate the usable board footage and the market price.

Students create beautiful projects from the lumber yielded from the logs. Projects have included accent tables, headboards, benches, trivets, stools, and many more. When the projects are complete they figure the board footage used in the project, the cost of the wood used, and the value of the family heirloom created. It is a unique experience for students to see a project created from raw material rather than visiting the local lumber yard not to mention the unique learning experience. The projects are one-of-a-kind and the students take pride in their work. Students are excited to go to class!



Innovative Program- Region V Vice President Dodie Bemis congratulates Yankton CTE instructor Bret Johnson on his award-winning Architecture and Construction Cluster program. Johnson's program was one of five innovative programs recognized at the Region V Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. The other programs were from Arizona, Montana, North Dakota, and Washington.

Bemis Inducted Into Hall of Fame



Surprise, Dodie!!!- Incoming Region V Vice President Mark Branger, Annika Russell, and Coleen Keffeler appear quite pleased with themselves as they surprised SDACTE Executive Director Dodie Bemis on her induction into the Region V Hall of Fame.

Long time SDACTE Dodie Bemis was inducted into the Region V Hall of Fame during the Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. Currently serving as the Region V Vice President on the ACTE Board of Directors, Dodie has actively served career and technical education at the state, region, and national level. In addition to serving as the Region V VP, Dodie was recently elected president of the National Executive Directors Association (NEDA). She served as a site committee co-chair for three Region V Conferences and has presented at numerous region conferences as well as Region V state ACTE conferences in addition to serving on numerous Region V committees. When ACTE members think of Region V, they immediately think of Dodie's enthusiasm and support of the states comprising Region V, dedication to career and technical education and leadership in promoting ACTE.

"It was an honor to be selected for inclusion in the Region V Hall of Fame. It is a humbling experience to be recognized for doing what I thoroughly enjoy," Dodie said. "Thank you to South Dakota ACTE, Coleen Keffeler and Annika Russell for nominating me. I am truly honored." Mary Anne Berens from Arizona and Doug Meyer from Washington were also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Mark Your Calendar!

We are heading out
west!
Next Summer's
SDACTE Conference
will be held in Rapid
City, SD.

July
30th and 31st



Region V Leadership- South Dakota provides strong leadership on the region level of ACTE. Dodie Bemis serves as the Region V Vice President, Annika Russell as the Nominating Committee Chair, Coleen Keffeler as a member of the Policy Committee, and Tracy Kern as the Marketing/Membership Committee Chair.

ACTE Region V Conference in Colorado Springs

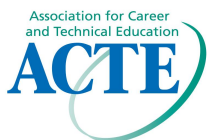
On April 11-14th, six members of South Dakota ACTE attended Region V Conference in Colorado Springs, CO.

The start of the conference started with our keynote speaker, James Ogsbury. Mr. Ogsbury is Executive Director from the Western Governors' Association who highlighted Governor Dugaard's Workforce Development Initiative. Members were treated to a meal and conversation from Chef Brother Luck who won this seasons episode of Top Chef. Chef Brother Luck visited with members on his love for career and technical education. Several presentations took place during the conference but a treat for South Dakota was when Dodie Bemis was awarded into Region V's Hall of Fame. This award recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of individuals who have been identified with the work and purposes of Region V.

Another highlight was when South Dakota's own, Bret Johnson from Yankton High School, was recognized as part of Region V Innovative Program Award. This award recognizes career and technical education programs in Region V that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education. The conference ended on Saturday, April 14th with Region V Award's Brunch. This brunch recognized members from Region V for their outstanding service to career and technical education.



Tracy Kern, SDACTE Past President



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