

# VIEWPOINT



SEPTEMBER 2016, ISSUE 78

## Greeting from SDACTE President Tracy Kern

As the start of the new school year approaches, many of you can be heard asking, "Where did summer go?" Time flies when you are having fun, and being with family and enjoying personal hobbies makes it go faster. However, the start of the new school year can bring just as much excitement, and CTE can play a big part. I love the fact that CTE programs can improve students' lives. What other courses can create career interests, apply core academics to real-world learning, boost self-esteem, build critical thinking skills, and enhance leadership skills. Now, isn't that worth going back to school for?

As an advocate for CTE, I encourage all of you to work with your division presidents on any concerns, ideas, or expertise you have concerning South Dakota Career and Technical Education. As a board, we are here to assist you. If you have ideas for next year's summer conference, let the Board of Directors know. Ideas and recommendations are always welcomed. Speaking of next year's conference, mark your calendars to attend SDACTE conference at South Dakota State University in Brookings from July 30 - August 1, 2017.

Again, I'm excited that you have joined the Career and Technical Education journey for the new school year. May your year be one that is rewarding for your students and for you. In May, I hope you can state, "Where did the year go?"



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Pg 2 Meet Our President-Elect

Pg 3 School Leadership + Business and Industry Partnerships

Pg 3 CTE Standards Revision & Trainings

Pg 4 SDACTE Conference Recap

Pg 5 Stipends

Pg 5 BMIT Division

Pg 6 2016 SDACTE Award Winners

Pg 7 T & I Division

Pg 7 AFNR Division

Pg 8 Guest Speakers, Online

Pg 8 Cakubg fir Creativity

## **Any keynote speaker suggestions????**

The SDACTE Board of Directors is seeking your input for a keynote speaker for the 2017 Summer Conference in Brookings. Our last 7 speakers have been fantastic due to the fact they all came from our memberships' recommendations. If you have heard an exceptional speaker within the last two years, please feel free to share the name with us. Even better, share that individual's contact information as well. E-mail your suggestion to Dodie Bemis no later than

October 10th: [bemisd@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:bemisd@lakeareatech.edu)  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## Meet Our President-Elect



Tom Wolff: I am looking forward to serving as the president-elect for the 2016-17 school year. I have been involved in the ACTE organization for 27 years with 25 of those being in South Dakota. I am currently teaching agriculture, food and natural resources at Dell Rapids High School. The courses I am teaching this year are Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Fisheries, Ag Business Sales and Marketing, Ag Processing, Fundamental Ag Mechanics, Fundamental Animal Science, Ag Power Technology and Advanced Ag Mechanics. The 4 X 4 block schedule allows me to offer a wide variety of courses to meet the students' interest areas. The enrollment in my various classes has continued to increase, allowing me to offer two sections of several classes.

My wife is a Kindergarten teacher at Baltic Elementary and our four children are Kadin (17), Philip (13), Grace (10) and Coryn (10). Yes, we have twins, and there is never a dull moment in our home.

I served as the president of the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources division in 1998-99 and gained an appreciation of all the hard work and time it takes to run an organization and conduct a valuable conference. I have been approached in the past about serving as an officer of the SDACTE and have declined, but this year, I felt I needed to practice what I preach. I want my students to get involved in my FFA chapter and do not want them to give me excuses about how busy they are or whether or not it is the right time. I want them to take advantage of every opportunity as they can gain and grow from it. I put a "Thought of the Day" on my board in my classroom each day in hopes of providing a little inspiration to my students. A quote from George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion" is very fitting regarding how I feel about SDACTE and serving as an officer. I am passionate about the courses we offer that integrate core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge and provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. We are providing educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce. By getting involved in our organization, we can grow professionally, develop leadership skills and build relationships with other educators in our state and nation. I hope to share my passion while serving on the board and promoting career and technical education and the SDACTE.



### Congratulations

Tracy Kern, FACS Teacher at Harrisburg, and Mark Otten, K-12 Principal at Burke, have been awarded the 2016 Professional Development Stipend. Ms. Kern will be pursuing a master's degree in CTE/Leadership. Mr. Otten is planning to pursue his specialist degree at USD. Congratulations and best wishes as they each pursue their goals.

**Loyal Members-** The SDACTE Board of Directors once again recognized members who have belonged to the organization for 5-plus years. This year a total of 25 people received that distinction. Those with 20 years belonging to ACTE/SDACTE included Wayne Hansen and Tracy Kern and those with 15 years of service Linda Pankratz and Carol Birgen.

## School Leadership + Business and Industry Partnerships = Student Success

In order to maximize the student experience in career and technical education programs, schools must cultivate and advance connections with community partners. Not only are your local business and industry leaders knowledgeable about industry standards and procedures, they are current in their practice and know what they are looking for in prospective employees.

Assisting teachers through the process of reaching out to industry and business leaders can be rewarding for school leaders and, more importantly, it can create astonishing, effective learning environments for our students, such as shadowing experiences and internships. At the very least, asking a business partner to be a “guest lecturer” in class for a day can be eye opening for both the students, and maybe even for your business partner.

### CTE Standards Revision & Trainings

Educator workgroups met over the summer in the following content areas to revise CTE course standards: Agriculture Food & Natural Resources, Arts, AV Technology & Communication, Finance, Health Science, Human Services, and Manufacturing. The revised standards are currently out for industry review and validation.

Final drafts of the revised standards will be available for public comment in mid-October at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/review.aspx>. We encourage you to provide either online or in-person feedback on these standards. The first public hearing for the revised standards will be on November 15, at the SD Board of Education meeting in Sioux Falls. Three more public hearings will take place during winter/spring of 2017, and the standards will be up for adoption in May 2016.

In-person trainings and webinars for the newly adopted standards in Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundations of CTE, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and STEM will be held throughout the year. Dates for these training can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/documents/PD16-17CI.pdf>.

Erin

If this isn't enough motivation to reach out to business and industry partners, anyone who has written grants knows that when it comes to attracting program improvement dollars from just about any source, partnerships are preferred. The synergy that can come from the symbiotic relationship between school and industry creates student experiences much greater than the sum of its parts. For more information, visit the national ACTE website and search “community partnerships”.

Happy partnering!

**Paul von Fischer**  
President of Administration and Special Services Division



Teach like a PIRATE- Keynote speaker Dave Burgess provided a unique blend of art and magic, mixed with an inspirational message of how and why to become more passionate in the classroom. His high-energy presentation was both an interactive and entertaining experience for all.



## SDACTE Conference Recap

This year's SDACTE Conference was held in Sioux Falls July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees were able to take advantage of a variety of professional development and networking activities throughout the conference. Based on comments during the conference by members and your member evaluations filled out after its completion, we know that the conference was a success, but we continue to strive to improve for next year.

With a more stream-lined on-line registration in place and a new networking scavenger hunt to start of the conference right on Sunday evening, we hope you noticed that we listened to your frustrations from last year. First time attendees were welcomed at a Newcomer's Sessions Monday morning, followed by our opening session and keynote, "Teach Like a Pirate." The day continued with a fantastic list of Industry Tours available to choose from, mixed with the new Quick Pitch for Cash activities that are sure to be a continued for years to come as a way to get the newest and most innovative ideas shared with members attending the conference. Committee meetings and another successful SDACTE Awards Banquet to recognize the best of our members rounded out a busy day at conference.

Tuesday found members combining division specific activities with breakout sessions of professional development that many seemed to feel that were too short on time, but filled with much needed information. We made time to conduct the needed business of SDACTE during lunch and the evening included divisional banquets to wrap up the conference for most of us attending.

I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors, DOE staff, sponsors, STI, Dodie, and the Ramkota staff for making the conference a huge success. Many people put in countless hours and are commended for the efforts.

We have an excellent Board of Directors assembled this year and look forward to serving you and the organization. We will be setting annual goals for SDACTE soon and we encourage input from our members. Please contact your division presidents with any comments, ideas, or concerns. The Board is now looking forward to conference in Brookings next summer and building on the successes of this conference, with your help.

John Rist  
Past President



**Just Having Some Fun-** Tara Fastert, Tracy Kern, Deb Rombough, and Jordan Meland take advantage of some of the props from the Photo Booth for their candid shot. The Photo Booth was a new offering this year to give the members unique photo opportunities to add to their Facebook accounts.

**Lots of Goodies-** SDACTE President Elect Tracy Kern presents one of the baskets to winner Joe Dalton. The Basket Bonanza raised over \$500. Each division, plus other interested individuals, donated a basket of treasures/goodies to raise money to defray expenses for the gifts given for years of membership.



## Support Amendment R

A constitutional  
amendment to  
recognize technical  
institutes in South  
Dakota's Constitution



Supported by  
The Governor's  
Office, the Board of  
Regents, all four  
Technical Institutes,  
local school  
districts, & Business  
and Industry

# VOTE YES

### ***Stipends: Let SDACTE help pay your way***

It's the end of September and all of our school years are in full swing. It's also the time when we start to really think about ACTE VISION 2016 in Las Vegas November 30- December 3. Attending this conference is a great way to gain professional development and network with other teachers from across the United States. There are more than 300 breakout sessions on everything from secondary & post-secondary programming to career clusters to grants and funding. If you are looking for some resources and information on what's up and coming in CTE, then VISION 2016 is for you.

SDACTE Board of Directors know that you may need some help funding the trip to VISION so we offer three \$500 stipends to members who are attending VISION. All you have to do is fill out an application and submit it to John Rist by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Then his committee will go through them and choose 3 members. We also provide stipends to the National Policy Committee and Region V Leadership Conference. Let SDACTE help you attend VISION, NPS, and/or Region V!!!

**--Annika Russell, Post Secondary Liaison from Mitchell Tech**

## BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND IT DIVISION UPDATES

By Lorie Mulhair, BMIT Division President

It was wonderful to see many of you at the SDACTE Conference held at the end of July in Sioux Falls. It was delightful to network with other CTE instructors from around South Dakota. If you missed this year's conference, please consider attending next year when the conference will be held in Brookings. The conference is a great professional development opportunity.

I am confident that everyone is off to a great start to a new school year! Maybe some of you were inspired by Dave Burgess at conference with his "Teach Like a Pirate" message and are trying ways to transform your role in the classroom to increase student engagement in your lessons. I know that is a difficult task and a challenge for all. We all need to be open to new methods so good luck this fall as you plan your lessons.

Thank you, Jennifer Tande from Flandreau for accepting the nomination for the BMIT President Elect position. Our division will look forward to your leadership and ideas. Another, thank you goes out to Connie Whistler from Bridgewater-Emery for volunteering for the representing our division on the scholarship committee. The other committee representatives are also appreciated. Think about how you can get involved in our organization.

In closing, please visit our [BMIT Website](#) and consider sending Annika Russell any CTE news or classroom happenings for the SDACTE Facebook page. I would love to see the BMIT division in the newsfeed. [annika.russell@mitchelltech.edu](mailto:annika.russell@mitchelltech.edu). Have a fantastic fall season.

## 2016 SDACTE Award Winners

### New Teacher of the Year---Kristi Knox, FACS teacher from Canistota

Having completed her third year of teaching, Ms. Knox uses project-based learning opportunities to help students develop leadership, community involvement, teamwork, and growth as a person. A few of those projects include Food Truck Challenge, Chopped Wars, and Cupcake Wars. She also serves as the local FCCLA advisor where her chapter plans and carries out many community events.

**Teacher of the Year---Naome Poppe, FACS teacher from Brandon**

Teaching students useful information that they can use throughout their lives is something Mrs. Poppe tries to do for her students. She uses a variety of resources in her teaching, incorporates technology as much as possible, and makes sure she meets the CTE standards. She has sent 4 high school students to the FACS program at SDSU and supervised 3 student teachers in her career. This is her 13<sup>th</sup> year of teaching with the past 8 in SD.

**Postsecondary Teacher of the Year---Dr. Scott Smalley, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership**

Dr. Smalley served as an assistant professor in the area of agricultural education at SDSU before just recently accepting a similar position in Iowa. He has worked with several projects with the most recent one where he designed and received approval from the SD Board of Regents and SDSU to begin a Masters of Science in Ag Education. Another project he assisted in organizing and hosting is a one-day recruitment event entitled iTeachU.

### Carl Perkins Community Service Award---Cindy Brace, FACS teacher from Redfield

For the past 33 years of teaching FACS and advising, Mrs. Brace has integrated community service into class and FCCLA activities. A few of the projects she has lead and supervised include serving Veterans Day meals, conducting yearly food drives, angel tree collections, fundraiser for C is for Cookie Not Cancer, helped the local PTSA put on elementary carnival games and book fairs, and made and donated tie blankets for the needy.

### Lifetime Achievement Award---Jean Clarke, Emery

Since 1977 Mrs. Clark has been involved in CTE at the local and state level. She retired from teaching in 2015, but continues to be involved in teaching DIAL courses, serves as a Peer Education Leader in FCCLA, and is the Healthy Youth Initiative Coordinator. She has helped revise standards in 2 clusters, served as a cooperative teacher for 12 student teachers and served as the chair of the SDACTE Awards Committee; plus advised FCCLA officers at the district, state, and one at the national level.



**Award Winners-** SDACTE President John Rist and Awards Committee Chair Bev Rieck flank award winners Dr. Scott Smalley, Post Secondary Educator of the Year; Naome Poppe, Teacher of the Year; Jean Clarke, Lifetime Achievement; Cindy Brace, Carl Perkins Outstanding Service; and Kristi Knox, New Teacher of the Year. Each award winner was presented with a plaque and a \$300 stipend provided by Associated General Contractors of South Dakota and Home Builders Association of South Dakota. Teacher of the Year Naome Poppe will also receive a complimentary room at the 2017 SDACTE Conference being held in Brookings, SD. These award winners may now progress and compete on the Region V level.



## SDACTE T&I Division

Hope everyone is having a great start to another school year. As devoted classroom teachers, I know each of you is excited to get back into the classroom to educate our Career and Technical students. As I returned into my classroom, I remind my students of the classes that we teach will help prepare them for their possible careers that are in our workforce. We will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> conference business meeting to start planning for the 2017 SDACTE conference that will be held in Brookings next summer. If anyone would like to be a presenter please get in contact with one of the Board members.

Thank you for educating our future workforce.

Terry L. Jastram  
T & I/Tech Ed President



**Job Well Done-** On behalf of the organization, incoming president Tracy Kern thanked John Rist for his leadership and presented John with an outgoing president's plaque. Tracy reminded the members of the dates of next year's conference (July 30-August 1) with the location moving to South Dakota State University in Brookings.



**Scholarship Winners-** Scholarship Committee Chair Jim Wilson (far right) congratulates Josh Sorbe from Brookings and Abby Ottenbacher, also from Brookings, at the SDACTE Awards banquet in Sioux Falls. Josh is one of the secondary scholarship recipient who is attending USD in Business and Marketing. Abby is the post secondary winner who is pursuing a degree in FACS at SDSU. Other secondary scholarship recipients included Allison Hemmer (Dell Rapids) and Laurel Diekhoff (Wessington).

## Greetings from the AFNR Division

School is in full swing and this time of year makes me smile and remember why I got into teaching. The students are so full of energy and want to be a part of everything. They are so eager to learn and they are willing to try all the new activities that you throw at them and they do it with such excitement. This has always helped me to keep my momentum going even through the first few weeks of school when I feel like I am consistently taking one step forward and two steps back!! It was great to see everyone at summer conference and hopefully everyone was able to network and gather the material they needed to help kick start their school year. Hopefully many of you are making plans to attend National FFA Convention in Indianapolis IN. Good luck to all of the teams and individuals that will be representing South Dakota FFA at the end of October. I hope that many of you are planning on attending NAAE/ACTE conference in Las Vegas NV at the end of November. I traveled to my first conference last year in New Orleans and it was well worth the trip, so if you are considering the trip I would take the leap you will not regret your decision!!! Safe travels over the next few months and remember on the days you struggle to get organized or stay motivated you are making a difference to someone so just enjoy and smile the next day will come!!!

Kelly Dunkelberger  
Parker High School

## Guest Speakers, On-line

No guest speakers available in your area? No problem! There are so many great speakers out there that have experience in all the areas we teach, however, a lot of times those experts are hours away from our locations. But, with today's technology those speakers that may be living and working across the state from your school can still be available via online communications.

We have all heard of Skype but there is another tool out there that is available that you only need a Google account to utilize. With so many schools utilizing Google Docs and Google Classroom adding Google Hangouts to that list will now make having virtual guest speakers an alternative to in class speakers.

With Google Hangouts you can place a video call to anyone who has a Google account and web cam. This could make having a virtual guest speaker accessible for you. Speakers can appear on your screen/projection tools for your class to see or they can share their screen with you so your class can see videos, documents or any other items on their computer screen. You can also have multiple computers on the call and as a person speaks their screen takes the main screen over. So you could even have a speaker panel without having to have all the speakers in the building.

To check it out go to <https://hangouts.google.com/>.

Megan Jaquet, FACS



## Calling for Creativity!!!

Here's a new opportunity for rising student designers. SDACTE is excited to announce a student contest to design the 3D-printed trophies that will be used for presenter thank you's at the 2017 Region V Leadership Conference in Rapid City April 6-8. The winning trophy design will be 3D-printed by Dennis Strait's CAD class at Northeast Technical High School and presented to all the presenters/speakers at the Region V Conference. The contest is open to secondary, postsecondary and adult CTE students in 3D design courses or other CAD courses. Students may enter as individuals or as teams of no more than two (2) people. **The winning design will be awarded a \$100 cash prize.** The deadline for submission is December 1st. Designs may be submitted to [bemisd@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:bemisd@lakeareatech.edu). Questions regarding the possible limitations of the design should be addressed to Dennis Strait at [dennis.strait@k12.sd.us](mailto:dennis.strait@k12.sd.us)





**2016-2017 SDACTE Board of Directors.**

(Row 1) Tom Wolff, President-elect, Annika Russell, Post Secondary liaison; Tracy Kern, President; Lorie Mulhair, Business/Marketing/IT Division President; John Rist, Past President; Erin Larsen, DCTE liaison;

(Row 2) Dodie Bemis, SDACTE Executive Director; Megan Jaquet, FACS Division President; Paul Von Fischer, Administration/Special Services Division President; Kelly Dunkelberger, SDAAE President; and Terry Jastram, T & I/Tech Ed Division President.

**SDACTE**

Dodie Bemis- Executive Director

1201 Arrow Ave

Watertown, SD 57201

Tel:605-881-4746

Email: [bemisd@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:bemisd@lakeareatech.edu)

<http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte/>

<http://www.acteonline.org>

Newsletter Design:

Megan Jaquet

CTE Academy Sioux Falls- Culinary Arts

[Megan.Jaquet@k12.sd.us](mailto:Megan.Jaquet@k12.sd.us)