



Conference speakers chosen

Get ready for some top-notch speakers at this summer's annual *Pathways to Success* conference in Pierre. Monday's keynoter Dr. Donna Walker Tileston is a nationally known speaker and trainer with many educational publications to her credit. A member of Corwin's *Million Dollar Author's Club*, her books have sold more than one million dollars' worth. Her research has resulted in the publication of *Strategies for Teaching Differently*, *Ten Best Teaching Practices: How Brain Research, Learning Styles and Standards Define Teaching Competencies*, and her popular ten-book series *What Every Teacher Should Know*. Dr. Walker Tileston will speak at the opening session on Monday, July 28th at the Ramkota Inn.

Need a good laugh? Want your funny-bone tickled? Ready for some Southern charm? Then Janie Walters is the one for you. Ms. Walters will speak several times on Tuesday, July 29th, and will deliver the keynote address on Wednesday, July 30th. Her topics include: "A New Day or Just Another One," "Blow a Bubble, Not a Gasket," and "Normal Is Gone, and It Won't be Back." Her closing presentation is entitled "To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Ever Gone Before." Not sure about us 'women,' but if you show up for Wednesday's luncheon, you'll find out if women have boldly gone where no woman has ever gone before.



Plan now to attend Summer Conference

When: July 27 – July 30, 2008

Where: Ramkota River Centre; Pierre, SD

Registration and schedule information soon! A combined dues/registration form will be available.

Conference fees have been set at \$100 if registered prior to July 10th and \$150 if registered after that date.

Why should I come to conference?

This is the primary opportunity to learn about issues and concerns for the coming year, to network with other instructors, to gain valuable insight and information to take back to the classroom, and to get an update on the issues important to Career and Technical Education. There will be something for everyone at this conference. Administrators, career guidance counselors, career and technical education teachers, and all professionals interested in preparing students with relevant and rigorous coursework will find something to interest them.

Business and industry, and postsecondary education connections will help everyone learn what employers expect of employees and how secondary Career and Technical Education can help fill the pipeline of workers and prepare students for postsecondary education opportunities.

An exciting trade show is planned that will feature a range of vendors displaying the latest education technology along with products that have become staples of Career & Technician Education. Several vendors will be providing demonstrations of their products as part of the integrated learning environment.

Along with general sessions and breakouts, luncheons, socials, and banquets (**and the Sunday picnic in the park!**) will allow attendees to develop important cooperative relationships with their colleagues and provide an opportunity to recognize those who have contributed to their disciplines and to the effort to improve education and career preparation for South Dakota students.

What will it cost and how do I register?

Registration and dues information will be available online soon and run through divisions. Or check in with Dodie Bemis @ bemisd@lakeareatech.edu. Please check the website for more information as it becomes available. More information at <http://www.doe.sd.gov/octe>

Remember you can use Perkins funds for conference.

Come join us for an exciting and information-packed conference! (Courtesy of OCTE, SDACTE, Tech Prep, and High Schools That Work)

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The SDACTE Home Page:

is located at <http://sdacte.southeasttech.com>. We are asking all division presidents to submit news or other pertinent data to be posted in the Division Information area. Send your information to Dennis Vickerman, 2320 N. Career Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57107.

from Dodie's desk . . .

What great leadership we have with your current SDACTE Board of Directors! They have been working very closely with their respective state division program representatives to plan a state conference with you and your needs in mind. There are some great sessions for general information as well as cluster/division specific. Each of them has some information, as well as a couple of teasers to share, so please read on.

One thing to note is that the Board has agreed to revert to registering by division, especially for the two larger divisions. Of course, you can always send your registration to me at LATI, whatever your preference.

Coleen Keffeler, Jim Wilson, and I represented you and our organization at the National Policy Seminar and had the opportunity to visit with all three of our congressional delegations. Jim shares his perspective with you in another part of this newsletter.

Coleen, Tim Andera, and I attended the Region V Conference earlier this month and gained ideas on how to make our organization stronger. We also put in a bid to host the 2011 Region V Conference in Rapid City.

If there's anything I can do to be of assistance to you, please e-mail bemisd@lakeareatech.edu.

Calling All Aggies

Lynn Brace, Redfield

This is your first call to convention. And what a convention we have planned!

First off, make sure that you pre-register early to get a cheaper rate. Next, plan on attending the annual conference picnic sponsored by SDVATA.

In our sessions, we have the opportunity to listen to topics that range from alternative energy to Farm Works to copper mining . . . a wide range of areas. Also, we have planned a tour of a local vineyard to learn about viticulture and wine making.

Once again the Isaac Walton will be the site of our awards banquet with great food and conversation. Also a plug for the SDVATA Awards Banquet: we need people to fill out applications so that we can have awards to give out.

Of course we have planned our usual business meetings, district meeting and CDE meetings. Make sure that you attend to gain valuable information for the upcoming year.

So mark in you calendar July 27 - 30 for Pierre, SD. Don't forget to register early and remember to bring door prizes and items for our auction.

Business/Marketing

Annika Russell, Wessington Springs/Mitchell

The SDACTE conference this summer is sure to have something of interest for everyone who attends. The Business/Marketing Division has a full schedule of sessions that offer you up-to-date information to take back to your classroom.

Professors from USD will be conducting two sessions dealing with careers in accounting and where the field of accounting is heading.

Jumpstart, the National Council of Economic Education, and the SD Career Center will be sharing information about their resources and how we can incorporate them in to our courses.

A session on Podcasting is scheduled to help you learn how to make them.

We are also going to be providing you with updates on Career Clusters and a tour of a local business.

During our Division Banquet, we will be honoring fellow teachers with our 1st Business/Marketing teacher awards and recognizing teachers for their years of service.

Come join us this summer, you won't be disappointed!!!!

Summer Conference Registration Fee

\$100 if registered before July 10th

\$150 if registered after July 10th

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Joline Dunbar, Brookings

As this school year ends, I find myself making a pledge to work this summer on my 'to-do' list for next year. So far it includes: clean out old files, sort all the great stuff I've gotten at state and national meetings so I can use it, work on a few of my courses by writing curriculum, and get my courses aligned with the career clusters.

Not a bad set of goals, but where do I start?? Well, I am glad that I can actually provide an answer for all of us on that question.

It is very important that you put July 28th, 29th and 30th on your calendar and make plans now to attend the SDACTE and SDATFACS conference in Pierre. We are working hard to put together sessions that will help you get ready for the next school year, and to help us all get ready to move forward in Career Clusters. Breakout sessions, speakers, round tables and presentations will focus on providing teachers with useful materials to take right into the classroom with you this fall.

One of the things I have always loved about being a FACS teacher is how we network and collaborate with each other. We plan to maximize this at summer conference. You need to know now that if you miss conference you will be missing something big! Get your school year off to a great start . . . be at conference and join the network!

SDACTE and SDATFACS Conference registration information will be coming to FACS teachers in mid-May. Be watching for it! You will register for all parts of the conference by sending your form in to our treasurer, Marlys Hauck-Fenner.

Registration information will be included in the SDATFACS newsletter. Make it your goal this year to pass this information on to someone who may not yet be a member! If you have a student teacher, be sure to sign them up!

Health Division

Judy Lucas, Southeast Technical Institute

Greetings from your Health Division President! We have a very exciting conference planned for you and are hoping that you will attend this very worthwhile SDACTE conference! The speakers last year were fantastic and the speakers arranged for this year should be equally fantastic. Because we are such a small division, we will be asking the Administrative Division to allow us to permanently join them. Shelby has arranged a tour of the State health lab and the forensics lab. This should be very interesting. As always, the opportunity to network is invaluable. Hope to see you all in Pierre July 27th – 30th.

Trade & Industrial & Tech. Education

Jon Severson, HATS

In the past few years the T&I&TE division has seen a declining attendance at the summer conference. In an effort to increase attendance in our division and attendance in general, here are some of the preliminary plans for the T&I&TE Division.

Possible vendors include Snap-On Tools, Hunter Engineering, Today's Class Software, Quizdom Interactive and CarveWright Wood Working system.

I am working with Snap-on and Quizdom to be presenters and demonstrate their product.

Jerry Taylor, Electronics Instructor at Hub Area Technical School, will demonstrate his C-Tech course which deals with Fiber Optic Cabling.

We will also be selling raffle tickets for the Terry Redlin print "America America." A "Second Chance" drawing will be held after the print drawing. This will include a \$100, \$50 and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards.

If anyone in the T&I&TE division has any more ideas for vendors or presentations contact me at jon.severson@hubarea.com.

Tech Prep

Anna, Dodie, Russell, and Scott

We are really excited about the sessions we have planned for you at Summer Conference. They are general in nature and contain great information! We have a reputation for offering exciting professional development and we won't disappoint you this time either. Take a look:

**What's Your Technical IQ? Showcasing the Technical Institutes*

**Career Clusters: From Theory to Practice*

**We Ain't Your Daddy's Vo-Tech*

**Career Exploration - Dakota Style*

**Personal Learning Plan: What Are You Going to Do When You Grow Up?*

**Tech Prep Update*

**Career Clusters: Is Your School Ready?*

**Multi-Generations in the Workplace*

Remember we're always good for a door prize or two as well :)

Auction Items: Got an idea?

We are going to once again have both a live and silent auction at the joint conference in Pierre on July 27-30 to support our Professional Development Scholarship Fund. Of course, we need the help of our membership to make this successful. Watch for a letter and information arriving in the next couple of weeks, but start thinking about securing at least one item for the auction now.

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