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I believe that membership in SDACTE/ACTE is crucial to the **career educator** and the profession at large. With President Bush's proposal to zero fund Perkins Legislation, this too can have a major affect on career education in South Dakota and the nation at large.

With these items in mind, I will challenge members of SDACTE to a membership drive. I will donate \$50.00 to SDACTE with the directive to award the SDACTE member who registers the most new individuals to join SDACTE. The Challenge begins April 30th and will end Friday, July 18th. (If there is a tie, the \$50 will be split between winners.)

To qualify for the President's Challenge, current members will have the interested individual complete the SDACTE Membership Application that is being sent to you as an attachment with this e-mail. I will also place it on CTE website at <http://learn.sdstate.edu/cte>. If needed, go to the website and find the hotlink "SDACTE" and look for SDACTE Membership Application. The current member will need to send the Membership Form, with individual's payment, plus a note stating who will be receiving credit for the new membership. The membership will include SDACTE Membership, ACTE National Membership and one or more of the Divisions. Please send the filled out application with payment to:

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I encourage all members to participate in the President's Challenge. We as an association are only as strong as our membership. In reality "All career educators should belong to SDACTE/ACTE." I believe the best way to recruit new members is to have a current member discuss with a non-member the benefits of belonging to the association. Without your promoting the benefits of belonging to SDACTE/ACTE to a new educator or seasoned one, our story does not get out!! **Our best recruiter is YOU. Without your taking the time to recruit, we will not grow as an association.**

Please participate in the President's Challenge. You can make a difference!!!

Dr. Tim Andera
President SDACTE

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Coleen's Corner by ACTE President Coleen Keffeler

As the school year comes to a close, I want to thank each of you for the work you do with your students and adult learners. Teaching, as we all know, has become more challenging in regards to funding, parental support, and state and federal legislation. South Dakota students continue to score well in regards to the ACT and other test scores. Please continue to lobby your state legislative leaders as well as members of Congress for increased funding and flexibility in regards to assessment of student knowledge and ability. Only through the success stories of our students and the data (the Perkins data due date is fast approaching!) can we prove the value of career and technical education.

I also want to ask each of you to consider stepping up to a leadership role in your division, the state association, Region V, and ACTE committees. Our association is only as strong as our members and their willingness to take a leadership role. Leadership involves serving others. In *The Secret*, by Ken Blanchard and Mark Miller, leadership is illustrated this way:

- S – See the Future
- E – Engage and Develop Others
- R – Reinvent Continuously
- V – Value Results and Relationships
- E – Embody the Values



Where do you see career and technical education in the future? Work to achieve that vision. Are you engaging your advisory board members and others in the dialogue to support and enhance CTE? Are you continually reinventing your curriculum to meet the needs of today's business and industry partners while being flexible in meeting the needs of your students? Do you value results and relationships? If you take care of the relationships, the results will follow. Finally, do you embody the values of career and technical education and our state and national association? Do you not only talk the talk, but walk the walk?

Thank-you again for your support as I have served as the national president. I'm proud to say I am from South Dakota. I will leave you with a quote that has guided my term as national President of ACTE. *The true leader serves. Serves people. Serves their best interests, and in so doing will not always be popular; may not always impress. But because true leaders are motivated by loving concern rather than a desire for personal glory, they are willing to pay the price. Eugene B. Habecker*

Gaining Legislative Insight by SDACTE President-elect Jim Wilson

On March 10 – 12 I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to represent our state association at the National Policy Seminar. NPS is an opportunity for members to gain a better understanding of how to communicate effectively with legislators and policy makers. The seminar and information given was broken down into five sections.

- Advocacy- tips and tools for building effective relationships.
- Legislative Process- how policy is set and laws are enacted.
- Resources and research- up-to-date research and resources
- Issues briefs- policy background information needed for a successful hill visit.
- Hill Visit Info- we were given leave behinds for our legislators.

All the information presented during the seminar led up to actually visiting the legislators on the hill. The South Dakota delegation included myself, Dodie Bemis, and Coleen Keffeler. We met with aides to all three of our legislators John Thune was the only legislator able to attend our meetings. That doesn't mean that our visit was not effective. In each case we were able to have conferences with the legislator's aides assigned to educational matters. I think that our visit was valuable in the sense that we gave them a better understanding of the importance of Perkins Funding to our state, gave them examples of how it is used on the state level, and gave them information as to why they should support CTE. Each showed strong support.



All things considered it was a valuable trip for me. I have a better understanding of the process and realize the important role that aides have. This makes me realize I can make a difference without directly talking to our legislators in person. Advocacy is very important to the continuation of state and federal funding for our programs and I encourage all members to take advantage of programs like this to become more informed.

Region V Highlights by SDACTE President Tim Andera

I just returned from Region 5 ACTE Convention held April 8th thru the 12th in San Diego, CA. The California group of ACTE did a wonderful job in hosting the convention.



I would like to share with you in this article a small portion of activities available to attendees. Tuesday was the day scheduled for a day long tour of three selected area career schools and they are listed below.

High Tech High

The morning started out by boarding a chartered bus to take a short drive to High Tech High located in the central part of San Diego. The school is a champion of integration of career education with academics. The school is on a block system with career programs linked with academic areas. High Tech High was started in the fall of 2000 through the collaboration of industry people and educators in the San Diego area to create this unique educational system. For students to be admitted into the school

they will need to apply and get accepted through a lottery of available slots to attend. All students attending the school will complete an internship during their junior year. One of the areas discussed during the visit at the school was the engineering sequence and how it relates to the school's math coursework. To find out more about High Tech High, please visit the school's website. <http://www.hightechhigh.org/>

Mission Hills High School

Mission Hills High School is one of the newest high schools in the San Diego area. The school was opened in August 2004. The school is located approximately 30 miles north of downtown San Diego in a hilly area and sits on a former dairy farm. The school buildings surround an interior courtyard and outside amphitheater where students and teachers can congregate during free time. The focus of the school is on a high achievement linking the sciences and arts with career education. Mission Hills has approximately 1700 students with a full range of athletics and activities for individuals attending.

Mission Hills Career and Vocational Education Department focuses on three primary areas:

1. Academies: Culinary Arts, Health Care, and Public Safety
2. Business: Introduction to Business, Word Processing and Retail Marketing
3. Computer Technology: Computer Applications, Computer Explorations, Graphic Design/Desktop Publishing, Multimedia and TV News Production.

Please go the school's website for more information. <http://www.missionhillshigh.org>

Ramona High School

Ramona High School was the last school to visit on Tuesday. Four participants were treated to a very nice lunch hosted by Ramona High School's Culinary Arts Program. Students in the program prepared and served the meal of roasted chicken with all the trimmings. We were told at the end of the meal by the Culinary Art's Instructor that the students were preparing to compete in the local SkillsUSA Competition and the meal we just finished was a trial run of what they plan to prepare for the competition. The meal was excellent and I wish the class success when they compete in SkillsUSA.

Ramona HS is one of the oldest schools the San Diego area dating back to 1894. The enrollment is approximately 1970 students in a four year curriculum. Career classes are offered in the areas of: business, computers, auto mechanics, auto repair, small engines, drafting, food trades, welding, landscaping construction, and veterinary assistant. After completing our meal we went on a tour of the Agriculture Program, then off to the Automotive Program and finally visiting the Video Production area which has developed an Internship Program with linkages to the movie industry in California. For more information please go to Ramona High School's website at: <http://www.ramonausd.net>

In closing, if you have not attended one of our Region 5 Conventions, please consider doing so. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and industry representatives along with publishing companies displaying their new textbooks and curriculum materials.

Next year's Region 5 Conference will be held at Semiahmoo Resort at Blaine, WA. For more information please go to this website. <http://wa-acte.org/>