

# VIEWPOINT

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## Greetings from SDACTE Update on John from daughter Ali

As many of you know, John was diagnosed with prostate cancer back in February. Through many scans, tests, and biopsies, John was then diagnosed with an unrelated neuroendocrine cancer in several lymph nodes and a few vertebrae. It has been a long road but after 2 rounds of chemo and one week of radiation, we did get some positive news. The treatment is working. A CaringBridge site has been started to try to keep the many people in John's life updated as he continues to fight this cancer. We immensely appreciate all of the thoughts, prayers, and support over the past few months. It means the world to us to feel the love coming our direction to help with John's fight.

The CaringBridge site can be found by searching for John Rist or directly at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnrist>.



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### Any keynote speaker suggestions????

The SDACTE Board of Directors is seeking your input for a keynote speaker for the 2016 Summer Conference in Sioux Falls. Our last 6 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!

## VISION: PD at its finest

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 2015 in New Orleans November 19-22. 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 2015 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 Jim Kayl 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. Let SDACTE help you attend Vision, NPS, and/or Region V!!!



**Business Perspective-** Cully Lebert, Homebuilders Association of the Sioux Empire; Kendra Hoffman, Avera Healthcare; Laurie Gates, ESCO Sign; and( not pictured) Linda M. Johnson, SD Department of Labor and Regulation; and Leah Brink, Daktronics; shared their ideas with the conference attendees on Tuesday morning. There was also an opportunity for questions and answers. Many attendees appreciated hearing and having an opportunity to dialogue, as the panelists represented a variety of businesses.

## CTE Courses Undergo Standards Revision

Educator workgroups met over the summer in the following content areas to revise CTE course standards: Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundational course standards, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and STEM. 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/>.

The first public hearing for the revised standards will be on November 16, at the SD Board of Education meeting in Sioux Falls. Three more public hearings will take place during winter/spring of 2016, and the standards will be up for adoption in May 2016.

If you are interested in participating in other upcoming revision work groups, mark your calendar for next year's meetings:

Agriculture Food & Natural Resources	June 1-3, 2016
Arts, AV Technology & Communication	June 21-23, 2016
Finance	June 14-16, 2016
Health Science	June 20-22, 2016
Human Services	June 13-15, 2016
Manufacturing	June 7-9, 2016

## SDACTE Conference Recap

The SDACTE Conference was held in Watertown July 27-28. The conference was an overall great success as we heard many positive comments throughout the event and according to member evaluations. Attendees took advantage of a variety of professional development and networking activities at conference.

All first time attendees were welcomed at a Newcomer's Session Monday morning followed by our opening session and keynote speaker, Bob Upgren. Mr. Upgren shared real-life experiences and the stages of becoming a more influential teacher, administrator and coach. Bob then shared his artistic talents with the group with his chalk art presentation.

The remainder of Monday found attendees attending the round table sessions, in-depth sessions and industry tours. Tracy Kern, 2014 Teacher of the Year, was the speaker at Monday's luncheon. Monday night's Awards Banquet was followed by Casino Night. The evening was filled with excitement and "gambling" in a fundraising effort that was enjoyed by members.

Tuesday's activities included the trade show and a business panel in the morning. Six business leaders and employers in Eastern SD were on hand to share their perspective on workforce demands and opportunities for young people. After division meetings, the business meeting was conducted over lunch and Tiffany Sanderson, State CTE Director, shared information with the membership. The conference concluded with Celebrate CTE! Events and technology prizes were awarded.

I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors, DOE staff, sponsors, LATI, Dodie & Bonita and the Ramkota for making the conference a success! Many people put in countless hours and are commended for their efforts. The Board is now looking forward to conference in Sioux Falls next summer and building on the successes of this conference. **-Jim Kayl**

### Ag Division Update

It's hard to believe it is already the 20th of September! Time sure flies as we begin the new school year. I hope this finds everyone in the school mode and ready for the school year.

With every beginning of the year, we find ourselves with a list of things that will happen before Christmas - which is only about 90 days away!! As the busy fall approaches here are some dates to remember related to FFA, and NAAE. National FFA Convention is October 28-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. Good luck to all those teams who are competing and safe travels for all of those in attendance. Also, November 17-21 is the National Association for Agriculture Educators convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Finally, National Teach Ag Day is September 24th. Check out <http://www.naae.org> for resources.

I hope this finds all of you recharged and enjoying the first quarter of the school year. Every day is a great day to be an Ag Teacher!!

Bobbie Jo Donovan, President



**Job Well Done-** On behalf of the organization, incoming president John Rist thanked Jim Kayl for his leadership and presented Jim with an outgoing president's plaque. Jim reminded the members of the dates of next year's conference (July 27-28) with the location moving to Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls.

## BMIT DIVISION UPDATES

We had a great turnout of members this year at the SDACTE Conference held at the end of July in Watertown. It was wonderful 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 Sioux Falls. The conference is a great professional development opportunity.

Thank you to Deb Reynolds, Rapid City Stevens, for being our Division President for the past two years! The BMIT division benefited greatly from your leadership. With all of your help, I look forward to leading the division for the next two years.

The South Dakota Department of Education is once again sponsoring an infographic contest for our CTE students. Infographics are an excellent way to reach more people through a visual.

**Sharing Ideas-** Monday's roundtable session provided attendees with a quick sampling of over 30 topics from which to choose. This popular professional development format allows educators to choose a different table topic in each of the three 20-minute time slots to gather a classroom proven idea and adopt to their own situation.

I want you to consider the contest and to have your students think about how your classroom can share the CTE message – How does CTE open doors for SD students? The contest runs from October 1 through December 31 with judging taking place in January 2016. You can contact Kara Schweitzer at [kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us](mailto:kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us) for more information or guidance.

At this time, I would like to recognize our two division award recipients who have dedicated their time and talent to career and technical education. Brenda Merkel received the SD Friend of CTE Award and Lynette Heitz received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations on your contributions to educating our youth!

Lorie Mulhair, President



**Creativity Abounds-** Tuesday's Trade Show had over 30 exhibitors providing attendees with a wide variety of goods and services. Several of the vendors had hands on displays that showed off their wares that gave the instructors a better idea of the product's functionality. Many exhibitors offered treats to entice "would-be" buyers.



## Meet Our President-Elect: Tracy Kern

Greetings SDACTE! I'm excited to share my love of SDACTE by being your president-elect for the 2015-2016 school year. I have a great passion for career and technical education and will promote the organization and field whenever the opportunity allows me to do so.

I started my love of career and technical education when I was enrolled in my first CTE course when I attended Grant-Deue High School almost twenty-five years ago. Since that time, I graduated from South Dakota State University and have taught family and consumer science ever since. Currently, I'm the family and consumer science teacher at Harrisburg High School where I have

been since 2000. Harrisburg School District has seen rapid growth and the school district I first started teaching in 15 years ago is not the same district I teach in today. For example, when I first started teaching at HHS, I taught in a school district with 750 students K-12. Today, the current high school is over 800 students.



In addition to my teaching experience, I advise the Harrisburg FCCLA chapter and for the past two consecutive years, I have served as the adviser to the state FCCLA president(s). I currently have two FCCLA members serving on the South Dakota Healthy Living Youth Council for the 2015 school year. I have served on the SDACTE board in the past as the FACS liaison and currently I just relinquished duties as SD FCCLA Board of Directors President.

I have a wonderful husband Paul who is a security analyst for a bank in Sioux Falls. (Believe it or not, another CTE teacher introduced me to my husband.). Paul and I have two children who are Olivia (12) and Paul (9). In our free time we love to spend time on the beautiful Missouri River fishing, tubing, and boating.

Again, I'm excited to help advocate and promote career and technical education and SDACTE.

Lovin' CTE,  
Tracy Kern

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## SDACTE Administrative Division

We have once again set sail on another school year. As always, we have all had to overcome some difficulties with the beginning of a new year but we have all become better administrators because of it. The new year brings new challenges for us all and I look forward to overcoming those challenges every year.

In Burke it was no different. We had the task of helping a neighboring school district to fill their residential construction program teacher vacancy which affects us due to the West River CTE consortium which we administer. As with a lot of teacher openings that I have either heard of or had a part in trying to fill, we did not have many or in some cases any applicants for the openings. The residential construction position did not have a qualified applicant so our consortium schools started beating the bushes to find someone who could get alternative certification to teach the program. Luckily, that person was found in Colome and the program was able to move forward with the project of building a new house in Colome.

Once again, I need to put a plug in for recruiting members for our organization. I think we all know that the need for CTE programs in our schools is growing and it's up to us to put the word out there. The more members we have, the louder we can be.

-Mark Otten, President

**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 54 people received that distinction. Those with 35 years belonging to ACTE/SDACTE included Ed Mueller, Todd Marks, Suzanne Skinner, and Debora



**Region V Winners-** Region V Vice President Dodie Bemis congratulates Kelly Keller, Megan Jaquet, and Coleen Keffeler for their recognition at the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference in Overland Park, KS. Keller was named the Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award winner and will now progress as a finalist on the national level. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet, recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans. Jaquet was a region finalist in the New Teacher of the Year category, and Keffeler was named to the Region V Hall of Fame.

**All Aboard-** Monday afternoon conference participants had an option of attending either an in depth session on the Lake Area Tech campus or one of 8 tours of local businesses. These instructors prepare to board the Watertown Trolley that will take them to a tour of Dempsey's in uptown Watertown.



## Greetings from the T & I/Tech Ed 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 2015-2016 SDACTE conference that will be held in Sioux Falls July 31-August 1 & 2, 2016 in September. If anyone would like to present on Monday or Tuesday please get in contact with one of the Board members. So please mark down these dates in July into your calendar for next summer. Thank you for educating our future workforce.

Terry L. Jastram  
President



**Truly Appreciated-** Incoming president John Rist gave the organization's sincere thanks and appreciation to Awards Chair Roberts Stoeber for her dedicated service. This committee has a daunting task of collecting the awards nominations, selecting the candidates, and then promoting them on to Region V competition. Roberta submitted her resignation to the Board after more than ten years of faithful service on that committee.

## Update on the Blue Ribbon Task Force

Coleen C. Keffeler – SDACTE Legislative Committee Chair

After Gov. Dugaard selected Blue Ribbon Task Force members comprised of legislators, State Department of Education staff, educators and stakeholders, the task force has met twice since the SDACTE Conference held at the end of July with plans to meet on Oct. 1.

To date, no recommendations have been put forth although many options have been discussed.

The Task Force has reviewed statistics related to the number of teachers employed at the elementary, middle school and high school level as well as the number of assistant principals, principals, and superintendents.

Task Force members also reviewed retirement projections for the next five years as well as projected student enrollment.

Other topics reviewed by the Task Force include teacher preparation program enrollment/graduation, K-12 enrollment projections and student/teacher ratios.

For more information, access the Task Force's information page at

<http://blueribbon.sd.gov/default.aspx>

## FACS Update

Hello, it was great to see so many of you at the SDACTE meeting in Watertown. The start of the new school year is the sign of a great promise for me. I look forward to seeing returning students and meeting new students. After the summer break, I seem to realize how much students have grown and matured. At the same time, I have thought about the things that I want to try and the things that I want to do differently. Here 's to the new school year.

Students bring with them new challenges. On the PBS Learning Media website, I stumbled across a TED Talk by Dr. Angela Lee Duckworth. She is a psychologist who talks about the important of grit. Duckworth defines grit as "the tendency to sustain interest in and effort towards very long-term goals". As I thought about my students who had not so many resources but did very well, I see the importance of grit- trying to research a goal sticking to things and making them work. We all have students like that. Research shows that students who have grit have greater potential for success than IQ alone. One thing that I want to work on this year is to encourage my students to have more "grit", and to recognize and help those who show grit. Grit goes beyond our students. What are we doing in our lives that would be better if we really committed to it. That is something to think about.

Deb Kraft, President

## 2015 SDACTE Award Winners

### **New Teacher of the Year – Karen Roudabush, Ag Teacher from Bridgewater-Emery**

Mrs. Roudabush works diligently to develop curriculum that is rigorous and provides real-world experiences. To maximize her students' learning potential, she has created a Layered Curriculum to meet the kinesthetic, visual, auditory, and other learning styles of her students.

She involves her students and FFA members in the community service projects and by inviting businesses to her classroom.

### **Teacher of the Year – Joe Dalton, Exploration Career Instructor from Northeast Technical High School in Watertown, SD**

Through the career cluster courses that Mr. Dalton teaches, he provides opportunities for freshmen and sophomores to learn about career and technical education. He uses CEV software for students to learn about the careers, education, and skills needed in each cluster area. Students then perform hands-on projects like constructing a garden shed, wood duck houses, and egg drop structures or remodeling an office space. He involves his students in service learning projects like staining millwork for two Habitat for Humanity houses that were completed in Watertown.

### **Postsecondary Teacher of the Year – Dr. Deb DeBates, Teacher Educators in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Department in the College of Education and Human Sciences at SDSU**

Dr. DeBates is committed to students, education and her profession which is evident in all that she does. She treats students and fellow professionals with high respect and motivates them to work to their highest potential. Through her enthusiasm and creative motivational techniques and teaching style, she captivates her students', colleagues', and workshop participants' interest.

### **Carl Perkins Community Service Award – John Rist, Viborg-Hurley Ag Teacher**

Through the years, the FFA and ag program have completed a wide variety of community service projects. Some of these projects include rebuilding and painting shelters in the city park, presenting forums to the Lions Club and Turner County Extension staff, assisting in sponsoring the annual petting zoo, and co-hosting the animal farm at the Turner County Fair.

In 2011, the economic develop group specifically requested that the FFA adviser and a member representative serve on the committee to save the historic Lund Theater which needed repairs and updated equipment. FFA members still volunteer operating the movie theater.



Bev Rieck , John Rist, Karen Roudabush, Joe Dalton and Deb DeBates



**Scholarship Winners-** Scholarship Committee Chair Jim Wilson congratulates Noah Munsen (White Lake), pursuing a Farm Power Technology degree at Mitchell Tech; Megan Knutson (Webster), pursuing an Agriculture Education degree at SDSU, and Breadon Hinker (Huron), pursuing an agronomy degree at SDSU; at the SDACTE Awards banquet in Watertown. Madison Fuegen (Rapid City) was unable to attend the banquet. She, too, will be pursuing an Agriculture Education degree at SDSU. Four \$500 scholarships are awarded (three on the secondary level and one on the post secondary) each year.

**Paying Forward-** LATI Vice President Diane Stiles presents Cheryl Angle of Colman –Egan High School, with a \$1,000 scholarship certificate. Angle had put her name in for a drawing at the LATI booth during the Tuesday Trade Show. She now has the opportunity to award either 1-\$1000 scholarship or 2-\$500 scholarships to one or two of her students this year for the 2016-2017 school year.



**Achieve 100-** ACTE President Doug Myer congratulates Bridgewater-Emery CTE educators Jean Clark and Karen Roudabush for their school receiving the Achieve 100 distinction. This Award recognizes schools who offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Of those 65 nationwide, *thirteen were from South Dakota.* These included Baltic, Bridgewater-Emery, Elkton, Flandreau, Hitchcock-Tulare, Howard, Madison, Menno, Miller, Parker, Philip, Sanborn Central, and Tri-Valley.

**Lots of Goodies-** FACS president Ellen Hohbach presents one of the baskets to winner Wayne Hansen from Aberdeen. 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



**Just Having Some Fun-** Past presidents Terry Rieckman and Dianne Rider draw names for winners of the prizes given by vendors in Tuesday's Trade Show. Celebrating CTE, the closing session of the conference, offered a pie and ice cream social, networking, renewal credit certificates, and fun!



## ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015

**When: Thursday, November 19, 2015 8:00  
AM - Sunday, November 22, 2015 5:00 PM**

**Where: New Orleans, LA**



**2015-2016 SDACTE Board of Directors-** (Row 1) Erin Larsen, DCTE liaison; John Rist, President; Tracy Kern, President-elect; Jim Kayl, Past President. (Row 2) Deb Kraft, FACS Division President; Lorie Mulhair, Business/Marketing/IT Division President; Mark Otten, Administration/Special Services Division President; Dodie Bemis, SDACTE Executive Director; Terry Jastram, T & I/Tech Ed Division President; Annika Russell, Post Secondary liaison; and Bobbie Jo Donovan, SDAAE President.

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