



Association for Career
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President's Message Josh Christiansen, President

How fortunate are we that we get to be Career and Technical Educators?! Recently, I was teaching my 7th grade AFNR class about career opportunities. As an example, I shared with them some of the best things about my chosen profession. Working with students, being involved in a wide variety of content, and the closeness of other AFNR and CTE educators topped the list. I've always felt that SD Career and Technical Educators are like a second family.

I am looking forward to our next "Family Reunion" at SDACTE Summer Conference in Mitchell at Mitchell Technical Institute

on July 28-31, 2019. Not only will it be a time to network with other, like educators, but there are also many tours and workshops lined up that will surely give you a renewed excitement for your classroom.

Some highlights of this year's conference are better explained further in this newsletter, but here are a few things that I am looking forward to.

- A repeat of last year's Sunday evening social, complete with an "Amazing Race" activity!
- Being entertained and educated by our Keynote speaker, Kevin Honeycutt!
- Silent & Online Auction to benefit scholarships and professional development!
- Workshops ranging from classroom-specific content to CTSO content and classroom management and engagement strategies!
- Division and SDACTE business meetings!
- Networking and the SDACTE Hospitality Room!

I know that many of us have busy summers and we can all think of other activities to do during this time. However, I can't think of anything that is more fun and rewarding than attending summer conference. I look forward to seeing all of our familiar members, CTE teachers, and many new faces in Mitchell on July 28-31st!

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SUMMER CONFERENCE KICKOFF

Last year's Sunday Social was so successful, we've decided to try to duplicate our efforts. Again, we're talking about a family-friendly event with great food and a cash bar. in downtown Mitchell. Instead of a scavenger hunt, we'll be having an Amazing Race. Teams will need to out-smart and out-race their fellow competitors in a timed race. Each team is given various clues that lead them to several checkpoints and ultimately across the finish line. The teams will decipher puzzles that will lead them to various locations where a challenge awaits them. The challenges are a combination of mental and physical (not too physical) challenges.

We look forward to an evening of fun, fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about CTE and what it can do for you.

Tracy Chase and Kelly Dunkelberger, Co-chairs

Lodging at Summer Conference

The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Ramada Inn for the summer conference in Mitchell. The Monday night Awards Banquet is the only activity scheduled at the Ramada. The majority of the conference programming will take place on the Mitchell Technical Institute campus. The Ramada has guaranteed the special rate of \$95.99 for a standard double or single room. Please have the attendees call the hotel direct at 605-550-4805 and ask for SDACTE Conference to obtain the group rate. All reservations must be received by 6-28-2019. At that time the remaining blocked rooms will be released and sold on a first come first serve basis. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact Dodie Bemis at 605-881-4746 or bemisd@lakeareatech.edu



Silent and Live Auction, Basket Bonanza and more

Every year SDACTE sponsors fundraisers at conference to raise money for the SDACTE secondary and post-secondary scholarships AND professional development stipends for members. 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 repeating the online bidding system with about 20 items. Members will be able to bid on items throughout the day on Monday using your mobile devices. It proved to be quite popular on its initial run.
- * 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 = Once again each Division will be providing a "basket" with a minimum value of \$75. Members will have opportunities to buy tickets to be placed in their preferred basket for a chance to win. The drawing for all the baskets will take place during the closing session Tuesday afternoon.
- * 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.

- * Prize Winners = The individual who brings the item that sells for the highest bid will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Cabela's. Bryce Holter was awarded that prize last year. To get into the competitive spirit a bit more, the SDACTE division that raises the most money for the SDACTE scholarship/professional stipend fund will be the carriers of the "Traveling Trophy". The trophy is currently in the hands of the FACS Division.

Why Should I be an Active Member of SDACTE?

By Lenessa Keehn, SDACTE President-Elect

SDACTE is an organization that is a representation of your craft with specialization of your content area. According to ACTEonline.org, "Volunteering is a great way to grow professionally, develop leadership skills, and build relationships with highly-engaged peers across the country."

Think about it – your ideas, your solutions, and your knowledge can not only help others, but you can continue to cultivate and nurture what you need in your classroom to make each year of teaching and learning successful for you and your students. I had the opportunity to sit down and virtually visit with Myron Sonne, a long-time advocate, mentor, and leader in Agriculture Education as well as the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education. Myron explains why stepping up and going after leadership roles is important to your program, your division, and our association at all levels.

Our annual summer conference in July 2019, in Mitchell, will present a multitude of volunteer opportunities to become committee members, division officers, and general SDACTE volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. But, don't just take it from me, hear Myron's reason for serving others in the link below:

[SDACTE Confessions April 2019](#)

Practice What You Preach

As advisors of career technical student organizations, we are constantly trying to get our students involved in our organizations. Why do we put forth so much effort in getting them to join? We feel that by becoming involved they can gain valuable experiences and skills that they can use the rest of their lives. We want them to become active in the organization, not just be members to reap all of the benefits our organizations have to offer. It is time to practice what we preach to our students by joining the South Dakota Association of Career Technical Educators. We too can gain more from our organization by not just being a member, but by being engaged and becoming active in our organization. This can be done in a variety of ways such as providing an item for the auction, helping with a social event, presenting at a breakout session during conference, running for an officer in your division or running for an officer position of the SDACTE. Sharing your ideas and working to improve our organization should be something that you want to do as it will not only benefit you, but also others in our profession. Joining is a quick and simple process and can be done as you register for our annual summer conference or you can join throughout the year. Your membership will provide you with numerous benefits such as networking with other CTE instructors and professional development opportunities with those taking place online or in person. The ACTE's events provide a high-quality professional development and a network of CTE professionals. Being a member also is a way to advocate, analyze and inform policymakers, members and the public about the impact of proposed legislation and funding decisions toward education. As a member, you will have access to publications, news and research that pertains to career and technical education. You will receive discounts to all ACTE events and on CTE publications and products. Career resources is just one more benefit of becoming a member as you will have access to an on-line job bank that can help you find new and exciting career opportunities. For associations, clubs and other membership organizations, members are their reason for being, so getting and keeping members truly engaged in the organization is critical for survival, so help keep the SDACTE strong by becoming a member and get involved in our great organization!

BMIT Updates

Spring is in the air and this has me thinking about summer conference. At last year's conference, attendees and their families were able to enjoy Sunday night in downtown Rapid City. Talk about a great way to bring SDACTE members and their families together to enjoy the summer, relax with friends, and collaborate with other members. This year the conference will be in Mitchell and we are planning to have a similar Sunday Funday night. What an amazing association that not only are there great breakout sessions, industry tours, and guest speakers, but also to have a social outing to share with family is something that SDACTE prides itself on.

Jennifer Funke
BMIT Division President



Big Sky Country- South Dakota had a strong showing at the Region V Leadership Conference in Bozeman. Representatives included Cyle Miller, Tracy Kern, Coleen Keffeler, Annika Russell-Manke, Josh Christiansen, Dodie Bemis and Adam Shaw. Kern serves as the Marketing/Membership Committee Chair; Keffeler as the Fellows Coordinator; Russell-Manke as the Nominating Committee Chair; and Bemis, the Region V Past Vice President.

ACTE Region V Conference Another Success

The ACTE Region V Leadership Conference held in Bozeman, MT, in April was a huge success. Over 275 people attended, including eight from South Dakota. They were able to participate in a variety of business and industry tours, 37 breakout sessions, roundtable sessions, and excellent keynote speakers (Mark Perna and Terry Sumerlin) as well as a business panel discussion led by the Greater Gallatin Valley Manufacturing Partnership. There were more than 95 first-time attendees.

"The highlight for me was the keynote address and follow up meeting with Mark Perna," said Madison Principal Adam Shaw. "His insight about Generation Y and Z was extremely insightful and focused on CTE development in schools. I would encourage other school administrators to attend this excellent professional development opportunity in the future. It provided me the opportunity to network with other school administrators and CTE teachers from the western part of the United States."

SDACTE President Josh Christiansen also had a positive experience with his first Region V Conference. "Region V conference was an exceptional professional development! There were workshops and activities that crossed the spectrum of career and technical educators. Any CTE teacher or administrator had plenty of opportunities to learn more about their content and profession. I'd encourage everyone to attend if you have a chance."

A highlight was when South Dakota's own Cyle Miller from Sturgis Brown High School was recognized as part of the 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 13th with Region V Award's Brunch. This brunch recognized members from Region V for their outstanding service to career and technical education.

"The Region V conference this year was phenomenal!!! Besides the keynotes and breakouts, I enjoyed the networking with other CTE professionals from across our Region," said Annika Russell-Manke.

Make plans to attend next year's ACTE Region V Leadership Conference to be held April 25-27 in Lake Tahoe.

Innovative Program- SDACTE Executive Director Dodie Bemis congratulates Sturgis Brown CTE instructor Cyle Miller on his award-winning Manufacturing Cluster program. Region V Awards Chair

Shelley Goerdt presented the plaque to Miller. His program was one of five innovative programs recognized at the Region V Leadership Conference in Bozeman. The other programs were from Arizona, Montana, North Dakota, and Washington



This someone is you!



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Contact an SDACTE Officer for more info
on how you can serve!

FACS Division

As our toes start to thaw out from this cold winter it is time to start planning for our summer SDACTE conference. This year we will be start on Sunday July 28th at The Depot for appetizer and desserts!! We are going to begin the conference this year with our FACS division banquet. We will then proceeds to the SDACTE social event for the evening.

We all do new and exciting things in our classroom and we are looking for a couple of you to share them with our fellow FACS teachers. This could be big project or just a daily activity that you really enjoy. If you are will to share with the group and present at conference just email naome.poppe@k12.sd.us your idea that you want to share.

Naome Poppe
FACS Division President



Ag Division Updates

As summer approaches, I hope that each of you will consider attending some of the fantastic professional development opportunities happening in South Dakota. SDAAE is excited to host the NAAE Region III Conference in Mitchell on June 17-19 and we hope to see all of you at the annual SDACTE Summer Conference also in Mitchell this July! Region III Conference information can be found on <https://sdaae.weebly.com/> under the Professional Development tab. Both conferences will have engaging content, riveting tours, and opportunities for networking within the profession. Attending these events can help you bring new, innovative ideas into your classroom. You will also have the opportunity to network with other teachers as well as industry professionals at the events. We look forward to seeing you at Region III and Summer Conference!

Karen Roudabush
Ag Division President

Return of the cowbell- Past Region V Past President presents the traditional cowbell to Region V Vice President Mark Branger at the opening session. It's traditional for the Vice President to ring the bell to officially open the Region V Leadership Conference. Originally called the Conference of Western States, the initials led this group to be called COWS. Instead of a gavel, the chairman called the conference to order with a COWBELL. Region V will celebrate its 45th anniversary next year in Lake Tahoe.

National Policy Seminar

Dan Tonak, Willow Lake Ag. Ed. Instructor

On March 24-27, Dodie and I attended the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. I attended the Ag Education track sponsored by the National Agriculture Association of Educators. On Monday, a senior writer from The Hill, an online news source covering Washington DC politics, spoke about history of past administration and congressional politics and policies that have led us to the point we are at today. The information he presented was both interesting and insightful and linked together key happenings of the past and how they have affected us today. There was also a panel discussion consisting of four Washington political insiders who discussed the hot topics in the 116th Congress. Additionally, time was spent on preparation and planning for Capitol Hill visits intended to advocate for Career and Technical Education programs and their support and funding. The main focus for Tuesday was Capitol Hill visits with each state's congressional delegation. Dodie and I met with aides for both Senator Thune and Rounds, but were unable to get a time scheduled to visit Congressman Johnson office. Both of the Senator's offices assured us that each of the Senators are on board and supportive of Career and Tech Education and their continued support of Perkins funding. Senator Thune surprised us by briefly sitting in on the end of our meeting discussed his understanding of the importance of Career and Tech Education in South Dakota. On Wednesday, a symposium was held offering guidance as we move from reauthorization of Perkins V legislation to its implementation at local and state levels

T&I Updates

Greetings all, It's that time of year to make sure you are signed up for this summer's SDACTE conference in Mitchell. Pack your bags and plan for an action-packed few days where you will be able to learn, grow and relax before starting school next fall. My challenge to you this year is to bring a colleague that doesn't normally attend. Show them reasons why joining ACTE can be beneficial. Dates for the conference are July 28th -31st.. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to reach out. Have a great rest of the school year!

-Eric Schramm
SDACTE-Trades and Industry
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Administration Updates

Attention school administrators! If you're looking for some unique professional development, focused on career development, make sure you block off July 28th-31st and attend the SDACTE Conference in Mitchell. This conference will focus on workforce development, provide industry tours, and help you increase your knowledge about the new Perkins V legislation. With the implementation of Perkins V schools will spend more time focusing on the workforce and finding ways to connect our students to the business world. I would challenge every SDACTE administrative member to reach out to our member principal groups and invite one school administrator to attend the summer conference who isn't already a member. Let's see if we can find ways to increase our SDACTE group and increase our CTE network.

Adam Shaw
Administration Division President



Perkins V Update

From January to April 2019, the Division of Career and Technical Education has been gathering feedback from educators across the state to inform the development of a new state plan for Perkins V. In addition to the Improve 19 meetings, several smaller focus groups related to specific topics such as work-based learning, concentrator status, equity, and professional development have met and shared suggestions for how to best move forward under the new law. Approximately 365 individuals representing 150 districts have participated and provided feedback to date.

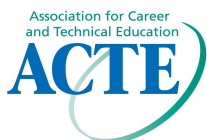
As a result of the feedback gathered, the Division of Career and Technical Education is coordinating small pilots programs over the next school year to field test some of the ideas shared by educators before finalizing details in the state plan. These pilots include identifying ways to share CTE courses in small rural school districts and developing curriculum in both math and English Language Arts to facilitate schools adopting CTE for Core Content courses as a regular component of their curriculum. This feedback also helped shape South Dakota's one-year transition plan, which will be submitted to boards for approval this month and to US ED by May 24. Look for it soon at the link below.

Over the summer, the Division of Career and Technical Education will be gathering feedback from industry and postsecondary partners, and if warranted, look for additional pilots to carry out throughout the 2019-20 school year.

If you want to learn more about the new Perkins V state plan, be sure to attend this year's summer conference. A number of sessions will be dedicated this topic, and additional opportunities to provide feedback will be provided.

More information can be found at <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/PerkinsV.aspx>.

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