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President's Greetings

Tom Wolff - *SDACTE President*

Another school year is off and running with the usual activities and events. Those of us who have taught a number of years, we are back into the swing of things and for the newer teachers, the race is on to keep up with all of the things that need to be done. No matter how long you have taught, we should all be busy making our programs the best that they can be for our students. We are preparing students for their future and what better way than through career and technical education. You are providing your students with hands-on, real-life, relevant skills and knowledge that will give them an advantage over their peers who have not taken a CTE course. Many times we do not see the fruits of our labor until years after they have left our programs, but keep in mind that you are making a difference in the lives of students in preparing them for career success! I hope you were able to attend summer conference in Brookings, but if you were not, we would like to know what kept you from attending and what we need to do to help you get there in the future. Those of you who did attend, we hope you were able to gain something valuable to add to your courses and of course network with other teachers, catch up with old friends, visit industry representatives and learn about the exciting opportunities in CTE. We are always looking for ways to improve summer conference, so hopefully you completed the survey as the Board of Directors will be getting together on Sept. 27 to set goals for the year and start planning next year's conference. As officers, we are here to serve you and improve our organization. We encourage input from our members, so please contact one of the officers or your division presidents with any comments, ideas or concerns. Getting involved in our organization can occur in many ways such as: attending the Vision Conference in Nashville, TN on Dec. 6-9; attending the National Policy Seminar in Arlington, VA on March 5-7; attending Region V Conference in Colorado Springs, CO on April 11-14 and of course attending our annual SDACTE Conference in Rapid City on July 29-31. Plan now to get involved and bring new and innovative ideas back to your programs. Please share those great things you are doing in your classrooms and labs by taking pictures and writing stories to share with your community along with other CTE teachers. We would like to add them to the SDACTE Facebook page or include them in future editions of the newsletter. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our profession and I look forward to serving as your president this year.



Introducing your 2017-2018 SDACTE President-Elect

I am honored to have been chosen as the 2017-18 President-elect of the South Dakota Association of Career and Technical Educators! This fall I start my fifteenth year as an Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) instructor. All of those years have been in Flandreau at the public school. I teach a wide range of semester-based courses from Introduction to AFNR (CASE) and Animal Science to Ag Metal Fabrication and Ag Structures. I put a lot of pride in the fact that my students learn through the use of hands-on methods most of the time. I also advise the Flandreau FFA student organization and coach "C" team boys' basketball.

My wife, Christine, is an Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist at Sanford. She works in the heart catheterization lab in Sioux Falls. I don't pretend to understand everything she does, but I do appreciate the life-saving efforts that she puts forth every day. I also appreciate that she is willing to commute to work (45 miles one-way) so that I can more easily focus on teaching, coaching, and FFA activities. I am also blessed to have three amazing kids of my own; Abbott (8), Harper (4), and Audie (3-mo).

In 2009-10, I served as the president of the AFNR division of SDACTE. I often explain to my colleagues and friends that my year as SDACTE president was probably one of the busiest years as a professional, but that it was also probably the most rewarding year as well.

Being a member of SDACTE is like being a member of a very large family. The support that we can get from other, like educators is outstanding. The relationships that are made at conference are invaluable. There are very few professions which can boast the comradery that ours can. For all of us; support, guidance, lesson plans suggests or an understanding ear are just an email or phone call away. This is why I became interested in becoming an officer of SDACTE. I know that all teachers struggle from time to time. This organization – and the members in it – will help CTE teachers through those difficult times. As an officer of SDACTE, I hope to increase membership and conference attendance so that all CTE teachers know and take advantage of the support provided by our great members. Thank you, members, for allowing me to take on this responsibility and supporting the executive board in the tasks ahead.

Josh Christiansen, *President-elect*



SUMMER SDACTE CONFERENCE RECAP

Mrs. Tracy Kern, SDACTE Past-President

We hope you all had the opportunity to attend SDACTE Conference this past July and August while at the Campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Over 300 members attended this conference which had something for everyone.

The opening general speaker was Craig Culver who was co-founder of Culver's Restaurants. Craig talked about his entrepreneurial history and how his love for running restaurants led to Culver's. Governor Dennis Daugaard followed Craig and highlighted his workforce development initiative for the state of South Dakota.

Afternoon on Monday was for SDACTE Committee meetings, division time, and the CTE Quick Pitch contest. The afternoon ended with postsecondary connection workshops throughout the campus of SDSU.

Monday evening, SDACTE Banquet, was held at Club 71 at the Dana Dykhouse Football Stadium. This beautiful facility hosted our featured speaker, Dr. Aelared J. Kurtenbach, co-founder of Daktronics. Daktronics was also our banquet sponsor for the evening. The event proceeded with SDACTE Awards Banquet and Silent/Live Auction.

Tuesday morning was full of breakout sessions and division times for members. Business and industry tours were available throughout the Brookings community in the afternoon. The conference ended with the CTE Celebration. SDSU ice-cream and a visit from SDSU's Jackrabbit was part of the celebration.

The SDACTE Board of Directors would like to thank the following South Dakota State University faculty members and college for their help in making the conference a reality: Dr. Debra DeBates, Dr. Peter White, Dr. Jill Thorngren, and the College of Education and Human Services. Without your assistance, the conference would not have been a success.

Just Having Some Fun- The SDSU mascot gives a special hug to Dr. Debra DeBates and Dr. Troy White for their valuable assistance in SDSU's hosting the 2017 SDACTE summer conference. Slightly over 300 people registered for the annual event. Next year, the conference moves to Rapid City on July 29-31. Western Dakota Tech will host.



Lots of Goodies- DCTE representative Andrea Diehm and AAEE President Kelly Dunkleberger flank two of the Basket Bonanza winners: Ken Jones from Highmore and Sophie Iverson from Jones County. The Basket Bonanza raised \$750. Each division, plus other interested individuals, donated a basket of treasures/goodies to raise money for the scholarship and professional development funds. The Silent and Live Auction raised an additional \$1,500. Though we fell short of our \$3,000 goal, the Board sincerely appreciated the support these three fund raisers received.

Mark Your Calendar!

We are heading out west!
Next Summer's SDACTE Conference will be held in Rapid City, SD.

July
30th and 31st



2017 SDACTE Excellence Award Winners

(These award winners may now progress and compete at the Region V level)

Administrator of the Year---Dr. Paul von Fischer from Brookings

Brookings High School Principal, Dr. Fischer, also serves as consortium and district CTE director. Under his leadership he has increased the number of approved CTE programs from two to eleven. His belief is to promote rigorous and relevant courses and utilize Carl Perkins funds to grow and strengthen all CTE programs to maintain a culture that allows for correct placement of students as they choose post-secondary and career paths.

New Teacher of the Year---Cayla Graves, Ag teacher and FFA advisor from Platte/Geddes

Having just completed her fifth year of teaching in this school district, Mrs. Graves has seen an increase of class enrollment and FFA membership by 25%. Her innovative ideas in classroom ideas, bringing in community leaders, involving students in volunteer and service opportunities, and applying for a Monsanto Grow Rural Education grant are some of the things she has done to improve her program.

Teacher of the Year---Cindy Gerlach, FACS teacher from Mitchell

Cindy Gerlach is the culinary instructor at the Mitchell Career and Technical Education Academy. In her 26th year career of teaching, she continues to encourage her students to leave the classroom with skills they can apply in everyday life. Using iMovie technology, participating in Prostart competitive events, and catering public events are some of the ways she has helped her students prepare for the workforce.

Carl Perkins Community Service Award---Suzanne Skinner, FACS teacher and FCCLA advisor from Mitchell

In each of Mrs. Skinner's high school classrooms a project is picked and turned into service learning. Many of those projects have been incorporated into annual FCCLA service projects where teamwork and skills like critical thinking and communication are gained. A few of the most recent projects include installing 2 Little Free Libraries and sponsoring a bike safety rally. Regular events like filling backpacks and helping at Special Olympic bowling tournaments are just a few of the projects her students do to showcase how service fits into their lives.

Lifetime Achievement Award---Kris Brockhoff from Brookings

Mrs. Brockhoff is a past FACS teacher and FCCLA advisor and is currently employed by the state of South Dakota at SDSU as state FCCLA advisor. She has been a member for the past 26 years and has served as division president and committee member. Her involvement in various professional organizations at the local, state, regional, and national level whether it be a workshop presenter or consultant have been instrumental in the success her students have achieved over the years. Advising 16 state and 3 national FCCLA officers have been among those accomplishments.



Award Winners- Awards Committee Chair Bev Rieck poses with award winners Kris Brockhoff, Lifetime Achievement; Suzanne Skinner, Carl Perkins Outstanding Service; Cindy Gerlach, Teacher of the Year; and Paul Von Fischer, Administrator of the Year. Cayla Graves, New Teacher of the Year, was unable to attend. Each award winner was presented with a plaque and a \$300 stipend provided by Daktronics. Teacher of the Year Cindy Gerlach will also receive a complimentary room at the 2018 SDACTE Conference being held in Rapid City, SD. These award winners may now progress and compete on the Region V level.

Special Recognition- Awards Committee Chair Bev Rieck recognized Coleen Globke(left) as the Friend of Career and Technical Education and Holly Swee (right) with the Award of Merit.



2017 Non-member Award Winners (for their support of CTE)

South Dakota Friend of Career and Technical Education---Coleen Globke

Now serving as the Executive Director and co-founder of the organization, All About U Adoptions, Coleen Globke, provides materials for teachers and students across the state including topics such as teen pregnancy, adoptions as an option, and careers in human services. She also serves as a resource for FACS educators if they have a student who may need crisis pregnancy counseling. As a former FACS educator and FCCLA advisor her passion for teaching and educating is found in her love of children and families with this position.

South Dakota Award of Merit---Holly Swee

The Director of Nutrition and Consumer Information of the South Dakota Beef Industry Council, Holly Swee, offers FACS and Prostart teachers opportunities to apply for funding to purchase beef for cooking labs and nutrition education resources and in some cases to partner with their school's Ag teacher, if applicable. This past year approximately 6,900 students across the state were impacted with this funding. Holly was instrumental in partnering the SD Beef Council with FCCLA to help sponsor the Beef It Up---FCCLA Cook-Off Challenge that was in its first year of operation.

Any Suggestions for Keynote Speakers????

The SDACTE Board of Directors is seeking your input for a keynote speaker for the 2018 Summer Conference in Rapid City. Our last eight 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
Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



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 35 people received that distinction.

Those with 25 or more years belonging to ACTE/SDACTE included Michel Brink, Jean Clarke, Doug Hauk, Joline Dunbar, Jerome Janisch, Mark Kettelhut, Dan Tonak, Jim Wilson, and Roberta Stoebner. Special recognition was given to Myron Sonne who has belonged to the association for 50 years.

Achieve 100- ACTE Region V Vice President Dodie Bemis congratulates Elkton CTE educators Tal Farnham and Makayla Stuefen for their school receiving the Achieve 100 distinction. Not pictured is Ag instructor Dan Robbins. This Award recognizes schools that offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Of those 65 nationwide, sixteen were from South Dakota.

These included Baltic, Bridgewater-Emery, Canton, Div. of Career and Technical Education, Flandreau, Hitchcock Tulare, Hoven, Lemmon, Madison, McCook Central, Menno, Miller, Parker, Philip, and Tri-Valley.



PD Stipend Recipients

Each year SDACTE awards up to two \$500 Professional Development Stipends to members pursuing additional education/training. At the 2017 SDACTE Conference, members Shane Gross, Agriculture Education Division, and Mark Otten, Administration Division were each awarded a 2017 Professional Development Stipend. Shane is pursuing a Teaching and Learning Master's Degree from NSU while Mark is working towards his Specialist Degree through USD. On the left, Professional Development Committee Chair Coleen Keffeler congratulates Shane Gross.

Scholarship Winners- Scholarship Committee member Joe Dalton congratulates Alison Knutson from Centerville and Arianna Feller from Sioux Falls at the SDACTE Awards banquet in Brookings. Both Alison and Arianna are the secondary scholarship recipients. Alison will be focusing on Ag Education/Business-at SDSU and Arianna will major in Health at USD. The post secondary winner Lindsey Kaufman was unable to attend.



FACS Division

This school year is off and running already. I know many of you are looking for great new activities to use with your students while others are already using some great new ideas.

If you are looking for new ideas or looking to share what you are doing I would invite you to join our SDATFACS Facebook group.

Our officer team will be updating you on what is going on this year utilizing the website and I hope you all use it to communicate about what you are doing as well.

If you are not already on the Facebook group I would invite you to visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/285377695226065/>.

Megan Jaquet, FACS Division President

Ag Division

Brookings, SD

Seventeen Ag teachers from across the state attended a day long training session on August 2nd to become certified to teach students archery in their Natural Resources/Wildlife & Fisheries classes. National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is sponsored in South Dakota by the Game Fish and Parks department and began in the state of Kentucky in 2002. Since then it has rapidly expanded the program to every state and has developed curriculum to align with education standards. Teachers must successfully complete several hands on activities and take a written exam to become certified. Once they have become certified their school will receive a set of 10 Genesis bows, targets, arrow curtain & several other accessories free of charge thanks to the generosity of the SD GF&P. Students will also have the opportunity to compete in local, state & national NASP tournaments. This is a great opportunity for students to become more engaged in class with a rigorous curriculum and has also improved class enrollment from more non-traditional CTE students.

Russ Swanson, SDAAE Division President



Trades & Industry/Tech Ed Division

What a great 2017 summer SDACTE conference! I know I had a blast in Brookings. I want to thank SDSU for hosting this great event. Who didn't have a great time at our banquet in Club 71 at the Jacks' stadium?

The Trades and Industry division had almost 80 registered members attend the conference.

We had some amazing speakers. Mr. Craig Culver took us through his amazing story of becoming owner of the Culver's franchise. Mr. Culver had great words of wisdom also. Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach from Daktronics also had a great story on how this company became what it is today. Once again the conference had great breakout sessions and tours for us to really see what South Dakota has to offer.

I want to encourage you all to try to attend the ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2017 conference in Nashville, Tennessee, December 6th through the 9th. This is a great way to see CTE teachers from all over the nation. Save the date February 1st -3rd, 2018, the SDTEA will be meeting in Pierre for their annual conference.

Have a great school year and remember CTE is Learning that Works for South Dakota. So if you know someone that isn't a member of SDACTE encourage them to get signed up.

Thanks,

Travis Santistevan, Trades & Industry/Tech Ed Division President

Updates from BMIT

Summer is quickly coming to an end and the school year has begun, which means teachers are working even more hours around the clock. Teachers are always pushing to strengthen the curriculum that is taught. There are so many new technology tools, websites, and apps that are available now it is hard to tell which ones are beneficial and which ones are just a waste of time. So, it is especially nice when other teachers have found tech tools that work and share it with colleagues.

The first tool that has had positive reviews is a website called wizer.me. This website allows teachers to create quizzes and worksheets and then share the link with students. There are also assignments that teachers can share with others on the website. Teachers can then see results from individual students and as a whole class.

Another app that has become very popular is called Seesaw. This application is a digital portfolio for students to display pictures, video, text, drawings, or web links. Students all create their own accounts under their teacher's account and then whenever they want to post, it notifies to teacher who can either accept or deny the post. Parents can subscribe to their child's portfolio and see accepted posts, receive announcements from teachers, and comment on the work. Both of these technology tools are great resources for teachers and as the school year continues, may you all have an outstanding school year!

Jennifer Funke, BMIT Division President

Stipends: Let SDACTE help pay your way

It's September which means school years are in full force and it's time to really start thinking about ACTE VISION 2017 in Nashville December 6-9. Attending this conference is a great way to gain professional development and network with other teachers from across the United States. The 2017 conference includes:

- Renowned keynote speakers exploring new directions in CTE
- 300+ concurrent sessions covering every aspect of secondary and postsecondary CTE
 - CareerTech Expo and interactive exhibitor workshops
 - Career Pavilion providing essential resources on several CTE career pathways
- Wednesday workshops and tours offering insights into focused topics and CTE programming
- Awards Banquet, a heartwarming and inspirational gathering of dedicated and passionate CTE professionals and supporters
- Opportunities to connect, collaborate and build lasting friendships with CTE professionals from around the globe

If you are looking for some resources and information on what's up and coming in CTE, then VISION 2017 is for you.

SDACTE Board of Directors know that you may need some help funding the trip to VISION so we offer 3-\$500 stipends to members who are attending VISION. All you have to do is fill out an application and submit it to Tracy Kern by Sept 30th. Then her committee will go through them and choose 3 members. We also provide stipends to the National Policy Seminar and Region V Leadership Conference.

Annika Russell, *Post Secondary Liaison*

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Standard Revisions

Educator workgroups met over the summer in the following content areas to revise CTE course standards:

- Business Management & Administration
 - Capstone Courses
- Government & Public Administration
 - Hospitality & Tourism
 - Marketing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

The revised standards are currently available for public comment and can be viewed at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/review.aspx>. We encourage you to provide feedback on these standards. The first public hearing for the revised standards will be on September 18, at the SD Board of Education meeting in Aberdeen. Three more public hearings will take place during winter/spring of 2018, and the standards will be up for adoption in March 2018.

Erin Larsen, *South Dakota DOE*

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Want to Promote Critical Thinking in CTE Courses? Try Journal Writing

As we are well aware, the promotion of critical thinking in education is a key factor in preparing students for tech school, college, and career. While there are many ways to encourage critical thinking in the classroom, one that may not be at the front of our minds in hands-on courses is Journal Writing. In his March, 2017 submission to the Journal of STEM Teacher Education, Jeffery Cooper states that students who journal experience improved learning experiences, self-reflection and self-evaluation; and encourages independent thinking. When it comes to "learner Agency", which refers to the idea that students are in control of their own learning, journal writing can help there, too (Cooper, 2017, p. 80).

In the article, Cooper discusses the structures available for journaling, including structured and unstructured formats. Structured, he says, is a good introductory step for journaling in the classroom. And as students become more proficient, an instructor might opt to give more latitude for students to journal in an less-structured format. I encourage you to read Cooper's article, which is available online through the following link: <http://ir.library.illinoisstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1183&context=jste>

Happy journaling!

Paul von Fischer
Admin/Counseling President

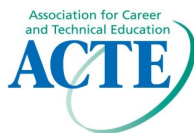


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