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Conference speakers chosen

Get ready for some top-notch speakers at this summer's annual *Career and Technical Education* conference in Pierre. Monday's keynoter Kevin Honeycutt blends technology tools with project-based learning approaches to simulate real life and add authenticity for learners. In the past few years, Kevin has gained a national reputation for his online-safety and cyber-bullying training for teachers and kids as well as his vision of where schools should be looking as they grow toward the future. He shares his ideas at schools and conferences all over the country and his podcast "Driving Questions in Education" allows him to share many of his ideas while he is on the road. The podcast is consistently one of the top three K-12 video podcasts on iTunes. He is a passionate advocate for re-igniting learning among educators for the benefit of learners.



Need a good laugh? Want your funny-bone tickled? Then join us as our own Myron Sonne delivers the keynote address on Wednesday, July 30th. Sonne is an accomplished speaker, having made presentations laced with humor to a variety of audiences. Sonne personifies the best of Career and Technical Education. His professionalism, dedication, and sincerity are admired by all. His wisdom, knowledge, and advice are sought after. His humor and wit are always appreciated. Sonne will make sure that when we leave the conference, we will know our mission and we will have the enthusiasm to carry it out.

Plan now to attend Summer Conference



As SDACTE President, I invite you to our annual summer conference set for August 2 – 5 in Pierre. The SDACTE Board has been working hard to plan a conference that is well worth the time and expense. We know that your time is valuable in the summer, so we are doing everything we can to insure that this is a conference worth attending.

We CTE teachers have a tie that can't be matched by any other group of teachers. This feeling comes from the relationships we build by working together. Summer conference is the best chance we have to build these special relationships.

The summer conference also gives CTE teachers the chance to stay current in our career fields. The conference is one of the few in-services that is specialized for what we teach. What a great advantage to have. We get yearly updates that we can actually use. In my area, we need the time to keep up on the FFA organization also. When I came back from two years away, I couldn't believe the changes that had happened in the FFA. We had made monumental changes in the organization that I would not have known about if I hadn't been to conference.

At the 2007 summer conference I made the decision to run for SDACTE office because I truly believe in this organization. I have been at every conference since I began teaching and want to see it continue to be the positive experience it has been for me. We are working hard to make this coming summer conference the best we can and it will be worth your time as a CTE teacher. See you there!

When: August 2-5, 2009

Where: Ramkota River Centre; Pierre, SD

What will it cost and how do I register? A registration form is enclosed for your convenience. Conference fees have been set at \$125 if registered prior to July 10th and \$175 if registered after that date. Please check the website for more information as it becomes available: <http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte>

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Administration Division

Erik Person, NW Area Multi-District / ESA 5

Spring is here! That feels good to say. Greetings again from the Administrative Division of ACTE. We made it through the snow days, and now the grass is starting to green up. It seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing for the SDACTE newsletter about our hectic fall, and now here we are dealing with testing, kids gone for track meets, requisitions for next year's supplies, next year's budget, and the end of the school year looming just a few weeks ahead. I start to sweat just thinking of all the things I wanted to get done by the end of the school year. There's not much time.

One of the things I need to get done very soon is finish lining some things up for all of the breakout sessions we have planned for the Administration Division at summer conference. Is there any time of year that is slow for educators? Maybe summer will be a little more relaxing, but I'm sure it will be too short. That gets me thinking about how busy we will all be again in August, getting ready for next school year.

As you plan your busy fall, mark down the SDACTE Summer Conference. As administrators we will be having some good sessions talking about how CTE fits into the overall picture of our secondary curriculum. Summer conference is one of the first events kicking off the new school year. It's a good

time to reconnect with colleagues and recharge for the school year. It is also just laid back enough to provide you with an opportunity to get out of town and do some fun things. I hope to see you there. I know that time in Pierre will be my time to talk about ideas, be optimistic about the upcoming year and remember why I'm in this business.

Agriculture Division

Kent Frerichs, Wilmot

The FFA Motto, *Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve,* describes the potential success that the "Summer Stimulus Work Experience" program could have for our youth in South Dakota. FFA members can develop "Job Placement" Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE's) that will give them lasting benefits. Other CTE youth groups can have similar opportunities. This is a great way for teens to get on the road toward a good work history while building strong references.

The jobs may be part-time and short term, but the students will earn cash and build good work habits and skills. They can earn while they learn. This program will provide opportunities to explore career directions with their work experiences. This could also open the door to full-time employment.

The Federal Stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides Career and Technical Education (CTE) with an exciting opportunity. CTE can step up to the challenge of partnering with businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies to provide meaningful jobs for young people that will teach them new skills.

The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has received almost \$3 million in federal stimulus funds for youth job training. DOL will pay the wages for eligible participants 14 to 24 years old who are employed in a newly-created work experience. Training can include summer jobs for youth, along with paid summer internships for college and technical institute students.

The SDACTE/SDVATA Annual Summer Conference, to be held in Pierre on August 2-5, 2009, promises to be an exciting and worthwhile experience. Our Natural Resource focus will include the renewable energy source found in the Oahe Hydroelectric Dam and the Environmental aspects of Water Quality. There will be a wide range of Professional Development Workshops available. You will become more aware of the import role that CTE has in our educational system. Remember, the highlight of this conference will be the closing session keynote address by our own colleague, Myron Sonne. Make plans now to attend this productive and enjoyable experience.

Calling all Business Teachers!!!!

Annika Russell, Mitchell

As we get closer to the end of the school year, it may be hard to think about August and getting ready to head back to school. But it will be here before we know it and the SDACTE Conference is a great place to start that process!!! Conference is in Pierre on August 2-5 and the Board of Directors have been working hard to make it an re-energizing experience where you will leave ready to tackle the new school year. We have two awesome keynote speakers that will motivate you. On Monday, Kevin Honeycutt will share his passion for education along with his sense of humor to provide you with the tools to hit the year running with a renewed enthusiasm. Then on Wednesday one of our own, Myron Sonne, will be sharing his expertise on education that will leave you motivated to face anything.

There is also going to be something for everyone in the Business/Marketing Division sessions. We will be spending some time discussing the Career Clusters and updating you on their progress. By the time of conference, it is the hope of the committee to have all the standards done and ready for review. There is going to be a roundtable session where you will get to hear about Accounting I online working papers; ways to incorporate SDmyLife into your courses; along with SD Insurance and Jumpstart sharing what they offer to educators. Other presenters are representatives from Secure Bank and CF Gear who will share their Entrepreneurial experience and what they have to offer to teachers and students. Also Knowledge Matters will share about the Entrepreneurship and Personal Finance simulations they offer. Finally, have you ever wanted to learn how to make a Podcast? Then we have the session for you, when 2 educators show you how to easily create Podcasts that can be used in the classroom. But the most important session will be Gerald's on Wednesday morning where he will share the information you need to know about PIP's, etc. By attending then, you won't have to attend a regional meeting during the school year.

And don't forget our Business/Marketing Division Banquet where we honor our fellow teachers for their accomplishments during the year, and the SDACTE Banquet that will end with our live auction for scholarships which has been known to be very entertaining.

So I am calling all of my fellow Business/Marketing teachers to join us on August 2-5 in Pierre and get **ENERGIZED!!!!**

Check the website after May 20 for more details.

<http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte>

Trade & Industrial & Tech. Education

Steve Schlaht, Watertown

Well here we are. It is spring and the school year is almost over. The students and instructors all are waiting for summer and your Board of Directors have been working hard to make your summer conference a successful one and one that you will enjoy attending.

We here at T & I are planning some interesting activities and breakout sessions that we hope you will enjoy and find very informative, and we also hope to have some interesting vendors for the trade show. All in all we are hoping to keep you busy, informed and having fun the whole time that you are at summer conference.

In the upcoming months we will continue to keep you up-to-date on what will be happening, and what will have for you at summer conference, and we hope that you bring a new member along with you, or maybe just a friend so they to can see what ACTE is all about. We will see you in August, and remember, bring a fellow instructor, teacher, friend or anyone you would think could benefit from this organization and they to may become a member of ACTE.

from Dodie's desk . . .

Jim Wilson, Coleen Keffeler and I attended the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC in March. It was refreshing to hear presenter after presenter describe the role that CTE is positioned to play in preparing the workforce crucial to the nation's economic recovery. The excellent material received during the seminar prepared us well for our visits with our three congressional delegations. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan not only talked TO us, he talked WITH us, taking and answering questions from the group.

NPS this year was uplifting, encouraging, and challenging. Uplifting because CTE is being seen by policy makers as essential education, encouraging because it is recognized we make a difference, and challenging because Secretary Duncan made it clear that he expects great things from CTE.

Your Board of Directors wanted me to share our strong fiscal position. We have a balance of \$11,359.88 as opposed to \$1,401.49 at this same time last year. Sponsorships, increased revenue from exhibitors, and a tighter rein on conference costs are all contributing factors for this positive turnaround. It will be unnecessary to withdraw money from our investments (as we've needed to do for the past several years) in order to meet the organization's financial responsibilities.

Be sure to consider applying for the \$500 Professional Development stipend. Forms can be found online and need to be submitted by August 2nd.

FACS Division

Suzy Ries, Baltic

Have you marked your calendars for the SDATFACS Summer Conference, August 2-5 in Pierre? Make sure you do because you won't want to miss the information and ideas we have in store for you.

In addition to a great Career and Technical Education conference, we're in the process of finalizing some fantastic sessions for Family and Consumer Science teachers.

Highlights include: ready to use curriculum for *Teaching and Training as a Profession* and *Relationships, Family and Communities* courses, employment needs and opportunities with the Department of Tourism, Career Cluster updates, integrating Smartboards and other technology, using Wii in the classroom, career exploration opportunities with SDmylife, counseling teens—current issues and concerns, SD Beef Council updates, low cost web resources, and an off-site tour. Sound great?

In addition, we'll be honoring our retirees, getting updates from SDSU, FCCLA and from the State OCTE Department, raising funds for scholarships and other worthwhile programs, presenting SDATFACS awards and installing new board members.

Summer conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends old and new, network and get the most up to date information to prepare students for life beyond high school.

Don't forget that all state approved FACS programs have the opportunity to use Perkins Funds to supplement conference costs. See your Perkins consortium representative or contact Becky Nelson for more information.

If you would like to share the cost of a hotel room, in Pierre, with other FACS teachers, please send me an email at suzy.ries@k12.sd.us and I'll put you in touch with other likeminded folks.

Enjoy these first few days of spring and remember to take time for yourself as we approach the busy end of the school year activities.

I can't wait to see you all in Pierre this summer – we've got great things in store!

Region V held in Washington State

Coleen Keffeler, ACTE Past President



April 16- 18, I had the opportunity to represent the ACTE Board of Directors at the ACTE Region V Conference in Blaine, WA hosted by the WA-ACTE. For those who have not had the opportunity to participate in

a regional conference, please mark your calendar for April 2011 when our very own SD-ACTE will host participants from seventeen states. The regional conference provides the opportunity to tour schools and business/industry partners, visit with educators from the western states, and participate in valuable learning sessions. Washington state has phenomenal support for their CTE programs; in fact, Randy Dorn, WA Superintendent of Public Instruction (a former CTE teacher and administrator) was the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions included incorporating wind energy into CTE curriculum, utilizing Career-Safe © to teach safety in the CTE classroom, and, my favorite, Geometry in Construction – a collaborative effort between a Building Trades teacher and a Geometry teacher where ninth and tenth graders build a house and receive a CTE credit and a math credit.

Start making plans now to showcase the great things we are doing in South Dakota when we host the seventeen states of Region V.

Legislative Update

Larry P. Zikmund, Lobbyist

As you are aware, the Governor proposed and the Legislature concurred with HB 1252 to repeal certain provisions relating to the education enhancement tobacco tax fund. This was the fund which provided \$1.5 million to CTE. The Governor had approved the funding in his first round of cuts, but made the cuts on his second round. However, it received a 43-26 vote in the House and 20-14 vote in the Senate, so there was some good support not to repeal the bill. I believe that if the economy had been better, the CTE funding would have stayed. In a follow-up call with The Secretary of Education and Mark Wilson to discuss the funding issue and the stimulus package, the Secretary stated that CTE will be a priority in 2010. Please contact your administrators to see how you can receive support from the stimulus funds.

I can tell you that CTE is highly regarded and Legislators believe it an important viable part of the school system. HB 1044 was approved which defined a multi-district, career and technical academy. This was important Legislation the Department wanted to clarify to move the academy title forward. Also, multi-districts will now be able to offer academic programs.

I want to thank all who came in and testified and your continued support to send e-mails, letters and make personal calls to Legislators. It is very important you continue to make those contacts and tell them how your programs are helping students and employers. It is also important to have a presence at the Legislative session. Legislators need to know who they can contact and work with on issues. I also want to thank the SDACTE Legislative Committee for their work.

2009 CTE Scholars

Our Brightest and Best

To qualify as a CTE Scholar, one must be a graduating senior who has earned an A- or higher in at least two credits of a state approved CTE program, one additional credit of an upper level supporting class and an overall GPA of 3.5 on 4.0 scale. The 2009 South Dakota CTE Scholars are as follows:

Hub Area

PESCHONG, DAVID - TRADE & IND.
JORDRE, EVAN - TECH ED
MCDONALD, MALLORY - HEALTH
SIGATY, KALA - HEALTH
WILSON, MARYAH - TECH ED
MCDERMOTT, DENHAM - HEALTH
ANDREE, PAIGE - HEALTH
BELDEN, BRITTANY - HEALTH
BITTNER, NICHOLAS - TECH ED
EISENBEISZ, ALLISON - HEALTH
EISENBEISZ, ALLISON - HEALTH II
JARMAN, DAVID - TECH ED

Clark

SLOBOTSKI, ARIELLE - FACS
LOOMIS, ALYSSA - FACS
HEMMINGSON, CASSI - FACS
MEHLBERG, HEIDI - AG
LINDGREN, JACOB - AG

DeSmet

HILES, CHELSEA - FACS

East Central Multi-District

PARKER, ALEX - MARKETING
CARLSON, BRAYDEN-MARKETING
DEMPSEY, KAIRA-MARKETING
TAYLOR, CHANTEL-MARKETING
WINTERBOER, MASON-MARKETING
MORROW, LIANNA -HEALTH
TROOEN, COURTNEY -HEALTH
HIGGINS, COURTNEY -HEALTH
MIELKE, MELISSA -HEALTH
PICKARD, RAMSEY -MARKETING
BRUNA, ELAINA -MARKETING
STROSCHIN, LINDA-MARKETING
FROEHLICH, KRYSTAL-HEALTH
NELSON, WHITNEY-HEALTH
VOGL, JONATHAN-HEALTH
MEYER, SARA-HEALTH
SACHEN, KRISTA-HEALTH
BALO, FARIN-HEALTH
WECKWERTH, ETHAN-TRADE & IND.

Emery

OLINGER, KAYLA - FACS
TERVEEN, KELSEY - FACS
RICHER, STEPHANIE - FACS

Harrisburg

GACKE, TANYA - FACS
SEDLACEK, KATE - FACS

Hoven

HARTUNG, LYNDSEY -HUMAN SERV.
HAMIL, BRIANNA - HUMAN SERVICES
HARTUNG, ZACHARY - AG
KAISER, LACY -HUMAN SERVICES
KARST, PAIGE -BUS, COMP & MKTG
RADER, JENNIFER - BUS, COMP, MKTG
RAUSCH, KIRK - AG
ULRICH, MELODY -BUS, COMP, MKTG

Webster

JOHNSON, KIRSTEN - AG
ZENK, DEREK - AG
DULITZ, MICHAEL - FACS
CHRISTENSEN, MICHAEL - FACS
MAMMENGA, MARI - FACS
RUMPCA, RYAN - FACS
MARTIN, CODI - FACS
KENNEDY, SHANDELL - FACS

Platte-Geddes

MUSHITZ, SHELBY - AG
NEPODEL, JOSEPH - AG
WILLROTT, ERIC - AG

Huron

HOFER, TRAVIS - TRADE & IND.
SWENSON, JOSEPH - TRADE & IND.
MYERS, JAZMINE - FACS
DICKSON, COURTNEY -AG
GREENFIELD, DOUG -BUS. COMP, MKT
THOMPSON, MICHAEL - AG
TURNER, ATHENA - AG
SLEPIKAS, TYANN - AG
HEBBERT, AMANDA- TRADE & IND.
HARRINGTON, KATIE - TRADE & IND.
SHOULTZ, TYLER - AG
DUXBURY, MICHAEL - AG
DEBOER, HEIDI - TRADE & IND.
BRANDENBURG, NICHOLAS - AG
ROTERT, TIM -TRADE & IND.
BUTLER, TANNER - AG

Wall

HEDLUND, DARREN - TECH ED
JOHNSON, SHELBY - AG
KELLY-RICHTER, DALTON -AG
NELSON, SAMANTHA -AG

Roslyn

NEUBERGER, MATHEW - T & I
MICHLITSCH, APRIL - TRADE & IND.
GRUBA, PAMELA - TRADE & IND.
NEUBERGER, MATHEW - AG
MICHLITSCH, APRIL - AG

Lake Area Multi-District

GABUR, KAYLIE - HEALTH
HALSE, JILL - HEALTH
HUMMEL, ALEXANDRA - TECH ED
ARTHUR, KELSEY - TRADE & IND.
HULSCHER, MICHELLE - HEALTH
KOLB, APRIL - HUMAN SERVICES
KOLB, APRIL - HEALTH
LINDNER, JENNIFER - HUMAN SERV
THYEN, ALYSSA - HUMAN SERVICES
BEYNON, AMANDA -HUMAN SERVICES
BEYNON, AMANDA - HEALTH
LARSON, MICHAELA - HUMAN SERV
NELSON, BRADY - TRADE & IND.
WOODRUFF, ERICA - HEALTH
ZENT, COLIN - INFORMATION TECH
SUTTON, JENNA - HEALTH

SWENSON, MATHEW - TRADE & IND.
THYEN, JESSICA - HEALTH
TINGELSTAD, CAYLA - HUMAN SERV
WEBER, HEATHER - HUMAN SERVICES
WINKELS, ABBY - HEALTH
SEPPANEN, ELSIE - TECH ED
BELD, TRISHA - TRADE & IND.
BELD, TRISHA - TECH ED
HAUG, BREANA - TRADE & IND.
ISAACSON, MARCUS - TRADE & IND.
KOISTINEN, LISA - HEALTH
SEPPANEN, NEAL - TRADE & IND.
SMITH, DAIN - TRADE & IND.
SMITH, JEANA - HEALTH
SNEEDEN, JERICHO - HUMAN SERV
SNEEDEN, JERICHO - FACS
WENDLING, CHANTEL - HEALTH
ANDERSH, BROOKE - HEALTH
CHAMBERS, WHITNEY - HEALTH
DANFORTH, DREW - TRADE & IND.
EVEN, KELSEY - HEALTH
FUERSTENAU, SARAH - HEALTH
GOOD, KATIE - HEALTH
GOOD, KELSEY - HUMAN SERVICES
GOTTSLEBEN, KALI - HUMAN SERV
HAGEN, WHITNEY - HUMAN SERVICES
HEISER, TARA - HEALTH
HELLER, BRITTANY - HEALTH
HENDRICKS, ANDREW - TRADE & IND.
KONSTANT, SAMUEL - TRADE & IND.
KOOL, LOGAN - HEALTH
KRUMWIEDE, BRADY - INFO TECH
LAMBERT, TROY - FACS
MALLETT, TERESA -HEALTH
MCCLANAHAN, CLARISSA -FACS
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SPIES, RYAN - TRADE & IND.
BUCKLIN, RAQUEL - TRADE & IND.

Sioux Falls

ANDERSON, JOSHUA - TECH ED
CHRISTENSEN, ALICIA - MARKETING
GEBAUER, HANNAH - HEALTH
HARGENS, ERIN - HEALTH
HARRIS, JERRONEE -MARKETING
HOFER, JACOB - TECH ED
MOSSER, PRESTON -MARKETING
NORDSTROM, JAMES -HEALTH
WALSH, KELLEY - MARKETING
WEILER, PAULA -HUMAN SERVICES
WIGEN-LOVRO, CLAY - HEALTH

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