



Association for Career and Technical Education

# SDACTE NEWSLETTER

## September 2018

### President's Message Josh Christiansen, President



Greetings, members! It seems like SDACTE Summer Conference was only a few weeks ago, not a month and a half! It's amazing how quickly teachers and students are able to get back into the routine of school, and how fast time moves as we become busy in our classrooms. For those of us who attended the outstanding conference in Rapid City, we have new ideas and connections that we are implementing into our courses and CTE programs. The organization had a great turnout for conference and gathered some positive feedback from those in attendance. Through the post-conference evaluation survey, we were also given a few ideas for conference improvement. One of our annual goals is to continually work to plan a summer professional development conference that is relevant and beneficial to all members and attendees.

Recently, the new Board of Directors met to create a strategic plan for SDACTE in 2018-2019. This included setting goals and starting the process of planning the 2019 Summer Conference in Mitchell on July 28-August 1st. The goals set by the Board mainly revolve around member communication and involvement. Just like in your classrooms and schools, success is dependent on everyone participating and contributing.

You can ask just about any member and he/she will tell you that one of the top benefits of SDACTE membership is networking and the opportunities to share lesson and CTSO ideas and strategies. Another of the Board's goals is to provide even more sharing platforms. Last year, you started receiving the monthly "SDACTE Greatest Hits". That will continue this year and you can also be on the lookout for information about a Google site or folder for members to share their work and/or search for other pertinent resources.

The hope is that this will be a platform which will provide members of the smaller divisions a resource for sharing and collaboration.

Those of us who have been involved with SDACTE for a while know that it is our membership who drives the organization. We also know that many opportunities are different for members depending on which division you hold your membership. We want to make sure that ALL members get

what they need from the organization. Therefore, members of the board are also directing their energy towards another goal to engage members of the administrative division and the smaller (based on membership number) divisions. SDACTE wants to become better advocates and resources in aiding those divisions to increase membership as well as involvement.

I am excited about another very successful year in our organization! Like I said, you - the members - are the driving force that makes us all successful. The Board is here help navigate the path along this worthwhile journey.

Have a great year!

The second objective today for our goal included the smaller divisions and focusing on how we can be better advocates & resources in aiding those groups to increase membership through active engagement.

### Any Keynote Speaker Suggestions????

The SDACTE Board of Directors is seeking your input for a keynote speaker for the 2019 Summer Conference in Mitchell. Our last nine 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!

#### WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF

## SDACTE?

#### NETWORKING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Online or in-person, ACTE's events provide a high-quality professional development and a network of CTE professionals.

#### ADVOCACY & AWARENESS



To advocate, analyze and inform policymakers, members and the public about the impact of proposed legislation and funding decisions towards education.

#### CTE NEWS, RESEARCH, & UPDATES



Stay informed with electronic publications.

#### MEMBER BENEFITS



Member-only discounts to all ACTE events and on CTE publications and products

#### CAREER RESOURCES



Online job bank helps find new and exciting career opportunities.



## Greetings from President Elect

Lenessa Keehn, SDCTE President Elect

Your New President-Elect! I'm Lenessa Keehn, CTE/Internship Coordinator & Hospitality & Tourism Instructor at Lead-Deadwood High School and SDACTE's President-Elect for 2018-19.

Prior to my official nomination at the 2018 Business Meeting, I was networking in the Hospitality Room when my self-proclaimed campaign manager asked me what my platform was going to be as President-Elect. Initially, I answered, "I don't know," as I had only thought about it up to that point and hadn't verbalized it. Once I was able to put together my thoughts, another member sitting next to me said, "That's not good enough."

Discussion continued thru the evening and I ended up going to bed thinking about how my platform wasn't good enough. I awoke the following morning and it dawned on me that he was right – my platform wasn't good enough! Why? Because I can do better. We can do better. SDACTE, I believe, is an organization that is here to help you as Division Presidents, as committee members, as new and veteran members, as classroom teachers and CTSO advisors, to become better. We can offer resources and materials as well as advice, ideas, and suggestions to help you become better. By the same token, your SDACTE Board needs your help too. We encourage you to reach out to us so we can improve our services to you: as professionals, advisors, and as conference attendees (State, Region V, NPS, and CareerTech VISION) to name a few.

I've always believed in SDACTE and know it is good for my profession. As President-Elect, I challenge each of you to a new school year that is improved and better than last, because as one member challenged me, "That's not good enough." He was right; I could do better.

## Administration Division

As I begin my term on the SDACTE Board of Directors as the Administrative President, the opportunity to write this article allows me time to reflect on all the opportunities that CTE has to offer the students in our state. The state of South Dakota has made a major investment into the Career and Technical Education field over the last five years. With the reauthorization of the Carl Perkins funding at the national level, the future of CTE appears to be extremely bright. School and community partnerships are a great way to interconnect many resources to enhance the support for all the youth in the state of South Dakota. These partnerships enhance school systems, provide opportunity for students, lead to potential jobs, and connect our business community with the high school CTE curriculum. We are truly fortunate to live in a state that understands the value of school community partnerships. Also, we are lucky to have many businesses who are willing to give their time to help build these partnerships through strategic planning and creative leadership. From my standpoint as a school leader, it is imperative that people understand that schools alone cannot prepare our youth for the world that lies ahead of them. It should be our mission to prepare our youth for a productive adulthood in the years to come. In this state it is evident that our business see the value in our children's education.

As I close, thank you to all our current CTE members. By working together, our communities can prepare for a more promising future here in the State of South Dakota. Each one of you helps the SDACTE carry out our mission that results in a better quality of life for everyone.

Adam Shaw SDACTE Admin Division President  
Principal, Madison High School

## FACS Division Updates

This summer SDATFACS created a new website and a google drive to be able to house and store all of our association's documents. On our website you can find information about award winners, board positions, committee involvement, past newsletters, and all of our summer conference reference materials. Check out the website <https://sites.google.com/view/sdatfacs>. I would love to start collecting material so we have a reference page of materials that we use in our classrooms. As FACS teacher we all do great things in our classrooms so lets start sharing them with one another. Any items you would like to share please email to [sdatfacs@gmail.com](mailto:sdatfacs@gmail.com) or share through the Google drive. Join our SDATFACS group on Facebook to see our events and share additional fun items with the group. This is a great place to show off daily things that you are doing within your classroom, post pictures, share ideas, ask question and other things that you are doing with your students.

Naome Poppe SDATFACS President  
Brandon Valley High School

## Ag Division Updates

Summer SAE visits are done, Leadership Retreats have passed, we've survived back-to-school in-service and state fair. Now, it's off to Land and Range Judging, nights in the concession stands, homecoming parades, fruit sales and Indy for National FFA Convention. As agricultural education instructors we lead busy lives and we often thrive on that busy schedule. However, it's so easy for us to be bogged down by these activities. SDAAE is excited to announce that we have several opportunities to reconnect and recharge. The 2018 NAAE XLR8 Professional Development Program for South Dakota will be held on September 27-28, 2018 in Mitchell and a New Teacher Academy is in the works for later in the fall. Be looking for more details on that soon!

Karen Roudabush  
Bridgewater-Emery High School  
Agriculture Instructor/FFA  
SDAAE President

## Stipends: Let SDACTE help pay your way

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 2018 in San Antonio November 28- December 1. 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 2018 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 Tom Wolff by Sept 30th. Then his committee will go through them and choose 3 members. We also provide stipends to the National Policy Committee and Region V Leadership Conference. Let SDACTE help you attend VISION, NPS, and/or Region V!!!

## CTE Poster Sale

CAREER CLUSTER – WE HAVE CAREER CLUSTER POSTERS FOR SALE! That's right! You can be the owner and promoter of South Dakota specific Career and Technical Education Career Cluster Posters. This phenomenal set of 16 will compliment any and all careers being promoted, researched, or discussed in your classrooms, hallways, and offices. All for the low, low one-time payment of \$19.99 (but just send your Twenty Dollar Bill – Dodie is short on pennies) you can hang up these professionally made, quality posters for all students to see. To receive your CTE Poster Set, email [bemisd@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:bemisd@lakeareatech.edu) or snail-mail: **Dodie Bemis, Lake Area Technical Institute, PO Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201.**

Please remit payment in the form of a check or purchase order purchase.

## From Trades and Industry/Tech Ed Division:

Greetings all, I am Eric Schramm from Mitchell, SD and I am currently serving as the Trades and Industry/Tech Ed Division President. I am employed by Mitchell Technical Institute as an instructor in the Architectural Design and Building Construction program. Teaching in the career and technical education cluster since 2012 has given me great joy and excitement to continue influencing today's students. After graduating with an associates of applied science degree in building construction from Mid Plains Community College in Nebraska, I continued my education in Brookings at SDSU majoring in Career and Technical Education(CTE). I'm very passionate about CTE and look forward to doing my part in advancing our mission in the state of South Dakota.

As I sat down with our president elect (Jed Schoenfelder) and reflected upon our conference in Rapid City, I couldn't help but remember all the wonderful people we have in our organization. This was our 4th conference and each year we both feel that we are educated and informed on what is happening within CTE in the State of South Dakota. In talking with Jed, we remembered some key points that I would like to bring up to those who couldn't make it. We had 32 attendees in our T&I/Tech Ed division who took part in a fabulous key note speaker, tours, breakout sessions, trades show and social events. For those of us who made it out early on Saturday, a couple of our members organized extra tours in Bell Fouché, Sturgis, Lead/Deadwood and Spearfish. We had the opportunity to tour some Industry (PermianLide Tank, TruCatch Traps, and Spearfish Forest Products) along with visiting some of our members classroom/labs at their local schools. Our conference had a fun kickoff event in the Rapid City's Down Town Square where we all took part in a hog roast and scavenger hunt. It was good time to relax and hang out with colleagues from all over the state. Half of the official conference was held at Western Dakota Tech's campus with the other half being held at the Best Western Ramkota Inn. While walking through WDT's buildings it was refreshing to see all they had to offer to help in our states educational needs. One of our division members Bret Johnson(Yankton) was honored as the recipient of the Innovated Program Award showcasing all the amazing things he is accomplishing in the classroom. I am very proud of all of you and want to keep encouraging you all to nominate and showcase all the exciting and unique lessons that you are using to educate the students of South Dakota. We now have the spotlight and need to utilize it to show how well we are doing in innovating our programs to bridge the gap between learners and the workforce. I hope your year is off to a great start and if there is anything I can be in assistance to, please feel free to reach out.

-Eric Schramm T&I/Tech Ed Division President  
eric.schramm@mitchelltech.edu

### Professional Development Opportunities

Erin Larsen, DOE

The Division of Career & Technical Education is hosting a variety of professional development opportunities over the next several months. A full list of trainings is located at <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/documents/SY18-19-Calendar.pdf>.

Throughout October and November, a number of best practices sharing sessions will be held. Each of the events provides an opportunity to gather with educators from across the state in your content area and share lesson plans and other classroom ideas you can implement immediately.

Dates and locations are listed below. To register for a specific session, visit <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/Public/Course/Browse>

### Best Practices Sharing Sessions

- \* October 10: Health Science:
- \* October 10: Arts, AV Technology & Communications
- \* October 17: Information Technology
- \* October 23: School Counseling
- \* October 24: Business, Marketing & Finance
- \* October 25: School Counseling
- \* November 14: Family & Consumer Science

### BMIT Division Updates

With the chaos of school starting, it also brings the excitement of sports and clubs. Did you know that there are a number of CTSOs (Career and Technical Student Organizations) available for your students to participate in? There are nine different groups and they range anywhere from agriculture (FFA) to business (FBLA & DECA) to technology (Technology Student Association). Each of these groups provides an opportunity for students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it at both a state and national level. According to the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), "CTSOs play an important part in preparing young people to become productive citizens and to assume roles of leadership in their communities. These organizations provide a unique program of career and leadership development, motivation, and recognition for secondary and post-secondary students." As CTE teachers this is something we want from all of our students and it is a great way for them to build relationships and skills.

-- Jennifer Funke  
BMIT Division President

### Mark Your Calendars!!!!

The 2019 SDACTE Conference will be held July 28-30 at Mitchell Technical Institute. MTI is excited to have everyone on campus for another conference and is looking forward to all the great sessions and networking opportunities that will be available. Not only will there be an inspiring keynote speaker, informative breakouts, tours, vendors and division time but you will also be able to check out the programs offered at MTI. It will be a great way to get energized for your school year!

See you July 28-30 at MTI!!



### Paying Forward

Each year SDACTE awards up to two \$500 Professional Development Stipends to members pursuing additional education/training. At the 2018 SDACTE Conference, members Tracy Kern and Erik Person were each awarded a 2018 Professional Development Stipend. Kern, a FACS Instructor at Harrisburg High School, is pursuing a Master of Science in Education with an emphasis in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership at Southwest Minnesota State University. Person, Superintendent of the Burke School District, is pursuing his doctorate in education leadership at the University of South Dakota. Congratulations and best wishes to both of these SDACTE members as they pursue their professional goals. Last year's winners included Shane Gross, Agriculture Education Division, and Mark Otten, Administration Division.

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## Summer SDACTE Conference Recap

Tom Wolff, Past President

The annual summer conference was held in Rapid City on July 29-31. It had been 33 years since our conference was held in Rapid City and we had over 200 members attend this year. We kicked off the conference with a social event at the Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City. Wall Meat Processing roasted a whole hog and served pulled pork along with salads and fruits. What a great way to start conference getting to socialize with our members. A scavenger hunt was organized by Rapid City area CTE teachers and teams of four participated in the event with a good number of our members taking part in this activity.

Our conference opening session was held on Monday morning at Western Dakota Technical Institute. Brooks Harper was the keynote speaker and his high-energy speech focused on preparing students to be globally competitive. We as CTE teachers can help our students discover their talents, skills and abilities and help them develop those to be valuable in the workplace. Breakout sessions filled the rest of the morning and our SDACTE committees had a chance to meet during lunch. After lunch, each of the divisions had time to meet and conduct business. The awards banquet was held at the Ramkota with Jim Scull speaking about his business and skills that help his employees be successful. After the banquet, the on-line auction and silent auction were closed and six items were auctioned off during the live auction. A total of \$1,802 was brought in from those fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who contributed items and also to those who purchased items making it possible to fund scholarships and stipend money.

Tuesday morning was filled with the various divisions meeting and attending the trade show followed by our business meeting and luncheon. After lunch, members had the ability to go on tours or attend in-depth sessions. We wrapped up the conference with our Celebrate CTE program and had the drawing for the baskets provided by each of the divisions along with prizes given by some of the companies that were at the trade show.

The SDACTE Board of Directors would like to thank all the people who helped to make this conference a success. Without extra help from people in the Rapid City area making contacts and arrangement and others behind the scenes doing extra things, it would have been hard to have such a successful conference.

Many of you filled out the conference evaluation form, but if you have ideas as to how we can improve conference, possible keynote speakers, breakout sessions, vendors for the trade show or new fundraisers, please let your division presidents or any one of the officers know, as we have already started to plan for our conference next year when it will be held in Mitchell.

**What a way to start!!!**- Thanks to the efforts of Bobbie Jo Donovan and her committee, the conference participants had a treat with an honest-to-goodness pork barbecue on Main Street Square in Rapid City on Sunday night. The setting was perfect, and the weather cooperated. It was a fun, networking, family-oriented time that included a Scavenger Hunt with prizes. Slightly less than 300 people registered for the annual event. Next year, the conference moves to Mitchell Technical Institute on July 28-29.



**Award Winners-** Awards Committee Chair Bev Rieck poses with award winners Nicole Graves, Friend of CTE; Amy Miller, Administrator of the Year; Jim Wilson, Lifetime Achievement; Brigitte Brucklacher, Carl Perkins Outstanding Service; Cyle Miller, New Teacher of the Year; and LaKisha Jordan, Teacher of the Year. Each award winner was presented with a plaque and a \$300 stipend provided by SDACTE. Teacher of the Year LaKisha Jordan will also receive a complimentary room at the 2019 SDACTE Conference being held in Mitchell, SD. These award winners may now progress and compete on the Region V level.

# Photos

**You need to be a member-** Tracy Kern holds up a basket containing the names of SDACTE members as Josh Christiansen draws another lucky winner. To reward membership, the SDACTE Board of Directors chose to give away 5 ACTE/SDACTE memberships, 4-\$100 drawings, and 1-\$250 drawing throughout the conference. To be eligible, a person just had to be a current member in good standing.



During the tour at the Sturgis Brown High School Machining Shop, participants get a chance to see a variety of projects and focuses for the machining program. Instructor Cyle Miller explained how 3D printing applied to a wide variety of items, including steel water bottles, wood products and mouse pads.

Demonstrating the use of one of the student-use machines, machining instructor Cyle Miller explains the process of creating a basic spring. Held twice a day, classes have been filled to capacity with learners intent on gaining hands-on skills with the purchased and donated equipment.



### Job Well Done-

On behalf of the organization, past president Tracy Kern thanked Tom Wolff for his leadership and presented Tom with an outgoing president's plaque. Tom reminded the members of the dates of next year's conference (July 28-29) with the location returning to Mitchell Technical Institute.

### Achieve 100-

SDACTE President Tom Wolff congratulates Madison principal Adam Shaw and his CTE educators Lori Christensen, Ag; Kristie Olson, Business; Joey Liesinger, IT; Sarah Perez, FACS; and Austin Kesteloot, Ag for their school receiving the Achieve 100 distinction. This Award recognizes schools that offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Of those 68 nationwide, 21 were from South Dakota. These included Baltic, Bridgewater-Emery, Canton, Colman-Egan, Elkton, Flandreau, Highmore-Harrold, Hitchcock-Tulare, Hoven, Lemmon, Lyman, Madison, McCook Central, McIntosh, Menno, Miller, Parker, Philip, DCTE, SDSU, and Tri-Valley.



**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 48 people received that distinction. Some of those with 20 or more years belonging to ACTE/SDACTE included 1st row: Tammie Paulson, 20 years; and Sherry Opbroek, Lori Tonak and Don Sutera each with 25 years; 2nd row: Cindy Brace, 35 years; Myron Sonne, 51 years; and Ellen Hohbach, 30 years.



**Bright Careers-** Coleen Keffeler and Paul Von Fischer pose with the fruits of their labor/project: posters to help counselors with promo materials that have the “right” information. Keffeler worked on developing the promotional materials on CTE teachers as a career as well as CTE careers in general. The Administration Division offered funds to support the project. As a result, there is a set of 16 posters in each of the career clusters available at no cost to SDACTE members and \$20 to non members. For more information, please refer to an accompanying article in this newsletter.

**Good cause; good work-** Annika Russell Manke and Josh Christiansen recognize the efforts of Bryce Holter (far left) and Megan Jaquet (third from right) for their help in our fundraising efforts. Holter donated the item that sold for the highest bid and Jaquet represents the FACS Division that brought in the most money for a division. They get to keep the new “Traveling Trophy” until next summer’s conference in Mitchell. The money raised from their efforts goes toward the high school scholarships and the professional development stipends offered to our membership. Though we fell short of our \$3,000 goal, the Board sincerely appreciated the support the fundraisers received.



**2018-2019 SDACTE Board of Directors**

1st row: SDAAE Division

President Karen Roudabush, President-elect Lenessa Keehn, President Josh Christiansen, Past President Tom Wolff, and Business/Marketing/IT Division President Jennifer Funke.

2nd row: T & I/Tech Ed Division President Eric Schramm, Executive Director Dodie Bemis, Admin Division President Adam Shaw, FACS Division President Naome Poppe, Post Secondary liaison Annika Russell-Manke, and DCTE liaison Erin Larsen



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