



SDACTE N E W S L E T T E R February 2020

We only have 167 days!



Follow the <u>Countdown Timer</u> link to save the SDACTE Countdown to your own calendar so you don't miss the start to summer conference!

Let's countdown the top five reasons you'll want to register yourself and your CTE team August 2-4, 2020 to attend the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education Conference:

5. Kent Julian has been booked to be our keynote speaker. Check out Lori's article to learn more about Kent Julian and what he has to offer educators in career and technical education.

4. The conference schedule will be similar to last year's with a few updates according to your feedback from last year's conference. Breakout sessions offer an opportunity for the kind of professional development and motivation you will need and want to use in your classroom for the 20-21 school year.

3. Tours, tours, and more tours. What businesses are you interested in seeing? What industries do you want to meet with to gather ideas for your classroom? What business professionals do you want to hear talk about their workplace and how to prepare your students to be college and career ready? Talk to your division president or shoot me an email – we'd like to hear from you. Tours are a big part of the SDACTE conference and we want to make sure that you are getting what you want.

2. Innovative programs, Friends of Career and Technical Education, New Teacher of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Carl Perkins awards, Achieve 100 schools, and scholarship winners cap the conference during the awards banquet. This event always entertains and highlights the best of CTE in South Dakota.

1. Casino Night – what more can I say? A sure-to-be crowd pleaser, you'll want to join the fun and participate in a variety of games of chance from Jumbo Jenga to poker and blackjack. Casino night at SDACTE 2020 will be the primary fundraiser used to help fund student scholarships and stipends for teachers who are members of ACTE. In addition to Casino Night, Bryce Holter and Adam Shaw are taking the charge with the silent auction, so be sure to reach out to them to see what items you (or your creative & talented students) can donate.

Lastly, each division will contribute to the Basket Bonanza as well – be on the lookout for your opportunities to win big this year!

As always, SDACTE provides numerous opportunities to network, learn, teach, and find the motivation to implement, improve, and integrate content and strategies for the coming year. Be sure to watch for opening registration – and add the <u>Countdown Timer</u> to your calendar!

LeLenessa Keehn SDACTE President

It's Official

SDACTE officers President-Elect Lori Christensen, Past President Josh Christiansen, and President Lenessa Keehn pose with the proclamation from Governor Noem declaring February as CTE Month. This year's theme is "Celebrate Today. Own Tomorrow!" In looking at the CTE data provided by the Division of Career and Technical Education, it supports the anecdotal stories that CTE graduates, through rigorous, relevant coursework, have a high graduation rate than the overall state rate (97.25% to 83,68%)



Celebrate CTE Month!

February is CTE Month! How have you celebrated or raised awareness for CTE in your community? Share any pictures with Annika Russell-Manke (Annika.russell@mitchelltech.edu) to be posted on the SDACTE Facebook page.

Career & Technical Education month is a great time (but not the only time) for all of us to showcase the great things that our students and programs are accomplishing. Because we are involved in CTE daily, we may not always realize that some teachers, administrators, parents, school board members, and others in our community don't get to directly experience the impacts of our programs.



February brings specific celebrations for many of our CTSOs; National FBLA-PBL week (Feb. 9-15), National Skills USA week (Feb. 2-8), National FCCLA week (Feb. 10-14), and National FFA Week (Feb. 22-29). It's no coincidence that these celebrations fall during the month of February. Take the time to celebrate the CTSO successes, and keep in mind the spirit of CTE throughout this month. Share your classroom activities with as many people as possible. Recruit for your programs. Be a spokesperson for CTE in your community!

Career and Technical Education is about more than preparing students for post-graduate successes. We teach academic content with relevance to the real world. We promote employability skills and provide employment opportunities to students. We help our students find their place in the world and see the potential they have for greatness. I encourage you to continue to make those connections with students, and also foster connections between your CTE program and your community.

Thank you for everything you do to make CTE in South Dakota successful. Happy CTE Month!

Josh Christiansen SDACTE Past President

Keynote Speaker 2020

Kent Julian is a lot of things... devoted family man, champion swim coach, fish-taco lover, and proud bald guy. Yet, this hasn't always been the case. Kent started out as an at-risk child with severe learning challenges and SAT scores so low that he had to take Development Studies just to get into college—on probation.

From these humble beginnings, Kent went on to lead several large youth organizations in order to help teenagers who struggled just like him. After 20 years in non-profit work, Kent changed directions and launched two successful businesses. Now, with his expertise in creating DREAM-to-DO work cultures, he is privileged to speak, write, and consult leaders and teams all over the country on the topics of employee engagement, leadership, and the multi-generational workforce.

A snippit of what's to come:

"5 Overlooked Habits of Good Leaders" by Kent Julian

- 1. Great leaders lead themselves first
- 2. Great leaders are brutally honest with themselves
- 3. Great leaders take failure personally...sort of
- 4. Great leaders always build up and never tear down
- 5. Great leaders practice Positive Labeling



To learn more about this topic, make sure to come to summer conference August 2-4, 2020 Watertown, SD!

Lori Christensen



SDACTE Listserve

The SDACTE Board of Directors would again like to invite you to sign up for the SDACTE listserve. Members and non-members alike are invited to sign up for the listserve.

You may join the listserve by emailing '<u>Subscribe "SDACTE"</u> to <u>listmanager@k12.sd.us</u>. You will then be added to the listserve where you can send and receive pertinent SDACTE information and updates. Or, you can go directly to the listserve signup page by scanning the QR code below. The final option for joining is to simply email past-president, Josh Christiansen at josh.christiansen@k12.sd.us and he will get you signed up to start receiving the listserve emails.

SDACTE Google Drive



At this point, all SDACTE members with a Google-connected email account should have been added to the SDACTE Shared Google Drive folder. The purpose of this folder is to provide a wealth of resources to all our members. As you all know, one of the many great things about our organization is the support provided to members. The goal is to continually store and update - in this folder - lesson plans, resources, and tips/tricks for all members to use.

For now, there are only a few resources that have been uploaded so we need more! If you have a great lesson, activity, or resource to share, please upload it to the Drive; and please try to label and organize your uploads as best you can for easy searching. Each SDACTE member has contributor status which means you can upload documents as well as copy documents from the shared drive.

As an incentive to start the process of adding materials into the folder, the BOD has decided that each member who adds content to the drive prior to July 1, 2020 will be entered into a drawing at summer conference. We will have a number of gift cards for the contributors to win from this drawing. Remember, anything useful to you is probably useful to others as well. Share your successes so others can be successful too!

If you have not received access to the Google Shared Drive, please contact josh.christiansen@k12.sd.us with an email address that is connected to Google Drive. (All @k12 emails should have access.)

What's Happening with DCTE?

Happy CTE Month! There are so many things happening within the Department of CTE this winter. We are progressing through the process to submit the Perkins V State Plan. All the details on that are available at https://doe.sd.gov/cte/PerkinsV.aspx The final submission will be in April. Schools are undergoing many new processes too. The program application has undergone a facelift, with a quick and simple 3 step process. https://doe.sd.gov/cte/data.aspx

Step 1 - District Application (only 1 per district)

Step 2 – Teacher Application (every CTE teacher)

Step 3 – Work with your program specialist to highlight your personal sequence of course documents.



Schools and Consortiums are starting the process of the CLNA-Lite. This step allows schools to collect data, engage with stakeholders, and self-reflect on the needs of their district prior to beginning the full comprehensive local needs assessment (CLNA). You can find more information about the CLNA process at https://doe.sd.gov/cte/clna.aspx The target is to get the CLNA-lite wrapped up by the beginning of April, spend May finalizing your Perkins budget, and then in June or July the CLNA process will begin. Please join us for on the upcoming best practice webinars to ask questions and learn more about these processes. Amy Miller - DCTE Liaison

SAVE THE DATES!!!

SDACTE Summer Conference August 2-4, 2020 – Lake Area Technical Institute – Watertown, SD



SDACTE Summer Conference July 25-27, 2021 -Dakota State University - Madison, SD

SDACTE Summer Conference July 24-26, 2022 – Southeast Technical Institute – Sioux Falls, SD



T&I Division Updates

Greeting and Happy CTE month. As part of this celebration I would like to thank you for all you do to make Career and Technical Education so great. I feel that our cluster has been bridging the gap between industry and education from the start. It is just been in recent years that the public has started to get behind our movement and we need to harness this. Take the time this month to thank the individuals and businesses that support your classroom and let them know how much their support helps develop the next generations of student learners. CTE is truly something to celebrate and I am proud to say that I am apart of this great transition in our educational system.

On another note, we are coming up on registration for our action packed summer conference. Look for details coming through email/newsletters about getting signed up. I look forward to seeing you all in Watertown, August 2-4th! The committees have been working diligently to bring you lots of great sessions, networking opportunities, speakers, and tours for you to absorb and bring back to your schools and classrooms. As always if you have any great ideas or would like to share what you are doing in with your students, please reach out to anybody on the SDACTE Board of Directors.

-Eric Schramm

Trades and Industry Division President

Lodging at Summer Conference



The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Ramkota Hotel for the summer conference in Watertown. All the Sunday activities and Monday night awards banquet will take place at the Ramkota. Monday's and Tuesday's daytime activities will take place on the campus of Lake Area Tech. The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$94.99 for a standard double or single room. Please have the attendees call the hotel direct at 605-886-8011 and ask for 2020 SDACTE Conference to obtain the group rate. All reservations must be received by 7-01-2020. 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.

Administration Division Updates

Hopefully this newsletter article finds you all doing well as we work our way through the mid-winter grind. February is designated CTE Month and recently Senator Thune co-signed a bill to support CTE Month in Congress. CTE provides our students the opportunity to see the world of work through classroom opportunities provided in your school systems. During his recent State of the Union address President Trump doubled the amount of money for CTE in his budget. His budget has 900 million dollars allocated for the implementation of CTE courses and programs, over the 16 career clusters, in our schools across the United States. If his budget is approved by Congress it will provide schools the opportunity to think outside the box and look for ways to implement courses, internships, and apprenticeships for our students.

This April 1-3 at the South Dakota Principals Conference in Chamberlain, the SDACTE Board of Directors will have a booth to share all the wonderful things that CTE provides students in this great state. Please make sure you take some time to stop and visit with one of the board members. Also, this summer SDACTE will hold their annual conference in Watertown from July 26th-29th. I would encourage our current administrative group of members to share all the wonderful things that SDACTE does to promote quality CTE education. I challenge each of our members to seek out a new individual and have them become a member of this wonderful organization.

In closing, thank you to all our current members for all the hard work you do for the students of South Dakota. I truly believe that we provide our students receive a phenomenal education, one that is well rounded and full of career opportunities. As the president of the administrative group I am looking forward to the journey ahead as we continue to promote CTE coursework in our schools. Adam Shaw

Administration Division President

Achieve 100 Winners Announced



The SDACTE Board of Directors is pleased to announce a **17 schools** have qualified for the 2020 ACTE Achieve 100 Award. These include **Baltic**, **Canton**, **Colman-Egan**, **Flandreau**, **Gettysburg**, **Highmore**, **Hitchcock-Tulare**, **Hoven**, **Lead-Deadwood**, **Lemmon**, **Lyman**, **Madison Central**, **McIntosh**, **Menno**, **Miller**, **Parker**, **Philip**, **SDSU**, and **DCTE**.

This Award recognizes schools that offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. These schools will appear in the April publication of <u>Techniques</u>, and they will also be recognized at the Awards Banquet Monday night at summer conference. Once again, your Board of Directors wants to recognize those schools that have 100% of their CTE staff belonging to their professional organization (SDACTE/ACTE). Our goal is to heighten the public awareness of CTE and the professionalism of our schools and educators.

Happy CTE Month from the Family and Consumer Science Division





In case you didn't know, this is a special time of year for many FACS departments around the state. In addition to CTE Month, February 10-14 is Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) week and Educators Rising week. The first group mentioned having a strong and impressive history here in South Dakota and the latter just beginning their journey as a new state-wide affiliate. Here are a few facts about the two....

According to the South Dakota website, FCCLA began way back in 1945. Currently FCCLA has a national membership of 160,000 young men and women in nearly 5,400 chapters. There are 47 state associations including Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. FCCLA presence across South Dakota is inspiring to say the least, as they continue their mission to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

I'm also happy to share that the Educators Rising organization is making a name for itself in South Dakota as well. In this first year, as an affiliate, there are currently 14 chapters and a little over 300 members and growing. Although still in their infancy, they are already beginning to move toward their mission of helping communities grow the next generation of well-prepared teachers.

As schools around the state celebrate this special time, I would like to send out best wishes from SDATFCS to all the student members of these two Career and Technical Student Organizations. And a special thank you to all the FACS teachers for your efforts in providing your students with such meaningful & worthwhile opportunities. Hope you enjoy your week.

Wendy Conrad, SDATFCS President

Ag Division Updates

Greetings. It's lambing season on our farm and it's always exciting to see the results of several months of planning and effort in breeding, feeding, and caring for the flock. There are many challenges to overcome throughout these several months of planning and work, but it comes to fruition when we see the baby lambs nursing from their mothers. It's not much different than what we do as educators in that we spend 9 months each year preparing our students to move to the next grade level and at the end of several years of this effort, our students graduate and begin a new aspect of their life. At each of these points in time, we are able to see the results of our efforts as educators and reflect upon the challenges we had to overcome and the successes that resulted from our efforts. Thank you for your continued commitment to educating the students in your schools about agriculture and the opportunities that this industry has to offer them.

The SDACTE board had an on-site meeting at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown to work on planning the annual CTE conference that will be held in August. We discussed possible tours, in-depth sessions, and breakout sessions for inclusion in the conference agenda. We believe that we will be able to provide a diverse variety of opportunities to the SDACTE & SDAAE members to enhance your experience at conference this year.

I recently had an e-mail from an ag teacher asking me for information about SDAAE. I know that nearly everyone reading this newsletter is a member, but there may be some who aren't. Also, if you know of a CTE teacher in your school that's not a member of our organization, please encourage them to join by passing along the following information. We are a unified state for membership so when you join SDAAE, you are a member of SDACTE, NAAE, ACTE. Other divisions work the same way. Here are some reasons to join.

1. In my mind, the most important aspect of membership is the benefit we receive from our organizations (SDAAE, SDACTE, NAAE, ACTE) in taking an active role in legislative advocacy to fight for our programs. Our organizations serve as our voice- without members we have no organizations and no voice.

- 2. SDACTE provides much of the effort in planning the summer conference.
- 3. Some divisions receive liability insurance (other insurance options are available for purchase).
- 4. Disaster relief funds (some divisions)
- 5. Scholarships for students.
- 6. Leadership & Professional Development opportunities.
- 7. Awards- opportunity to be recognized for your teaching excellence and years of service.
- 8. On-line learning courses.
- 9. Stipends for professional development.

10. Access to curriculum & content on google drive- this is something new that is currently being developed.

- 11. Hotel discounts (some divisions)
- 12. Opportunity to attend regional & national conferences.

I hope all of you have a successful FFA week full of educational & celebratory activities. Good luck to all in preparing students for the upcoming spring CDE's which are just around the corner. I will see many of you at one of the events.

Innovative Program Selected

The SDACTE Board of Directors has selected Daniel Berg, Business/Technology Teacher and his apprenticeship program at Brookings High School as the Region V Innovative Program from South Dakota. Berg will be recognized in April at the Region V Leadership Conference at Lake Tahoe.

Brookings High School, in partnership with the Brookings Manufacturing Consortium (Daktronics, Falcon Plastics, Larson Manufacturing, and Counterpart, Inc.), developed the **first registered apprenticeship program in SD** specifically for 16 and 17 year olds. The Brookings Production Technologist Registered Apprenticeship launched in the fall of 2018 with ten juniors and seniors filling positions such as machine operation, machine programming, technical assembly, and engineering. Student interest is high. The program has only been marketed to students in Mr. Berg's Robotics class. In just two application cycles, over fifty applications have been submitted. As seniors graduate out of the program, more students continue to be hired. There are currently nine active apprentices registered with the U.S. Department of Labor



currently nine active apprentices registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. The apprenticeship program allows Brookings High School students the opportunity to **explore manufacturing careers** while earning a paycheck. Students complete an application, tour the businesses, and participate in real interviews with HR representatives from each company. Not only do high school students learn soft skills, they are given the chance to explore a career, all while earning high school credit, post-secondary credit, and apprenticeship credit. This model is similar to a new SD Department of Labor initiative. The Registered Apprenticeship Pathways Partnership's goal is to build high quality youth apprenticeship programs between secondary, post-secondary, and industry.

Dan Berg is an innovator who used a non-traditional educational model and partnered with both industry and postsecondary to maximize the benefit to students. When you step into Mr. Berg's classroom, it is as if you are walking on to the production floor of any of the manufacturing partners. Students who do not earn a position at one of the business partners can still **gain relevant experience from simulation**. Grant funds and support from the Manufacturing Consortium made the Robotics Shop possible. Small workstations around the room depict these manufacturing processes: 3D printing, CNC programming, and CAD.





During National Apprenticeship Week last November, the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship State Director along with SD Department of Labor representatives visited Brookings High School. Apprentices obtaining the milestone of 500 OJT hours were recognized. Also during the meeting, many of the apprentices commented that **participating in an apprenticeship has been a valuable experience** for them. They feel they have learned to use their time better and some even feel that their grades have improved.

This program contributes to the development of the next generation workforce. Students apply what is being learned in the classroom to their job duties under the direct guidance of an experienced mentor. Mentors help apprentices learn soft skills – like the importance of showing up to work on time, displaying the right attitude, and having respect for others. Mentors help apprentices **identify and achieve career goals**.

Lake Area Technical Institute submitted this application in recognition of Brookings High School and their efforts to develop the **next generation workforce**. The on-the-job training portion of the apprenticeship provides students the opportunity to explore different manufacturing careers with the business partners in addition to **learning beneficial soft skills**. Lake Area Tech instructors have noticed that students who participate in dual credits and/or work-based learning opportunities are **better prepared** for the courses and have the ability to **accelerate their learning**. If they choose to enter into their career after the apprenticeship, they have enough experience to no longer be considered an entry-level employee.

Scholarships Deadline Approaching

Please urge your students to apply for our SDACTE scholarships. This year we will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to high school/and or post secondary applicants.

The scholarship is available online and has been streamlined for easy application. In addition to the online application, your students will be asked to email an official transcript and one letter of recommendation from at CTE instructor. Deadline to apply is April 1.

The high school application can be found at: https://form.jotform.com/82595573397171

The postsecondary application is here: https://form.jotform.com/82625856897174

Any questions or concerns can be directed to suzy.ries@k12.sd.us< or 605-359- 5507. Thanks for your continued financial support of our scholarship program, which gives all of us the opportunity to support continuing education in Career and Technical education and industries.

Suzy Ries Scholarship Committee Chair

SDACTE Legislative Update February 2020

The SDACTE Legislative Committee has emailed two legislative updates. The 2020 legislative session is a short session – just 35 days. The legislative calendar is available by clicking on this link http://sdlegislature.gov/docs/legsession/2020/calendar.pdf

While education-related bills have not garnered much media attention, there are several bills that relate to career and technical education. A brief description and link to each bill is available in the Legislative Update which you should have received from your division representative and/or president. Please review the information when you receive it. If you are not receiving the legislative update, please contact SDACTE Executive Director Dodie Bemis to insure SDACTE has your correct email address.

The legislative committee encourages SDACTE members to share program/student successes with their local legislators and media. Additionally, share this information with our national delegation. In early February ACTE sent a call to action asking members to contact senators to encourage them to co-sponsor the Senate CTE Month Resolution. ACTE provides updates on federal legislation which can be accessed anytime on the ACTE website https://ctepolicywatch.acteonline.org/

February 7, 2020 Legislative Update:

The SDACTE Legislative committee reviewed the following bill introduced in the 2020 SD Legislative Session as of Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

Please take time to review the information presented; links have been included in order for you to review the entire bill.

The Legislative Committee also encourages each member to attend local Cracker Barrel Sessions and share your program successes with your legislators.

Update to bills previous shared:

HB 1030 - Transferable general education classes between universities and technical schools https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/61856.pdf Update: Passed the House and Senate.

HB 1069 - An Act to authorize certain veterans to attend courses offered at postsecondary technical institutes without payment of tuition. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/62765.pdf Update: Scheduled for Hearing 2/10/20 in House Military and Veterans Affairs

HB 1083 - Rename the postsecondary technical institutes as technical colleges. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/63557.pdf Update: Amended in House Education Committee; Passed 41 to 25 in the House; Scheduled for hearing Senate Education Committee 2/11/10

SB 39 - Establish the Jobs for South Dakota's Graduates program and the special donation fund. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/62017.pdf Clarification: This bill in and of itself does not provide funding for the full-time employee. The DOE separately, through the appropriations process, is requesting an FTE and the funding necessary for that position. Update: Passed the Senate 34 - 0. Referred to the House Education Committee

SB 72 - An Act to establish the Dakota's Promise Scholarship program, to establish the Dakota's promise fund, and to make an appropriation therefor. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/63595.pdf Update: Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

New Education Related Bills as of 2/7/2020:

HB 1145: An Act to authorize certain tribal members to attend certain institutions of higher education or postsecondary technical institutes without payment of tuition. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/65232.pdf

All federal tuition benefits must have been applied for and exhausted.

HB 1272 - An Act to revise the conditions for dual credit and to provide an appropriation. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/66890.pdf

The Legislature shall examine dual credit courses.

HB 1281 - An Act to revise certain state post-secondary requirements for dual credit and to make an appropriation therefor. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/66943.pdf

SB 142 - An Act to establish certain restrictions regarding the state subsidized dual credit program. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/65635.pdf Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations This bill inserts the following language: Through the dual credit program, a student may only enroll in courses that fulfill general education requirements.

SB 143 An Act to establish certain restrictions regarding funds from the state subsidized dual credit program for certain students. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/65636.pdf This bill inserts the following language: If a student receives a failing grade in any course or withdraws from a course after the deadline and does not receive credit for the course, the student is responsible for the full dual credit rate of tuition for that course.

SB 144 An Act to establish certain restrictions regarding participation in the state subsidized dual credit program for certain students. https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/65637.pdf

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