



Welcome SDACTE Members and Friends,

We're excited to roll out our new, official website of the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (SDACTE). This association provides "leadership and assistance to educators in developing a prepared and competitive workforce." Thru the nexus of South Dakota's high school programs, career centers, technical colleges and related four-year universities, and the South Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education, SDACTE is able to provide support and professional development opportunities as well as offer cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant CTE programs preparing youth and adults for high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers.

Students are gaining employability skills in addition to connecting the relevance of academic subject matter to business and industry. Part of the success in South Dakota is the ability of our teachers to "grow our own," taking career and technical education to the forefront of our members, students, and communities thru job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships and various other partnership opportunities.

Please let us know how your programs are doing in your district! We encourage you to offer your expertise in curriculum design and implementation of programs and initiatives. SDACTE offers a list-serve as well as a members & CTE teacher-driven Google drive in which to share information. Of course, feel free to explore the information provided thru our website.

If you have any ideas, concerns, or interest in South Dakota Career and Technical Education, please email me at [lenessa.keehn@k12.sd.us](mailto:lenessa.keehn@k12.sd.us). I welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenessa Keehn". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lenessa Keehn  
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