Who is Ready for Summer?
By Bobbie Jo Donovan, SDACTE President

Who is ready for summer? I know most of you are on the final countdown of the school year. Before we know it, the SDACTE Summer Conference will be happening in Madison. The Board of Directors have worked to put together a phenomenal conference at the first time ever location of Dakota State University (DSU).

We will kick off the conference with a Sunday evening social event. The Kickoff will be held at Prairie Shores outside of Madison. We will have transportation available for those interested. It will be making trips to and from the Best Western Hotel to Prairie Shores. So, no need to worry about driving but you are of course welcome to drive yourself. Be sure to join us for food, conversation, and fun!

Whether this is your 1st, 10th or 25th conference, you will see some similarities and some differences with the overall conference layout and plan. We will have Mark Perna joining us right away on Monday morning to open the conference. There will also be a Grant Expo in conjunction to the conference, with schools who have received grants through the Department of Education over the past year. Be sure to find time to attend that event to hear how you can expand your equipment and get tips and tricks when filling out grant applications. We have worked to provide adequate division time as well as breakout sessions that are applicable both in content specific areas as well as across the board – there will be something for everyone.

Conference registration is open: https://sdacte.regfox.com/2023-sdacte-summer-conference. Once again, we are excited to host it at DSU and see all the wonderful opportunities they have to offer our teachers and future students. Be sure to mark your calendars - July 30 – August 2 in Madison!

Thank You for Your Leadership
By Deb Reynolds, Executive Director

A leader is someone who inspires passion and motivation in followers. It is someone who has a vision and the path to realizing it. It is also someone who ensures their team has the support and tools to achieve their goals. To be a great leader, you have to have all three of those attributes like Lori Christensen.

On behalf of the entire SDACTE Board of Directors, I would like to thank Lori Christensen for her dedication to career and technical education. The commitment of a leader for SDACTE requires a dedication of three years. It may not seem long, but by the time you become past-president, the feeling can be bitter sweet.

Through Lori’s tenure on the SDACTE BOD, she has inspired, managed and supported the board to work creatively and confidently toward our shared vision. Lori is a catalyst for career and technical education.

Lori teaches at Madison High School. I didn’t say ‘just teaches’ as she does so much more. Lori is a CTE teacher and CTE High School Coordinator, a mom, a coach and a volunteer. In addition she is an advocate for CTE Teachers-Educator’s Rising. Lori has also worked as an online CTE Teacher as well as worked with new teachers through the SD Department of Education’s Teacher Mentoring Program.

Lori worked to get the Project Lead the Way, Biomedical Science program at Madison. She has also been a Farm Management and Agriculture teacher. To say Lori has done it all, is an understatement. Besides dedicating herself in her role as a career and technical education teacher, she received her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Career and Technical Education.

Thank you Lori for helping me become acclimated to my new position. I couldn’t have felt comfortable if it weren’t for your passion and leadership magnetism. I will miss you on the BOD.
Summer Conference Plans in Full Bloom
By Fawn Wilde, Director of Western Statewide CTE Consortium, Administration Division President

While there are many excellent sessions planned across all divisions, I want to share a few pieces of information specific to the Administration Division. This year, we will be kicking off our division time on Monday (July 31) with a fun, engaging, guided speed networking activity to give everyone a chance to get to know each other a little better and enjoy some laughs in the process. Division time on Tuesday (August 1) will be spent having our business meeting, hearing some important updates from the DOE, and learning from some amazing leaders from the Harrisburg district.

Please reach out if you have any questions as you prepare for this year’s conference and be sure to get registered today!

Ready for Summer Break?
By Kristie Olson, BMIT Acting Division President

As we wind down the 2022-2023 school year, every teacher is ready for a break. Time to relax, do what we want, when we want and pretty much not answer to anyone but ourselves. If we are honest with ourselves, that lasts until the middle of July. So, what better way to get ready for the 2023-2024 school year than to attend the SDACTE conference.

The SDACTE conference will be July 30 – August 1, 2023, in Madison. Registration for the SDACTE Summer Conference is now open - here is the link: https://sdacte.regfox.com/2023-sdacte-summer-conference Please get your registration in. I am excited to be back together with other BMIT teachers from around the state. Also, email me (kristie.olson@k12.sd.us) with any topic ideas that you would like to see covered at our Summer Conference. We will have some shared time, so come up with all the new and great ideas that you had to generate during this unique school year.

There is a need for officers and committee members for our division. Kristi Dancsisin is our President Elect that will take over as president at conference. Amy Pierson is Vice President that will become President Elect or stay as Vice President. We will need to decide on a Vice President. It is always a challenge for our division to recruit and maintain members. Think of ideas of how we can recruit and reach BMIT teachers in the state. If you know of BMIT teachers that are not a part of SDACTE, invite them to join or even just to attend the conference. We need to identify all BMIT teachers in the state so we can reach out to them.

As always, make sure you check the SDACTE website for updates. Don’t forget about the SDACTE ListServe. If you haven’t subscribed yet, email “Subscribe SDACTE” to listmanager@k12.sd.us. Please check this out and submit lessons.

I know this last year has been very trying. We are all ready to take a break and we deserve it. What better way to get ready for 2023-24 school year than to attend SDACTE conference, July 30 – August 2, in Madison.
Aggies Meet at Prairie Shores Resort
By Tracey Walsh, SDAAE President, Ag Division President

It is May! Everyone is excited as we wrap up another school year....thanks for all you do to influence the lives of your students and provide career tech education opportunities. The State FFA Convention has wrapped up and many are celebrating the accomplishments of their students at their FFA banquets. As we gear up for summer a time to rest, refresh, and regroup make plans to join us at the SDACTE/SDAAE Conference in Madison July 30th-August 2nd.

The Aggies have reserved Prairie Shore Resorts for all that are interested in staying. If you have not reserved a room, please contact me. Sunday meetings including the SD FFA Foundation, Committee, and New Teacher Meeting. The SDACTE kickoff event will also be at the Prairie Shore Resorts Sunday evening. The AFNR Banquet will also be at Prairie Shores on Tuesday evening and the meetings/sessions on Wednesday morning. All sessions and meetings on Monday and Tuesday will be at Dakota State University. We have some exciting session opportunities and some great tour options. Please see the full schedule. As you wind down the year, enjoy your summer! See you in Madison.

Let’s Grow Our Division
By Lisa Fuccello, Health Science Division President

We are looking forward to having you join us in Madison this July as we work towards growing our division membership! We have a great agenda planned for the conference starting with a CTSO Center Kick-off event on Sunday evening followed by a great banquet and social event on Monday night. Come and meet other CTE teachers from around the state and work towards building connections with other health science professionals.

Monday and Tuesday of the conference will include sessions on health informatics, partnering with local health professionals, being a CTSO advisor, simulations for work-based learning experiences, various instructional strategies, and so much more. We will have time to visit the trade show and speak with national vendors offering programs, certifications, and curriculum to help enhance your teaching and classes. Come with a favorite lesson or lab to share with the group and gain some lesson ideas in turn to leave with an array of new materials to use in your classroom.

And because we are building up our health science division and membership numbers, we are looking for willing ACTE members to join our executive board to help with communications, track memberships/funds, and help plan how we want our division to help its members. We hope that you will join us for what is shaping up to be a great conference. Please also consider reaching out to a colleague or another health science acquaintance and inviting them to join you at the conference. Best of luck as you finish up your school years and we hope to see you soon!
**Region V Scholarship Recipient-Tracy Vogt**

Being a first-year teacher and able to attend the Region V Leadership Conference was an amazing experience! The conference was packed with different sessions that were catered to all aspects of education. I’m a professional/personal development fan and the keynote speakers hit on that. They were inspiring and gave that extra boost of adrenaline to finish the school year strong!

One of my favorite breakout sessions I attended was on “Strategic Partnerships Done Right.” It highlighted how to partner with local businesses to get their expertise in their field of study, all while getting students more hands-on experiences to get them ready for the CTE world. My second favorite would have to be on integrating career clusters in our CTSO competitions and classrooms. I left that session with a great lesson plan and different ideas collaborated with various FCS teachers from around the country.

Besides the numerous networking opportunities, my final highlight of the conference was the industry tour of Drekker Brewing Company. On the tour, we got to see the vision from 4 college men who started a small brewery and grew it to a worldwide brewing company. The story behind their entrepreneurial experience was amazing and the facility that we toured was unlike anything seen in South Dakota. I highly recommend visiting if you are in Fargo.

This experience was an amazing one and truly left me with a range of knowledge of CTE visions. I recommend attending the next one if you have never been!

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**Summer Conference Checklist**

By Bryce Holter, T and I Division President

It’s been a tough winter, think spring! I did not make it to the February meeting for SDACTE, ice storm and blowing winds. It’s time to mark your calendar for the Summer conference, July 30 to August 2.

Here is check list for members, this may benefit you as a member-

- Make sure you pay your dues for the summer conference.
- Secure your rooms for the summer conference in Madison.
- Have students apply for the SDACTE scholarship.
- Members can apply for the SDACT stipend for the National Conference.
- Toot your horn about your program and become a speaker for the Summer conference, contact a State Rep. or Division President.
- Purchase your tickets for Chase the Ace at the conference.
- Find new members from your school to Join ACTE.
- Nominate a Rookie of the Year from your school.
- Think about members to become, Teachers of the Year, Program of the Year, and other areas for the conference.
- Sign up for the golf outing in Madison, Prizes are awarded.
- Contact a division President if you have any questions about what is happening with the up-and-coming summer conference in Madison, SD.

Hope everyone is having a great school year and look forward to spring! Summer conference will be here in the blink of an eye and hope to have another great conference.

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**Region V Scholarship Recipient-Kristie Olson**

I want to say a big “Thank You” for awarding me the stipend to attend the Region V Conference in Fargo, ND. I attended the Region V Conference last year in Rapid City and enjoyed it so much that I wanted to attend again. I enjoy the regional conferences – they are large enough to meet someone new every year and small enough to feel comfortable with all the sessions.

Opening session speaker, Alex Kajitani, had me feeling very positive about my teaching when he spoke about how important relationships are in teaching. I feel that this is so important. I am planning on having a session at the SDACTE conference on relationships in education. Alex also talked about “competence before confidence.” I had never really thought about this before, but this thought is something that I will keep in mind with my students, especially when I get frustrated with them.

As always, it was hard to choose from the breakout sessions. I learned a lot from the “Maslow Before Bloom” session. As teachers we are asked to study and use both Maslow and Bloom, but this session melded to the two together. It was a good reminder to make sure that students are okay before we stress content. Another session that I really enjoyed was “Old Assumptions – New Perspectives.” It was a very interesting looking at “bias” in an education setting. The “Unconscious Bias Quiz” that we completed, was a good starting point for me to look at my old assumptions and then the speakers gave us some new perspectives to try.

The conference wasn’t just about gaining knowledge. It was also fun! The poker run turned out great for me – I received the 3rd place prize! The dinner event and scavenger hunt at the Fargo Air Museum was a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy some great food. The Murder Mystery Event, “Lights! Camera! Murder!” was a great ending to a night of awards. Again, thank you for awarding me the stipend so I can attend the Region V Conference in Fargo, ND. It was such a great time and an even better learning and growing opportunity. I am planning on attending Region V Conferences in the future.
SDACTE Summer Conference Fundraisers
By Annika Russell-Manke

SDACTE Board of Directors has decided to do the Chase the Ace fundraiser again this summer. This will start on Sunday night at the kick-off event.

Card games come in many forms, but bluffing games are the most fun. Chase The Ace is a great example of a bluffing card game, and while it might seem simple and easy to play, it is much more strategic than you might think. To win Chase the Ace, you need to ironically avoid the Ace and not have the lowest ranking card at the end of the round. While this might sound easy, you only have one option for switching your card and could easily end up with something worse. The fun of playing Chase the Ace is bluffing like in Poker. If you can manipulate a player, then you could easily trade away a low-value card for a good one.

You will be able to buy tickets for chances to win throughout the conference with several drawings each day. There will be 54 individual envelopes with some having a card along with cash prize while others will just have a card. If you get Aces of Spades, you will win half of the pot.

SDACTE Awards
By Beverly Rieck, SDACTE Awards Chair

It is that time of the year to begin thinking about the awards that are given at our state conference. I know that each division of SDACTE may handle the selection a bit differently, but here are some of the basics you need to know.

Each division has an awards chair and they will be the contact person for you. The division chairs who may be contacted regarding your division’s choice of winners to advance to state competition include: Administration--Adam Shaw, Ag--Josh Johnson, BMIT--Kristi Dancsisin, Family and Consumer Sciences--Jennifer Poulos, Health Science--Clayton Gropper, and T&I/ Tech Ed--Kaylan Pool.

For the Excellence Awards the seven categories SDACTE members are eligible for include:
• New Teacher of the Year
• Teacher of the Year
• Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
• Career Guidance Award, Administrator of the Year
• Carl Perkins Community Service Award
• Lifetime Achievement Award

Non-members are eligible for their support of CTE in two award categories: South Dakota Award of Merit South Dakota Friend of Career and Technical Education Award

More information on the specifics for each category can be found on our SDACTE website at acteonline.org/awards. The winner in each category for the Excellence Awards will advance to Region V competition.

Once those winners are determined, I would highly recommend that the individual who is up for the award be the person filling out the application. Only that person can really address the questions and experiences to adequately complete that application. The application deadline is July 1. Winners will be announced during the state conference at the end of July. Depending upon how your division handles the process, if you would like to recommend a worthy individual in your division, please contact your division chair. We have so many CTE members who are worthy of recognizing their efforts!
SDACTE Conference Kick-Off
Prairie Shores Resort

(Sun) 30 July
6PM - 9PM

(Food) - Heavy Appetizers
Sponsored by Industry

(Drinks) $ Cash Bar
Inside Bluestem

(join us for games, prizes, fun & connection)

All events start at 6PM

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South Dakota CTSO Center
# South Dakota CTE Summer Conference

**July 30 - Aug. 2, 2023 - Madison, SD**

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Congratulations to the birth of Katie’s new baby!

Katie Paulson, CTSO Center Director

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July 20 ~ August 1, 2023
Madison, SD

Accommodations (Mention SDACTE)

- **Best Western** 605.427.2110
  70 Rooms Available
- **Americ Inn** 605.646-2689
  30 Rooms Available
- **Prairie Village** 605.256.3644
  25 Campsites Reserved
  (Call in April to Reserve)
- **Lake Herman Campground** 800.710.2267
  (Can’t reserve sites for SDACTE but indicated there will be campsites available)
- **Prairie Shores Resort** (Aggies): 605-351-1395
- **DSU Resident Hall Courtyard**: $31.95 per night. Pay with cash or checks. To reserve a room or if you have questions, please email events@dsu.edu.

Hurry while supplies last!