

VIEWPOINT

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Greeting from SDACTE



Hello members-

The school year will be wrapping up within the next few weeks. It seems that the past few weeks have absolutely flown by. As you are planning year end activities with your students, be sure to share the exciting happenings with your division president so we can include the great news on the SDACTE Facebook page. Division presidents will then

forward the article or link to Annika for addition to the page.

Career and technical education continues to be a hot topic around the state and region in regard to workforce development. Conversations are taking place across the state and region and I believe CTE is a top solution to employer and business concerns. It is my philosophy to expose students to the various careers available to them and essentially “grow our own” future workforce. Our young people are the future leaders, business owners and workforce in South Dakota.

The board of directors has spent considerable time planning the summer conference to be held in Watertown this July. Attendees will find a quality, action-packed conference with something for everyone. In addition to the great break out sessions, round tables, industry tours and speakers, a Casino Night is being organized as a fundraising event and provide entertainment during Monday evening. I encourage you to attend conference and challenge you to bring a first-time attendee with you. You can find more information about summer conference in this newsletter. Enjoy your last few weeks with students! See you in July!

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SDACTE Summer Conference

July 26th -28th, 2015

Watertown, SD

Registration details: <https://www.regonline.com/SDCTEConference>

See you in Watertown!

As the end of the school year looms near, we all have a lot on our plates. We have athletic awards, academic awards, graduation, and too many more activities than I cannot possibly list in this article. During such a busy time, it's easy to forget about our own professional development needs. Please remember to register to attend the conference this summer in Watertown. We have some fun activities planned to go with some great professional development opportunities throughout the conference. The dates are July 26-28. I hope to see you all there for some or all of the conference.

2015 Summer SDACTE Conference Sneak Peek

Great ideas, great networking, great changes are being implemented into the planning of the 2015 summer conference. This will be a professional development opportunity you won't want to miss!

When: July 26-28, 2015 – Division schedules available soon on the SDACTE website

Where: Lake Area Technical Institute – Best Western Ramkota Inn, Watertown

Who: CTE educators, counselors, administrators, school board members, business/industry

You won't want to miss the opening session on Monday, July 27 at 9:00 AM with Bob Uppgren. The round table discussions will follow with 30+ topics providing ideas you can use at your school. Monday afternoon will give you a variety of choices, in-depth sessions that last long enough to dive into a topic of your choice or division-specific tours of Watertown area businesses with LATI connections. The Awards Banquet will be held at the Watertown Event Center with a fun Casino Night to follow. We'll head back to the LATI campus Tuesday morning to hear a diverse business panel and visit the Trade Show. This will be followed with specific division time and break-out sessions on a variety of topics. Fund-raising for our professional development fund will also have some changes! The silent auction will continue but the 50/50 will have a different look. You'll also have an opportunity to purchase tickets on a variety of basket prizes, including some casino packages and a signed Terry Redlin print. Mark your calendars now for the summer conference dates. See you in Watertown!



Lodging at Summer Conference

The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel for the summer conference in Watertown. All the Monday/Tuesday daytime activities will take place on the campus of Lake Area Technical Institute. The Ramkota, which is located on the west side of Watertown on Highway 212, will host some of the Sunday activities, plus the Awards Banquet and Casino Night on Monday. The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$89 for a standard double or single room. When making a reservation, please ask for the SDACTE room block to receive this special group rate. Simply call 605-886-8011 directly. The special group rate WILL NOT be available through the Best Western Reservation System. All reservations must be received by 6-26-2015. 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.

Also, keep in mind there are several other motels to choose from in Watertown, many of which offer state



Ramkota Hotel
Watertown

Professional Development Stipend \$500

Application may be found on the website

Submit to coleen.keffeler@k12.sd.us before the first day of summer conference

SDACTE Registration Going Online

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 4. The Additional Merchandise page has additional dues and clothing associated with your division. Select the responses that relate to you. Select Continue.
 5. The Checkout page itemizes the total costs. Here you have the option of making partial payments or combined payments. You can pay by credit card, or mail a printout of your invoice with a personal check or a purchase order. If you mail the payment, it will give you the payment instructions. We highly recommend you create a password so you are able to come back and make changes if needed. Select Finish.
 6. At the end of the registration process, you receive a registration confirmation. There is a menu of items on the right-hand side for your convenience. You may print a copy of your registration for your records or mail with your payment or purchase order.

A special thank you goes out to Erin Larsen, Assistant CTE Director, for mastering this process for us!

Ag Division Update

The Ag division is like many divisions, as we have wrapped up State FFA Convention and are now on the countdown to the end of the school year. Many chapters have had their end of the year banquets or they are about to have them, and then it is all downhill from there. This year has been an adventure. As we look back on our year we remember the lessons we learned, the trips we took, the time spent with new and old friends, and especially the memories we’ve made. However, even though our school year is coming to an end. There are professional development opportunities for members over the summer. These range from Region III Conference, Land and Range Days, Teacher Academies, and especially SDACTE Conference. There will definitely be memories made, lessons learned, and friendships along the way. Start saving your money for this years SDACTE banquet for a night of recognition and rewards. Bring your poker face as we gamble for a good time and fundraise for our association. As they say “A dollar won is twice as sweet as a dollar earned!” Hope to see you at summer conference!

Fundraising Fun

Your SDACTE Board of Directors has made a few changes to the fundraising efforts for our professional development fund. We’re going to bring back the 50/50 idea but this time with decks of cards. This will be done on Monday to coordinate with the Casino Night following the Awards Banquet. Kelly O’Donnell, Annika Russell, Lenessa Keehn and their committee members have some great ideas for a little gambling and socializing fun. In addition, there will be prizes donated by casinos that can also be won on Monday night. The Basket Bonanza will also be returning. Each division has agreed to contribute a basket filled with a variety of gifts. Dodie Bemis has also offered a signed Terry Redlin print to be part of that fundraiser. Tickets will be sold both Monday and Tuesday. The drawing will take place during the Celebrating CTE event on Tuesday afternoon. The Silent Auction will continue on Tuesday as in years past, and we encourage you to bring items for that auction. You can either contact a local business to see if they have something they would like to contribute or bring something of your creation. Consider donating some of your students’ work. Remember all the proceeds go to a great cause!

National Policy Seminar

March 2-4, 2015 I had the opportunity to attend the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. These 3 days were packed full of legislation and good information. Along with myself, Terry Rieckman, Dodie Bemis and Megan Jaquet also attended. We had the wonderful opportunity to meet with members from the office of our legislators, Senator Thune, Senator Noem and Representative Rounds. Each office had a new person in charge of education so this was a great opportunity for us as educators, and especially CTE educators to inform them of what CTE was and how much it impacts the youth of South Dakota. We also had some great discussion about how important and also what the Carl Perkins act is and how it impacts our youth. Finally, we informed them about the CTE Caucus and encouraged them to join that caucus. I would encourage other members to attend in the future and take advantage of the money available to attend through SDACTE.

Bobbie Jo



South Dakota NPS attendees with Congresswoman Kristi Noem. From Left to Right Dodie Bemis, Megan Jaquet, Kristi Noem, Bobbie Jo Donovan, and Terry Rieckman

CTE 101

Are you new to Career & Technical Education? Or are you looking to learn more about the latest trends in career development? If so, consider attending CTE 101! This one day session will provide information on SDMyLife, labor market projections, student organizations, industry certifications, and the components of a high quality program of study. Session dates and locations are listed below. To register, visit <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com>.

We hope to see you there!

| Date | Location | Time |
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| May 27 | Sioux Falls | 9am-4pm |
| May 28 | Rapid City | 9am-4pm |
| July 29 | Watertown | 9am-4pm |

Erin Larson

South Dakota well represented at Region V

Several teachers from South Dakota recently attended the Region V Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. It was a very positive professional development experience. SDACTE can be very proud of its representation at Region V. Kelly O'Donnell received the Carl Perkins Community Service Award; Megan Jaquet was named a finalist for the New Teacher of the Year; Coleen Keffeler was inducted into the Region V Hall of Fame; and Dodie Bemis took on the position of Region V Vice President.

O'Donnell named Region V Winner

The Region V winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Kansas on April 18, 2015. Region winners were selected from among state award winners in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Winning the Carl Perkins Community Service Award, agriculture teacher and FAA advisor Kelly O'Donnell leads her students, both at the junior and high school levels, in many community service projects. One particularly impressive project involved the painting and the repairing of a home owned by a veteran who could not afford to fix it up himself. Kelly partnered with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce to obtain a grant and then she and her students, along with community members, did the necessary repairs and painting to the home.



Again, this is just one example of the many unforgettable projects she leads to improve the community and uplift the lives of its members. "Words cannot express how truly honored I am to be selected as the Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner. This award would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of my students. They have a desire to help others and make our community a better place to live and a place to be proud of. Their commitment to serving others pushes them to live up to the FFA motto 'learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve,'" Kelly said after receiving her award.

The Region V winners will progress as national finalists in their categories. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on Thursday evening, November 19th, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Some of the Region 5 Conference attendees on a tour of Arrowhead Football Stadium, home of the Kansas City Chiefs.

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"Once again, Region V outdoes themselves. Outstanding speakers and presenters. Several truly outstanding tours of state-of-the-art nearby attractions. The opportunity to network with professionals from all over the region was priceless. The vendors were professional and first class. Lots of fresh and new ideas acquired and ready to be applied in the classroom. I look forward to meeting with all of you next spring in San Diego." -**Jon Swan, T & I Instructor at Sturgis Brown**

"The Region V conference was a wonderful experience from being able to hear from so many of my excellent presenters and having a chance to network with a great individuals it was an enjoyable and worth while experience. I am very thankful to have had this opportunity to attend and bring back many great ideas to my peers here in South Dakota. "

Megan Jaquet, CTE Academy

Region V Award Winners

The ACTE Excellence Awards promote merit in career and technical education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE: they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE.

This year's Region V award winners include

ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year - Michelle D. Aldrich, Ph. D. from Cheyenne, Wyoming

ACTE Region V Career Guidance Award winner - Sue Rodriguez from Reno, Nevada

ACTE Region V Administrator of the Year - Susan Dixon from Vancouver, Washington

ACTE Region V Postsecondary Teacher of the Year - Clifford R. McClain, Ph. D. from Las Vegas, Nevada

ACTE Region V New Teacher of the Year - Benjamin Barth from Coolidge, Arizona

ACTE Region V Carl Perkins Community Service Award winner - Kelly O'Donnell from Arlington, South Dakota

ACTE Region V Lifetime Achievement Award winner - LaDonna Elhardt from Minot, North Dakota

Congratulations to these deserving individuals! Their selection is a testament to their dedication, commitment and passion for career and technical education.



Dodie Bemis receiving her gavel and cow bell from Chuck Gallagher. Dodie will be taking over as the Region V Vice President this fall.

ACTE announces the 2015 Achieve 100 Award winners

ACTE congratulates 65 schools and institutions for their 100 percent staff participation in CTE. This Award recognizes schools who offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Of those 65 nationwide, thirteen were from South Dakota. These include Baltic, Bridgewater-Emery, Elkton, Flandreau, Hitchcock Tulare, Howard, Madison, Menno, Miller, Parker, Philip, Sanborn Central, and Tri-Valley. These schools were recognized in the



March issue of Techniques on page 57. They will be recognized again at the Awards Banquet Monday night at summer conference. The SDACTE Board of Directors wishes to offer their congratulations as well to these deserving schools.

“During the Region V conference this year I was able to connect with two business teachers who also teach at 2 year postsecondary schools. It was great being able to visit about what we do and was able to bring back a couple project ideas for next year.” -**Annika Russell, Business Instructor at Mitchell Technical Institute**

“Region V is a comfortable small conference to network with fellow professionals from 15 different states. I really enjoyed the tour of Arrowhead Stadium. Step up to the plate and get involved in some area of ACTE!” -**Joe Dalton, Exploratory Careers Instructor at Northeast Technical High School**

“Region V is a great opportunity to learn from fellow teachers. The Huntley School District in Montana presented on their Literacy in CTE grant. I learned new strategies for integrating meaningful reading into my classes. Their practical, hands-on strategies were a great reminder of how to incorporate reading standards into any CTE curriculum.”

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Coleen Keffeler, CTE Coordinator at Sturgis Brown

Keffeler Inducted into Hall of Fame

Long time SDACTE leader and ACTE President Coleen Keffeler was inducted into the Region V Hall of Fame during the Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Kansas.

Having joined SDACTE/ACTE in 1987, Coleen has been an extremely active member of ACTE on all levels: local, state, region, and national. Having served as president of her division, her state association, Region V Policy Committee, and ACTE president, she can easily be identified with the work and purposes of Region V and the Association for Career and Technical Education. Her leadership has clearly advanced career and technical education on all levels.

Coleen continues to remain active. She is not the type of person who serves her term and then quits. She has helped develop and implement numerous professional development opportunities for educators to learn about CTE. On the state level she has served on a variety of committees and has chaired the Legislative Committee for over a dozen years. She is a perennial presenter at the Region V Leadership Conference and once again has served on a variety of committees. After having served as the ACTE president, Coleen chaired a variety of task forces including State Leadership Task Force and ACTE Quality Associations Awards Task Force.



Coleen understands how ACTE, Region, and State Associations must work together in promoting Career and Technical Education. She continues to mentor new members on all levels of leadership. She encourages them to get involved and even volunteers them to help with projects to make sure they feel comfortable with their roles. Her dedication and passion to CTE and Region V is unequalled.

"It was an honor to be selected for inclusion in the Region V Hall of Fame. It is humbling experience to be recognized for doing what I am passionate about." Coleen said. "Thank you to South Dakota ACTE, Dodie Bemis and Annika Russell for nominating me. I am truly honored."

Ross Arnold from California and Vern Chandler from Washington were also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

FACS Update

Exciting News! The school year is almost finished but that also means planning for all the summer activities! We hope that you include the summer SDATFACS meeting into your activities! This will take with all kinds of fresh ideas to start off the new school year with. We will have all kinds of information for you to take back. We will start with a fun activity on Sunday night from 5-7p.m. with time for visiting and meeting all your old and new friends. Then we go into the meeting on Monday learning from attending our keynote session, roundtables, in-depth sessions/tours, awards and finishing it off by attending a casino night! Tuesday brings about FACS division time with much information coming from a guest speaker on Interpersonal Communications and how we get along with each other. This should be great information to use in your Human Services classes and for all employment classes. Then there will be breakout sessions to gain valuable information from and to put into practice. Please keep looking for further information to come out about the conference and join us.

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