

## Happy CTE Month

Happy CTE Month to my fellow CTE Educators! I hope all of you are taking some time to celebrate YOU and the great things you are doing in your programs. I could not be prouder to be the leader of such an incredible group of teachers! How lucky are we, to be able to do this job?? With that said, I hope you will consider joining your fellow CTE teachers this summer for fellowship, professional development, and renewal, at our Summer SDACTE Conference.

This year's conference is in Sioux Falls July 24-26. I cannot wait for you to experience what we have planned for this summer. The location of Sioux Falls brings such a diverse set of opportunities. Not only will we be able to experience the ever-expanding campus of Southeast Technical College, but we will also have a vast variety of tours and industry professionals at our fingertips. The SDACTE board of directors, in concert with the DCTE staff, have been working hard to put together a worthwhile conference, with intentional PD to serve each of our members needs. Just last week, the we met to start laying the groundwork. Plans are in the works for a fantastic Sunday social that you will not want to miss! We have chosen a keynote speaker that is building a presentation just for you and I cannot wait to hear his message. I look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls. Until then, keep promoting the great things you do in your program and be proud of the impact you have on South Dakota students!

Lori Christensen - SDACTE President



## Region V: Portraits of Success

The Region V Leadership Conference will be April 6-9 in Rapid City. SDACTE members are being offered a reduced registration rate of \$350 to attend. Six business tours have been finalized (Historic Deadwood, Hospitality/Tourism; Black Hills Pioneer, Arts & AV; C-Lock, Agriculture; RPM, Manufacturing; Western Dakota Tech, Health/Human Services & Law Enforcement; and Mount Rushmore, Government/Public Administration), as well as four main speakers, all of whom have come from this region. (Beth Buckwalter, entrepreneur; Ray Hespino, CEO & co-founder of PropertyMeld; VJ Smith, professional speaker; Tom Johnson, CEO & President of Elevate Rapid City).

The Crazy Horse Experience and Awards Banquet will celebrate the best of Region V. This will include a tour of the mountain and an opportunity to explore the museum while enjoying the sounds of traditional Native American music. Best practices and breakout sessions will fill your content area needs while the Trade Show will be made available for resources.

Be sure to join us! Scan the QR code or use the bit.ly to access registration information:



### STC welcomes you to summer conference

We'd like to personally invite everyone to Southeast Technical College for a fantastic summer conference. Sioux Falls will provide you lots of great opportunities for tours and we are building a program of excellent workshops for secondary and post-secondary faculty.

We'd also like to show off our beautiful campus and excellent programs, so we are planning on tours for all of our different areas.

Mark your calendar for July 24th and come to Sioux Falls, meet up with old friends and make some new ones.

Craig Peters  
Dean of Curriculum & Instruction

## SDACTE Summer Conference Keynote Speaker

This summer at SDACTE conference, you will have the opportunity to listen to Sylvester Chisom. Sylvester is the CEO and founder of Global CTE. Global CTE is an online career and technical education publishing company. He works with school districts and colleges to develop strategic partnerships to provide online curriculum and books.

He spends time speaking and consulting across the world for Fortune 500 companies, Organizations, US government agencies and internationally with ministries in Brazil and Costa Rica. He is also the author of four books on entrepreneurship & mindset.

At the age of 17, he started his own company with a water bucket, hose, and a dream to now garnering over 20 years of entrepreneurial and business experience. Be sure to attend to hear inspiring and innovative words from Sylvester this summer at the SDACTE Conference in Sioux Falls, July 24-26. Check out his website at <http://www.sylvesterchisom.com>.

# It's CTE Month!!

Join us as we celebrate all the amazing things CTE educators do every day. This a time to build public awareness about how important CTE is for our students and our nation's economy. We also want to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of your CTE programs.

Some ways to celebrate your program is to host a school visit/open house; engage with your policymakers and media; share things on social media; or purchase CTE merchandise and hand it out to everyone. Just have fun with it!!!!  
SDACTE has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/South-Dakota-ACTE-313875221977945>), and we would like to highlight the great things going on in your programs. So please send pictures, videos etc along with a little write up to myself (Annika.russell@mitchelltech.edu) or Lori Christensen (Lori.christensen@k12.sd.us)

## *Executive Proclamation* *State of South Dakota* *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, February 2022 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education and will be celebrated with school-based activities around the country following this year's theme, "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow"; and,

*Whereas*, profound economic and technological changes in our society are being reflected in the structure and nature of work, placing new responsibilities on our educational system; and,

*Whereas*, Career and Technical Education provides the citizens of South Dakota with a school-to-career connection, the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our state's competitiveness in the international marketplace; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota Career and Technical Education provides a total of over 31,000 high school students with experiences in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, and thus improving the quality of their education; and,

*Whereas*, Career and Technical Education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and personal satisfaction; and,

*Whereas*, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our state's economy by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the fastest growth into the next decade:

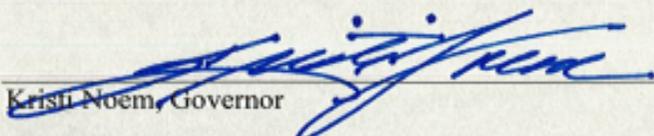
*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as

## *CAREER AND TECHNICAL* *EDUCATION MONTH*

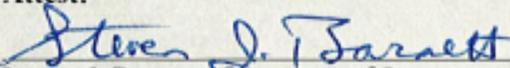
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this tenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State

## Health Science welcomes your ideas!!!

That time of year is coming. The Health Science Division is hoping that you will join us at this year's SDACTE Conference. We have some great new ideas planned for this summer. We are interested in planning a tour at the Sanford Wellness Center to explore what they are doing to promote health. A Stop the Bleed Course will be offered to certify teachers. In addition, local hospitals will be available to discuss opportunities for students. We are always looking for new ideas for the conference and would love your input. Please email me at [elizabeth.wookey@k12.sd.us](mailto:elizabeth.wookey@k12.sd.us).

Elizabeth Wookey, Health Science Division President

## Happy CTE Month, Admins!

I'm excited to announce that we are planning some great conference sessions for this summer's SDACTE conference in July! You won't want to miss it.

Input from districts throughout the state during the CLNA planning meetings and large-school summit has provided an excellent platform to create content that is highly beneficial and engaging at the conference. For example, you can look forward to guided discussions in a variety of hot topic areas sure to peak your interest and leave you with a feeling of collaboration and direction. Your time is valuable and your input matters, so thank you for sharing your thoughts and suggestions this year. Conference registration will open soon so be on the lookout for that information. Until then, be sure to save the dates now: July 24 - 26, 2022, Sioux Falls, SD.

I look forward to meeting many of you face-to-face.

Fawn Hall  
SDACTE Administration Division President

## Greetings FACS Division!

Your SDATFACS board is busy making arrangements for summer conference, and we can't wait to share with you all that we have planned! We will be bringing back a crowd favorite, the FACS Features, as a way to share awesome classroom ideas for the FACS classroom. If you have a great classroom activities you'd like to share, please contact Stephanie Gelderman to sign up. In addition to the FACS Features, CTSOs, such as FCCLA and Educators Rising, will be holding bootcamps on Sunday prior to the official start of conference, which will be fantastic opportunity to learn more about these organizations for those teachers who advise one of these CTSOs. Tours to a variety of industries in the Sioux Falls area will be offered to meet the needs of each of our cluster areas, and we have some exciting plans underway for our Tuesday afternoon session (more information coming soon!). We hope you will be able to join us for this valuable educational experience! Attending conference will allow you to network and get energized for the school year ahead. See you in July!

Stephanie Gelderman, FCS Division President

## SDACTE February Newsletter Legislative Update

Legislative Committee Co-Chairs While the 2022 South Dakota Legislative Session has had several education-related bills introduced, there have been no bills specifically addressing career and technical education. A bill of major significance is SB 59 which proposes a 6% increase in funding for K-12 schools: it has been referred to the Joint Appropriations Committee. An additional bill to note includes SB 94 which would add the Chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees and a designated committee member of the House Education Committee as ex officio nonvoting members of the South Dakota Board of Education. The Legislative Committee will continue to monitor legislation and send out information as needed. At the national level, an item that all SDACTE members need to review and respond to is the proposed changes to the Sixteen Career Clusters. Lori Christensen, SDACTE President, shared the webinar link and comment link on Thursday, Feb. 17. We encourage you to watch the entire YouTube video and provide comments. Be specific regarding how the change will help or hinder your program. Provide wording changes and specific examples in your comments.

The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxGN90e4yH8>

Comments are due by Feb. 25, 2022 at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1NkRjpPcw2ohx0JAggRGB5\\_JLzMSr1941JSLY4RxdFHL9g/formResponse](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1NkRjpPcw2ohx0JAggRGB5_JLzMSr1941JSLY4RxdFHL9g/formResponse)

ACTE included the information for the proposal on their

CTE Policy Watch <https://ctepolicywatch.acteonline.org/> Scroll down to 02/14/2022 for information.

SDACTE members can also reach out to ACTE staff with comments and questions.

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Coleen Keffeler and Josh Hall, SDACTE

## Lodging at Summer Conference



**RAMKOTA  
HOTEL**  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western PLUS Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center for the summer conference in Sioux Falls. Many of Sunday's activities and Monday night awards banquet will take place at the Ramkota. Sunday night's social and Monday's and Tuesday's daytime activities will take place on the campus of Southeast Tech. The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$109.99 for a standard queen/queen or king room. Please have the attendees call the hotel direct at 605-336-0650 or go on line to [reervations@ramkotasf.com](mailto:reervations@ramkotasf.com) to obtain the group rate. All reservations must be received by Monday, June 20, 2022. 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](mailto:bemisd@lakeareatech.edu).

## T & I/Tech Ed Update

Everyone is busy with the countdown to summer. In the count down, don't forget about the Region Five ACTE conference to be held in Rapid City on April 6-9. If you are a ACTE member have opportunity to get a lower rate for the region 5 meetings and must be complete before March 10, for the lower rate.

The summer conference is right around the corner in Sioux Falls, SD at Southeast Technical College on July 24 to 27.

Presenters are still needed for the summer conference, contact me if you can present via email at [Bryce.holter@k12.sd.us](mailto:Bryce.holter@k12.sd.us)<mailto:Bryce.holter@k12.sd.us>

Not much more to report from the Division of T and I for the ACTE organization.

If you have any questions about SDACTE feel free to contact me via email or call my cell at 605-999-5070

Bryce Holter. President of the T and I Division of SDACTE

## Achieve 100 Winners Announced



The SDACTE Board of Directors is pleased to announce 18 schools have qualified for the 2022 ACTE Achieve 100 Award. These include Alcester-Hudson, Baltic, Bridgewater-Emery, Flandreau, Canton, Highmore, Hoven, Kimball, Lead-Deadwood, Lyman, Madison, McCook Central, Menno, Parker, Parkston, Philip, Tri-Valley, 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 March publication of Techniques, 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.

## BMIT Division Updates

The BMIT division's goal for the 2022 SDACTE Summer conference is to provide more structure around when different division sessions are, and also to utilize our time to the fullest with variety in sessions related to our division both during general sessions and division time. We had several great proposals and ideas submitted from our division. We are working on some engaging and fun tours! We are also working hard to secure some great vendors to come to conference. If you have ideas for any division speakers, industry tours, or vendors you'd like us to contact, then please reach out at [ryan.kroger@k12.sd.us](mailto:ryan.kroger@k12.sd.us). We also are planning on giving out a surprise gift for anyone who attends the conference from the BMIT division this summer. More details to come!

Ryan Kroger, BMIT President

## CTE Rookie Teachers Recognized

As was announced in the December newsletter, SDACTE sponsored a CTE Rookie Teacher contest. The goal of this project was to recognize the work put in by these new CTE teachers and support them as they need. There were ten nominees. Each received a CTE Rookie Teacher certificate, a \$10 Starbucks gift card, a CTE Month pen and post its, a bookmark with information regarding the SDACTE organization, and a listing of the SDACTE members at their respective schools. Recipients included Jennifer Cleveland, Ag Ed, Canton High School; Laura Dressler, Tech Ed, Harrisburg North Middle School; Tori Haase, Nursing,, Southeast Technical College; Matthew Knippling, Technology, Flandreau Public Schools; Jared Mack, Building Trades, Northeast Technical High School; Cody Rausch, Ag, Highmore-Harrod; Benjamin Ringling, Horticulture Department, Southeast Technical College; Jessica Weber, Pharmacy Technology, Southeast Technical College; Derek Wynia, Building Trades, Harrisburg High School; and Tatym Zins, FCS, Huron Middle School.

## Just a quick update on the Ag Division:

Many of our agriculture teachers are busy with awards and applications – tis the season! On top of that, we are getting our CDE teams ready for contest season, agriscience experiments are starting to wrap up, and we are even starting to think about classes for the 22-23 school year.

We have several new schools with programs opening this next year, and that is an exciting feeling. With our continued growth, we hope to also increase SDAAE/SDACTE membership of those educators diving into the wild, and rewarding world of Agriculture Education.

Planning for summer conference is also well underway. We hope to provide you with some really great in-depth sessions related to ag mechanics, greenhouse, livestock, and wildlife. More to come on that in the upcoming months, as well as banquet and other important items. Make sure to get any CDE/LDE items to your district person for our business sessions.

And finally, I hope that you all received my very important email about the upcoming name changes to the CTE career clusters. This is VERY important and we need to remain diligent about it and voice our concerns. This doesn't just have impacts on Agriculture Education, but all CTE clusters. Our voices need to be heard!

Best of luck to you and your teams this season.

Yours in Blue and Gold,  
Andy Jensen SDAAE President

## Scholarships Available

Make sure to mark your calendar and spread the word about the opportunity for your students to awarded one of two \$1000 scholarships (if funds are available) to be given in April of 2022. Applicants can be either high school seniors or current post-secondary students. The new application is online (on the SDACTE website) and has been streamlined and adapted to an online format. Here is the link:

High School <https://form.jotform.com/82595573397171>

Postsecondary <https://form.jotform.com/82625856897174>

Here's a reminder of the qualifications.

For the high school application The recipient of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Is graduating from a South Dakota high school with the class of 2021
- Is applying to or accepted by a program at any South Dakota Technical College or University in one of the following fields: Health, Business, Trade and Industry, Marketing, Agricultural Education, and Family Consumer Science Education.
- He/she will be a full time post-secondary student during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Has demonstrated scholastic achievement.

For the post secondary scholarship application

The recipient of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Is enrolled as a full-time post-secondary student during the 2020-2021 school year in a program at any South Dakota Technical College or University in one of the following fields: Health, Business, Trade and Industry, Marketing, Agricultural Education, or Family Consumer Science Education.
- Has taken a minimum of two Career and Technical Education courses.
- Is active in career and technical student organizations.
- Has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Attention to detail is the key to completing the application.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please fee free to contact me at [suzy.ries@k12.sd.us](mailto:suzy.ries@k12.sd.us).

Suzy Ries, Scholarship Committee Chair



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