

CTE Month Recap

By Bobbie Jo Donovan, SDACTE President



Its hard to believe it is March already. Spring is going to be here before we know it and everyone’s schedules will be full of CTSO happenings and finishing out the school year. The weather has definitely been a challenge, but hopefully we have seen the last of the snow days and maybe can look forward to some good moisture, that doesn’t require a snow day!

I hope you all had a wonderful CTE Month, celebrating you, your students and the amazing CTE programs in your schools. It was fun to follow social media over the past month to see all the exciting activities, spotlights and events happening across the state.

Mid-February the South Dakota ACTE Board of Directors met in Madison to do a big dive into conference planning. Of course, some weather decided to join us, but thankfully we were able to still accomplish a lot and worked on putting together a member friendly Summer Conference. I am excited about many new pieces for this year’s conference. First, we will be hosting in a new location, at DSU in Madison. We are also looking to add the option of a Conference Phone/Tablet App for participants, to lessen the load to carry around. The Sunday Evening social is being planned by our CTSO State Advisors. And finally, adding a Grant Expo to highlight some of the innovative, creative, and inspiring purchases with various SD DOE Grants.

I hope you are all making plans to join us in Madison, July 30- August 2nd.

Scholarships and Stipends

By Lori Christensen, SDACTE Past President



Last-minute applications for Region V stipends are still available! Turn in your application for a chance to be awarded \$500 to attend Region V in Fargo, ND this year!

Summer Conference stipends are available and due on July 1st! Again – a chance at \$500 to attend our summer conference this July in Madison!

Applications for both stipends can be found at:
<https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/professional-development/#toggle-id-2>

Lastly, our organization awards High School and Post-Secondary scholarships to your students. Please share this information with the students in your classes and CTSO’s. The scholarship is due April 1st and can be found at this website: <https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/awards-and-scholarships/#toggle-id-4>



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**2023
Region V
Conference
CTE: A World
of
Opportunities**
By Kelly
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SDACTE
President Elect

The Region V Leadership Conference will be held April 12-15 in Fargo, ND. SDACTE members are encouraged to attend this conference in our neighboring state to network and gain some valuable PD throughout the week.

NDACTE organization has been working hard to set up many different opportunities for attendees. The group has also set up many tours at industry locations including: John Deere & Grand Farm, RDO & Butler Machinery, Gate City Bank & Drekker Brewing Company, Healing with Hyperbarics & Aldevron, Epic & Microsoft, or Marvin Windows & Brewhalla/Drekker Brewing. Best practices and a breakout session will help gather more opportunities along with the trade show that will spark many interests as you visit with the industry representative.

The top-notch Keynote Speakers Alek Kajitani and Erik Hatch will help you gain those PD moments that will help in your classroom. The group has organized two amazing Dinner events with a trip to The Fargo Air Museum for Thursday night and a Friday Night Murder Mystery Dinner Event.

Take some time out of your busy schedule to create opportunities for your learning and growth by attending the Region V Leadership Conference. For more information or to register visit www.NDACTE.com.



What is Happening in the ACTE World

By Fawn Wilde, Director of Western Statewide CTE Consortium, Administration Division President



I hope you all celebrated yourselves and your teams during CTE Month in February!

As we look ahead there are several events and conferences coming up, such as the National Policy Seminar in March and the Region V Conference in April.

In addition, I'm thrilled to share that we have some fantastic state summer conference sessions planned for this year! If you haven't done so yet, mark your calendars for July 30 – August 1, 2023, and plan to come together in Madison for some professional development and opportunities to build and grow relationships with other CTE professionals throughout the state. The Administration Division will be hosting some engaging presentations, workshops, and a fun speed networking activity! I can't wait to see you there!



Videos, Links, and More

By Ryan Kroger, BMIT Division President

Hard to believe we are in March already, but after digging out of two major snow events, I've never been more excited about the approaching spring season. Many of you BMIT teachers are busy with extracurricular activities this time of the year.

Here is a great resource with some videos that have been used by other teachers in their BMIT classes. There are attached worksheets for some of the videos and links to places where the videos can be streamed or purchased from. As a disclaimer I would recommend vetting all these videos/movies ahead of time to see if they are appropriate for your classroom. I hope these resources can help supplement your curriculum as you finish the busy spring season. Here is the <https://rb.gy/qq6ces> and [QR code](#).



Turning the page to the summer conference. We are excited about the Summer Conference. Our board of directors is working hard to bring a quality conference full of engaging breakout sessions and outstanding speakers. The BMIT division is working on a balanced conference with the goal of providing a little bit of something for everyone. I appreciate those of you that took the effort to submit proposals. We'll be communicating the schedule for the conference in the upcoming months. I can't wait to share all of the exciting sessions with you. Please remember while you are planning on how to spend your Perkins funds that you can utilize Perkins funds to help cover the cost of conference attendance.





Spring Career Development Event Season

By Tracey Walsh, SDAAE President,
Ag Division President

March is upon us – we all know how much white fluffy stuff we have seen....even as these storms have cancelled events and maybe even extended school years, we need the moisture and look forward to green pastures and good crops.

Many FFA Chapters are celebrating National FFA Week with dress up days, community and teacher breakfasts, ag Olympics, and cookies or donuts at sale barns to showcase their local chapters and celebrate CTE. National FFA week was the end of February but due to school schedules and snow days have forced chapters to celebrate in the weeks following. This has provided the opportunity to celebrate Agriculture and Career Tech Ed even longer.

At the SDACTE Summer Conference, the Ag division will be participating in breakout sessions that focus on different Career Development Event areas and hands on activities to incorporate in the classroom. Another exciting part of the Summer Conference is we are reserving Prairie Shores Resort for all the Aggies to stay together – please watch your emails for more specifics as the details are worked out. The Ag Division Banquet will also be at the Resort. Please mark your calendars to attend.

March also kicks off Spring Career Development Event season. FFA members are studying and practicing competing in 14 different contests that include general knowledge exams, problem solving, identification, hands on activities, and judging. All gearing up for the State FFA Convention in Brookings, April 16-17.

Did you know The U.S. faces a shortage of 6.5 million skilled workers over the next decade in key industries? We are CTE – CTE works!

New Division President

By Lisa Fuccello, Health Science Division President

Hello! My name is Lisa Fuccello, and I will be taking over our division's role as President for the remainder of this school year. I have been a health science teacher at Brandon Valley High School for the past 15 years. I am also currently the HO-SA advisor.



This year's CTE conference looks likely to be another great one and I really hope you'll be able to join us at DSU in Madison this July. Just a few things we already have planned for our group include: a special session on health informatics (which also happens to correlate to a HOSA event), opportunities for students to earn valuable credentials, and visiting with various representatives about emerging health education technologies and resources. We'll also be having a special session about how Madison high school partners with their local hospital to offer unique learning opportunities within their community.

Since our division is such a nice, small group, we're planning to start our conference by coordinating a sharing session of some of our favorite lessons used in our health science classes over the years. And because it's only March, that means we still have more time to plan even more great events! If you have any ideas for breakout sessions or learning opportunities for our division, please email me directly at lisa.fuccello@k12.sd.us.

Please reach out to your CTE colleagues or other health science teachers in other school districts and personally invite them to attend this summer's conference. We look forward to seeing you there!



Best Wishes at State Competition

Hillary Terpstra, FCS Division President

Greetings from the FACS division! I

hope this newsletter finds you eager to finish off the school year strong! With CTE month ending, I hope that you found all resources helpful and used them to promote your programs! You are all doing incredible work and I would encourage you to give yourself a pat on the back! Best wishes as you enter into the 4th quarter and continue preparing for CTSO State Conferences!

Your SDATFCS board is busy making plans for an engaging summer conference! We cannot wait to share with you that we have planned! We will be participating in panel discussions, round tables, and industry demonstrations – along with the highly demanded FACS features to fill up your buckets with ideas for the classroom! If you have a great classroom idea or project you'd like to share, please contact Hillary Terpstra to sign up!

In addition to all that our FCS division will have to offer we will have CTSO spotlights from FCCLA and Educators Rising! Are you a new adviser? We've got you covered! We will be holding a bootcamp prior to the start of the conference. What a great way to learn more about these organizations or get your questions answered before the school year begins! We hope that you will be able to join us for this valuable educational experience! Network, re-energize and kick off a great year! See you July 30th – August 1st!



CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!

Legislative Update

By Josh Hall
Sioux Falls CTE Academy
SDACTE Legislative
Committee Chair

The 2023 Legislative priorities are to increase federal investments of CTE by increasing Perkins Basic State Grant by \$400 million; Support the recruitment, preparation and retention of CTE educators; Strengthen CTE's role in postsecondary education; And, strengthen connections between education and workforce development systems. You can find more information on the ACTE Legislative page.



Think Spring!

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. Its time to mark your calendar for the Summer conference, July 30 to August 1. 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 SDACTE 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 a blink of an eye and hope to have another great conference.

Save the Date for South Dakota's 51st Annual CTE Summer Conference

By Kristin Larson, OCTE Liaison



Summer might seem a little far-off idea right now, but planning is already in full swing for this year's annual Summer Conference happening in Madison, South Dakota, July 30 - August 2. The largest annual gathering of career and technical education teachers and administrators from across the state, the South Dakota CTE Summer Conference is a great opportunity to network, collaborate, and learn about CTE best practices, innovative equipment, workforce trends, and many other topics related to career and technical education. This year's conference will be held on the campus of Dakota State University. A nationally recognized university for its programming and research in the fields of cybersecurity, DSU is also home to the new Governor's Cyber Academy - a program that plans to begin offering cyber education and career pathway opportunities to South Dakota high school students starting in the fall of 2023.

Registration will be opening soon, so mark your calendar and save the date for what will be an exciting event to help you kickstart the 2023-2024 school year!



**SOUTH DAKOTA CTE
SUMMER CONFERENCE
JULY 30 - AUG. 2, 2023 - MADISON, SD**



Scholarship Update

By Alex Toupal, Scholarship Committee Chair

The South Dakota Association of Career and Technical Education Scholarship Committee met during the 2022 South Dakota ACTE Summer Conference to discuss changes for the upcoming scholarship. Some changes that will be taking place will be transitioning the scholarship application to a google form that will provide a copy back to the sender and user friendly to most schools across South Dakota.

The SDACTE Scholarship Committee is comprised of members from all clusters that come together in the spring to review award applications. These committee members select 2 recipients each year to present a \$1,000 scholarship to the

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annual summer conference. Scholarship recipients can either be a graduating high school senior or college student.

The 2023 Scholarship Application will be released on January 9th, 2023, and due April 1st, 2023. The scholarship can be found using the link here; <https://forms.gle/yrHVctqzn374XKNG6>. This link will also be sent out through the listserv once the application has opened!

Any questions regarding the scholarship application can be directed to the SDACTE Scholarship Committee Chair Mr. Alex Toupal at alex.toupal@k12.sd.us.



Student leaders visit Pierre for CTSO Capital City Experience

By Katie Paulson, CTSO Center Director

February is National Career and Technical Education Month. As part of the celebration, --35 student leaders came to Pierre Feb. 7-8, for the South Dakota Career and Technical Student Organizations' (CTSO) Capital City Experience. Students shadowed legislators at committee meetings, observed House and Senate floor sessions, and learned about a variety of career opportunities in public service.

“Career and technical education is proven effective at preparing students for the future,” said Secretary of Education Dr. Joseph Graves. “Through hands-on learning, students explore high-demand careers. Career and technical student organizations allow students to take their learning to the next level through leadership training and collaboration with their peers.”



The following CTSOs are active in South Dakota: Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) – marketing, finance, hospitality, and management; Educators Rising; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America); HOSA-Future Health Professionals; and SkillsUSA – trade, technology, and manufacturing.

Career and technical education equip students with academic skills and the ability to apply those skills for careers and life. CTE emphasizes employability skills like critical thinking, responsibility, and technical skills related to specific career pathways.

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!



Week of Work
By Amy Miller, OCTE Liaison

Celebrate the 2023 SD Week of Work



April 3-7, 2023
sdweekofwork.com

We hope you are all making plans now for the South Dakota Week of Work. This year this will be celebrated April 3-7. This week is the perfect time to host interactive opportunities connecting your students with local businesses.

This is also the perfect time to publicly celebrate the wonderful things your school does for work-based learning all year long. There is a celebration kit posted at <https://weekofwork.sd.gov/> with printable templates and resources to make it easy.



April 3-7, 2023

Business Videos | Future Workforce Finder | Celebration Kit

The website also has a library of virtual career videos that can be used anywhere/ anytime to expose your students to a variety of careers in all clusters. If you have any questions about the SD Week of Work, you can reach out to Kristin.larson@state.sd.us



TIMELINE
for SCHOOLS

PARTICIPATE IN WEEK OF WORK

HOW TO START

Have students take career assessments.

Visit WeekofWork.sd.gov to access virtual industry panel videos.



FEBRUARY

Connect with businesses, universities, and technical colleges to plan/organize job shadows, tours, career fairs, and speakers.

DLR Job Services are available to help. Please reach out by Wednesday, March 1.



MARCH

Share success stories demonstrating what your school does for work-based learning during the year.

Visit WeekofWork.sd.gov for ideas in the WOW Celebration Kit.



APRIL

Celebrate **SD Week of Work April 3-7!**



WeekofWork.sd.gov



How to Celebrate the SD Week of Work

The South Dakota Week of Work is a time to introduce middle and high school students to career opportunities in their own communities and across the state. Looking for ideas to jump start your local planning?



- Have students participate in industry tours, job shadows, or other work-based learning activities
- Invite business and industry partners into classrooms to talk about their jobs and how their work relates to what students are learning in school.

- Hold a career fair. Invite business and industry to your school to hold mock interviews and provide hands-on demonstrations and career exploration opportunities.
- Encourage your local Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) to celebrate and engage with local business and industry partners.



- Use the Career Panel and Business Video Playlists on the [SD Week of Work website](#) to introduce students to industry professionals from across the state.
- Thank community partners and find ways to recognize the work they do to support career exploration and work-based learning in your schools. Send thank you cards, hold a recognition ceremony, award the certificate of appreciation included in the Celebration Kit.
- Use [#SDWeekofWork](#) to share the great things your school is doing on social media

Get inspired by how other schools have celebrated the SD Week of Work!

[Groton Area High School Celebrates South Dakota's Week of Work](#), [SFSD Celebrates SD Week of Work](#), [Dakota Valley Celebrates SD Week of Work](#), [#SDWeekofWork Celebrations](#)



“Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations”

MONDAY, JULY 31, 8:30AM

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY, DAKOTA PRAIRIE PLAYHOUSE THEATER

For more information go to: <https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/>

Join dynamic education expert Mark C. Perna to discover the game-changing strategies that are shifting the education paradigm nationwide. Everyone—administrators, teachers, and support staff—can use Mark’s nationally acclaimed tools to revolutionize enrollment, engagement, retention, and performance.

Purpose-driven education and training are the heartbeat of this inspiring call to action. Though they’re often painted in a negative light, today’s young people have incredible potential to change the world. We just have to unleash it. As the skills gap widens, we must change the narrative around education and tap into the vast creativity, intelligence, and potential of the next generation.

A father to two successful young people, Mark delivers key insights on how they think, what makes them tick, and how they make decisions. Mark will show you how to connect, engage, and answer why. With clear action steps you can implement immediately both in your home and professional life, this message will help you forge a human connection with young people, move them from static to active purpose, and empower them to achieve at a higher level.

Now you can join your colleagues across North America who are using these cutting-edge best practices to improve the outcome for their students, organization, and community. Sit down, strap in, and get energized for your mission of making a bigger difference!

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

“So excellent! Depth, story and practical application to change our educational paradigms!”

JASON LUKE
STEM Director at Kalamazoo RESA

“What an eye opening morning. This will forever change the way I look at my young staff. I didn’t realize I had such an amazing army of world changers at my fingertips.”

KELLIE KISER
Executive Director at YMCA of Greater Cincinnati

“Critical insight into the mind of the modern student. Something every academic and CTE teacher, administrator, and superintendent needs to hear.”

JERRY BUTLER
CTE Director at Show Low High School

“Energizing, to the point and focused on the bottom line when it comes to everyday people from all walks of life. Well worth the time. Motivating and helped me think about new ways to reach youth and tackle the everyday work.”

HAKIM JONES
Youth Workforce Career Counselor at Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

“My ah-ha moment was when I realized that I had been creating a mom-driven life for my son and I will be apologizing to him tonight and listening to and supporting his son-driven life. Thank you!”

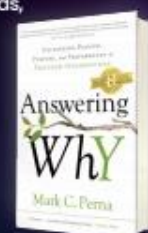
LYNNETTE VANWINKLE
Parent and Teacher at Sardis Secondary SD 33



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Mark C. Perna is the founder and CEO of *TFS Results*, a full-service strategic consulting firm at the forefront of the national paradigm shift in education and workforce development. As a generational and performance expert, Mark has spoken at Harvard University and today delivers 70+ in-person and virtual keynotes annually across North America. He writes weekly for Forbes.com, where he reaches an audience of 3.3 million. His micropodcast, *The Perna Syndicate*, is heard in more than 60 countries every weekday.

Mark, who serves on the Advisory Council for the Coalition for Career Development in Washington, DC, founded the *Education with Purpose & Employment with Passion* movement to help communities connect education, business, and economic pipelines. His bestselling book, *Answering Why*, has won eight national awards, including the Nautilus Award which is given to books thought to make a positive difference in the world. Find out more at MarkCPerna.com.



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SALLY HARRISON

President & CEO Mesa Chamber of Commerce, President of Mesa Industry & Defense Council

“ For 2 fantastic hours, **MARK PERNA RIVETED OUR AUDIENCE** of business owners, corporations, community leaders, economic development, and educators. His message of truly connecting our pipelines was substantive, funny, and **FULL OF ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES** that people are still talking about. The keynote ended in an enthusiastic standing ovation, but the impact Mark made isn't over. What an incredible experience!



DR. DAWN BRIDGES

Executive Director at Suburban School Superintendents

“ At our national conference of K-12 superintendents, Mark Perna shared a stirring keynote on not just why we urgently need to shift the K-12 school paradigm, but also how to effect that change. His message laid the groundwork for further productive dialogue around how education must adapt and move forward to connect the dots for our younger generations. Mark's passion for understanding Gen Z **WAS A RALLYING CALL FOR ALL OF US** to learn, reflect, and build a stronger future—together!



TAIT STRAND

Executive Director of Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance

“ When we brought Mark in to address our huge regional audience of business, industry, education and community leaders, we knew he would light up the room. But we didn't realize just how actionable and inspiring his message would be. Mark's message absolutely hit the sweet spot for our diverse audience. It was **RELEVANT, EXCITING, AND EMPOWERING** for everyone in attendance, and we've been flooded with positive feedback. Throughout the entire process, from planning through execution, Mark and his team were remarkably proactive and easy to work with. In short, Mark's dynamic vision couldn't have come at a better time and we're **THRILLED WITH THE IMPACT** he has made here.

South Dakota CTE Summer Conference



**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)
- **DSU Resident Hall** TBD

Hurry while supplies last!

Advocacy Huddle

Join the Zoom
4-5 pm Pacific Time



- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- Sept 11
- Octo
- Nov 6

This is an opportunity for our region members to become actively engaged in legislative issues related to CTE.

Meeting ID: 882 7708 0423
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