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President's Corner

With state conventions of our student organizations behind us, the seasons of proms, track meets, and graduation announcements upon us and wrapping up the end of the school year around the corner, let's not forget to get registered for the SDACTE summer conference. Careful and meticulous improvements to the on-line registration process has been completed and is ready to make your pre-registration painless and quick.

There are few opportunities we are presented with as CTE instructors that offer us comparable, pertinent professional development information, training in the latest technology in our fields, and the ability to network with those in our fields, both formally and informally. When asked by anyone that hasn't attended our SDACTE summer conference, I always tell them it should be required by any CTE teacher. Just to keep current with our profession and be an active advocate for CTE and our divisions, is reason enough to attend. I couldn't imagine starting a new school-year teaching without first attending the summer conference. But add to this the fact that ACTE gives us a national presence, provides us with professional liability insurance, and the sense of family that the group provides to us all, your membership and participation is a bargain at any price.

All the best to you all in the months to come and see you in Sioux Falls.

John Rist

SDACTE President



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Want to Teach Like a Pirate?



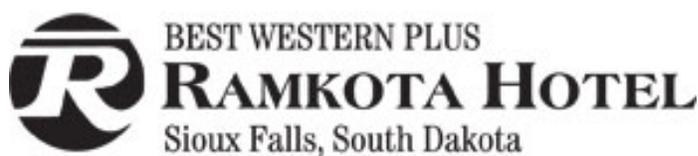
Get ready to go back to the new school year and to Teach Like a Pirate! Dave Burgess, author of the best selling book, “Teach Like a Pirate” will be our keynote speaker for summer 2016 SDACTE Conference. Dave will inspire you to implement cutting-edge strategies and ideas into your classroom for the upcoming school year.

Dave’s presentation will be a unique blend of art and magic, mixed with an inspirational message of how and why to become more passionate in the classroom. His presentation will be a high-energy, interactive and entertaining experience for all. Don’t expect a lot of fluff or a boring PowerPoint! Dave’s presentation will be creative and unique, which will make your colleagues back home jealous that you got to see him 😊

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 Sioux Falls. All the Monday activities and Tuesday morning activities will take place at the Ramkota. Tuesday after lunch we will move to the campus of Southeast Technical Institute. The Ramkota will host some of the Sunday activities, plus the Awards Banquet on Monday. The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$99 for a standard double or single room. When making a reservation, please ask for the Career and Technical Education Academy room block to receive this special group rate.

Simply call 605-336-0650 directly. The special group rate WILL NOT be available through the Best Western Reservation System. All reservations must be received by 6-30-2016. 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.



Fundraising Fun

Your SDACTE Board of Directors has made just a few changes to the fundraising efforts for our professional development fund. The Silent Auction will continue but will be held on Monday. As in years past, 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! Another fun addition to the Monday activities will be a Photo Booth. Deb Kraft and Tracy Kern are developing some great ideas for photos you’ll definitely want to put on your Facebook pages.

We’re going to continue the 50/50 idea with decks of cards. This will be a Tuesday activity this year with the drawing done at the business meeting. We are also going to promote the Basket Bonanza. 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.

Rieck and Rist named Region V Winners

The Region V winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region V Leadership Conference in San Diego on April 23rd. 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 was Viborg-Hurley agriculture teacher and FAA advisor John Rist. Dell Rapids FACS instructor Beverly Rieck received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Their selection is a testament to their dedication, commitment and passion for career and technical education.

Neither Rist nor Rieck was able to attend the conference. However, Tracy Kern surprised Rieck on Sunday night at the advisor meeting at the Ramkota during the state FCCLA convention. “What a surprise to be awarded this at our FCCLA's Advisors to Action meeting! I am truly humbled to receive this honor when there are so many other deserving CTE educators. CTE has been and continues to be such an important part of my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!” Rieck said.

Rist had this reaction to his honor: “I’ve always been an advocate for community service involvement from the local FFA chapter’s that I’ve worked with over the years. I’m proud of my students’ accomplishments and believe that their sense of responsibility and involvement that they get from working with all levels of local service groups and leadership in the process is an essential part of our success. Our chapter officers take pride in being the group in our community that people come to when they want to ‘make things happen.’”

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 Wednesday evening, November 30th, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2016 in Las Vegas.

End of the Year- Conference Around the Corner

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 can 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 sunny Sioux Falls. We have some fun activities planned to go with some great professional development opportunities throughout the conference. The dates are July 31-August 2. I hope to see you all there for some or all of the conference. Please go to the SDACTE website (<http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte/>) to find more information and to find the link to register for conference.

T&I Division Update

Greetings again to everyone in our T & I division. I know everyone is excited for the school year to finish in May with others in June. I hope everyone has gone on line to sign up for 2016 SDACTE conference that will be held in Sioux Falls July 31-August 1 & 2, 2016. If some of you have not paid your ACTE dues for this year, you can still do this by sending a check to Dodie Bemis in Watertown. Remember that you can use Perkins funding for this conference event but not for dues. Please consider becoming a member to ACTE.

On Sunday July 31, I would encourage you to start out with the golf outing, then go on scavenger hunt downtown and then come back to the T & I dinner at Falls Park (by Morrell’s) from 6:00 to 7:30PM. Should be a great time to start off the our convention.

Once again to all of you, **thank you for educating our future workforce.**

Terry L. Jastram
T & I President

Making Plans- Summer Conference 2016

Make plans to attend the 2016 CTE Conference on July 31- August 2 in Sioux Falls. School Administrators & School Counselors attending the conference for the first time receive a complimentary registration!

REGISTER AT <https://www.regonline.com/SDCTEConference2016>
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The 2016 CTE Conference is being held in Sioux Falls on July 31-August 2, and offers a varied program of professional development and networking opportunities!

This year's schedule includes keynote speaker Dave Burgess, author of Teach like a Pirate <http://daveburgess.com/> as well as several hands-on in-depth sessions, engaging industry tours and fast-paced breakout sessions. You are guaranteed to leave with fresh ideas for the upcoming school year!

More details regarding the conference can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/training.aspx>. This website includes a schedule at a glance, and will be updated with specific session details frequently.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls this summer!

Erin Larsen; DOE

National Policy Seminar

As your President-Elect of SDAAE I had the opportunity to attend National Policy Seminar in Washington DC and work with ACTE to advocate to Career and Technical Education. During the two days in Washington I had the opportunity to work with SDACTE and learn how we would work with our congressional delegation to reauthorize the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. To begin the seminar The Honorable Thomas Davis who is a political strategist and former member of the US House of Representatives was an amazing Keynote speaker. He gave great insight to navigating the current and changing political environment. Listening to his address helped to understand and also give faith that our political system may be struggling but it will prevail. Throughout the afternoon we worked on what we would be saying to our congressional delegation and the training was well worth the trip and is something that will be useful for promoting my program and the CTE program in my school. On Tuesday lead staff working on CTE issues held a question and answer session with CTE educators to help us prepare for our visits with staff. On Tuesday afternoon Dodie and myself visited with Senator Thune and Senator Rounds offices and talked about how important CTE is in our schools. On Wednesday morning we attend a sunrise coffee with our congressional staff and had a chance to express how important CTE is to our students. If you are given the chance to attend National Policy Seminar it is well worth your time and I am excited to use the advocacy training on my local, state and national level.

Kelly Dunkelberger



5 Reasons Why You Should Attend SDACTE Summer Conference

By Lorie Mulhair, BMIT Division President

In our busy social media crazy world, we forget the importance of live face-to-face interaction. There is power in being connected to other people who are in your line of work, but it can be easy to talk yourself out of committing to that annual conference year after year. Many people think that joining the organization is enough, but to capitalize on the return on your investment, you need to be engaged and participate!

Why Attend Conference?

1. **Educational opportunities** – no matter how experienced you are, everyone can learn. The educational aspect of the conference can expose you to new ways of conducting your classroom and be more productive. – Keynote Speaker: Dave Burgess, author of *Teach Like a Pirate*, Industry Tours, CTE Academy Tour, STI Campus, breakout sessions, and division time.
2. **Networking with peers** – conferences provide a great opportunity to network. Collaboration is key to our classrooms so why not practice what you teach. You may uncover a new idea and get a spark of inspiration! – Hallway/dinner conversations and CTE Quick Pitch for Cash
3. **Encounter old/new vendors** – develop friendships and allies while you visit with various sponsors at the conference. These vendors are experts in their fields and can have insight into new innovative products and services. – Vendor Time
4. **Position yourself as an expert** – by being active in your profession, you can develop a reputation as an expert to your peers in your teaching area. – CTE Quick Pitch for Cash (lesson plan showcase)
5. **Have fun** – All work and no play can get old fast! Being in education should be rewarding and fun...many social events are planned for the summer conference. – Scavenger hunt, golf social, photo booth, and banquets.

Industry Tours Planned for SDACTE Conference in Sioux Falls

The SDACTE Summer Conference committee has been diligently working to provide business and industry tours to conference participants. The tours are a great opportunity for teachers to connect with businesses and learn about career opportunities for students. You will see the latest in technology, equipment and processes from these employers. We are working to provide relevant tours for each career cluster. A list of site visits and tours includes:

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House
Cottonwood Ridge Dairy
Epicosity
Showplace Cabinetry
SF Regional Airport
Strawbale Winery
Suercher Technologies
Denny Sanford Premier Center
SF Public Health
Co-op Natural Foods

First Premier Bank
John Morrell
Midwest Rail Car
Raven Industries
Aquatech BioEnergy
KSFY Television
Marmen Energy
POET
Sanford Research



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FACS Division Update

Make plans to be in Sioux Falls for SDACTE on August 1 & 2. It sounds crazy to say get geared up for the 2016-2017 school year when we are in the throes of trying to survive the end of 2015-2016. After a summer of rest and recuperation, come to Sioux Falls to learn new techniques, make connections with fellow educators, and learn from business and industry about what they need from our students. Help prepare every student for a place in the workforce. Need five reasons to come to Sioux Falls?

1. The keynote speaker is amazing. Just thinking about pirates and changing up my classroom creates positive energy. I am looking forward to hearing ideas about how to shake up my classroom.
 2. Tuesday is primarily dedicated to FACS division time. Where else can you go where the primary focus on education is geared towards FACS? Sessions include a variety of topics for both Human Services, and Hospitality and Tourism instructors, using the wealth of resources in the Sioux Falls area.
 3. Meet with your fellow professionals in the FACS area. The SDATFACS business meeting will follow the breakout sessions in late afternoon.
 4. Celebrate successes with the FACS Awards banquet. It will begin early evening again this year starting at 5:30. This should allow people to celebrate the success of our friends, and yet get home at a reasonable hour.
 5. Earn continued education or renewal credits for your teaching certificate. It is not difficult and you can kill two birds with one stone. Specialized education and credit- a great combination!
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So come and learn what you can do to help your students. Come and grow professionally. Be that lifelong learner that you encourage your students to be.

Deb Kraft

South Dakota Well Represented at Region V

Several teachers from South Dakota recently attended the Region V Leadership Conference in San Diego. It was a very positive professional development experience. SDACTE can be very proud of its representation at Region V. John Rist received the Carl Perkins Community Service Award; Beverly Rieck received the Lifetime Achievement Award; Deb Kraft received recognition for the Innovative CTE Program with Mobridge-Pollock's Hospitality & Tourism Cluster; Tracy Kern had standing room only with her "Extreme Makeover" session; and Dodie Bemis presided over the entire conference as Region V Vice President.

"The ACTE Region V Conference is always a chance to learn from my peers. Whether it's new tricks with Google Applications for Education (GAPE) or the sharing of curriculum for CTE courses, I always come away with something I can implement in my classroom right away. I'm looking forward to South Dakota's hosting this quality conference next spring." - **Coleen Keffeler, CTE Coordinator at Sturgis Brown**

"The Region V Conference is one of the best conference I have every attended. This year was no different in the quality of sessions and the networking with other CTE educators." - **Annika Russell, Business Instructor at Mitchell Technical Institute**

"It was a delight to spend time with my fellow SD CTE friends at the Region V conference in San Diego, California. South Dakota delegates had the opportunity to attend CTE workshops and programs. This was refreshing to hear as many ideas and programs are already implemented in the state of South Dakota. I was also fortunate to tour Career and Technical education programs within the San Diego School District. These tours made me realize that we have lots to be proud of in the state of South Dakota!" - **Tracy Kern, SDACTE President Elect**

"It is a great opportunity to meet people from across our region and find out what is working in states with a similar outlook. The conference is also small enough that you see people more than once and have an opportunity to make friends, not just acquaintances." - **Debra Kraft, Hospitality & Tourism CTE Instructor at Mobridge Pollock**



**Leaders
in the Pack!**

Save the Date!

April 6-8, 2017

ACTE Region V Leadership Conference
Rapid City, South Dakota

ACTE Region V: Leaders in the Pack!

Having just returned from the 2016 ACTE Region V Conference in California, I am excited for SDACTE to host the 2017 Conference scheduled April 6 – 8 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Mark your calendars and plan to network with teachers, administrators, and counselors from sixteen states. The theme for the 2017 conference is ACTE Region V Leaders in the Pack. The planning committee is hard at work preparing a quality conference that showcases outstanding keynote speakers, educational tours, and breakout sessions. Soon, we will be accepting breakout session proposals. South Dakota has dynamic programs and exemplary partnerships and I encourage each school to submit a proposal. Be watching for this information on the SDACTE website as well as on www.ACTEonline.org The 2017 Region V Conference is an opportunity to gain valuable professional development from colleagues across the nation at a minimal cost. Please make plans to attend!

Region V 2017
Coleen Keffeler

Want to help plan Region V?

In case you haven't heard, South Dakota will be hosting the Region V Leadership Conference April 6-8, 2017. It will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City, the same location as 5 years ago. Coleen Keffeler and Dodie Bemis will serve as the co-chairs of the Planning Committee. Other returning members of the 2011 committee include Lenessa Keehn, Deb Reynolds and Annika Russell. After putting out a call for additional members, Joe Dalton, Tracy Kern, Deb Kraft and Torey Herdan agreed to join the committee. The goal is to have at least one representative from each division. The vast majority of the meetings/planning will take place via e-mails and conference calls. If you'd like to get involved and become a CTE ambassador for one of the best professional development opportunities in the country, just contact either Coleen or Dodie.

Change of 2017 Summer Conference Location Reminder

As most of you probably already knew, we left Pierre four years ago to be able to rotate sites to be better able to make use of different areas of the state for tours and to be better able to keep up with the technology available at our state technical institutes. First Mitchell (MTI), then Watertown (LATI), and this year Sioux Falls (STI). We were scheduled to move conference to Western Dakota Tech in 2017, but with their facility improvements that are underway currently they wanted to postpone until 2018 to be better prepared to host our conference at that time. So plan on summer conference being at **Western Dakota Tech in 2018**. This change meant we needed to make a decision on a new site for 2017. Since our original reason for rotating conference was to keep up with changing technology at the post-secondary schools in our state, the SDACTE Board considered MTI, LATI, and STI, as well as SDSU for potential sites. Thanks to some quick legwork from Scott (Dr. Scott Smalley) at SDSU to allow us to compare SDSU and Brookings with the technical institutes, we will be conducting our summer conference at **SDSU in the summer of 2017**. We look forward to an exciting conference in 2017 at SDSU.

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