

President's Message

SDACTE Members

I am honored to be writing this message as your 2023-2024 SDACTE President. School is in full swing, and this time of year makes me smile and remember why I got into teaching. The students are so full of energy and want to be a part of everything. They are so eager to learn and they are willing to try all the new activities that you throw at them and they do it with such excitement. This has always helped me to keep my momentum going even through the first few weeks of school when I feel like I am consistently taking one step forward and two steps back!! It was great to see everyone at the SDACTE conference and hopefully everyone was able to network and gather the material they needed to help kick start their school year.

The SDACTE Board of directors is working to plan the 2024 SDACTE Summer conference that will be held in Rapid City at the end of July. We encourage you to pass on to your division president ideas that you have for breakout sessions and speakers that will benefit your division along with other divisions at next year's conference. I strongly encourage you to be active in your division and an active member of the SDACTE association. Take the opportunity to travel to Vision conferences, Region 5 conferences or any conferences that your division offers to help you grow as an educator and network.

Along with all the other visions that the SDACTE BOD has for our organization we are also looking to continue to grow our membership and attendance at summer conferences. One goal we have as a board is to help the new teachers at each school understand the benefit of SDACTE and the summer conference. We encourage you as educators to help those new teachers out whether this is their first year or they are hired in the spring of 2024. Encourage them to attend summer conferences and see the many great aspects of our association.

I hope that many of you are planning on attending the 2024 summer conference. The many opportunities that you can partake in throughout the conference are worth the time and money you will invest. Safe travels over the next few months and remember on the days you struggle to get organized or stay motivated you are making a difference to someone so just enjoy and smile the next day will come!!!

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