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President's Message & CTE Month By: Kelly Dunkelberger

The fun time of year has arrived!! Many of you are busy helping your students plan what activities and adventures they will accomplish in their CTSO while still juggling school! Sometimes, I wonder if it is a blessing that things don't start getting busy with CTSOs until the second semester. I just want it to begin this year, and other times, I think I like it to start so the craziness can end!! As CTE educators, we are busy balancing our school, CTSO, and home life, but the best part is that we can see great things in these areas, which helps keep us going! CTE Month is also upon us. Remember, this is a great month to promote our CTE offerings in the schools and encourage our administration and school boards to offer more options for our students with other CTE clusters. CTE month is a great time to visit your school board and help them understand the 16 educational and career clusters under the CTE umbrella. Make sure to celebrate you and what you do for the CTE students in your school. Promote your cluster and bring attention to all the great things you do for your students, classroom, and your school's CTE programs.

Your Executive Director, Lenessa Keehn, and I will be going to Washington, DC, in March for the National Policy Seminar. While there, we will represent SDACTE to help promote and encourage continued support of CTE in South Dakota. The SDACTE Board of Directors has been working hard to make this year's SDACTE conference successful with tours, speakers, and various breakout sessions. Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's conference in Rapid City from July 28 through the 30. The conference is a great time to network with SDACTE teachers from all over the state. Take the time to talk with your administrators and encourage them to attend to see what CTE is all about! Good luck over the next few months, and remember what we do for our students; if they are learning, then we are succeeding.

Bid for a Cause - #MauiStrong By: Lenessa Keehn



The Region V Conference is doing their part to support Maui relief efforts from the devastating wildfire that took place last August. SDACTE has generously donated to the silent auction and is asking you, our members, to continue the support by logging in and bidding on items. The auction is open to the public with all bids and donations being used to aid in disaster recovery efforts. The online auction will be available soon – do please continue to check the site for the latest updates and submissions at <https://www.hawaiiacte.org/silentauction>

If you feel compelled to help even more, show your support at [Honolulu Civil Beat: helping Maui Fire Victims](#).

CTE: In Action

The AgEd, A&C, and PLTW programs at the Millbank School District moved into a new CTE facility including classroom and shop space. Valley Queen's Charitable Foundation donated over \$240,000 towards equipment in the new space.



Winter Greetings & Leadership Opportunities

By: Andy Jensen



In January the agricultural teachers met for our mid-year winter professional development. It's always one of my favorites - getting to see my aggie friends, have content specific professional development, and enjoy each other's company.

This year I was able to talk about awards with them, and the topic of leadership came up. It got me thinking, why don't more teachers take the leap into leadership roles outside their own buildings? When, if any, is there a good time to jump on the leadership wagon? Hopefully this can plant the seed of leadership for you.

I have had the opportunity to be the president of the South Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators (SDAAE). When I was approached for this position, I had not been very active in my association. I wasn't even sure what an officer does. After a hundred questions, and a little poking and prodding, I gladly accepted. Looking back, I am so glad that I made the choice to commit to the organization that has helped me achieve so many of my goals. Now I get to do that same thing to SDACTE.

So how do you become a leader in your division?

Well, that's simple. Express interest. Ask questions. Not sure it's your time to be the president? Join a committee. Many of them have a scholarship, professional development, bylaws, or others. This can open the door for you take on a bigger leadership role within your division. This might be a year, two years, or three year commitment. For SDAAE, it's a three year commitment as you move from president-elect, president, and past-president. Each holding their own responsibilities. Several divisions help send the officers to ACTE conference, or even region division conferences.

If you're willing to make the jump to leadership roles, make sure you express to your administration your interest. Many schools pride themselves on having teachers in these positions. It's great PR for the school, and gives you an opportunity to expand your professional toolbox.

Once you've been the president of your division, that opens up the door to run for the SDACTE officer position of president-elect! Make sure you express interest in the position to the executive team by May 1st. Voting will take place at the Summer ACTE Conference at the business session. Remember, at this stage of leadership, it's not the agriculture division, or the FACS division running SDACTE - it's simply CTE teachers who want to make a positive impact and difference in the lives of South Dakota CTE Teachers and students of CTE! One perk of being in this position is getting to travel to the Region V Conference, and the National ACTE Conference - both I highly recommend!

If you are on the fence about becoming a divisional officer, or running for SDACTE, please reach out to past officers of your area or the executive team (Bobbie Jo, Kelly, Lenessa, or myself!) and we would be more than happy to share with you our experiences. It's not always easy, but it sure does pay off in the end. I know you will not regret this choice.

Happy CTE Month!



CTE:

In Action

Rapid City Area Schools students learning about the various projects, research, and activities available at the SD Mines CAMP Lab during the 2024 RCAS Engineering Camp.

Rapid City Area Schools students in conjunction with the Rapid City Fire Department during the 2024 RCAS Scrubs Camp practice how to intubate using a manikin.

Professional Development Opportunities



Professional Development Opportunities with ACTE By: Bobbie Jo Donovan



As you begin to prepare to submit requests for the 2024-2025 Perkins Grant, be sure to check out the Professional Development (PD) opportunities available through ACTE. If you go to www.acteonline.org/professional-development/ you will find a variety of areas to explore. To highlight a few:

Events

- ACTE's Career Tech VISION –VISION provides attendees with a rich array of networking opportunities, an Expo, hundreds of concurrent program sessions, and numerous networking opportunities.
- Work-Based Learning Conference – Looking to add a Work-Based Learning course to your program, or enhance your current set-up? Consider attending this conference. Professionals from around the country attend and you will have the opportunity to engage in conversations, discuss opportunities to expand current programming and so much more.
- Region Conferences – ACTE Regional Conferences provide professional development opportunities that can advance your knowledge and skills in CTE and leadership development. In case you didn't know, South Dakota is part of Region V!

Awards

- ACTE Excellence Awards - The ACTE Excellence Awards recognize those 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.
- Teacher of the Year - This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.
- New Teacher of the Year - This award recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique career and technical education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers.
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award - This award recognizes individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.

Leadership Development

- Fellowship Program - ACTE's premier leadership development program, the National Leadership Fellowship Program is open to experienced members (5+ years of CTE experience) as well as new professional members with 2-5 years CTE experience. This program will provide participants with the leadership, professional and policy skills they need to grow as a CTE and ACTE advocate!

Online Learning

- CTE Learn – Offers a comprehensive professional development solution that can be adopted by individuals, schools, districts, or statewide. It offers courses for credit and free resources for teachers.
- Webinars - Once you register on CTE Learn, you'll have free access to a variety of professional development tools and resources, including ACTE's upcoming and recorded webinars.

Opportunities

- CTE Research Opportunities - More and more researchers are investigating CTE implementation and outcomes, and they need the input of CTE professionals and students.
- Grants & Scholarships - This resource is designed to support career and technical education professionals and their students to seek support for their CTE programs and for funding assistance for tuition to pursue postsecondary CTE studies.

Division President Reports

A Note of Encouragement By: Kristi Dancsisin



As we celebrate CTE month we are so busy planning and participating in the celebration to stop and reflect on the impact we have in our schools and around the state. I have heard many stories lately about students that are excited about their college or tech school experience because they were provided classes, experiences, and internships during high school that helped guide them. In fact, I had the honor to be part of giving our first annual scholarships from our CTE student store. These come directly from profits the students helped earn through their time in the store and with our programs. As CTE teachers, our focus is so broad. Not only do we share beyond the required content by providing real life experiences and opportunities to excel through student organizations, but we also come together each summer at the SD ACTE conference improve our own knowledge and partner with other CTE teachers to better our programs.

Thinking about this reminds me how we have been seeing John Hattie's research about effect size come up in our teacher learning time. Many of the top effect sizes revolve around active learning, using prior knowledge, and discussion which we strive for in the classroom and our student organizations. However, YOU the teacher is sprinkled throughout many of the top ranked items. Your own learning and improvement can make a huge impact! There are preparations underway to make the 23-24 summer conference amazing. Every year the selected leaders do their best to pull together an engaging keynote, interesting tours, and effective break out sessions. However, we need everyone's input to make the best use of our time together. Please take the time to think about what you would like to learn about at the conference and share that with me at kristi.dancsisin@k12.sd.us. Also, consider the call for presenters which is open through February 16th. We all want to hear what has worked in your programs and classrooms.

Presidents Greeting from SDAAE By: Don Sutera



With warm temperatures at the end of January and the beginning of February I hope everyone is in good spirits and getting ready for the busy months ahead. The month of February has many of us preparing for FFA Week activities at the end of the month. Chapters will be planning their community breakfasts, teacher appreciation breakfast, petting zoos, and various other activities to promote their FFA chapter. This is a great time for chapters and members to promote the FFA organization and provide great leadership opportunities for our members. Once FFA Week is over, it will be full speed into Career Development Events. With qualifying for state convention through the district eliminations, I know my students will have to get more serious about studying, in order to qualify for state. Attending CDEs and State Convention is a true joy for me as I get to meet up with all of you and get to catch up on what is happening in your chapter, school and family. Once state convention is over everyone will be looking at wrapping up the school year and getting some time to yourself as summer happens.

SDACTE is making plans for summer conference in Rapid City and host Western Dakota Tech. We are making every effort to make the conference a great experience for everyone that attends. I am hoping the conference provides a great keynote speaker, educational breakout sessions, and tours. Summer conference is a great opportunity for SDACTE members to learn from fellow educators and provides a chance to talk to with and learn from our peers.

With summer conference in the future, I encourage you to talk with AFNR teachers that you know aren't members and encourage them to join ACTE. Also if there are CTE teachers in your school that aren't members encourage them to join as well.

SDACTE

Providing leadership and assistance to educators in developing a prepared and competitive workforce.

Division President Reports

Greetings from the FCS Division

By: Jennifer Poulos



I hope you're doing well and staying healthy. The executive team is working towards making this summer conference the best yet. If you have ideas for the FCS division, please contact me.

Our journey as FCS educators is about discovery and growth. FCS educators are dedicated to unraveling the wonders of FCS and how it plays a pivotal role in shaping our daily lives. Thanks for providing these items to all your students:

Exploring the Heart of FCS: Empowering Lives

Family and Consumer Science goes beyond the conventional classroom setting. It's an intricate blend of art and science that equips individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead fulfilling lives. From nutrition and wellness to financial literacy and interpersonal relationships, FCS touches upon various aspects integral to our well-being.

Nourishing Our Bodies and Minds

A significant focus of FCS is nutrition and wellness. In a world filled with diverse dietary choices, understanding the fundamentals of nutrition becomes paramount. This knowledge empowers us to make informed decisions about our food, fostering healthier lifestyles and overall well-being.

Financial Literacy: A Lifelong Skill

In an ever-evolving economic landscape, financial literacy is a crucial skill. FCS provides a foundation for understanding budgeting, investing, and making sound financial decisions. By imparting these skills, FCS aims to cultivate a financially savvy generation capable of navigating the complexities of the modern economic world.

Building Strong Interpersonal Connections

At the core of FCS lies building and maintaining meaningful relationships. Through communication, conflict resolution, and understanding diverse family structures, individuals gain the tools to create a supportive and nurturing environment for themselves and those around them.

Bridging the Generation Gap

In a rapidly changing world, FCS serves as a bridge between generations. It preserves and passes on valuable traditions while embracing innovation and adaptability. FCS helps create cohesive and harmonious families and communities by instilling a sense of cultural awareness and understanding.

Your Role in the FCS Journey

As members of our extended family, we encourage you to engage actively in family and consumer science. Share your experiences, ask questions, and join the conversation. Together, let's explore the multifaceted aspects of FCS and discover how it can positively impact our lives.

Stay tuned for more updates and exciting revelations in the upcoming newsletters. Thank you for participating in this enriching journey, and KEEP BEING YOU!

ACTE'S CAREERTECH VISION



VISION Call for Proposals Now Open!

Join us as an esteemed speaker at the flagship conference for CTE professionals! ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2024 is happening **Dec. 4-7** in San Antonio, Texas. We are seeking session proposals that address the full range of issues facing CTE professionals as they strive to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their careers! VISION offers unparalleled networking and hundreds of concurrent sessions covering high-quality CTE and model examples of successful education and business collaborations. The deadline to submit your session proposals is **March 1**.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Presentation Proposal

CareerTECH Vision

Please consider putting in a proposal for presenting at ACTE CareerTech Vision in San Antonio – 2024!

Deadline is March 1 - [Application Link](#)



T&I Division Update
By: Laureen Mehlert

I hope this newsletter finds you thriving in your fields. As we enter February, a quick reminder about our focus and upcoming summer event.

Our primary goal is to empower the next generation of professionals. We are collaborating with educational institutions, industry leaders, and government bodies to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application. By providing hands-on experiences and exposure to cutting-edge technologies, we aim to shape a workforce ready for the evolving trade and industry landscape.

In our commitment to continuous learning, we are planning for the summer SDACTE Conference with sessions to enhance your skills and keep you updated on industry trends. I am seeking your input for presentations or tours that would benefit you. Kindly email suggestions to Laureen.Mehlert@k12.sd.us. Thank you.

Join us on this journey by actively participating in events, engaging with fellow members, and contributing to the growth of the SDACTE T&I/Tech Ed community. Your insights are invaluable, and we anticipate a year of collaboration, innovation, and shared success.

Division President Reports



HEALTH SCIENCE Update
By: Lisa Fucello

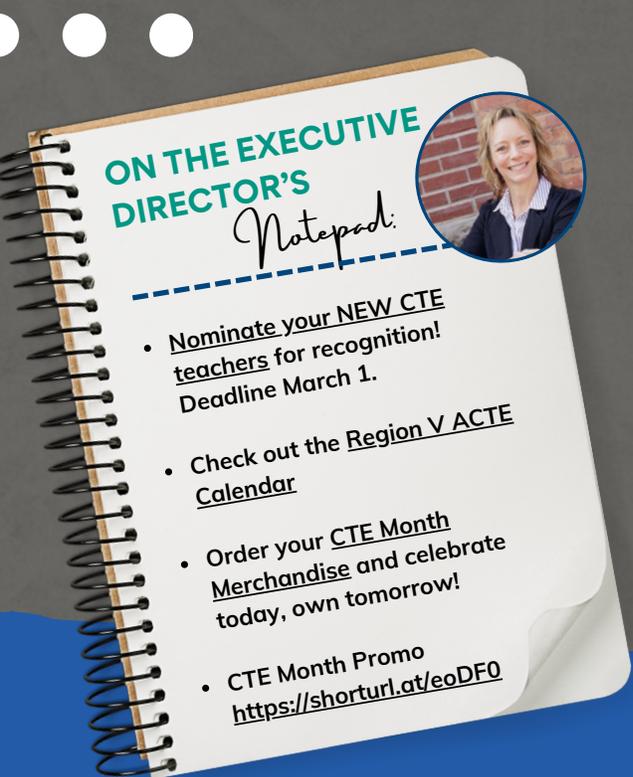
Hello again! I don't know about the rest of you, but January and February for me are often associated with dreariness. The serotonin effects of the holiday season have worn off, New Year's resolutions work hard to find their place in my daily life, and there is a distinct lack of vitamin D from not receiving enough daylight hours. I was struggling to come up with a topic for this month's newsletter and was feeling the effects of this time of year, both in my professional teaching world and in my personal life. So, what would make a better article than offering some ways to perk yourself up this time of year?

As you set personal resolutions for a new year, consider adding in a new form of physical activity. If all you are used to is running around the classroom during lab time, consider adding in some morning stretching, before you start your school day. Stretching increases blood flow to your muscles and helps improve your range-of-motion and flexibility. Cold winter months can bring with it stiff joints, so regular stretching will help alleviate some of that stiffness. And if you're feeling really motivated, consider adding in a short meditation activity. There are many free options available through basic YouTube searches and several phone apps offer free trials and optional yearly subscriptions. A short morning ritual of stretching and meditation together could make your days feel less stressful and help to boost mood, which we know makes us more patient with student behaviors.

Another personal goal could be to simply eat more colorfully. Getting a rainbow of colors on your plate each and every day helps to boost your immune system, which gets tested time and time again this part of the year. I have a deep love of the farmer's markets during the warmer months, and I find myself longing for those fresh new finds in local sellers' booths. Because of this, my family and I have challenged ourselves to try a new fruit or vegetable once a week. So far, we have found (and mostly liked) parsnips, dragon fruit, and kiwi but have found a reinforced dislike of radishes and beets. Check your local grocery store to see what unique and new arrivals there are in the produce section and who knows, maybe you'll discover a new favorite.

And finally, carve out specific time in your schedule to do things that you love. Maybe it is a hobby that you love to do but rarely make time to do it, like playing a board game, reading a book (non-work related), crafting, baking, napping....you get the idea! Or schedule some time to get together with friends or family you don't see often enough. Plan a dinner out together, picking a restaurant that you've always wanted to try but haven't yet. Or do a beer or wine sampler at a local brewery to discover a new favorite beverage. Which reminds me, there is a local place that does a coffee flight that I need to try out!

I hope at least a few of the ideas mentioned can help you get through these winter months, which hopefully won't be too much longer according to groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. Hang in there, take care of yourselves, and remember that great things are yet to come.



ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Notepad:

- **Nominate your NEW CTE teachers** for recognition!
 Deadline March 1.
- Check out the **Region V ACTE Calendar**
- Order your **CTE Month Merchandise** and celebrate today, own tomorrow!
- CTE Month Promo
<https://shorturl.at/eoDFO>



Division & Conference Updates



CTE: *In Action*

Students in Huron in Gateway to CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant, and Intro to EMS - Emergency Medical Services class got certified in BLS, basic life saving.



Admin Division Update By: Adam Shaw

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the rare winter weather we're experiencing! Nothing beats a nice walk in fifty-degree weather in early February. As you all know, February is CTE month, and I am hoping to highlight some of the important aspects of Career Technical Education in this brief article.

In a rapidly evolving global economy, the demand for a skilled and adaptable workforce has never been higher. At the heart of this preparation for the future workforce lies Career Technical Education, a pathway that not only equips students with academic knowledge but also provides hands-on, practical skills essential for success in a wide array of careers.

Why is CTE Essential?

1. **Relevance to the Workforce:** CTE programs are designed in collaboration with industry experts, ensuring that students acquire the latest skills and knowledge demanded by the job market.
2. **Hands-On-Learning:** CTE engages students through hands-on experiences, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity – skills essential for success in any profession.
3. **Career Exploration:** CTE allows students to explore various career options, helping them make informed decisions about their future paths and aspirations.
4. **Reducing the Skills Gap:** By addressing the skills gap early on, CTE programs contribute to building a more skilled and competitive workforce, enhancing the economic vitality of our community.

As school administrators, we need to be out championing the cause of Career Technical Education. Whether you are a parent, business owner, or community member, administrator, etc., your support plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our students and, by extension, the prosperity of your community.

1. **Mentorship Programs:** Consider finding mentors for CTE students, which allow business professionals the opportunity to share their expertise and insights to guide them on their journey.
2. **Business Partnerships:** Explore opportunities to collaborate with your CTE programs, providing real-world experiences, internships, and potential employment for your graduates.
3. **Advocacy:** Spread the word about the importance of CTE in shaping a skilled workforce. Advocate for increased support and funding for CTE initiatives at the local and state levels.

As we embrace the potential of Career Technical Education, we look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on the lives of your students and the prosperity of your communities. Let's continue to work hard to pave the way for a future where every individual is equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in their chosen careers.

Save the Date for South Dakota's 52nd Annual Summer Conference By: Kristin Larson



Summer might seem a far off idea right now, but planning is already in full swing for this year's annual CTE Summer Conference happening in Rapid City, South Dakota, July 28-30. 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 Western Dakota Technical College, located just minutes from the beautiful Black Hills.

Call for Presenters is already open, and we would love to have you share the amazing things happening in your classrooms and communities related to career and technical education. Submit a Proposal [HERE](#) if you are interested in presenting.

Registration will be opening soon, so mark your calendar and save the date for what is sure to be an exciting professional development event!



Scholarship Opportunities



CTE: *In Action*

In Small Animal Science Class in Chester, students learn about the different types of wounds, and then recreated them!

Scholarship Update
By: Alex Toupal



We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to kickstart the spring semester which is found busy for lots of CTSO's and CTE Departments. We are thrilled to announce that the South Dakota Career and Technical Education (SDACTE) Scholarship is back, and applications for the 2024 academic year will be opened on January 8th, 2024! This is your chance to secure funding for your education and take the next step towards a promising future.

Key Dates:

Application Opening Date: January 8th, 2024.

Application Deadline: April 1st, 2024.

Whether you are a high school graduate in 2024 or a Post-Secondary Applicant with at least one year remaining in your program, this scholarship opportunity is for you. We encourage all eligible students to apply and join us in the pursuit of career and technical education excellence. There will be a total of 4 scholarships awarded for the with a minimum of one high school graduate and one Post-Secondary Applicant.

Eligibility Criteria:

High School Graduates: If you're a high school graduate in 2024 and planning to pursue a career and technical education program, you're eligible to apply. Individuals must be attending a South Dakota Technical Institute or University in any CTE related fields, will be full time for the 2024 – 2025 school year, and demonstrate scholastic achievement.

Post-Secondary Applicants: If you're currently enrolled in a career and technical education program with at least one year remaining in your studies, you're eligible to apply. Individuals must be attending a South Dakota Technical Institute or University in any CTE related fields, will be full time for the 2024 – 2025 school year, and demonstrate scholastic achievement.

Scholarship Details:

The SDACTE Scholarship is designed to support South Dakota students in their pursuit of career and technical education. This scholarship can help cover tuition, books, and other related expenses. The exact amount awarded will vary based on the number of qualified applicants and available funds. Scholarship Application can be found at the following link; <https://forms.gle/42FXpTHizc4ToDP16>

Application Process:

To make the application process as easy as possible, we've streamlined it through a Google Form. On January 8th, 2024, you will find the application link on our official website. Simply follow the instructions provided and ensure that your application is submitted by April 1st, 2024, to be considered for this year's scholarships.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Alex Toupal SDACTE Scholarship Chair at alex.toupal@k12.sd.us. We are here to support you in your journey towards a rewarding career and technical education. We look forward to receiving your applications and assisting you in achieving your educational and career goals. Remember, the SDACTE Scholarship is your opportunity to invest in your future, so don't miss out!

CTE and CTE Connections



SDACTE Representatives Advocate for Career & Technical Education at the Capitol By: Katie Paulson

SDACTE Representatives Advocate for Career & Technical Education at the Capitol

We are thrilled to share an exciting update from the heart of our state's political hub, where a few of the SDACTE members along with the Executive Director, Lenessa Keehn recently visited lawmakers at the Capitol to advocate for the importance of CTE programs in our state.

Serving Lunch & Building Connections

In a unique twist to traditional advocacy efforts, our SDACTE representation went the extra mile by organizing lunch for lawmakers. This informal setting provided an excellent opportunity for legislators to engage in casual conversations, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the realm of Career and Technical Education.

The Impact of CTE Advocacy

The visit to the Capitol proved the importance of advocating for CTE programs on a broader scale. By actively participating in conversations with policymakers, our representatives have contributed to raising awareness about the benefits of technical education and its potential to shape the future workforce.

Although CTE does not have any large legislation this year, it is great to continue to build relationships with our lawmakers for future benefit.



Therese Volmer visiting with Helene Duhamel, Senator from District 32.



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Award Information

Congratulations and Good Luck!
By: Bev Rieck



As Region V ACTE meeting is coming up soon, some members of our state organization have been busy working on their application and videotaping for the competition in their respective Excellence Award category which they received at last summer's state conference. Their work will be submitted by the end of February and will be in competition with other state winners from our region.

We wish to extend a note of congratulations and good luck to the following:

- New Teacher of the Year---Aliasha McCarty---Redfield
- Administrator of the Year---Jolene Konechne---Huron
- Teacher of the Year---Frankie Nelson---Bridgewater/Emery
- Carl Perkins Community Service Award---Megan Zinter---Bowdle
- Teacher Educator of the Year---Amber Fluth---Tri-Valley
- Lifetime Achievement Award---Cindy Brace---Redfield



SDACTE Awards
By: Bev Rieck

Do you know a fellow SDACTE member who is deserving of recognition for the work they do in their area? If so, now is your time to put your thoughts into action!

I know that each division of SDACTE may handle the selection a bit differently, but the division awards chair will be the contact person for you. Those division chairs who may be contacted regarding your division's choice of winners to advance to state competition include: Administration--Adam Shaw, Ag--Joshua Johnson, BMIT--Kristi Dancsisin, Family and Consumer Sciences--Anne Pankratz, Health Science--Clayton Gropper, and T&/ Tech Ed--Laureen Mehlert.

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, and Lifetime Achievement Award. The winner in each category for the Excellence Awards will advance to Region V competition.

Non-members are eligible for their support of CTE in two award categories. They are the South Dakota Award of Merit and the 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.

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 all the questions and experiences to adequately complete the application. The deadline for those applications is July 1. Winners will be announced during the state conference on July 28-30, 2024.

So, 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 deserve to be recognized for their efforts!

Celebrate CTE Month with Professional Development Webinars



Date and Time	Workshop Title	Presenter(s)	Intended Audience	Zoom Link
Thurs. Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. CST	Marketing CTSO's in Your School and Community	Katie Paulson	Local CTSO Chapter Advisors	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/98424232088
Thurs. Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. CST	Serving Students with Disabilities	Katie Gran and Justus St. Sauver	All CTE & SPED Teachers, Admin and Counselors	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95391076210
Tues. Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. CST	Leading a Consortium with Purpose	Fawn Wilde & Sarah Vandekamp	Consortia CTE Directors	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95984441181
Thurs. Feb. 15 1 p.m. CST	Serving Students with Barriers (EL, foster, migrant, homeless, etc.)	Jolene Konechne, Ashley Holm and Emily Quick	All CTE & SPED Teachers, Admin and Counselors	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/99471440990
Thurs. Feb. 22 4 p.m. CST	Expanding your Professional Development with CTE Teacher Externships	Kristin Larson	All CTE Teachers	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95618888212
Tues. Feb. 27 1 p.m. CST	Recruiting and Retaining Teachers	Adam Shaw & Amy Miller	MS/ HS Principals	https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93007528471