



QUARTERLY

President's Greetings By: Kelly Dunkelberger

The end of the school year is here and we are all ready for a nice break to recharge and prepare for our future students. As a parent of a senior this year I spend a lot of time looking at my own teachings and wonder what can/should I adjust in my teaching to help my future students prepare for their future. The SDACTE summer conference is a great time of year to recharge and also gain some of those new adjustments in your lessons from fellow CTE educators.

The board of directors has created a summer conference that we feel will help you move from the chaos of some days to the clarity of why you do, what you do. There will be many opportunities for CTE instructors to network with professionals in their career cluster along with expanding out into other areas where needed. We are looking forward to giving you meaningful material that will help you refocus and prepare for the next school year. Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's conference in Rapid City July 28 - 30.

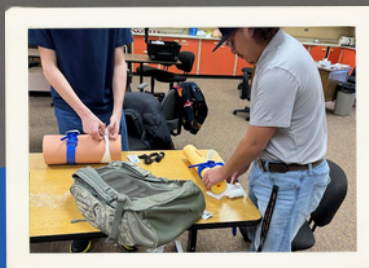
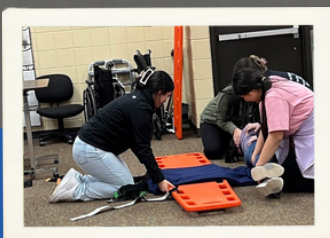
The SD CTSO Center is hosting our Sunday night kick-off event at Main Street Square on Sunday evening. We then begin on Monday morning with a keynote address and move right into division time, tours, workshops/sessions, and our awards banquet. SDACTE Conference is an event that all CTE educators should attend and we are hoping that you are able to attend.

Also, take the time to introduce yourself to any new CTE staff that is hired at your school and encourage them to come to the conference to network in their respective CTE cluster. SDACTE Conference is also when our new BOD is elected and we as a current board strongly encourage you to step up in your division and run for president-elect. If you have already served in your division we encourage you to consider running for president-elect of the SDACTE board. This opportunity is something that you will not regret. If you are interested in applying for the SDACTE BOD as the President-Elect please contact our Past President Bobbie Jo Donovan so she can get you all the information you will need.

All the best to you as we finish up this school year and see you in July in Rapid City!

CTE: In Action

In Huron Middle School's Intro to EMS class, they have been focusing on crucial skills like controlling bleeding and safely packaging and transporting patients. In the photos below, they are tackling a scenario involving a patient who may have a spinal injury. This scenario will put their students' knowledge and training to the test as they apply what they've learned in a real-world situation.



Leadership Opportunities By: Andy Jensen



On behalf of the CTE teachers from across the state, I would like to take this time to say THANK YOU to our Past-President, Mrs. Bobbie Jo Donovan! Through your leadership, we have worked to achieve goals like putting on a tremendous summer conference, increasing membership, working with industry partners, making sure that we are a successful, purposeful organization. Thank you for your hard work over the past three years.

Maybe you (yes you, you reading this!) are inspired to take a leap into leadership, please consider it. All our divisions and SDACTE need strong, passionate leaders to continue to lead us into the right direction. Please consider it! To be an officer for SDACTE, you must have been a president of your division.

Please let Kelly, Bobbie Jo, Lenessa, or myself know if you're interested or have questions.

Looking forward to seeing you in Rapid!

Welcome to WDTC! By: Fawn Wilde



With summer conference on the horizon, Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) is getting increasingly excited to host South Dakota's incredible CTE educators on our campus!

Many of our staff and faculty are working diligently with the conference planning team to ensure your time at WDTC is full of robust experiences, including hands-on learning, in-depth solution-orientation discussions between secondary and post-secondary leaders and educators, and exploring innovative ideas in curriculum and top-notch, industry-grade equipment. You'll have the opportunity to visit with quite a few of our faculty and staff, specific to your area of expertise, and walk through our labs to get a greater understanding of how CTE in secondary education progresses into CTE in post-secondary education to ensure students throughout South Dakota are provided the best training and knowledge for a successful career.

It's been a few years since our state conference has been held in the Black Hills region, and in that time there has been many positive changes in the Rapid City community, and at WDTC. We're confident you will leave this year's conference wishing there was more time to learn and explore together, both in our community and on our campus.



Marianne Renner

From Chaos to Clarity:
How to be your best when
things are at their worst.

Conference Highlight: Key Note Speaker

In a world of increasing chaos and constant change, it's hard to feel like you're moving the needle forward. How do you show up and bring the best for yourself, your students and teams even during the most trying times?

In this keynote, learn how to:

- Identify and blast through roadblocks that inhibit performance
- Avoid the dangerous allure of distraction.
- Overcome circumstances beyond your control
- Master your self-talk in the face of challenges

Professional Development Opportunities

SDACTE:

Highlights:

South Dakota ACTE Delegates representing our great state at the Region V ACTE Conference in Hawaii!

Region V ACTE Conference
By: Bobbie Jo Donovan



Pupukahi i Holomua = Unite As One to Progress; When we come together as one body, one mind, and one spirit we are able to overcome adversities and accomplish great things - the theme of the 2024 Region V ACTE Conference. One part of this conference that was very enjoyable and interesting was how they incorporated many aspects of the Hawaiian culture throughout the conference. If you have never been to a Region V Leadership Conference, you need to consider attending. These conferences are a great way to connect with other CTE teachers within our Region as well as provide leadership opportunities within ACTE.

Besides the conference being in Hawai'i, the part I enjoyed the most was the conference tours. With 10 different tours available, most of them partnered with the local Community Colleges and Training Centers to highlight their programs. I had the opportunity to attend the Kapi'olani Community College, Culinary Institute of the Pacific. Here we were treated with a lunch prepared, created, and served by students of the program. It was DELICIOUS! We also had the opportunity to listen to celebrity chef, Chef Roy Yamaguchi, and the partnership that has come together with the community college.

The 2025 Region V ACTE Leadership Conference is scheduled for May 1-3, 2025 in Las Vegas, NV. If you haven't attended, consider attending. Also, SDACTE has a Region V Stipend and Region V ACTE has a first timers' stipend as well!

Oh yeah, next time you chat with Kelly D, ask her about learning how to Hula!!



CTE:

In Action

Harrisburg Personal Finance instructor Kristi Dancsisin partnered with Junior Achievement and they hosted a financial literacy live simulation. Through this innovative program, students are empowered to take charge of their financial futures. Guided by volunteers in their community, students dive into the complexities of budgeting, saving, and making informed financial decisions in a simulated real-life setting. They are so grateful for this experience for their students!

Division President Reports

A Note of Encouragement By: Kristi Dancsisin

We have almost completed another cycle of teaching. For many it feels as if you are in the 25th mile of a marathon. For others there is a giddy feeling of seeing that light at the end of the tunnel. No matter how you feel at the end of the year, know that you have impacted so many lives this year in your classroom and student organizations. When you walk out of your classroom after that last day of school take the time to rest and recharge as seriously as you do your teaching!

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -John F. Kennedy.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the 2024 SD CTE Summer Conference July 28-30 in Rapid City, SD. I hope that all the BMIT division can join us for time to share best practices, hear about accessible economics, and QuickBooks in accounting. There are many other amazing topics and options to learn during large group sessions. Let me know if there is anything else you would like to see in our division time at the conference. To register or find out more information on the conference follow this link.
<https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/conference/>

ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

Notepad:

- Don't forget to nominate for awards! Must log into the ACTE website:
<https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/SD/home>
- Horatio-Alger Scholarships – Giving away LOTS of \$\$\$! Have your students apply:
<https://www.acteonline.org/professional-development/opportunities/scholarship/>
- Connect to SDACTE's calendar for useful deadline reminders:
<https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/calendar-and-newsletter/>

Presidents Greeting from SDAAE By: Don Sutera

Hard to believe that we are into May and the end of the school year is in sight. With the end of the school year approaching, many are wrapping up the school year with plans for banquet and summer FFA activities. As I reflect on the past couple of months, it was great to see everyone at CDEs and State FFA Convention.

Congratulations to all the chapters and advisors that had winning teams at State Convention, and I wish you luck next fall at National FFA Convention. As we roll into summer I hope everyone has been reading SDAAE emails and is considering attending Region 3 conference in Dickinson, North Dakota. I attended my first Region 3 conference out of the state last year in Alexandria, Minnesota and it truly was a great experience. It provided many great tours and networking opportunities, and I highly recommend if you not have attended in the past.

Plans are well underway for summer conference in Rapid City on July 28-31. Registration is open for summer conference on the SDACTE website and there have been multiple emails with a registration link. There is also a block of rooms at the Best Western Ramkota, and if you haven't got room reserved, look at doing so in the near future. I hope everyone has a great end of the school year, and I hope everyone takes a little time for themselves and truly enjoy the summer of 2024!

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

As the school year ends, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the FCS teachers. You are the ones who dedicate your time to shaping the lives of our students. Your commitment to FCS education and guidance in your CTSOs or other co-curricular activities have made a difference in the lives of our students.

Ed Rising, FCCLA, and Pro-Start are integral to our classes. They inspire creativity, critical thinking, and leadership in our students. If you are not already advising these programs, please consider reaching out to learn how these programs can strengthen what you are already doing. These programs prepare students for success in their academic and future careers.

As the summer is so close, remember a few things. Take time for yourself, spend time with family and friends, read a good book, or do something you enjoy. The planning and preparation that we spend hours on can wait. You deserve a break.

Don't forget to sign up for the summer conference. We have some great things planned for our division to help your classroom. This is one of the biggest conferences in South Dakota where you can collaborate with other FCS teachers in our state.

I wish you a restful and rejuvenating summer break filled with joy, relaxation, and well-deserved recognition for all you do.

T & I: Celebrating Success and Looking Ahead

By: Laureen Mehlert



As another school year draws to a close, it is time to reflect on our accomplishments and gear up for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. The T&I/Tech Ed teachers in South Dakota have had an incredible journey this year, filled with growth, innovation, and most importantly, the empowerment of our students.

Throughout the year, our dedicated teachers have worked tirelessly to provide hands-on learning experiences that prepare students for success in the ever-evolving world of technology and industry. From mastering advanced manufacturing techniques to exploring the intricacies of computer programming, our students have embraced the challenges and emerged as confident, skilled individuals ready to make their mark on the world.

As we celebrate the achievements of our students, we also look forward to the future. We want to remind you of the upcoming SDACTE Summer Conference, scheduled to take place from July 28th to 30th in the vibrant city of Rapid City. This conference promises to be an invaluable professional development, networking, and collaboration opportunity.

At the conference, you'll have the chance to engage with industry leaders, explore cutting-edge technologies, participate in interesting tours, and discover innovative teaching strategies to enhance your classroom experience. Whether you are a seasoned educator or just starting out in your career, there's something for everyone at the SDACTE Summer Conference. In addition to the enriching workshops and seminars, the conference offers a platform for exchanging ideas and best practices with colleagues from across the state. By coming together as a community, we can inspire each other, support one another, and ultimately, elevate the quality of education for all our students.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us in Rapid City this summer for an unforgettable learning experience. Together, we'll continue to empower the next generation of innovators, problem solvers, and leaders in trade and industry. Here's to a bright future ahead!



SDACTE Conference Kick-Off

By: Katie Paulson

We are thrilled to invite you to join us as we kick off this momentous event designed to ignite conversations, foster camaraderie, and celebrate the remarkable educators who are shaping South Dakota's future workforce.

Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Main Street Square, Downtown Rapid City

Our kick-off event promises an evening filled with not only insightful discussions but also laughter and delicious food. We firmly believe that laughter is not only the best medicine but also the perfect catalyst for forging connections and easing into the conference spirit.

Located at the vibrant Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City, this casual evening will provide the ideal setting for educators, administrators, and supporters alike to come together, share ideas, and celebrate the incredible work being done in South Dakota's educational landscape.

Whether you're a seasoned educator or just beginning your Career and Technical Education journey, this event is for you. It's an opportunity to network, collaborate, and be inspired by the dedication and innovation of our state's educators. So, come hungry for both delicious food and a few laughs as we embark on this journey of learning and celebration. Let's kick off the SDACTE Conference with the energy and enthusiasm it deserves!

We can't wait to see you there!

South Dakota CTSO Center & State Directors

Division President Reports



HEALTH SCIENCE Update

By: Lisa Fuccello

Hello fellow health science teachers! I just want to remind you of an email that was sent out earlier from me about the CTE Innovative Equipment Grant. The purpose of this grant is to enhance your CTE program's capabilities and support long-term equipment needs. This grant allows for up to \$250,000 in new equipment per district, which needs to be submitted on a single application. Eligible expenses would include equipment, installation/freight costs, and teacher training on that equipment. The application and budget template can be found at: <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/IEG.aspx>. Informational Zoom sessions are also being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the month of May to help with this grant writing process. Applications are due by June 14th.

The month of May always seems to be a really busy time for teachers with very little extra time in your schedule. But hopefully as this school year wraps up and you begin your transition into summer, you can look ahead at enhancing some curriculum for next year. If you have not had a chance to play with any artificial intelligence (AI) tools yet, make some time this summer to give it a shot. I want to offer you a starting place to do just this, so my two favorite platforms are MagicSchool (<https://magicschool.ai>) and ChatGPT (<https://chat.openai.com>).

ChatGPT starts with a generic screen that allows you to ask the platform for any request your heart desires. I particularly enjoy this platform for coming up with patient case studies for my Medical Terminology class. In the message area, I typed "write me a case study for a woman with gestational diabetes" and within 20 seconds, it generated a patient name, age, occupation, medical history, clinical assessment, and even results from her diagnostic tests, such as her GTT, HbA1c, and urinalysis. This gives students a chance to practice with some of the acronyms used for various tests and allows them to then make a diagnosis on that patient. The case study also offers management and follow-up plans for the patient, although this would be a great extension activity for students to complete as well.

MagicSchool was built to help educators out with some time-sucking tasks. Begin by creating an account by linking with an already existing Google account (I used my school email account). This platform can help you out with many different tasks, such as writing a professional email to an administrator or a letter of recommendation for a student, creating multiple-choice assessment questions or text-dependent questions, generating rubrics or worksheets, planning single lessons on a topic, or even planning an entire unit out for you. This platform also allows for alignment to state or national standards and can generate questions based on various depth of knowledge levels, which allows you to easily modify assessments or assignments to fit the needs of your learners on different levels. This platform will save you a ton of time and it is worth checking out.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your school year. Your health science board is planning a great CTE conference in Rapid City at the end of July for you and we hope you can join us there this summer!





Grant Opportunities

Innovative Equipment Grants

By: Amy Miller



I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you all!

An unexpected round of Innovative Equipment Grants is now available, offering a fantastic opportunity for your CTE Programs to enhance their capabilities and support long-term equipment needs.

Many of you may recall the incredible \$3 million in these grants awarded back in December 2022, which have undoubtedly contributed significant upgrades in 17 schools. This round of grants is a last chance, as we do not anticipate having another opportunity like this in the future. It's truly a now-or-never moment to secure equipment that will modernize your CTE programs and have students better prepared for what they can expect in the workforce.

This grant opportunity comes with a tight timeline. Applications must be submitted by June 14th, equipment must be ordered immediately upon approval, and all installations must be completed by September. Additionally, any teacher training requested for the specific equipment is also required before September.

Schools should strategically consider their long-term goals and the needs of all approved CTE programs in the district when applying. This is a rare chance to broadly support programs and propel them towards excellence. This grant allows for up to \$250,000 in new equipment per district, which needs to be submitted on a single application. Eligible expenses include equipment, installation/freight costs, and teacher training directly related to the equipment. All equipment must align with current industry standards and be Perkins eligible.

The application and budget template can be found at: <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/IEG.aspx>

To support you in this process, the Office of Career and Technical Education has scheduled a series of Zoom open office hours throughout May. These sessions are designed for anyone to ask questions, share ideas, and receive guidance to maximize success in their grant applications. Here is the Zoom Link for all the meetings.

Monday May 6th – 4pm Central Time
Monday May 13 – 12pm Central Time
Wednesday May 22 – 2pm Central Time
Wednesday May 29th – 9am Central Time
Monday June 3 – 1pm Central Time

I understand that this timeline may seem daunting, especially during this busy time of year. However, I assure you that this opportunity is too valuable to pass up. Please lean on our office for any support you may need. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to Jamie Boettcher at jamie.boettcher@state.sd.us or myself.

I can't wait to see all the wonderful ideas that come in.



Conference Updates

SDACTE Awards By: Bev Rieck



With the July 1 deadline for submitting applications for the SDACTE award categories, the time is closely coming to an end. These awards are given at our annual conference which is July 28-30 in Rapid City. I know that each division of SDACTE may handle the selection a bit differently. 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--Anne Pankratz
- Health Science--Clayton Gropper
- 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, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

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: <https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/SD/home>. 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 all of the questions and experiences to adequately complete that application. The deadline for those applications is July 1.

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!

Chase the Ace

By: Annika Russell-Manke



During conference, the SDACTE Board of Directors is doing a Chase the Ace fundraiser.

Just like at past conferences, you are able to buy tickets for chances to win throughout the conference with several drawings each day. There will be 54 individual envelopes to choose from if your name is drawn. The envelopes contain a single card or a card and prize. If you get a card and prize you will be able to choose from several different items brought by each division. If you get the Aces of Spades, you will win half of the pot.

SOUTH DAKOTA CTE SUMMER CONFERENCE

JULY 28-30, 2024 - RAPID CITY, SD

SCHEDULE AT GLANCE

SUNDAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	10:30 - 6:30 p.m.	AFNR Meetings	Western Dakota Tech
	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	SDACTE Board Meeting	Western Dakota Tech
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	SDSU CTE Methods Class Gathering – Nicole Graves	Western Dakota Tech
	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	FCCLA New Advisor Training (1-5 years)	Western Dakota Tech
	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Opens and Sign up for Tours Starts	Western Dakota Tech
	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	FCS Banquet	Firehouse Brewery
	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	CTSO Center Kick-off Event	Main Street Square

MONDAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	7:00 a.m.	Registration Re-opens	Western Dakota Tech
	7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	First Time Attendee Orientation	Western Dakota Tech
	8:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Opening Session and Keynote	Western Dakota Tech
	10:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Division Time	Western Dakota Tech
	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Networking Lunch	Western Dakota Tech
	12:45 - 1:15 p.m.	Committee Meetings	Western Dakota Tech
	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	50 minute break outs	Western Dakota Tech
	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Tours or In-depth Session	Western Dakota Tech
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	SDACTE Reception	Ramkota
	6:30 - 9:00 p.m.	SDACTE Banquet	Ramkota

TUESDAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Vendor Show	Western Dakota Tech
	8:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Division Sessions and Workshops	Western Dakota Tech
	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Business Meeting Lunch	Western Dakota Tech
	1:40 - 2:30 p.m. 2:40 - 3:30 p.m.	50 minute breakout sessions – 2 rounds	Western Dakota Tech
	3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Closing Session and Drawings	Western Dakota Tech
	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.	AFNR Division Banquet	Central States Fair

WEDNESDAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	AFNR Division Meeting	