



SDACTE NEWSLETTER

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SDACTE 2.0



SDACTE 2.0 – the version with updates and changes. Seems fitting for 2020: constantly changing. Our new normal is getting used to the fact that there is no normal and we are being tasked with updating, changing, altering, and retrofitting what we have to the new version – or in the very least – the newest, current version.

The annual SDACTE conference at the end of July ranks high on my list of “things I look forward to each year”. Unfortunately, with the one-year SDACTE 2020 postponement, I (along with many of you) will have to wait to collaborate, learn from, share knowledge with, and spend time with the SDACTE family.

While there is no in-person gathering, SDACTE wants to remind its members that there are still many great reasons to celebrate: Scholarship Winners, Stipend Winners, and CTE Award Winners. It is appropriate that recognition is given to those that deserve the pat on the back for their dedication, hard work, and innovation in the field of career and technical education. Thank you! Be sure to check out the remainder of the special edition newsletter for those acknowledgements.

The annual SDACTE conference is also a reminder for members to renew his/her annual membership. Since we are not in person to remind you to pay your dues for the year, please check out the link on the new SDACTE website: www.sdacteonline.org. Membership loyalty and longevity is another one of those special recognitions that typically takes place annually during the awards banquet and we'd hate to lose teachers that have been active, dedicated members in our organization for several years to a forgotten membership renewal due to COVID-19 and cancelled in-person reminders.

As always, the SDACTE board is here to represent you and to serve as leaders in our state, regional, and national organization. Our newly elected Board of Directors will meet in August to prepare for another year of CTE leadership. Each division has equal representation and your voice counts. SDACTE 2.0 will adjust and continue to work thru whatever 2020 continues to throw at us. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and good luck and good health to you

Lenessa Keehn, SDACTE President



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SDACTE Excellence Awards

(these winners will now advance to Region V competition)

Administrator of the Year – Adam Shaw – Madison High School

Serving as principal for the past seven years at Madison Central School

District, Adam's leadership has implemented many programs that incorporated the business community into this public education system.

Partnerships with over 165 businesses gives students the chance to go out in the business field and explore careers that interest them. At the

same time students are provided the opportunity to receive credits through STI, LATI, and DSU. Expanding their CTE programs through grants has given students experiences unique and beneficial to

different career paths. "Mr. Shaw's involvement in the community has been vital in the success of the internships and apprenticeships programs" is a quote from one of his letters of recommendation that

describes the work he has done for this school district.



New Teacher of the Year – Bailey Coats – Doland School District

Bailey has just completed her fourth year at Doland as the ag

education instructor and FFA advisor. She has made conscious efforts to continue her own training and development to ensure up-to-date

instructions for her students. Community support was evident when she worked with a team of individuals to establish an FFA alumni and

supporter chapter and reconstructed an advisory board for her program. The alumni chapter raised over \$90,000 to support ag

education and FFA. Other grants have been received for new equipment, technology, and materials to help support hands-on

learning in her classroom. She has presented sessions numerous times at the annual summer CTE conference and at the ag teacher

winter professional development conference and was selected as a presenter for the national "Germinate" conference held virtually in

2019.

Carl Perkins Community Service Award

Sherry Opbroek – Burke School District

A former student and state FCCLA officer had this comment regarding Mrs.

Opbroek's involvement with community service projects, "She will not do a project for students like you'll see some other teachers or advisors do, but she will provide you with the tools for success and will guide you every step of the way." Her example of personal involvement helps lead the way for many service

projects with FCCLA members' projects that include a "Kiddie Carnival" for this small rural community's annual celebration, picking up trash between sessions

of the local rodeo, OkTOberfest fall celebration with games for all ages, and fundraisers for Laps of Love Cancer group, the local hospital, coin war for a

young boy diagnosed with cancer, and many others. Engaging instruction with Sherry's students is where they use the decision-making process and problem-solving skills to plan and carry out the many community service projects whether

it be a can or recycling project, a kindness fair, or preparing pamphlets to be distributed---just to mention a few.



Lifetime Achievement Award – Cindy Brace – Redfield Public School

Cindy's FACS program is a comprehensive program with four career clusters integrated in her program, consisting of 10 semester classes. An Employability course was developed by the guidance counselor and her for a requirement for all Redfield School's graduates. She was also instrumental to bring the Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) curriculum to fulfill the state's financial education graduation requirement and taught Personal Finance for 11 years. Her 37 years of teaching has seen much involvement in her leadership skills whether it be a past SDATFACS officer, workshop presenter, supervising eight student teachers, and serving as FCCLA advisor to 11 state officers and one national officer, plus advising many students who competed at National FCCLA Leadership Conferences over the years.



Postsecondary Teacher of the Year – Nicole Graves – SDSU

Dr. Graves has been a SDSU faculty member since 2002 and is currently the Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She teaches a variety of undergraduate courses for Agricultural and FACS Education students. She also teaches online FCSE graduate courses for the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA). Her research includes examination of teaching strategies via Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and investigation of teacher preparation, retention, and well-being. She also serves as the advisor of the AAFCS/FCCLA Alumni student organization on campus. Through her involvement with the Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Nicole has played a role in the revision of national FCS secondary standards and recently worked with national FCCLA to develop a one credit graduate course for attendees of the 2020 FCCLA Virtual Leadership Conference.

SDACTE Awards

Friend of CTE – Teens as Teachers Program, South Dakota Youth Foundation, Inc.

The Teens as Teachers program of the South Dakota Youth Foundations is a statewide program. High school students from across the state are recruited to teach younger students in one of two curricula: Healthy YOUth and Character Counts. The Teens as Teachers program also serves to promote teaching and education as a potential career choice. Students obtain actual experience in planning, preparing and presenting lessons. The Healthy YOUth curriculum contributes to physical and mental health which are cornerstones components for Family and Consumer Sciences education. To date 215 teens have been trained as teen teachers and have reached over 16,000 elementary and middle school students with messages of positive character or healthy living habits. Nancy Swanson is the Executive Director and Carol Birgen serves as the Program Leader.

Award of Merit – Debra DeBates – Brookings

Dr. DeBates is a retired professor and continues to work as an adjunct faculty member supervising student teachers in CTE. Currently, Deb serves on the Brookings School Board of Education. She also is involved with a local advocacy group teaching English as a second language to immigrant workers in Brookings and Moody counties and assists these families with the required paper work to seek citizenship in the US. She was involved in the development of a MS degree through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance with five other institutions. Her leadership roles include several office positions in the National Association for Teacher Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences, Family and Consumer Education Association, and National FCCLA Board of Directors. Just recently, she was named as one of the recipients of the National FCCLA Hall of Fame.

Scholarship Winners

The scholarship committee was swamped this year with 67 applications. Unfortunately (or fortunately for the committee) 36 of those were disqualified before group evaluation for incomplete documentation or applications. After thorough evaluation, the committee awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two very dedicated and hardworking students.

Hunter Eide from Gettysburg:

In high school, Hunter was involved in FFA, drama, National Honor Society, sports, band, class officer, 4-H, and Boys State. He states "I am grateful for the opportunity for the hands-on learning in my CTE courses. Career & Technical Education allowed me to experience firsthand and apply concepts taught in math, science, and English, enabling me to enjoy learning and see real-life applications for future career fields. Conducting four years of hands-on research in and through my CTE courses has helped me discover a love of science and the research process and helped me chart my path to pursue biological sciences and a medical field." Hunter will attend SDSU to study Human Biology.



Madeline Weninger from SDSU:

Madeline is working on a double major in Agricultural Education and Spanish and is busy with a variety of student organizations and community service programs including FFA, Teaching Ag, AFA, and SAT. She has completed 2 internships in agronomy agriculture taking tissue samples in corn and soybean fields and researching and presenting her finding on multi-hybrid planting. She also has completed summer internships at BASF and Mycogen Seeds. In her application, Madeline states "I come to understand the true power in problem-solving. I especially learned this skill in my engines course where trying and re trying to put together an engine was frustrating but helped eliminate incorrect options I already tried. I have applied this knowledge of trial and error to other parts of my life including relationships with friends and family. However, the important part for me is the assessment of how you can do better in the future. Reflection is the epitome of positive change, and I try to encompass that in my everyday life."



Our committee would like to thank you for your continued support of the scholarship fundraisers so that we might aid our rising stars in the postsecondary journey. Scholarship committee members include:

Alyssa Krogstrand, Administration
Laureen Mehlert- T & I /Tech Ed
Shane Gross, AG
Connie Whistler, Business/Mktg/IT
Cindy Brace, FACS
Suzy Ries, Chair

Years of Membership

The SDACTE Board of Directors wishes to recognize those individuals who have been loyal to our organization for 5-plus years. This year a total of 42 people received that distinction. Tokens of the Board's appreciation will be sent to these members. If you feel your name has been missed, please contact Dodie Bemis (bemisd@lakeareatech.edu) to rectify this oversight.

45 Years

Deb DeBates- FACS

40 Years

Suzanne Skinner- FACS
Deb VanHove- FACS

35 Years

Coleen Keffeler- Admin

30 Years

Jeff Schlepp- T & I/Tech Ed

25 Years

Dodie Bemis- Admin
Mary Lease- FACS
Laura Quail- BMIT
Dave VanderWal- AAE

20 Years

Sherrie Kafka- BMIT
Tracy Tucker- FACS

15 Years

Kim Bellum- Admin
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Julie Mueller- AAE
Deb Reynolds- BMIT
Annika Russell Manke- BMIT
Sarah VanDerVliet- AAE
Troy White- AAE

10 Years

Alysha Baus- FACS
Jim Hartwell- T & I/Tech Ed
Dani Herring- AAE
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Brad Nupen- T & I/Tech Ed
Evan Papousek- AAE
Leatha Roland- FACS
Karen Roudabush- AAE
Jackie Von Eye- T & I/Tech Ed

5 Years

Marjorie Blare- Health
Andrea Diehm- Admin
Stephanie Gelderman- FACS
Jane Gubrud- Admin
La Kisha Jordan- FACS
Hilary McNamara- FACS
Laureen Mehlert- T & I/Tech Ed
Cyle Miller- T & I/Tech Ed
Frankie Nelson- FACS
Tiffany Newman- FACS
Amber Rost- FACS
Kim Roth- BMIT
Andy Schmahl- AAE
Jed Schoenfelder- T & I/Tech Ed
Eric Schramm- T & I/Tech Ed

Innovative Program

Past President Josh Christiansen congratulates Brookings Business/Technology instructor Dan Berg on his award-winning apprenticeship program as the Region V Innovative Program from South Dakota. Others in the picture include Brookings High School Principal Paul Von Fischer and CTE Director Joline Dunbar. Brookings High School, in partnership with the Brookings Manufacturing Consortium (Daktronics, Falcon Plastics, Larson Manufacturing, and Counterpart, Inc.), developed the first registered apprenticeship program in SD specifically for 16 and 17 year olds. The Brookings Production Technologist Registered Apprenticeship launched in the fall of 2018 with ten juniors and seniors filling positions such as machine operation, machine programming, technical assembly, and engineering. Student interest is high.



The program has only been marketed to students in Mr. Berg's Robotics class. In just two application cycles, over fifty applications have been submitted. As seniors graduate out of the program, more students continue to be hired. There are currently nine active apprentices registered with the U. S. Department of Labor. The apprenticeship program allows Brookings High School students the opportunity to explore manufacturing careers while earning a paycheck. Students complete an application, tour the businesses, and participate in real interviews with HR representatives from each company. Not only do high school students learn soft skills, they are given the chance to explore a career, all while earning high school credit, post-secondary credit, and apprenticeship credit. This model is similar to a new SD Department of Labor initiative. The Registered Apprenticeship Pathways Partnership's goal is to build high quality youth apprenticeship programs between secondary, post-secondary, and industry. Berg's program was one of five innovative programs recognized by the Region V Leadership Conference. The other programs were from Arizona, Montana, North Dakota, and Washington. Previous South Dakota winners include Deb Kraft, Mobridge-Pollack; Laureen Mehlert, Sioux Falls CTE Academy; Bret Johnson (Yankton); and Cyle Miller (Sturgis-Brown)

SDACTE Helps Its Own

South Dakota ACTE is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Professional Development Stipend.

Lori Christensen is pursuing credentials necessary to add the Health Science CTE cluster credential to her teaching certificate. A seventeen-year member of SDACTE, Lori teaches in the Madison School District.

Mollie Andrews has been a member of SDACTE for two years and teaches in the Burke and Gregory School Districts. She is completing the coursework necessary to obtain the credentials to earn her CTE teaching certificate.

Congratulations Lori and Mollie!

2020 Achieve 100 Winners Recognized

ACTE congratulates 77 schools and institutions for their 100 percent staff participation in CTE. This Award recognizes schools that offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Of those 77 nationwide, 17 were from South Dakota.

These include **Baltic, Canton, Colman-Egan, Flandreau, Gettysburg, Highmore, Hitchcock-Tulare, Hoven, Lead-Deadwood, Lemmon, Lyman, Madison Central, McIntosh, Menno, Miller, Parker, Philip, SDSU, and DCTE.**



These schools appeared in the April publication of Techniques, and normally would have been recognized at the Awards Banquet Monday night at summer conference. Your Board of Directors wishes to offer their congratulations as well to these deserving schools. Our goal is to heighten the public awareness of CTE and the professionalism of our schools and educators.

Let SDACTE Help Pay Your Way

Stipends: Let SDACTE help pay your way. It's almost the end of summer and all of our schools will soon be in full swing. It's also the time when we start to really think about ACTE VISION 2020 in Nashville December 2-5. Attending this conference is a great way to gain professional development and network with other teachers from across the United States. There are more than 300 breakout sessions on everything from secondary & post-secondary programming to career clusters to grants and funding. If you are looking for some resources and information on what's up and coming in CTE, then VISION 2020 is for you. SDACTE Board of Directors know that you may need some help funding the trip to VISION so we offer three \$500 stipends to members who are attending VISION. All you have to do is fill out an application and submit it to Josh Christiansen by Sept 30th. Then his committee will go through them and choose 3 members. We also provide stipends to the National Policy Committee and Region V Leadership Conference. Let SDACTE help you attend VISION, NPS, and/or Region V!!! To find the application, simply go to

<https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/professional-development/#toggle-id-5>

This is the new website under ACTE

Reminder!

SDACTE & Division Dues will be lapsing at the end of August for many members. Don't forget to renew your membership!
<https://sdacte.regfox.com/south-dakota-sdacte-dues-registration>



DCTE Adapting in Uncertain Time

The SD Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education is adapting with the uncertainties of our current world. Keeping “flexibility” the theme as we strive to support teachers in the field. Nearly 400 educators will be participating in the 2020 Virtual CTE conference August 3-5th. DCTE will be streaming 45 pick- and-choose sessions aimed to recharge, renew, and refresh everyone as they head back to the classrooms. If you still want to check out the conference you can go

to: <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/2020-conference/index.aspx>
Archived sessions will be available until August 28th.

Thinking about back to school? Don't forget we are mid-way thru a major shift in career and technical education. The LEA/ consortium work will continue in accordance with the Perkins V State Plan. We find ourselves continually thankful for the slower, 2-year rollout of this plan. The homework that you all put in last year has put us in a position to able to efficiently finish the process, while providing tailored support to each district/ consortium, and minimizing your time out of the school building. The majority of the support through this process comes directly from your CTE administrators that are supported by the regional specialists. You can expect contact from your leaders regarding your local duties and dates early in the school year. Trainings for the data analysis work will be occurring in October. Followed by the Improve 2021 meetings in January, where we will be turning the final corner at finishing the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessments and making plans for transformative change in your CTE programs. You can expect these trainings to be held via zoom and this work to guide you for the next few years.

We recognize that the school year ended in a flurry and is starting with so many unknowns. All of the DCTE staff is here to support your schools. Please reach out and let us know if you have problems or to share your great ideas. We are excited to learn the solutions you find to deal with the significant challenges of hands-on classes and work -based learning. As a reminder this document was created to house flex-learning resources for each career cluster and is continually updated as new resources are shared.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CqCLVKXRTjIbbQyEiMXHte835aAcj_-ZbE4ObnH2Uos/edit

Best wishes for a great year,

Amy Miller Assistant Director, Career and Technical Education

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