

SDACTE Newsletter



Lori Christensen
SDACTE President

SDACTE Celebrates 50 Years

By: Lenessa Keehn, Past-President

For fifty years, SDACTE has been providing leadership and assistance to educators in developing a prepared and competitive workforce. To get a better idea of how SDACTE got its roots to grow, Myron Sonne, a 43 veteran CTE/Ag Edu instructor was called upon for information.

In the beginning, forward-thinking Vocational Education Instructors Larry Venner, an Ag Educator from Wessington Springs and later Pierre High School, and Ike Olson, perhaps the Director of Vocational Education in Pierre, got together to activate the state organization as a part of the American Vocational Association, or AVA for short. Divisions included Home Economics, Agriculture, and Industrial Arts. Mr. Venner, Mr. Olson, and other like-minded influential Vocational Educators determined there was power in numbers: the broader the base of similar educators, the more respect and ability there would be when trying to make positive educational change through governing boards and politicians. By 1998, the AVA transformed into what we know ACTE to be today, encompassing a wide variety of divisions to support educators and rigorous programs for today's youth to be competitive in our ever-changing economy and workplace.

Before becoming a member of SDAVA (SDACTE), Sonne was a member of an organization for Agriculture Educators. He spent three years teaching at Letcher High School and 40 years at Mitchell Area Vocational Technical School/Mitchell Technical College (with some other names in between). When SDAVA was first organized, the biggest concern was the idea of dues, membership, and the registration cost of a yearly conference. At the time, it was hard to understand the benefit of Unified Dues. However, some of his favorite memories of being a life-long member of professional organizations include the socials, fundraising, and the awards banquets.

This year does mark the 50-year anniversary and the board of directors is hopeful that this year's conference will be informative and engaging. A great social is planned for Sunday evening as a kick-off to two packed days of professional development. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, learning, and sharing. As 55-year member Sonne says, "Why stop now?"

Hope to see you at the SDACTE Conference for our 50th Anniversary!



ACTE Educators Focus on Student Success

April 6-9, over 160 ACTE members from across 13 different states met in Rapid City to participate in the Region V ACTE Leadership Conference held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Participants were able to participate in general sessions, leadership development sessions, round tables, breakout sessions and tours to share and collect best practice ideas and network. The focus for this year's conference was "Portraits of Success," acknowledging successes and opportunities within today's emerging technologies and career paths for learners. Participants had the opportunity to learn about various CTE areas local to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Tours included Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills Pioneer, Deadwood Hospitality & Tourism, Western Dakota Technical College's Law Enforcement and Health Services program, C-Lock Inc. and RPM Industries. After their tours they were treated to a unique South Dakota restaurant for dinner. Friday's agenda included a large variety of breakout sessions for participants and the evening Region V ACTE awards banquet was held at Crazy Horse with a traditional Native American drum and dance experience and dinner. Saturday morning each state in the region had the opportunity to participate in a Best Practices in CTE Networking exchange with 12 of the states participating. Amongst all of these exciting and educational opportunities, registrants were also able to visit with nearly 20 exhibitors in all areas of CTE. Finally, each of the general sessions featured a local speaker ranging from the President & CEO of Elevate Rapid City to Ray Hespen, the CEO & co-founder of Property Meld. If you are interested in attending in 2023, be sure to mark your calendar! It will be held in Fargo, ND April 12-15.
-Bobbie Jo Donovan, SDACTE President-elect



A special thanks to the Region V ACTE Leadership Conference Planning Committee for putting on a robust and excellent conference. Members included (from top to bottom) Cyle Miller, Tracy Kern, Mark Branger, Dodie Bemis, Tere Froelich; (middle) Annika Russell Manke and Deb Reynolds; (front) Bobbie Jo Donovan and Colleen Keffeler.
Not pictured: Lanessa Keene, Ron Umehira

ACTE Region V Conference Review

Attending the ACTE Region V conference seemed like a great opportunity to hear new techniques in CTE education from across Region V. With so many people across so many states living in Region V and the relative ease of attending the conference being hosted in South Dakota, it was something I could not pass up. After attending the conference, I can attest that it was well worth the time.

There were numerous ideas presented that were interesting and will be helpful to me. Early in the conference, I attended a tour of the Western Dakota Tech's program in Law & Public safety. This included a lot of content in the health careers. I was impressed with the scope of their program and the various money saving and practical ideas they had including making contacts with local practitioners. Similarly, the work-based learning simplified presentation by Lori Christensen gave me further hints on how to make contacts and let the business/organization use their own experience to help dictate the curriculum the students will follow as they complete their on-the-job training.



Stipend Recipient- SDACTE President Lori Christensen poses with Region V Leadership Conference stipend recipient Steven Buchy who teaches at McIntosh. Steven had a very positive experience.

I also attended a talk on behavior management. The "Add Some 'Tools' in Your Behavior Management Tool Box" by Katie-Jo Ramirez & Kari Van Zee was very helpful in offering some new ideas. The idea of the treasure chest for good behavior and other accomplishments could be very effective with my students I think. The Best Practices in CTE Networking Exchange was perhaps the best opportunity to learn ideas from other programs across Region V. I got some great ideas on how to individualize content for programming and even some ideas to incorporate 3-D animation with the programming thanks to Tony Sharpe from Washington. Alyssa from Hawaii talked about a program to cultivate seaweed at their school. This developed into a successful commercial enterprise. Not only did students get a chance to assist in running a program that was very successful from a business perspective, but they were able to connect with a part of their own culture as Native Hawaiians. This kind of culturally connected business enterprise seems relevant in South Dakota in terms of preserving Lakota and other cultures that make up the people of this state and could serve as inspiration for programs here. Aside from the great presentations and networking exchanges, there were some great speeches from the likes of V.J. Smith, Tom Johnson, Ray Hespen & Beth Buckwalter. They offered varied perspectives on success in teaching, inspiring, and achieving in education, CTE and CTE-related fields. There was excellent food provided including breakfast, lunch and dinner. These meals not only served to keep us fed but also served to give us a chance to chat and get to know fellow CTE teachers from across the country. This allowed us to be able to trade ideas and just relate to each other's experience of being a CTE teacher. A highlight would have to be the evening of the awards ceremony after going out to the Crazy Horse Monument and getting to watch some traditional Lakota dances. Star Chief Eagle did a great job as emcee and one of the main dancers as did the other performers. Also, congratulations to the award winners in Region V. All and all, I have to say I learned a lot of great ideas from this conference and I really had a fun time. I would encourage anyone to attend a regional conference in the future if at all possible. It is a great opportunity and a great experience.

SDAAE DIVISION

Summer is on the horizon and for us aggies that means summer FFA camp, SAE visits, livestock shows, and a little vacation time in between.

We just had another successful State FFA Convention. The weather, depending where you were in the state, was cooler, while those on the western side of the state had to battle a blizzard to make it, or they had watch parties from home. That's the beautiful thing about us agriculture teachers –we are flexible and give our students the best experiences that we can. Congratulations to everyone this year. South Dakota will be well represented this fall at the 2022 National FFA Convention. Congratulations to Ms. Dani Herring as she wrapped up her last FFA Convention with us and moves on to a new chapter in her book. We will miss you!

Summer doesn't just bring us our SDACTE conference, but also NAAE Region III, which is hosted by Nebraska. Region III conference will take place in Ord, and they have a great looking few days planned for us.

I hope you all have a great end of the school year, and wonderful summer. See you all at Summer Conference and enjoy some rest and relaxation!

-Andy Jensen, SDAAE President

FCS Division

Greetings! As the school year winds down and you begin making your plans for the summer, we hope that you'll put attending the summer ACTE conference on your list! Your division officers and the ACTE board have been busy putting together a fabulous meeting, and we can't wait to share with you everything we have planned. On division day, you'll have the opportunity to network with numerous organizations through SD Health Connect. This networking session will provide you with resources for your classroom and for your CTSOs, such as partners for FCCLA STAR events, and we are excited for you to learn more about this organization. Be sure to make plans to attend the division banquet at Cherry Creek Grille also as this will be a wonderful time to catch up with each other and recognize the efforts of our division members. Best wishes on the end of the school year! We look forward to seeing you in a few short months!

Stephanie Gelderman, FCS Division President

Admin Division

It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of another school year, yet here we are. The fun doesn't stop here though! SDACTE Summer Conference will be here before we know it and I, for one, am quite excited to connect with many of you again and meet others for the first time. Summer conference is an incredible opportunity to network with like-minded CTE educators throughout our great state and soak up some high-quality professional development at the same time. The Admin Division has a great lineup of presentations planned, including a thorough review of common reasons grant applications are approved or denied and what to consider as you're planning, learning effective and efficient ways to market CTE within your schools, with parents, and within your community, a tour of the CTE Academy, and more!

Register today: <https://SDACTE.regfox.com/2022-sd-cte-summer-conference>

Thank you for all you do for students throughout South Dakota!

Fawn, Administration Division President

Greetings from the T and I Division!

Hard to believe school is about finished for the 2022 school year. That means the summer ACTE conference is coming up fast and everyone looking forward to networking with members from all divisions. I have picked up a great guest speaker for the conference. His name is Steven Haag from Denver University. I'm thinking all divisions should see one of his presentations. He is a former faculty director for entrepreneurship for the Daniels College of Business Office of Entrepreneurship and former chair of the department of information technology and electronic commerce.

Consider this a last call for presenters and this is a time to toot your horn in what you are doing at your school! Everyone can be a presenter!

This year at SDACTE we will have Chase the Ace Fundraiser:
1 ticket for \$2
3 tickets for \$5.
7 tickets for \$10
15 tickets for \$20

There will be 54 card individual envelopes- Some envelopes will have a card and a cash prize, as some will just have the card. You will be looking for the Ace of Spades to win half of the pot. Drawings will happen throughout the conference, starting on Sunday night. We will have a winner! You need to be present to win! During the closing ceremony we will draw until we get a winner, if one is not picked during the conference!

50 YEARS OF SDACTE- Time to celebrate!!!

CTE Conference Registration is now open:
<https://SDACTE.regfox.com/2022-sd-cte-summer-conference>
<<https://sdacte.regfox.com/2022-sd-cte-summer-conference>>

Information on Lodging:

The Ramkota has guaranteed the special rate of \$109.99 for a standard queen/queen or king room. Please call the hotel direct at 605-336-0650 to obtain the group rate.

Hope to see everyone at the SDACTE conference in Sioux Falls!!

-Bryce Holter, T & I/Tech Ed President

SDACTE Summer Conference Fundraisers

This year the SDACTE Board of Directors have decided to change up the fundraisers at conference this summer.

The first fundraiser will be Chase the Ace. This will start on Sunday night at the kick-off event. You will be able to buy tickets for chances to win. There will be 54 individual envelopes with some having a card along with cash prize while others will just have a card. If you get the Aces of Spades, you will win half of the pot.

The second fundraiser will be Casino Night after the awards banquet. You will be able to play several different card games with a chance to win prizes. There will also be other activities to spend time networking and catching up with friends.

Update on the CTE Standards.

Amy Miller, SD DOE

A brand new set of CTE Standards were just approved at the May 6th Board of Education Standards meeting after a series of public hearings this past year. Thank you to everyone that invested their time and talents to bring these standards current with our state's workforce and educational needs. The newest version of these standards will be posted soon. Here are the highlights of the changes.

Ag, Food, and Natural Resources

- A common set of Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE) standards were added to the standards of almost every AFNR course.
- A new SAE course was proposed and developed, for students that complete a Supervised Agriculture Experience outside of classroom time.
- A set of safety standards covering the proper use of equipment and tools was added to the standards of almost every AFNR course.
- Changes were proposed to the AFNR Environmental Science course, including retitling the course to Issues in Environmental Science to distinguish it from its science counterpart.
- Changed Advanced Horticulture to Horticulture Operations to better reflect the range of horticulture areas represented in the course.

Arts and A/V

- The importance of universal design and ADA compliance in many areas related to media, graphics, and beyond.
- The importance of employability and industry skills.
- Legalities around the design industries including laws and legal concepts that industry members would need to know.
- Updated terminology and increased industry connections.
- Standards for Interior Design I and Interior Design II were adjusted to distinguish between the two levels and to add universal design and sustainable practices.
- The course title Visual Communications was changed to Visual Media Design to better distinguish it from a course with a similar title in fine arts.
- The pathways were streamlined to just three pathways that best suit the industry needs and interests of students in South Dakota. The three new pathways are: A/V Technology & Film, Journalism and Broadcasting, Visual Arts

Finance

- Change Advanced Accounting to Accounting II
- Change Specialized Accounting to Advanced Accounting
- Change Banking Services to Principles of Banking
- Change Introduction to Financial Services to Introduction to Financial Industries
- Change Risk Management and Insurance to Principles of Insurance

Health Science

- Change Health Science Careers I to Health Science Careers I: Exploration
- Change Health Science Careers II to Health Science Careers II: Engagement
- Change Certified Nursing Assistant to Gateway to Certified Nursing Assistant to emphasis that students will have addition steps beyond completion of this course to receive a CLNA licensed.
- Change Pharmacy Technician to Introduction to Pharmacy Technician - this course is an introductory-level course for this pathway so the course title will clarify the scope of the course content.

Human Services

- Fundamental Food Concepts (16052) was added to the Family & Community Services/Mental Health Services Pathway in order to address content knowledge needed in the field.
- Course title Consumer Affairs was changed to Consumer Resources and Management. The course was updated to reflect more current themes, industry expectations, and career opportunities related to supporting consumer issues in Human Services areas.
- Course title Relationships across the Lifespan was changed to Lifespan Connections to better reflect the updated standards and purpose of this course.

The next round of standards revisions will begin in June. This year Business Management and Administration, Marketing, Transportation, Hospitality and Tourism, and Capstone will be up for review. The revision team members have already been selected but we invite everyone to leave their feedback and suggestions for changes via these surveys.

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Lodging at Summer Conference



The SDACTE Board of Directors has reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western PLUS Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center for the summer conference in Sioux Falls. Many of Sunday's activities and Monday night awards banquets will take place at the Ramkota. Monday's and Tuesday's daytime activities will take place on the campus of Southeast Tech. The Ramkota has guaranteed a special rate of \$109.99 for a standard queen/queen or king room. Please have the attendees call the hotel direct at 605-336-0650 to obtain the group rate. All reservations must be received by Monday, June 20, 2022. 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.

Health Division Updates

It is that time of the year again and we are all wrapping things up in our classrooms. We hope that this school year has been good to you. If you are looking to network with other health science professionals, then you should attend the SDACTE Conference this summer. This year's conference is going to have wonderful kickoff event at The Great Bear Recreation Park. This would be a great time to have fun and get to know other professionals in your field. We will have speakers from NCHSE and other organizations across the state. We are looking to listen to your ideas about what could make this health science division great. We want this division to be a resource to you and other health science professionals across South Dakota. Best wishes, as you wrap up this year. If you have questions, please email me at Elizabeth.wookey@k12.sd.us. If you want to be part of SDACTE but cannot make the conference, please email me.

Elizabeth Wookey, Health Division President

STC welcomes you to summer conference

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of SDACTE! Southeast Tech is proud to host the SDACTE conference in July, 2022. We look forward to meeting technical educators from across South Dakota. Technical educators are vital to preparing the workforce of the future. At STC, our vision is educational excellence for tomorrow's workforce. The SDACTE organization provides valuable resources and networking opportunities that help make the STC vision possible. Thank you for all the hard work for students and your profession. We look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls in July.



Bob Griggs, President
Southeast Technical College

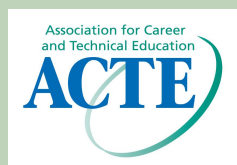


Innovative Program- SDACTE President Lori Christensen congratulates Rapid City Central FACS instructor Wendy Conrad on her award-winning Academy of Human Services & Education; Education as a Profession Pathway program. Region V Awards Chair Craig Statucki presented the plaque to Conrad. Her program was one of five innovative programs recognized at the Region V Leadership Conference in Rapid City. The other programs were from Arizona, Montana, Nevada, and Washington. This award recognizes career and technical education programs in Region V that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education. Previous South Dakota winners include Deb Kraft, Mobridge-Pollack; Laureen Mehlert, Sioux Falls CTE Academy; Bret Johnson, Yankton; Cyle Miller, Sturgis-Brown; Dan Berg, Brookings; and Deb Rombough, Harrisburg.

BMIT Division

We are extremely excited to have you fellow Business, Marketing, and Information Technology teachers join us for summer conference in Sioux Falls. We have a lot of fun exciting tours and presenters joining us this summer. We have presentations ranging from personal finance to starting coding in your classroom. We also have an exciting social event in the works for the Sunday of conference week. I'm excited to reconnect with you all in less than 2 months and share in our love of all things BMIT!

Ryan Kroger, BMIT President



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