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SDACTE Newsletter



Summer 2021

With Thanksgiving behind us, ACTE Virtual CareerTech VISION right in front of us, and at least a quarter of the school year complete, we can finally start looking ahead! That's right - with clear goggles on, the SDACTE is looking to July 2021 and Summer Conference.

Kent Julian is booked! He will share his expertise in creating a Dream-to-Do work culture as well as offer insights into leadership, employee/student engagement, and the multi-generational workforce. We are excited to have him be our featured keynote speaker for Summer 2021.

Watertown and Lake Area Technical College will be our hosts for the conference with several industry tours available. As you have requested, our goal is to provide a well-rounded, engaging conference. So, if an industry tour isn't on your radar, an in-depth session may be. The board of directors' plan to have a variety of breakout sessions, potentially offer round-table discussions and provide industry tours or in-depth sessions to meet the needs of your professional development taste.

Be on the lookout for a call for presenters. We need professionals like you to share best practices, projects, activities, CTSO guides, and strategies for a successful classroom. No idea is too big or too small for the likes of SDACTE and professional development!

As we prepare and plan through this school year, reach out to your division president to offer what new ideas you'd really like to see and what traditions you'd like to keep. We are also looking for volunteers to help with social activities - feel free to contact myself, any of the board members, or your division president. It is never too early or too late to step in and lend a hand. It is a great way to get involved! SDACTE's goal is to meet safely in person but to also offer both virtual and hybrid opportunities for those that are not able to be with us in person. Put us on the calendar for July 25-28, 2021 and we will see you in Watertown!

Lenessa Keehn, SDACTE President



Saturday's with SDACTE - FAQ Videos

One of the strategic planning steps for our Board of Directors this year is active engagement of our members. This is normally fulfilled through a lively summer conference. However, due to COVID, and the cancellation of the 2020 conference, we felt we needed to fill in some of the gaps normally covered with summer conference, specifically for new or potential members. This is how the creation of the 15-20 minute podcast-like FAQ videos were created. Approximately every other month, various members of the board and association get together to discuss a topic of importance to members. In the first video we discussed our cooperation with the state Department of Career and Technical Education, November brought the topic of what to expect from the national conference VISION, and January we are looking to the topic of our Awards and Scholarship programs. The purpose is to serve the members with useful content, so if there is a topic you would like to see discussed, please let a board member know. The videos are emailed out after we record them, and they are also housed on the Association website

[<http://www.sdacteonline.org><<http://www.sdacteonline.org>]www.sdacteonline.org<<http://www.sdacteonline.org>> .

Follow the About Us tab, and scroll to the bottom to find the FAQ menu. We hope that you find these videos helpful.

Lori Christensen, SDACTE President-Elect

SD_CARES Application

The Executive Team felt SDACTE meets the qualifications of the SD_CARES_SmallNonProfitCOVID grant and asked Dodie to complete the application. There was 40 million dollars available to help non-profit businesses and the notification of those awards is expected sometime in December. Not hosting a summer conference really took a toll on SDACTE finances. In addition, several members chose not to renew. Consequently, revenue has decreased by over \$25,000. The Board hopes to hear from the Small Business Grants by the end of the year. In the meantime, the Board continues to keep a close eye on SDACTE's tight financial situation.

Dodie Bemis, SDACTE Executive Director

Membership Renewal

Why are you a member of SDACTE? For me, there are several reasons; not the least of which are the excellent networking opportunities and professional development provided by our organization. There are a plethora of reasons to belong to the SD Association of Career and Technical Education. We, as members, know this well through experience. It is important that you maintain your membership in order to continue to receive those benefits.

Nearly half of our 2019-20 members have not yet renewed their membership for 2020-21! This includes 9 from the Administration Division, 29 from the Ag Division, 19 from the BMIT Division, 36 from the FACS Division, and 38 from the T & I/Tech Ed Division.

In order to continue to provide all the membership opportunities to our members, it is important to the organization that all members renew and that we work to encourage new memberships as well. To all of you who have already renewed; THANK YOU! But don't stop there. You can help SDACTE by recruiting new members and especially by encouraging other members to renew.

To those of you who have not yet renewed your SDACTE membership; please do so soon. If your membership has lapsed, your liability coverage has also lapsed. You may not be receiving all the benefits that our members receive.

You can renew your membership by scanning this QR code or by visiting our updated website at sdacteonline.org. I look forward to watching the membership registrations start flowing in!

Josh Christiansen, Past President



WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF

SDACTE?

NETWORKING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Online or in-person, ACTE's events provide a high-quality professional development and a network of CTE professionals.

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS



To advocate, analyze and inform policymakers, members and the public about the impact of proposed legislation and funding decisions towards education.

CTE NEWS, RESEARCH, & UPDATES



Stay informed with electronic publications.

MEMBER BENEFITS



Member-only discounts to all ACTE events and on CTE publications and products

CAREER RESOURCES



Online job bank helps find new and exciting career opportunities.

Visit [www.https://www.acteonline.org/](https://www.acteonline.org/) or contact Dodie Bemis at BEMISD@lakeareatech.edu for more information.

Greetings from ACTE Region V!

On November 19, 2020, Region V held it's annual ACTE Region V Business Meeting on Zoom. This meeting usually takes place during our annual Vision conference, but because of COVID, was done on Zoom instead. If you were unable to attend, here are some highlights from the business meeting -

#1. Region V 2020 Virtual Conference was held on October 29, 2020. The Nevada state association helped navigate the virtual conference. The Nevada state association reported that 253 people attended this meeting.

#2. Region V 2021 Conference scheduled for April 14-17 in Nevada will no longer be live but will be in virtual format. Ken Shelton and Garry Brooks are the two keynote speakers. Other items on the agenda include social networking, auction, and panel discussions, with the possibility of CTSO sessions for students on Saturday. The price structure is: Early by April 1: Members \$199; Nonmember \$299; Nevada \$149; Students (Saturday only) \$89; Late: Members \$300; Non members \$400; Students (Saturday only) \$99.

#3. Mark your calendar for the 2022 Region V Conference (April 6-9) in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the 2023 Region V Conference (April 12-15) in Fargo, North Dakota. To date, these conferences will be live and in person.

#4. If you received a Region V Leadership Conference stipend for the 2020 conference and were not able to use it, no need to worry. You may use this stipend money towards the 2022 conference that will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

#5. Of the 16 states in Region V, 11 of the states received the Quality Association State for the 2020 year.

Tracy Kern, Policy Committee Member

Mark Your Calendar and Spread the Word....

Make sure to mark your calendar and spread the word about the opportunity for your students to awarded one of two \$1000 scholarships (if funds are available) to be given in April of 2021. Applicants can be either high school seniors or current post-secondary students. The new application will be online (on the SDACTE website) in January and has been streamlined and adapted to an online format.

A reminder that of the 66 applications we received last year, 36 were disqualified for missing information or documentation. Attention to detail is the key.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please fee free to contact me at suzy.ries@k12.sd.us.

Thanks and happy holidays!

Suzy Ries, Scholarship Committee Chair

A Tribute to Mr. Gerald Gramm



Gerald Gramm, 72, died at Avera St. Benedict Hospital in Parkston on October 20, 2020. Gerald graduated from Menno High School and received his bachelor's degree in Education and Coaching from Black Hills State University. He started his teaching career in Alpena in 1970 where he taught business education and coached basketball. Gerald also taught and coached in White Lake and Avon. In 1989, he moved to Parkston where he taught and coached basketball until 2004.

I met Gerald at a curriculum "crosswalk" workshop in the Fall of 1999. As a new business education teacher, I was overwhelmed with all the curriculum and standards that we were working with. Gerald was so positive and helpful at that workshop. He was so patient and easy-going, that I ended up enjoying reworking the business education standards. Over the next few years, I was lucky to get to work with Gerald in the revamping of the business education standards.

At my very first SDACTE Conference, Gerald was one of the five teachers in the BMIT division. He always made sure our division had some type of social gathering.

We had so much fun! I became the advisor of the Madison Future Business Leaders (FBLA) chapter in 2000, and no surprise, Gerald was an important part of the SD FBLA as a seasoned advisor willing to give advice. Over the years, there have been many memorable FBLA conferences, with so many Gerald stories! Gerald was a very important influence in my teaching and FBLA advising. He was an inspiration and a valued mentor.

Gerald retired from teaching in 2004. He came out of retirement to work for the State of South Dakota's Department of Education. Gerald took leadership for all business management and administration, finance, information technology and marketing education programs. He also stayed active with South Dakota's FBLA. Gerald helped at State FBLA Conferences with whatever was needed. He also served on the State FBLA Board of Directors. While being honored by Governor Daugaard in 2012, Gerald stated that the most rewarding thing about working in education was helping students build a foundation for the future. I hope he knew that it wasn't only students that he helped, but also many fellow teachers.

You will be missed Mr. Gramm!

Condolences can be sent to Gerald's wife, Eva Gramm, at PO BOX 164 Parkston, SD, 57366.

Kristie Olson, Business Education Division President



Happy Holidays FACS Folks, I hope this finds you and your family refreshed from your Thanksgiving break and staying healthy! As we get ready to say goodbye to 2020, the SDATFACS Executive council will be starting to think about and plan for the 2021 summer conference. Due to the fact we did not get to have a conference last year, and because of all the changes in education due to the COVID Pandemic, we are EXTRA interested in what you would like to learn about or experience at next year's conference. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or anyone on the council. We gladly welcome any and all ideas! Also, keep a lookout for the newly updated SDATFACS website which will be linked to the new SDACTE website at <https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/> I have started working on the updates and am hoping to have it fully operational starting with the new year. Lastly, you may have noticed our awesome new SDATFACS logo above this entry. As a member, if you would like to add this logo to your email, letterhead or etc. please let me or any of the officers know and we can share it with you. It is available in color, black/white and many different file types, depending on the need. This logo belongs to all members and I encourage everyone to use it often to identify yourself to others as a member of this strong and unified organization.

Blessings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and yours!!

Wendy Conrad ~ SDATFACS President

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION

Every year, schools bring on new CTE teachers to join the school staff. As many of us know, being a new teacher is never easy. With the added responsibilities of CTE teachers, it is even more difficult.

The goal of the SDACTE Rookie of the Year award is to recognize the work put in by these new CTE teachers and support them as they need. We plan to award at least one Rockstar Rookie with a gift. Any NEW CTE teacher can (and should) be nominated by an existing teacher. Nominations can include first year teachers in CTE or experienced teachers who are new to CTE in 2021.

You can find the nomination form at this link
<https://tinyurl.com/y4pvanah>
or by scanning the QR code below.

Josh Christiansen, SDACTE Past President



RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY- ACTE

Region V Vice President Mark Branger (far right) congratulates SDACTE President Lenessa Keehn, Past President Josh Christiansen, and Executive Director Dodie Bemis on South Dakota receiving the Quality Association Award. This award signifies the level of service that SDACTE delivers to its members, as well as the way in which the Board of Directors advocates for career and technical education in our state. This is the 20th year that SDACTE has been recognized. ACTE recognized 26 state organizations, and 11 of the 26 were from Region V!



Promoting Achieve 100

The SDACTE Board of Directors is once again promoting the ACTE Achieve 100 Award. This Award recognizes schools that offer a minimum of 2 CTE courses whose instructors belong to SDACTE/ACTE. Five years ago six schools and the state office received this distinction. Each year we continue to increase in numbers, and this year we had a total of 17 schools that qualified. We feel there are probably more schools in South Dakota who would qualify to receive this award and we want them to receive this recognition on both the national and state level. We want to heighten the public awareness of the professionalism of your respective schools.

If you think your school might be qualified, contact Dodie Bemis. She needs the names of the instructors for each of your CTE programs. She also needs the school's physical address and phone number. This needs to be done no later than the end of the day Friday, January 15th. Dodie will then get the application completed and submitted to the national office by the January 20th deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Dodie: bemisd@lakeareatech.edu or 605-881-4746

Once again, your Board of Directors wants to recognize those schools that have 100% of their CTE staff belonging to their professional organization (SDACTE/ACTE).



Where is the state staff?

In this highly unusual year you may find yourself relieved that you haven't had to be gone from school for attending meetings, overwhelmed and wanting assistance, or ready to move forward toward the future. Your [DCTE regional specialists](#) are trying to be respectful of your limited time but are just a phone call or email away. Please reach out to your contact for anything you need.

Be watching your email for webinars conducted by the DCTE. These will also be recorded and posted on our website if you need to watch them at a more convenient time. Thank you to the CTSO panel in last week's webinar. This team of rock star advisors discussed how they were finding ways to keep their chapters engaged and thriving during this year with all the limitations.

The competitive CTE grants will be coming out soon. Perkins Reserve and Workforce Education grants will both be awarded this spring. Your regional specialist would be happy to collaborate with you on ideas, which grant program is more appropriate, and tips for writing a proposal.

On behalf of the entire DCTE team, I would like to wish you all a very happy holidays. We hope that you enjoy your very deserved break and spend it with those that matter most in your life.

Amy Miller
DCTE Assistant Director



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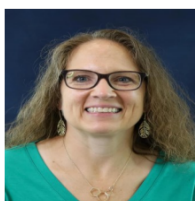
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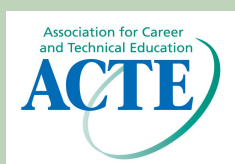
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