

SDACTE NEWSLETTER

May 2020



The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has flipped many of our worlds upside-down. While students and teachers are adjusting to remote-learning and families are adjusting to social-distancing norms, businesses and organizations are regrouping and rethinking ways to connect and engage with customers, patrons, and members. South Dakota Career and Technical Education leaders are doing the same.

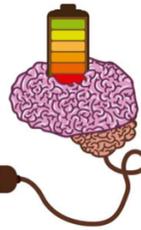
The SDACTE board of directors met earlier this month to discuss the fate of Summer Conference 2020. With input from members, the DCTE staff, and Lake Area Technical College leaders, it was decided to postpone Summer Conference to 2021. With too many unknown factors and the consideration of the health and wellness of not only our members and their families, but of the workers that would be providing services to our conference as well as business partners for the trade shows, breakouts, and industry tours, the SDACTE board felt it would be best to hold off on this summer's visit to Watertown in August.

The good news is LATI has graciously extended our contract for Summer Conference 2021. Kent Julian, our featured keynote speaker, will be joining us July 25-27, 2021 in Watertown. The executive team felt it would be best to continue serving in their positions: Josh Christiansen as Past-President from Harrisburg High School, Lenessa Keehn as President from Lead-Deadwood High School, and Lori Christensen from Madison High School as President-Elect. We are confident the leadership of our board will be able to continue to provide support to members thru this pandemic and thru the 2020-21 school year.

The board of directors also recognizes the fact that many of its members utilize Summer Conference to maintain certification. ***SDACTE Summer Conference is postponed to July 25-28, 2021. The DCTE office will be offering a separate virtual CTE conference in August.*** This conference is for teachers to continue earning grad credits or continuing education units to maintain certification. The August professional development is not an official SDACTE event and is a courtesy offering by the Department of Education's Division of Career and Technical Education. SDACTE will be also publish a special edition newsletter for members in August to highlight scholarship and award winners for 2020 in addition to continuing to provide updates and information regarding our association.

Be well. Be safe.
Lenessa Keehn, SDACTE President

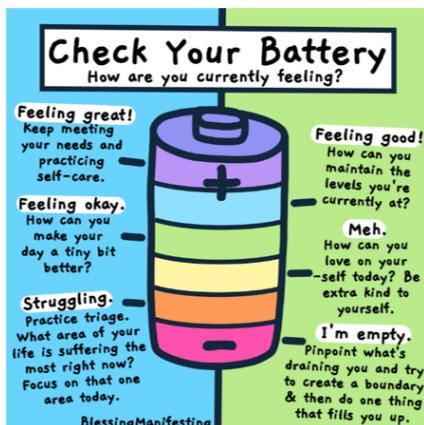
Do you need to RECHARGE?



Virtual CTE Conference
August 3-5, 2020

Welcome to your much-deserved summer break! This school year threw everyone one unexpected curve ball after another. Throughout it all South Dakota's teachers proved once again that they are strong, dedicated, caring, and innovative. We can't thank you enough for digging deep into your toolbox. All the extra hours you put in to ensure that flex learning was the best it could be for your students did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. We all know that teachers don't get summer's "off" but we hope that you find some time for yourself to re-charge your personal battery.

The Division of Career and Technical Education wants to support you in preparing to restart the school year: refreshed, renewed, and ready to tackle a learning environment that will be deeply impacted and changed. CTE conference will be going virtual August 3-5th. The schedule under development but here are a few important details:



COST - Completely FREE! (**BUT REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES TO SDACTE TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT.**)

WHO CAN ATTEND - Anyone! All CTE teachers, core content teachers, administrators, school counselors, post-secondary, business and industry, ANYONE!
TIMES - The sessions will go from 9-3pm (CT) daily. You can pick and choose which sessions you attend.

CREDIT - Both graduate and CEU credits will be available.



Have a Great Summer!
Amy Miller
DCTE Liaison

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATES - CTE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 3-5, 2020
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**

New Website Launched

The board of directors is proud to announce the launch of our new and improved website. One of our goals was to improve the benefits provided to our members and in doing that, a new website was born. You can find the new website at <http://sdacteonline.org/>. The new website was designed, developed and is housed with our friends at ACTE.

Take a moment to visit the website and find everything you need to know about our organization including awards, calendar and newsletters, and professional development. In addition, please utilize the website for all information related to our conference postponement and ongoing membership. You can easily find this information by clicking the Conference heading in the top menu.

We hope that you will find this information useful and value feedback. If you have questions on how to find something, feel free to reach out.

Lori Christensen
SDACTE President- Elect

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 is 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.

As you know, the SD Career & Technical Education Summer Conference for 2020 has been postponed to July 25-27, 2021 in Watertown, SD. The Board of Directors recognized that many of you pay membership dues along with your conference registration. At a time like this that we are living and working through now, there are many things with which we are unsure. It is important to keep some consistencies. SDACTE is something that you can always count on! The Board of Directors has continued to work hard with everyone's safety in mind to make decisions affecting members. The Department of Career & Technical Education with the Department of Education is hosting a virtual conference for the purpose of maintaining certification with CEUs & grad credit as a replacement for SDACTE Summer Conference. Whether you attend that or not, you can still pay your membership dues or have them invoiced to your school by using this link -- <https://SDACTE.regfox.com/south-dakota-sdacte-dues-registration>.

Josh Christiansen,
SDACTE Past President

SDACTE Professional Development Stipend Application

Applications are now being accepted for the SDACTE Professional Development stipend. The \$500 stipend is open to any SDACTE member completing professional development studies such as college courses for certificate renewal or who are pursuing an advanced degree or additional certification. The stipend may not be used for expenses related to conferences. The link to access the application is <https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/professional-development/>. Applications must be received by July 1, 2020.

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.



How Quickly Our World Has Changed!



What can change in just a few months? EVERYTHING! When we talk about change being for the better, now is the time to find out. Distance learning, canceled sports, canceled concerts, no 2020 graduation, etc., we now have opportunities to change how we educate. We will need all the help we can get. So now more than ever, we need to be an active part of SDACTE!

The SDACTE conference has been postponed from this year until next year, July 25-28, 2021, in Watertown. We will still go ahead with this year's Awards, Professional Development Stipend and Scholarships. Let's think about teachers in our BMIT Division that are worthy of an Award. If you are not familiar with the Awards available, you can find them at the new South Dakota ACTE website, <https://www.acteonline.org/sdacte/>. Deadline for the Awards and Professional Development Stipend is July 1st. Please think about a fellow teacher you would like to nominate for an award. We will need to have those nominees fill out an application by July 1st.

Make sure you update your browsers for the new SDACTE website. Don't forget about the SDACTE ListServe. If you haven't subscribed yet, email "Subscribe SDACTE" to listmanager@k12.sd.us. Please check this out and submit lessons. I know I will be looking for ideas on distance learning to help better my teaching in the future. You should have received information about the DCTE's Virtual CTE Conference. August 3-5. This is a separate conference from our postponed conference and not an official SDACTE event. The Virtual Conference in August gives teachers an opportunity to earn grad credits or CEUs.

I know the past couple of months have been trying. We are all ready to take a break, and we deserve it. Now is the time for us to help and rely on each other as educators. Our membership in SDACTE can help us do this. The future is unknown, but together we can face it and provide an excellent education for our students.

T&I Division Updates

Folks,

What an interesting end to our school year. I am sure it will continue as we have a lot uncertainty going into the fall. Summer conference is being postponed until July 25-28, 2021 at Lake Area Tech was the best option for our safety and the safety of our students who may be starting just a few short weeks after conference. The State Department will still be offering training via a virtual CTE Conference Sometime in August for you to attend and get continuing ed credits or CEU's. It will definitely be different not being able to see all of you this fall, but look forward to staying in touch. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the January TEA conference in Pierre. For more information regarding that conference please reach out to Bret Johnson at bjohnson@ysd.k12.sd.us or the website https://sdtea.k12.sd.us/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx

As always if you have any questions, concerns or ideas feel free to reach out to me,
Have a Great Summer!

Eric Schramm
T & I/Tech Ed President

FACS Division Updates

Hello Everyone,

On behalf of the SDATFACS Executive board we hope this finds you all staying well, and happy to be putting the finishing touches on your 2019-2020 school year! Due to the postponement of our annual summer conference, our organization is navigating uncharted territory as far as how to proceed. With that being said, your Executive board has decided to hold the first ever virtual SDATFACS business meeting during the last week in July, 2020. At this meeting we will attempt to take care of our annual business, hear updates from the State CTE and CTSO directors as well as announce this year's SDATFACS nominees and award winners. We will be surveying our membership through e-mail to find the best date and time option. If there are items you would like to discuss at this meeting or concerns you have as we move forward, please do not hesitate to contact me at wendy.conrad@k12.sd.us. Our organization can and will make it through these challenging times only if we stay involved, work together, and help each other when we can.

Best wishes for a restful and safe summer break,
Wendy Conrad ~ SDATFACS President

Administration Division Updates

Hopefully this newsletter article finds you all doing well as we all work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. Through all the difficult times we have faced over the last few months schools have done an excellent job of switching the learning to an online world. This pandemic has challenged us in unique ways especially in the area of CTE. Many of the career-based classes are in a hands-on format. I'm sure many instructors came up with a variety of lessons that still provided students the opportunity for the hands-on learning. Due to the pandemic, the summer SDACTE will not be holding their annual conference in Watertown from July 26th-29th. As a Board of Director's, we felt it was best to put the conference on hold for one year. The SDACTE conference will resume in the summer of 2021 in Watertown. The State CTE office is planning to hold a virtual conference this summer. I would encourage you to attend virtually and see what knowledge you can pick up for the 2020-2021 school year. In closing, thank you to all our current members for all the hard work you do for the students of South Dakota. I truly believe that we provide our students receive a phenomenal education, one that is well rounded and full of career opportunities. As the president of the administrative group I am looking forward to the journey ahead as we continue to promote CTE coursework in our schools.
Adam Shaw, Administration Division President

SDACTE Awards Recognition To Continue

We have a year with so many firsts in many different ways! Even though we are not able to meet face-to-face for our SDACTE conference this summer, some things will still happen! One item that will still occur will be the SDACTE Awards Recognition! Now, each of you can have a hand in helping to see that we recognize our fellow members. I know that each of the five divisions in our association handles this a little differently.

Here is what I encourage each of you to do. Look over a brief summary of each of the categories for the Excellence Awards by going to the ACTE website under the awards online section. The 8 categories are:

- *Administrator of the Year
- *Teacher of the Year Award
- *Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- *Career Guidance Award
- *New Teacher of the Year
- *Teacher Educator of the Year
- *Carl Perkins Community Service Award
- *Lifetime Achievement Award

If your division is not already working on this, please contact your division awards member and suggest someone who would be so deserving of this honor. Here are the division committee members:

Administration-Amy Miller
Business/Mktg/IT-Darin Indahl
FACS-Stephanie Gelderman
Ag-Josh Johnson
T&I/Tech Ed-Kaylan Pool

Those who are nominated from each division in each category will then need to complete the application found on the website and submit it by the July 1 deadline. Please take the time to suggest someone in our association to be nominated for these awards. We have such deserving people in our midst! Please contact me at beverly.riek@k12.sd.us if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation in helping to honor your fellow members!

Beverly Rieck
SDACTE Awards Chairperson

Ag Division Updates

Dear Ag Ed family,

As you know, the summer conference has been cancelled, but SDAAE still has business to conduct that will affect the upcoming school year. Your officer team, Dani, Karen, and I, along with Michelle, have met via Zoom to come up with an alternate plan to conduct our business. SDAAE will meet via Zoom format on Thursday, July 23rd, from 9 am to Noon and, if necessary, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm to conduct our Annual Business Meeting. The SD Dept of Career & Tech Ed is hosting a virtual conference with Professional Development on the original conference dates, so those days are unavailable to us. Please put JULY 23rd on your calendar- we need 51% of our members participating in order to establish a quorum and make official decisions.

Obviously, the business meeting will be different than in the past. It will be a bare bones, necessity driven agenda void of any outside speakers or presentations this year unless it has a direct bearing on the business of the upcoming school year. Some agenda items will also be handled differently this year. There are items that need to be presented in live format and they will remain intact while some other items may be handled with a report. In such case, the reports would be provided to members in advance for their review prior to our meeting. We will notify those affected by this once we make a final decision on how to handle each item.

District meetings will need to take place prior to our meeting on July 23rd. It's up to each district to schedule their own meeting, but keeping it closer to July 23rd will help ensure that business items are fresh in the minds of the ag teachers in your district. With a vastly different meeting format this year, districts may have more business to attend to than normal in order to efficiently expedite the agenda in our Business Meeting on the 23rd. We will be working on a district agenda and accompanying information to send out. Our goal is to have that ready for distribution by July 1st.

SDAAE membership & dues is a concern as many of us pay them along with conference registration. Michelle is working on a system for collecting these, but I want to make sure everyone realizes the importance of renewing your membership in the organization or joining as a new member. The instructional packet this year is for Vet Science and I want to say a big Thank You to Bridget Tweedt for all her efforts in obtaining a \$2500 grant to help with the cost of the packets. The packets are available only to SDAAE members & Michelle had more info concerning the packets in her email on May 20th.

For those members who would be sharing in the 10 year Club Breakfast, I invite you to eat a bowl of Frosted Flakes at your kitchen table prior to 9am on July 23rd. For any new members, fry yourself an egg. Feel free to carry on some casual conversation with yourself, reflect on those who traditionally wouldn't be feeling well that morning, and think about Clark Hanson who would normally sponsor our breakfast.

On a final note, most or all you will be done with your school year by the time you read this. Thank you for your diligence in trying to provide the best education possible for your students over the course of the past several weeks. It has been difficult for all and an unforgettable experience, but probably one we would choose to forget if we could.

Dan Tonak , SDAAE President

2019-2020 SDACTE Board of Directors



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1st row: DCTE Liaison Erin Larsen, President-elect Lori Christensen, President Lenessa Keehn, Past President Josh Christiansen;
2nd row: FACS Division President Wendy Conrad; Post Secondary Liaison Annika Russell-Manke; BMIT Division President Kristie Olson; Executive Director Dodie Bemis; (3rd row) SDAAE President Dan Tonak, T & I/Tech Ed Division President Eric Schramm, Admin Division President Adam Shaw, and Post Secondary Liaison Craig Peters.



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