

Welcome Letter from the SDACTE President

Dear SDACTE Members,

It is my privilege to welcome you to another year with the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (SDACTE). I am honored to serve as your president and to continue building upon the strong foundation that past leaders and members have established. Together, we share a common purpose: to strengthen Career and Technical Education across our state and provide opportunities that prepare our students for success.

Our mission remains clear—**to empower educators with the leadership and resources necessary to cultivate a highly skilled and competitive workforce.** This mission guides everything we do, from professional development to advocacy, and it is at the heart of our efforts this year.

Looking ahead, we have set several goals to ensure SDACTE continues to grow and provide value to each of you:

- **Define membership value and advocate for SDACTE** – We are committed to making sure every member sees and experiences the benefits of being part of this association while ensuring CTE has a strong voice at the state and national levels.
- **Provide a summer professional development conference with well-rounded, engaging, and consistent content** – Our annual conference is a time to learn, network, and recharge. We are working to deliver sessions that will meet the needs of all members and send you home with strategies and inspiration to use in your programs.

This year is full of opportunities to collaborate, grow, and make a difference in the lives of students across South Dakota. I encourage you to take advantage of SDACTE resources, attend events, and actively participate in the work of our association. Your involvement strengthens our community and amplifies our collective impact.

Thank you for your dedication to Career and Technical Education and for the work you do every day to prepare students for their futures. **Together, we will continue to keep CTE great in South Dakota.**

Sincerely,



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