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Excellence Starts Here: SDACTE Welcomes Mike Oster

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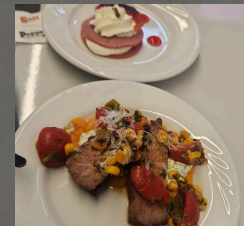
SDACTE is excited to welcome keynote speaker Mike Oster—a dynamic leader, storyteller, and motivator who brings energy, humor, and real-world experience to the stage.

A retired Brigadier General with more than 36 years of military service, Mike blends leadership lessons from the field with practical strategies for everyday success. His message is simple, but powerful: don't just aim for success—make excellence your average.

Raised on a South Dakota farm, Mike understands hard work, resilience, and what it means to show up every day ready to improve. Through his engaging “edutainment” style, he challenges audiences to align their actions with purpose, build habits that drive excellence, and strengthen teams from the inside out.

Expect to laugh, reflect, and walk away with tools you can actually use—in your classroom, your program, and your leadership journey.

This is a keynote you won't want to miss.



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Skills, Innovation, Opportunity: South Dakota's 2026 CTE Conference Heads to Brookings

By: Karen Roudabush

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Get ready for an energizing few days July 26–29 as South Dakota educators come together on the campus of South Dakota State University to celebrate and strengthen the future of career and technical education. This event brings teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders together for a fun, engaging experience filled with connection, fresh ideas, and meaningful collaboration to support and grow CTE programs across the state.

The conference offers a dynamic mix of professional development and real-world connection, including engaging workshops designed to support classroom innovation and student success. Attendees will also have opportunities to network with fellow educators and business leaders, as well as participate in industry tours that highlight South Dakota's workforce in action. Together these experiences aim to build stronger pathways from education to career for students statewide.

Attendees can also look forward to several exciting highlights this year, including a keynote address from Mike Oster that promises to inspire and energize participants. The conference will feature a revamped awards ceremony designed to be more engaging and celebratory, along with new opportunities for connection such as first-year teacher roundtables and division socials. These additions aim to create an even more interactive and supportive experience for all who attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and be inspired alongside fellow educators from across South Dakota. Whether you're looking to bring fresh ideas back to your classroom or strengthen your professional network, the 2026 CTE Conference in Brookings is the place to be. Make plans now to attend and be part of shaping the future of career and technical education in our state.

Get Involved with Region V!

By: Bobbie Jo Donovan



Get Involved!

If you have ever been interested in learning more about ACTE or becoming more involved, serving on a Region V committee is a great opportunity to both learn and contribute. Below are the committees available at the regional level:

Awards Committee

Works to recognize outstanding achievements by individuals, programs, and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the field of Career & Technical Education (CTE). The committee helps honor programs that exemplify high standards and organizations that actively promote and expand CTE opportunities.

Legislative and Resolutions Committee

Receives concerns and resolutions from Region V members and develops resolutions for presentation during the Region V Leadership Conference business meeting. The committee also reviews current national legislation and makes recommendations regarding legislative actions and advocacy efforts.

Marketing and Membership Committee

Promotes and positions Region V ACTE and affiliated state ACTE associations as organizations that educators, administrators, and other professionals want to join and engage with.

Check out the [Region V ACTE webpage](#) for more information.



Leadership: Take the leap and lead!

By: Andrew Jensen

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What is leadership? What does leadership look like to you? What qualities make a good leader? Take a minute to reflect on those questions. Then look at yourself. Do you think you could be a good leader?

Leadership is something that comes up often in conversations within our divisions. It got me thinking....why don't more teachers take the leap into leadership roles outside of their own buildings? Is there ever really a "perfect" time to jump in? Hopefully this plants the seed for some of you to consider taking that next step.

I've had the opportunity to serve as president of the South Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators (SDAAE). When I was first approached about the position, I honestly hadn't been very involved in the association. I wasn't even fully sure what an officer did. After asking about a hundred questions, and with a little encouragement from others, I decided to take the leap. Looking back, I'm incredibly glad I did. Committing to the organization that helped me grow professionally gave me the chance to give back and help others do the same. Now, I get the opportunity to continue that work through SDACTE.

So how do you become a leader in your division? Honestly, it starts small. Express interest. Ask questions. If you're not ready to jump into a president role, join a committee. Many divisions have committees focused on scholarships, professional development, bylaws, and more. Serving on one of those can open the door to bigger leadership opportunities down the road.

Leadership roles are definitely a commitment. Depending on the division, it could be a one-, two-, or three-year process. In SDAAE, for example, officers move through president-elect, president, and past-president roles, each with its own responsibilities. Several divisions also help support travel to the ACTE VISION Conference and regional conferences, which are incredible professional development opportunities.

If you're considering stepping into leadership, make sure you communicate that interest with your administration as well. Many schools take pride in having teachers serve in these positions. It's positive PR for your school, but more importantly, it helps you grow your professional toolbox and build connections across the state and nation. This was a great selling point for when I wanted to run.

Serving as a divisional president can also open the door to running for the SDACTE president-elect position. If that is something you are interested in, be sure to express your interest to Andy by June 12, 2026. I will be able to give you more details and answer any questions you may have. Voting will take place during the business session at the Summer Conference and will be decided by our membership.

One thing I've really appreciated about SDACTE leadership is that once you're at that table, it's no longer about representing just agriculture, FCS, business, or any one division. It's simply CTE teachers working together to make a positive impact on CTE students and educators across South Dakota.

Another great perk of these leadership roles is the opportunity to attend the Region V Conference and National ACTE VISION Conference, both experiences I highly recommend. The networking, ideas, and professional growth that come from those events are hard to match.

If you're on the fence about becoming a divisional officer or running for SDACTE, I encourage you to reach out to past officers in your division or members of the executive team (Travis, Karen, Lenessa, or myself). We would be more than happy to share our experiences and answer questions. Leadership is not always easy, but it is absolutely worth it. I truly don't think you'll regret taking that step.



That's a Wrap on State Championships!
Celebrating the Achievements of South Dakota's CTSOs
 By: Katie Paulson

As the final gavel falls on another exciting season of State Championships, we're proud to reflect on the incredible accomplishments of CTSO's across the state.

This spring alone, we:

- Hosted 6,100+ student competitors
- Crowned 655 state champions
- Awarded numerous top honors in various career fields
- Granted multiple scholarships to deserving students
- Partnered with over 400 industry leaders who helped make it all possible

While the conferences may be over, the impact of these experiences will last a lifetime. Our CTSOs continue to shape the future of career and technical education by fostering leadership, innovation, and real-world skills.

Looking ahead, all six CTSOs will proudly take part in their National Conferences this summer, representing South Dakota on a national stage. We can't wait to see what our students and programs accomplish next!

Stay tuned—and thank you for your hard work and dedication as a CTSO Advisor!



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Region V Fellowship Program Opportunity

By: Coleen C. Keffeler



The Association for Career and Technical Education Region V is excited to continue its prestigious Region V Fellowship Program, an opportunity designed to elevate and empower Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals. This two-year fellowship (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027) supports the growth of emerging leaders by deepening their understanding of CTE policy, leadership, and advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels.

Each year, one fellow will be selected to participate with the 2nd year fellow, each receiving a \$1,500 reimbursement stipend to help offset program-related expenses. Professional Development costs for the conferences can be requested through Perkins at your district. Throughout the fellowship, participants will engage in meaningful leadership development experiences, including serving on committees, collaborating in a book study, presenting at Region V conferences, and connecting directly with policymakers through legislative visits.

In addition to attending key events such as the ACTE Vision conference and National Policy Seminar, fellows will build a comprehensive digital portfolio showcasing their work and growth. By the end of the program, participants will not only strengthen their professional skills but also join a network of dedicated leaders committed to advancing CTE and preparing a skilled, adaptable workforce for the future.

If you are interested in becoming the next fellow apply by May 15th! You can find more information and how to apply at <https://www.acteonline.org/region-page/region-v-fellows/>

"Participating in the Association for Career and Technical Education Region V Fellowship has been an incredibly valuable experience. It has deepened my understanding of Region V, strengthened my knowledge of leadership in Career and Technical Education, and provided meaningful opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. I've especially appreciated the chance to connect with other leaders and gain insight into how we can continue to advocate for and advance CTE!" - Erica Davis, 2nd year Fellow

Region V ACTE Conference Update

By: Dr. Sara Vande Kamp



I recently had the opportunity to attend the Region V ACTE Conference in Salt Lake City, an experience that was both professionally enriching and personally meaningful. The conference brought together CTE leaders and practitioners from 17 states to engage in thoughtful dialogue around workforce alignment, secondary and postsecondary pathways, and the evolving role of career and technical education in meeting regional and national industry needs.

I was recognized as the Region V Post-Secondary Professional of the Year, moving forward as one of five recipients advancing to the national level. Honestly, I was blown away. This recognition is a reflection of the strong partnerships and collaborative work underway with Southeast Technical College, SDACTE, and the South Dakota Department of Education. Our shared focus on industry engagement, program quality, and student-centered pathways continues to drive meaningful impact across our system. I am deeply honored to represent South Dakota and do not take this responsibility lightly.

The conference programming offered valuable applied learning experiences, including an industry tour of The Grand America Hotel that provided insight into large-scale hospitality operations, talent development, and service excellence. The keynote address by Rhonda Bromley, Vice President of Crumbl Cookies, further enhanced the experience by exploring the concept of "value for value." She emphasized how organizations can intentionally align finance, technology, training, legal considerations, supply chain management, and creative branding to support sustainable growth, often without a direct exchange of dollars. Together, these cross-sector perspectives reinforced the importance of integrating academic strategy with real-world business practices in career and technical education.

I am especially grateful to our state association for providing a conference stipend, which made participation in this regional convening possible. Continued investment in professional development is critical to building informed, innovative leadership within career and technical education, and I am thankful for the support that allows this important work to continue.



Building the Future at Southeast Technical College
 By: Dr. Sara Vande Kamp

May brings exciting momentum at Southeast Tech, and we are thrilled to share several important updates as we close out the academic year and look ahead to summer.

Engineering Technology Workshop - June 23–25

K–12 educators are invited to a 3 day, hands on Engineering Technology Workshop exploring real world engineering in an engaging, accessible format. No prior engineering experience is required. Participants will explore modern engineering technologies, gain ideas to strengthen STEM pathways, and receive participant support stipends. Register via the QR code:



Wells Fargo Homebuilding Lab Groundbreaking – May 8

We are also looking forward to an exciting milestone at Southeast Technical College. On Friday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m., we will host the groundbreaking ceremony for the Wells Fargo Homebuilding Lab. This campus expansion will provide students with real-world construction experience while supporting affordable housing in the Sioux Falls region. We invite partners and colleagues to join us for this celebration as construction officially gets underway.

James Abdnor Center for Advanced Manufacturing: Groundbreaking Coming Soon

Momentum continues to build for the James Abdnor Center for Advanced Manufacturing, with Southeast Technical College recently receiving six million dollars in state funding toward the approximately twenty four million dollar project. Signed on campus by Governor Larry Rhoden, this significant investment reflects strong state, federal, private, and local support for expanding advanced manufacturing education. Opening in Fall 2027, the fifty three thousand square foot facility will feature state of the art labs, classrooms, and collaborative spaces while expanding capacity for high demand programs including advanced manufacturing, automation, mechanical engineering technology, and welding, helping prepare South Dakota’s workforce for the future.

Looking Ahead to Summer Conference in Brookings

Finally, we are eager to connect in person and continue these important conversations at the SDACTE Summer Conference in Brookings. Summer conference is always a valuable opportunity to share best practices, strengthen partnerships, and plan for the year ahead, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and commitment to high-quality career pathways that support students, educators, and employers across South Dakota!

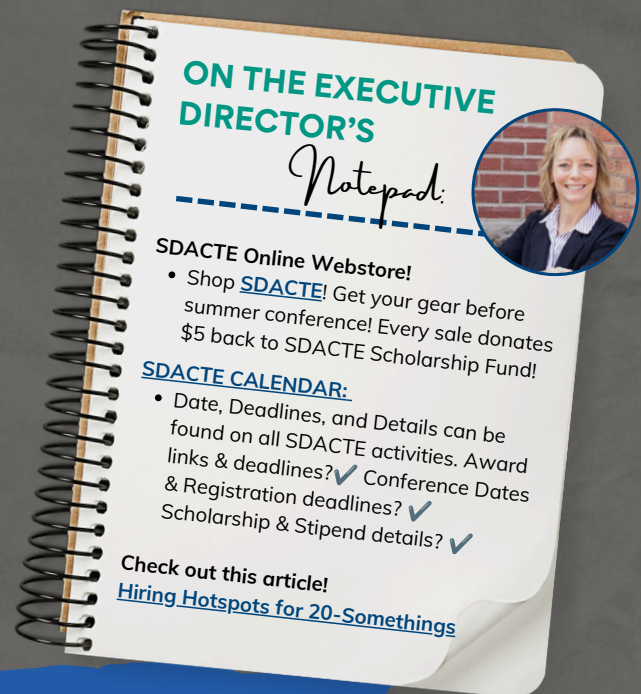


Region V Highlights
 By: Annika Russell-Manke

This past month I had the opportunity to attend Region V Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference provided an incredible opportunity to connect with CTE leaders and bring fresh ideas back to our state.

One of the highlights of the conference, was the industry tour of the Salt Lake City International Airport. It was eye-opening to see the variety of careers that keep a massive hub like that moving—it’s so much more than just pilots and flight attendants. We got an inside look at the logistics, specialized tech, and infrastructure roles that are essential to aviation. It really reinforced how many "hidden" high-demand careers there are that we need to be showing our students.

The breakout sessions were just as impactful, specifically those focused on Artificial Intelligence. Rather than just talking about the tech itself, the sessions focused on how to actually create with it effectively. We explored ways to use AI as a creative partner in the classroom to streamline our work and help students use it responsibly. To top it all off, South Dakota had a huge presence at the awards ceremony. It was awesome to see several of our own from SD get recognized for their hard work and innovation.





WDTC Expands Workforce Pathways Through Innovation and Strategic Partnerships
 By: Fawn Wilde

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) continues to strengthen its role as a leader in career and technical education across South Dakota through new program development, industry partnerships, and investments in cutting-edge training.

We are excited to share the establishment of a new Gunsmithing Program, supported by a \$4 million investment from the Future Fund, which has been awarded by Governor Rhoden! The program is designed to expand hands-on training opportunities and meet growing workforce demand across South Dakota's defense and firearms industries. WDTC will ultimately acquire an accredited gunsmithing school in Colorado, ensuring students receive industry-aligned, high-quality instruction. The first cohort of students is expected to begin in fall 2027.

In addition to new program development, WDTC continues to expand opportunities through industry collaboration. Employer partner, Muth Electric, has increased their support by sponsoring 10 Build Dakota Scholarships for students pursuing an electrical trades degree and career!

Looking ahead, the Radiologic Technology program will significantly increase its training capacity with the addition of a second X-ray lab, expected in summer 2026. This expansion is made possible through a generous equipment donation from Wheatland Memorial Healthcare in Harlowton, MT, allowing for enhanced clinical training and increased student access.

WDTC's Architecture and Engineering program is also leveraging emerging technology to enhance student learning for healthcare students. Through the use of 3D printing, they designed and produced a mannequin head to be used as a mold for shaping new masks, demonstrating the program's integration of innovative tools, real-world application, and cross-program collaboration (see photo below).

Together, these developments underscore WDTC's commitment to aligning education with workforce needs, fostering innovation, and building strong partnerships that benefit students, industries, and communities across South Dakota.



T&I Division Update
 By: Katrina Kruse

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With just two months to go until our summer conference at South Dakota State University, the Trades and Industry division is ready to showcase the best of what we do. Our breakout sessions this year are designed with the "shop teacher" soul in mind—prioritizing high-energy, hands-on learning that goes beyond the theory. Whether you are looking to sharpen your technical craft, explore new classroom technologies, or bring fresh project ideas back to your district, these sessions are built to provide immediate value for your students and your program.

The excitement actually starts before the first official session kicks off. We are hosting New Attendee Round Tables at 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 26th, which is a fantastic way for those new to our division to get plugged in and find their footing. Following that, we'll move into one of our favorite traditions: the Kick-Off Social at Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill at 6:30 PM. This is the perfect time to reconnect with fellow educators from across the state, swap stories from the past year, and build the professional network that makes the South Dakota CTE community so strong.

As we look toward the future of our craft, we are also looking for the next group of leaders to help steer the ship. If you've ever wanted to have a greater voice in our industry, consider stepping up for one of our open leadership roles, including Vice President, Secretary, or Financial Officer. It's a rewarding way to give back to the trade community and help shape the direction of T&I in South Dakota. We aren't just preparing the next generation of workers; we are building the future of our state's infrastructure. Come ready to learn, lead, and connect—we'll see you in Brookings!



BMIT Division Update

By: Amy Pierson

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Are you ready to elevate your classroom and your career? The Summer 2026 CTE Conference is July 26-28. We have filled the schedule with networking, site tours, and inspiration. Here are a few highlights for BMIT Division Members:

Sunday: Connections & Community

- New Attendees Roundtables: If this is your first time joining us, don't miss this orientation session to help you navigate the conference like a pro.
- BMIT Social at Cubby's: Unwind and catch up with colleagues Sunday evening. Good food, better company, and the perfect start to our week.

Monday: Behind the Scenes at B|Well

- Join the BMIT division tour of B|Well, led by owner and entrepreneur Bri Fielder. With locations in Brookings and Sioux Falls, B|Well is a fitness and wellness hub. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a successful regional business model in action, from their diverse service offerings to their retail strategies.

Tuesday: SDSU Deep Dives & Division Updates

- SDSU Marketing: Kick off the day with insights from Maagan Schultz, SDSU Assistant Athletic Direction - Marketing
- E-Trading Lab Tour: Get an inside look at the state-of-the-art SDSU E-trading lab hosted by Zhiguang (Gerald) Wang, PhD., CFA
- BMIT Division Business Meeting/CTSO Updates: Stay informed with division decisions and updates on CTSOs (Career and Technical Student Organizations).
- Best Practice Exchange: We'll wrap up our division time by sharing classroom strategies for several key courses.

Keynote Spotlight:

- Mike Oster We are thrilled to feature retired Brigadier General Mike Oster. A veteran, entrepreneur, and high-energy motivational speaker, Mike is renowned for his sessions on leadership and personal growth.

We can't wait to see the BMIT community come together this July for an unforgettable week of growth.

Health Science Division Update

By: Shannon Buelow

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We are excited to announce that conference season is right around the corner! Join us July 26–29 in Brookings as we gather on the beautiful campus of South Dakota State University for an energizing and inspiring experience. Get registered today! This year's conference promises to be especially meaningful for our Health Science division. We have been working hard behind the scenes to create engaging sessions, hands-on learning opportunities, and collaborative experiences that will leave attendees feeling motivated and equipped for the year ahead. Whether you are looking to enhance your classroom strategies, stay current with healthcare trends, or bring new ideas back to your students, there will be something for everyone.

One of the most valuable aspects of any conference is the opportunity to connect. Beyond the sessions, conferences provide a space to network with fellow educators, share successes and challenges, and build lasting professional relationships. These conversations often spark the best ideas—ones that can transform programs and positively impact students. Attending a conference is also a chance to step away from the day-to-day routine and refocus on your passion for education and healthcare. The energy, enthusiasm, and shared purpose create an environment that is both refreshing and inspiring. You'll leave not only with new knowledge, but with renewed excitement for what you do.

We look forward to coming together in Brookings, learning from one another, and continuing to strengthen the Health Science community. Mark your calendars, we can't wait to see you there! Hope you all have a great end to your school year. You do make a difference in the lives of these future Healthcare Professionals!



Awards Recognition By: Lenessa Keehn

Office Days: Monday & Wednesday

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Oh, the Accolades! President-Elect Karen Roudabush left Region V in Salt Lake City with awards for members of SDACTE. Each of these awards will be given to the their recipients with the appropriate recognition at the Awards Banquet during the summer conference. Be sure to join us at Club 71 on the campus of SDSU on Monday, July 27 to honor and recognize members that display a service to SDACTE, have a commitment to their students and have demonstrated innovation in the classroom. Eight categories are awarded at the state, regional and national levels: Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Postsecondary Professional of the Year, Counseling and Career Development Award, New Teacher of the Year, Teacher Educator of the Year, The Carl Perkins Community Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Excellence Awards committee is chaired by Bev Reik.



National Policy Seminar Recap By: Mollie Andrews

I had the opportunity to attend the National Policy Seminar this past spring in Washington DC. Thank you to SDACTE for helping provide a stipend to cover costs, it was greatly appreciated.

While heading to Washington DC at the end of March for 3 days didn't seem like a good idea when I was in the middle of sub plans and preparing FFA teams for contests, I am grateful I took this opportunity. I was able to network with other agriculture educators and career and technical educators from across the county. I also got to know some of our own state leaders, Lenessa Keehn, Travis Santistevan, Sara VandeKamp, Fawn Wilde, Bailey Raml, and Nicole Graves. We attended many of the sessions together and worked as a team to encourage our lawmakers to continue supporting CTE by giving examples of each of our great programs. This seminar did a great job of helping break down policy and funding that affect education and specifically career and technical programs. We heard from different state and national leaders that helped us plan and direct our visits to our own state representatives.

I thoroughly enjoyed our senator and representative visits. While we weren't able to meet with each one personally, we had great conversations with their aides. We were able to showcase how well CTE is working in South Dakota and encourage them to continue providing funding to our state for these programs.

I highly encourage anyone that wants to understand the policy and process of funding education to attend this seminar. It provided a lot of insight into how policy affects our programs nationally, statewide, and locally. It is also a great opportunity to network with people from our own state. I was able to build networks and establish relationships that will benefit my classes and program for years to come.

Attending this seminar helped me advocate for not only my students and program, but for all career and technical education in South Dakota. CTE continues to equip students with real-world skills and prepare them to be the next generation of our workforce, making it essential that we continue to support and strengthen these programs



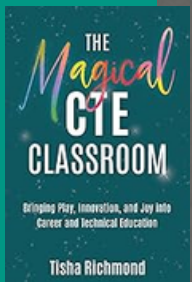
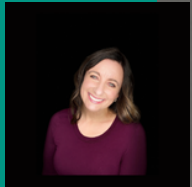
FCS Division Update
By: Brigitte Brucklacher

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I am very excited to announce the FCS division presenter at SDACTE on Tuesday, July 28 at SDSU! I was privileged to hear Tisha Richmond present at ACTE in San Antonio and Nashville. She believes every educator has the power to create classrooms filled with joy, creativity, and connection. CTE educator and author Tisha Richmond will share how her "Make Learning MAGICAL" framework transforms teaching through practical, engaging, and career-connected experiences. Blending powerful stories with actionable strategies, Tisha will show how to spark curiosity, foster innovation, and build a lasting legacy of impact. Educators will leave energized, inspired, and ready to reimagine what is possible when learning comes alive with passion and purpose! SDATFCS members will leave with a complimentary copy of her newest book, "The Magical CTE Classroom."

More about Tisha!

Tisha Richmond is a high school culinary arts teacher, author, podcast host, and Canva Education Specialist based in Southern Oregon. With over 30 years in Career and Technical Education and experience as a Tech Integration Specialist, she brings creativity, innovation, and joy to education. Tisha is the author of Make Learning MAGICAL, co-author of the EduProtocol Companion Guide, and co-writer of the children's book Dragon Smart (with her son, Tommy), each crafted to spark playful and engaging learning for students and educators. Her distinguished recognitions include the Medford School District's Golden Pear Educator Secondary Teacher Award, the first-place Henry Ford Innovation Nation Educator Award, and the 2025 Distinguished Service Award from Oregon Family & Consumer Sciences. Passionate about infusing joy, play, gamification, and career-connected learning, Tisha connects globally with educators, continuously stretching beyond her comfort zone to help transform the educational landscape so all learners can thrive.



AFNR Division Update
By: Sara Colombe

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The end is in sight! The end of the school year can be another crazy time of year, but it is a time for celebrations. Remind yourself to enjoy these moments!! Once all the graduation parties are done, then you can start preparing for the summer. Make sure your summer is a time to recharge and relax before the next school year comes around.

Professional development opportunities have been my time to recharge. One simple way I recharge is by participating in the [NAAE Virtual Book Study](#). This book study is self-paced, and you get to interact with agricultural educators from across the country. You just have to pay for the book, complete the activities and at the end receive a certificate of professional development.

Attend NAAE Region 3 Meeting in Sioux Falls, SD (June 17-19, 2026). This is a great time to meet agricultural educators from the region and learn from facilities tours or workshops. This is a great opportunity for you to grow as an agricultural educator while your FFA members grow in leadership skills at East River Leadership Retreat.

Attend SDACTE Summer Conference in Brookings, SD (July 26-29, 2026). At this conference, you get to connect with other CTE teachers from across the state. Building these connections can help you enhance your hands-on curriculum and implement new CTSO ideas.

"One classroom door closes, but a world of possibilities opens. Embrace the adventure of summer!"

2026 SOUTH DAKOTA CTE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY - JULY 26

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 a.m. Noon	SDACTE Board Meeting	
10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	AFNR Meetings	Student Union
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration Opens	Student Union
4:00-5:00 p.m.	FCCLA Advisor Training	Student Union
5:00-6:00 p.m.	New Attendee Roundtables	Student Union
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Ag, Food and Natural Resources Kick-off Social	Dakota Nature Park
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Administration Division Kick-off Social	La Cantina Mexican Restaurant
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Business, Management, IT (BMIT) Kick-off Social	Cubby's
6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Health Science Division Kick-off Social	Craft Chophouse
6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Family and Consumer Science Banquet/ Social	Shorty's
6:30-8:00 p.m.	T&I/Tech Ed Kick-off Social	Cubby's game room (south side)

MONDAY - JULY 27

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 a.m.	Registration Re-opens	Student Union
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Exhibitor Setup	Student Union
8:00-10:20 a.m.	Opening Session and Keynote	Student Union
11:00-11:50 a.m.	Break-out Sessions	Wagner & Rotunda
12:00-1:20 p.m.	Networking Lunch	Student Union
12:00-1:20 p.m.	Exhibitor Showcase	Student Union
12:45-1:15 p.m.	Committee Meetings	Student Union
1:30-2:20 p.m.	Break-out Sessions	Wagner & Rotunda
2:30-4:30 p.m.	Division Time and/or Tours	Student Union
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Networking Social	Club 71 - Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium
6:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Club 71 - Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium
Following Banquet	SDACTE Networking Hospitality Room	Garner Hotel Conference Room

TUESDAY - JULY 28

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Showcase	Student Union
8:00-11:50 a.m.	Division Sessions and Workshops	South Dakota State University
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Business Meeting Lunch	Student Union
1:40-3:30 p.m.	Division Sessions and Workshops	South Dakota State University
3:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Showcase Breakdown	Student Union
3:45-4:30 p.m.	Closing Session and Drawings	Student Union

WEDNESDAY - JULY 29

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00-11:30 a.m.	AFNR Division Meeting	South Dakota State University