

Upcoming Events

- February – CTE Month
- Feb. 7-13 – Skills USA Week
- Feb. 7-13 – FCCLA Week
- Feb. 9 – Information Technology Best Practices – Sioux Falls
- Feb. 10-11 – Legislative Shadow Days – Pierre
- Feb. 21-27 – FFA Week

For more information, or to sign up for any of these professional development opportunities, visit southdakota.gosignmeup.com.



Help Celebrate CTE Month this February!

Do you know of a CTE teacher that shines? February is CTE Month and we want to celebrate by recognizing outstanding CTE instructors. If you'd like to nominate one who stands out from the rest, please submit their name, career cluster, school, and short description on why they deserve special recognition. Email nominations to kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us by Jan. 25, 2016, and your nominee may be recognized during CTE Month.

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Great news! The Dakota Scholarship application deadline has been extended to March 15, 2016! Priority will still be given to those who applied by December 31, 2015, but there are still opportunities for students to receive a full-ride scholarship.

The following high-need fields of study have been approved for the 2016-2017 Scholarship Program:

- Agriculture-Large Animal
- Automotive/Diesel
- Building Trades/Construction
- Energy Technicians
- Engineering Technicians
- IT/Computer Information Systems
- Medical Laboratory Technicians
- Precision Manufacturing
- Surgical Technicians
- Practical Nursing (Select Programs)
- Welding

For more information visit <http://www.builddakotasholarships.com> or contact Deni.Amundson@state.sd.us (605-220-6300).

We need your feedback!

This past summer, educators across the state revised course standards and cluster pathways in the following career clusters:

- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Foundations of CTE
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections
- STEM

These standards are available for review and public comment at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/>.

The newly revised standards will be presented to the state Board of Education for their third public hearing on March 14, in Rapid City. The last public hearing will be held in Aberdeen on May 16.

If the newly revised standards are adopted by the board this spring, trainings on the standards will be scheduled throughout the 2016-17 school year to prepare educators for the full implementation of the standards during the 2017-18 school year. A full timeline of the revision process is located at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/>



Big Idea Competition Winners Announced

The 9th Annual BIG Idea Competition was a BIG success with 263 entries involving over 400 students from 37 schools. The event wrapped up Thursday, Dec. 3, on the campus of Northern State University and the winners were determined from among the eight final entries with over \$5,000 in cash and scholarships awarded.



Haley Ketteler of Pierre T.F. Riggs High School took first place with Bent Perspective, an Origami store focusing on teaching the customers how to make origami artwork. Her prizes included a \$1,000 cash prize,

a \$1,000 scholarship to NSU, and a \$1,000 scholarship to Presentation College.

Second place went to Caveman Custom Iron by George Bernard and Mark Wesolick of St. Thomas More High School, hand-crafted ironwork that could be used for home

décor and tools. Second place prizes include \$500 cash, \$500 Presentation College scholarship and \$500 NSU scholarship.

The \$250 third place prize went to MaKayla Price of Wessington Springs High School with KP Photography which is a photography business that gives one fifth of their profits to charity.



The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation provides workforce services to develop skills for employment. DLR is also available to assist with the job search. For more information, visit dlr.sd.gov/workforce_training/default.aspx.



Help A Student Become A Leader In The Global Fight Against Hunger

South Dakota Youth Institute and The World Food Prize are asking for students in grades 9-11 to research a global issue and submit a paper in order to participate in this unique learning opportunity.

To participate in the South Dakota Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a two-three page paper under the supervision of a teacher/mentor. Each school must register their nominees online and submit each student's research paper online by March 31, 2016. Ninth through Eleventh grade students in the 2015/16 school year are eligible to apply. Papers will be evaluated by The World Food Prize Board of Reviewers.

Students who submit a paper are invited to participate in the South Dakota Youth Institute, May 5, 2016 at South Dakota State University.

At this exciting day-long event, participating high school students have the opportunity to:

- Present research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges in a short speech and small group discussions with local experts;
- Connect with other student leaders from across South Dakota to share ideas, identify solutions to these problems and build lasting friendships;
- Interact with global leaders in science, industry and policy;

- Take part in educational sessions and interactive tours at the South Dakota State University to explore current research and issues in international development and life sciences;

- Meet innovative researchers, professors and college students in South Dakota working to end hunger and poverty and improve food security around the world; and

- Receive a scholarship to study in the College of Agriculture and Biological Science or the College of Education and Human Science at South Dakota State University.

There is no registration cost to participate in the Institute and lunch will be provided in the day of the event. However, both student and teacher/mentor participants must organize their own transportation to and from the event in Brookings, SD. The South Dakota Youth Institute is hosted by South Dakota State University with the generous support of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and the College of Education and Human Science.

For more information on how to participate in the South Dakota Youth Institute, contact the State Coordinator Dr. Scott Smalley at scott.smalley@sdstate.edu or call at 605-688-6484 or check out their website http://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/south_dakota/

WANTED: SD FFA Executive Secretary/Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education

The successful candidate will direct the SD FFA Association. Responsibilities include managing and facilitating all state level programming as prescribed in the organization's by-laws, as well as funneling national programs appropriately into the state and to local Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) programs. The position serves as a major support for the entire state agricultural education program. The position requires attention to detail, team-building, and communication skills, as well as the creative ability to draw on a wide variety of resources to meet organization and program goals. A Bachelor's degree in Education, Agriculture, or Communications Field and a minimum of 1 to 3 years of FFA Organization experience is required.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply, visit: <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=59692> and click on "apply for this posting." The system will guide you through the electronic application form. The employment site will also require the attachment of a cover letter, which should specifically address how the candidate meets the qualifications as outlined in the advertisement; resume; and reference page with the contact information for three professional references. Email applications will not be accepted.



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Career and Technical Student Organizations - FCCLA

Founded in 1945, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education as determined by the state Department of Education.

Chapter projects focus on youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career exploration.

All program projects are co-curricular activities that

combine classroom curriculum and FCCLA activities. FCCLA has 200,000 members and more than 5,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Julie Bell (bellj@brookings.net) and Kris Brockhoff (Kris.Brockhoff@k12.sd.us) are currently sharing the responsibilities of South Dakota State Adviser until May 31, 2016. After that, Kris Brockhoff will serve as State Adviser her office will be located on the SDSU campus.

For more information on FCCLA in South Dakota, please visit <http://www.sdfccla.org/>.

Summer Conference Call for Proposals

Do you have a great idea from your classroom that you want to share with others? Consider presenting at the 2016 CTE Summer Conference!

Conference organizers are seeking proposals for 3 hour in-depth sessions that provide educators the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities and 45 minute breakout sessions related to instructional best practices.

The conference will be held in Sioux Falls on July 31-August 2.

To submit a presentation proposal, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TQJ6S2>. The deadline for submissions is January 25, 2016.



In The News

- Professor Engages Local Youth in Computer Programming
- Demand for Ag Grads on the Rise
- 2016 South Dakota Healthcare Video Contest Underway
- University Center Looks to Expand, Refocus on 2-year Degrees
- STEM Jobs Available, School Responds

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