

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 22 - MakerSpace Event, Harrisburg South Middle School
- Oct. 22 - MTI Days, Construction Camp
- Oct. 27 - SD Invests Year 4, WDT, Rapid City
- Oct. 28 - MTI Days Ag & Transportation Camp
- Oct. 28 - Scrub's Camp, Watertown
- Oct. 28 - Scrub's Camp, Eagle Butte
- Nov. 2-6 - Program Improvement Meetings
- Nov. 10 - MTI Days, Business Camp & Cyber Camp
- Nov. 18 - Scrub's Camp, MTI
- Nov. 13-14 - 7th Annual Counselors Connections Workshop, SDSU
- Nov. 18-22 - ACTE Vision Conference, New Orleans, LA



## CTE Infographic Contest

The South Dakota Department of Education is once again sponsoring an infographic contest for CTE students. The Division of Career and Technical Education understands and appreciates the value of CTE programs in the state, and we'd like that message to reach more people. Along with raising awareness of CTE, the goal of the contest is for you and your students to think about how your classrooms can share the CTE message. Get creative, and help answer the question: **How does CTE open doors for SD students?**

Along with the [included resources](#), you can explore infographics through a course provided by our co-sponsor, Lemonly. This course is free to teachers interested in learning more about infographics, and those who would like to share what they've learned with their students. If you have problems accessing any data or the course link, please contact Kara Schweitzer at [kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us](mailto:kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us) or (605) 220-3381. The contest is available to all approved CTE programs and students in grades 7-12, and the contest deadline is December 31, 2015.



2015 Infographic Contest Winner

## SAVE THE DATE: SDEPSCoR Grant funding available soon!

EPSCoR is the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, which was established by the National Science Foundation to strengthen research and education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and drive science-based economic development. Proposals for SD EPSCoR funds through the Department of Education aim to increase the number of STEM graduates skilled in informatics and biosciences at all levels by partnering industry with 7-12 education and research activities to meet the growing workforce needs of South Dakota. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to projects which allow students to explore STEM-related disciplines or which are parts of an approved Career & Technical Education (CTE) program in the following career clusters: 1) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math 2) Information Technology (Analytics and Programming) 3) Health Science (Research & Development) 4) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (Research & Development)

For more information and a grant application go to the SDDOE website: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/SDEPSCoRGrant.aspx> Documents will be updated by October 28th.

Build Dakota is a full-ride scholarship program for skilled scholars entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota technical institutes. Approximately 300 students received this full-ride scholarship for the 2015/2016 school year and we hope to award even more than that for the 2016/2017 school year! In exchange, they have agreed to work in the same high-need field for 36 months following graduation.

This full ride includes tuition, fees, books, and other required program expenses. Our early application cycle opened on October 1, 2015, and will close on December 31, 2015. If additional funds are still available, a second cycle will open from January 1 through March 31, 2016. Early applications are important and we highly encourage ALL students interested in the

following high-need programs to apply.

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

Please share this amazing opportunity with your students. For a complete list of programs at each technical institute and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit [www.builddakotascholarships.com](http://www.builddakotascholarships.com) or contact Deni Amundson at [Deni.Amundson@state.sd.us](mailto:Deni.Amundson@state.sd.us) or (605) 220-6300.



It's that time of year again! Scrubs Camps for school year 2015-2016 have already gotten

underway. The Department of Health and the Department of Education began a partnership in 2007 to implement Scrubs Camps. These camps are free, one day, hands-on health career awareness opportunities for high school students. The majority of Scrubs Camps are held during the fall of the year, with the remaining camps held during the spring. Listed below

are the locations and dates for the remaining upcoming Scrubs Camps:

Chamberlain: October 21, 2015  
 Mobridge: October 21, 2015  
 Eagle Butte: October 28, 2015  
 Watertown: October 28, 2015  
 \*Rapid City: November 17, 2015  
 Mitchell: November 18, 2015  
 \*Rapid City: February 2, 2016  
 Sioux Falls: February 5, 2016  
 Spearfish: February 20, 2016  
 Vermillion: March 15, 2016  
 Madison: April 8, 2016  
 Winner: April 8, 2016  
 \*Rapid City: April 13, 2016

For more information, visit [www.scrubscamps.sd.gov](http://www.scrubscamps.sd.gov)

# Dual Credit program enters its 2nd year

The 2nd year of the Governor's reduced rate dual credit program kicked off this fall. With the reduced rate program, South Dakota's juniors and seniors who meet admissions standards are able to simultaneously earn high school and college credit for only \$40 per credit. All four of the state's technical institutes and six public universities offer dual credit courses in a wide array of subject areas.

Sam Tusha, 2015 graduate of Bridgewater-Emery High School, used dual credit to get ahead on his postsecondary general education requirements. A freshman at South Dakota State University, Sam completed three of his post-secondary general education requirements as a senior in high school. This allowed Sam to take courses in his major this fall.

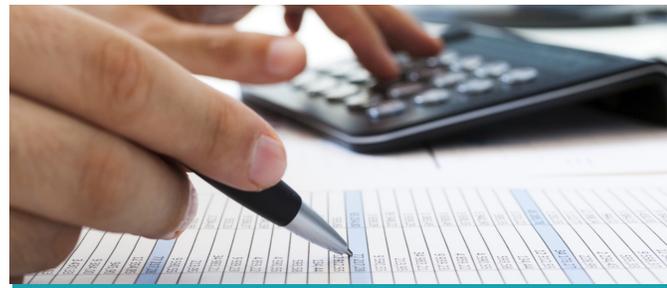
Dual credit can also help students figure out a career field. Laurel Appelwick, a senior at Madison High School, took a Certified Nursing Assistant dual credit course. The course helped Laurel realize that nursing isn't a good career fit for her. Changing majors or degree programs once she was already enrolled in a postsecondary institution would have been costly. Laurel's career exploration cost only \$40 per credit, and she still received high school credit for her efforts.

Spring dual credit registration opens at the technical institutes on November 9th and at the public universities on November 16th. More information and a list of courses offered can be on SDMyLife under Dual Credit.

## Data Highlight:

### Finance

- The starting salary range for an insurance agent in South Dakota is \$32,000-\$37,200.
- There is an 8.3% growth projected in the market demand for insurance agents in South Dakota between 2012 and 2022.
- In South Dakota, loan officers earn an average salary of \$56,750 per year.



## Career Cluster: Finance

Money is what makes the world go round. Ok, maybe not...but to those hard at work in the Finance cluster, sometimes it can sure feel like it! If you speak the language of mathematics fluently, finance is likely a good place for you. And the Finance cluster is always in need of a good analytical mind.

South Dakota is a central hub for some of the biggest banks in the nation, including Citibank, Wells Fargo and Premier Bankcard.

Students interested in the Finance cluster should consider participating in FBLA, DECA or joining a local investment club.

There are five different pathways in the Finance cluster, including:

- Securities & Investments
- Business Finance
- Accounting
- Insurance
- Banking Services

Students considering a career within the Finance cluster should take course in:

- Economics
- Accounting
- Intro to Financial Services
- Business Law

# Build Dakota Program Manager

## Deni Amundson



Greetings! I'm Deni Amundson and I started working for the DOE in March of 2015. I'm the program manager for the Build Dakota Scholarship. This is scholarship program created through a \$50 million investment funded by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 million contribution from the South Dakota Future Fund. Students receive a full-ride scholarship in a designated high-need field in return for a 36 month commitment to work in South Dakota. I've been working on promoting the scholarship as well as establishing the administrative processes for the program and implementing them with the technical institutes.

My husband, Scott, and I have four children. Cassie (25) is a nurse in Rapid City, Nikki (21) is attending nursing school in Rapid City, Kyle (20) is majoring in pre-med at USD, and Ben (10) is a 4th grader. We also have a beautiful granddaughter named Hailey. Our free time is spent on Ben's extracurricular activities and trying to see our older kids and granddaughter as much as possible.



## In The News

- Yankton Chamber Director Gears Up For Big Week In Manufacturing
- Inside KELOLAND: Build Dakota Scholarship
- Contestants try to build a better birdhouse
- Students Learn Valuable Career Skills In Carpentry Class

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