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Newsletter

Jeff Fastnacht Elected Chair of State Board for CTE

Jeff Fastnacht, Assistant Superintendent at Mandan Public Schools, was elected chair of the State Board for CTE. Fastnacht has been with Mandan Public Schools for two years. Prior to that he was the superintendent at Ellendale. In 2011, the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders named him the Superintendent of the Year. He also served as the president of the North Dakota Association of School Administrators.



Sonia Meehl, Oakes, was elected vice-chair of the board. She is a former business owner, currently farms with her family, and volunteers for multiple boards and organizations. In 2018, she received the Barb Norby Scholarship Award from the North Dakota School Boards Association.

Annie Dukart Joins CTE Staff as Administrative Assistant, August 3, 2020



Annie Dukart will be starting with North Dakota Career and Technical Education on Monday, August 3, 2020. She will be the administrative assistant for the Family and Consumer Sciences and the Marketing Education program areas. She will be working with both FCCLA and DECA in her new role. Annie was a member of FCCLA in high school, and competed and attended the national convention. She said, "FCCLA and other CTE programs helped shape me into who I am today. They allowed me to feel like I had a place to belong." She served as chapter president and a Peer Leader. She brings with her a plethora of experience as an administrative assistant, marketing assistant, and communications director.

Dan Spellerberg Receives Innovate ND Award—Front Line Innovation

Dan Spellerberg, Agricultural Education instructor at Southeast Region Career and Technology Center, was presented the Front Line Innovation Award for North Dakota from Governor Doug Burgum. This award recognizes innovative approaches in the classroom.



Dates of Interest

August 10-14, 2020

CTE Professional Development Conference
Bismarck

August 10, 2020

10:00 am
PDC General Session
Virtual Session

August 11, 2020

10:00 am
NDACTE Annual Meeting
Virtual Meeting

April 13-15, 2023

ACTE Region V Conference
Fargo, North Dakota

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North Dakota Teachers Recognized for Outstanding Contributions!

Congratulations to outstanding advisors and teachers and programs in North Dakota. We commend you for your dedication to providing opportunities for students as you prepare them for the workforce in North Dakota.



Kayla Held
Mt. Pleasant High School, Rolla
Spirit of Advising
FCCLA



Dr. Lynette Borjeson-Painter
Bismarck State College
National Business Education Association
Postsecondary Teacher of the Year



Dustin Olson
Mayville State University
M-PBEA Collegiate/University Teacher of the Year



Gabe Rauschenberger
Minot Public Schools
North Dakota Outstanding TSA Chapter Advisor

School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Dickinson State University
M-PBEA Business Education Program of the Year
Postsecondary Business Education Association

Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy Released

Don Fischer, Program Supervisor, Technology and Engineering Education

The final release for the Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy is now available. This document represents two-plus years of work and has culminated in an outstanding finished *STEL* product. These standards will provide a strong foundation for our profession to build curricula that meets the needs of all students. Take the time right now to download and read the *STEL* document. You can find it at: <https://www.iteea.org/STEL.aspx>.

CTE will be assembling a team to review these standards and adapt/adopt them as the North Dakota Technology & Engineering Education Standards. Work on this project will begin this fall and be spearheaded by Michael Netzloff, NDCTE Standards and Curriculum Specialist. The project will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. If you would like to be on this team, please contact Don Fischer, State Supervisor at dgfischer@nd.gov.



Aviation Career Expo

Submitted by Mike McHugh

Throughout history, the aviation industry has had its ups and downs, typically following the rest of the economy. When the economy is doing well, people travel for business and pleasure; when people are staying home, the airline industry slows down, causing a decrease in hiring among airlines, corporate flight departments, and more. If there is one thing I have learned, it is that after every downturn the industry emerges stronger than before. I am hopeful this will be the case yet again, when we get back to a new normal after the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take some time to recover, but I believe the demand for pilots, mechanics, and other industry professionals will be even greater than before.



The North Dakota Aviation Association (NDAA), formerly the Aviation Council, has formed a committee and is working hard to provide inspiration and assistance to youth interested in aviation careers. The Aviation Career Expo will be held October 30, 2020, at the Fargo Air Museum, with high school students as the target audience. This will be an annual event, with next year's tentatively being held at the Dakota Territory Air Museum. The Expo will have three main components: inspirational speakers, exhibitors, and scholarships.

Speakers: We plan to have three inspirational speakers, either from North Dakota or those with ties to the state. We hope they will inspire and energize the students with their experiences in aviation.

Exhibitors: Our goal is to introduce young people to the vast array of career opportunities within the

aviation industry. We want to educate students on the verge of making college and career decisions about these exciting options. We plan to have representation from all over the industry, ready to share the story of the diverse career opportunities in aviation.

Scholarships: We will be awarding a multitude of scholarships to students, which I believe will be one of the best parts of the Expo. I would encourage you to consider donating to a scholarship fund, either as an individual or a business. Scholarships can be awarded as specific or as general as you would like. A specific scholarship could be to attend a certain school or college, pilot training at an FBO, or for a student pursuing a particular career field. A general one could be, for example, a \$2,000 scholarship for anything aviation related.

We have found an excellent group of volunteers to help plan this exciting Expo, and we are always open to more. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee either this year or in the future, contact Darren Hall or myself. Please spread the word about this event, as we hope to have a great turnout of young adults interested in an aviation career. If you or your business would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please contact Larry Mueller at Red River State Bank. We will provide more event information as we near the event. Contact information is below.

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The Department of Career and Technical Education is here to assist you during these unprecedented times. Our team is committed to providing you with information and resources that will allow you to continue to teach North Dakota's students skills that will put them on a career pathway to success.

Kayla Kakela Held Presented with the Spirit of Advising Award

Ann Dietchman, FCCLA Advisor, CTE Supervisor of Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Kayla Kakela Held, a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) teacher at Mt. Pleasant High School at Rolla, ND, is one of 25 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) advisers nationwide who were honored with a Spirit of Advising Award. *Mrs. Held* has been an FCCLA adviser for 17 years and received her Award with the rest of the Spirit of Advising Award recipients during the Virtual National Leadership Conference, July 7-9, 2020.

FCCLA's Spirit of Advising Award is an honor bestowed to only one adviser from each state association. The Spirit of Advising Award recognizes FCCLA advisers who consistently demonstrate excellence in modeling FCCLA character and integrity to ensure the success of their students

within their classroom and career.

"FCCLA advisers are crucial to the organization's success," said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA. "Their constant dedication and support to Family and Consumer Sciences, youth leadership, and the organization exemplify the value of leadership throughout the community. Without these educators, FCCLA could not be the Ultimate Leadership Experience it is today."

It requires a unique set of skills and a tremendous commitment of time and energy to be a competent adviser. Exceptional advisers go above and beyond in serving their school, community, and state by connecting students to opportunities, using a wide variety of resources, and continuously working for the advancement of the organization.



NDACTE Membership Renewal is Available

Carla Hixon, NDACTE Executive Director

North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education Membership renewal is available exclusively online through ACTE's website, go to www.acteonline.org/join. Select ND as your state association and national, state, and all division dues will be available for you to select in one convenient location. The cost to renew your membership is \$115 (\$80 ACTE/\$35 NDACTE). Don't let your benefits slip away, renew today!

Learn more about North Dakota ACTE at www.acteonline.org

What can North Dakota ACTE do for you?

Quality resources (including online content), networking opportunities, and professional development at the state, regional, and national level.

Professional Recognition. Whether you are an educator, administrator, or business leader, NDACTE and ACTE Awards Programs give you the opportunity to nominate a colleague or personally receive recognition on the state or national stage for your professional accomplishments and dedication to career and technical education.

State Director's Column

-Wayde Sick, Director, North Dakota Career and Technical Education

K-12 Smart Restart

As I am sure many of you have seen, Governor Burgum and the Department of Public Instruction have released the 2020-21 K12 Smart Restart Guidance. If you have not read it yet, the focus is for a local school district to develop a plan, in partnership with parents, students, teachers, local public health, and the community, that will allow the school to provide instruction to all students, in a safe manner. <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/sites/www/files/documents/Covid-19/NDK12restartguide.pdf>



The concern the Department of Career and Technical Education hears often is how do we still offer quality, hands-on Career and Technical Education in a world of distance education and social distancing? The answer is that we don't know. I don't believe anyone knows; however, the department will assist anyway it can to address that concern.

Starting in late July and continuing in August, the staff at NDCTE will be assembling small groups of program specific instructors to explore options, collect best practices and ideas. In turn, these ideas will be shared across the state. That way all CTE programs can all rise to the challenge and continue to offer quality programming. Be watchful for opportunities to participate in these conversations.

To use as a resource, the Association of Career and Technical Education has developed the *High-Quality CTE: Planning for a COVID-19-impacted School Year Guide*. This in-depth guide can help answer questions while ensuring local programs are asking the appropriate questions as they consider the 2020 K12 reopening. https://www.acteonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Planning_for_COVID-19-impacted_Year_FINAL.pdf

As always, thank you for your commitment to your profession, your schools, and your students.

Be safe.

Wayde Sick

State Director

North Dakota CTE

Did you know...

The Career Outlook for 2020-2021 is now available and will be delivered to schools this fall. The magazine is also available on line: www.cte.nd.gov.



Contact Laura Glasser at leglasser@nd.gov for more information.

Division Openings on NDACTE Board

Looking to get more involved in NDACTE? The FACS and Technology and Engineering Divisions have board member terms expiring in August. The mission of the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education is to promote and improve career and technical education; provide service, leadership opportunities, and recognition to its members; and support career and technical education as an integral part of the educational system. Please let Carla Hixson know if you are interested. Contact Carla at NDACTE@outlook.com.

North Dakota Career and Technical Education
2020 Professional Development Conference
August 10-14, 2020
Opening Session: 10:00 am, Monday, August 10, 2020

CTE Conference Registration
Register at www.cte.nd.gov for the CTE Conference.
Although there is **no registration fee** for the online conference sessions this year,
we would still like you to register for the conference.
*You may also pay your dues for ACTE/NDACTE or associations when registering for the
conference.*

NDACTE's Annual General Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020 @ 10:00 am central time.

Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://mygfschools.zoom.us/j/97607100142>
or dial in 312-626-6799.

CTSO Leadership Perspective

"I credit CTE for granting me essential life skills. I have learned to prepare and to present, to speak in public and to organize—things that even some adults today do not have in their professional horizons. The fact I was able to learn and continuously practice these skills through my time in FFA and CTE, is something that I am grateful for. We are using skills in CTE classes that will be utilized well after high school, regardless of their plans. CTE and especially FFA have offered me a place to learn and grow as a leader. I am not planning to be a teacher of agricultural education. The direction and change that CTE brought to me as a person is invaluable and I would not be the person I am today had I not been involved in it."

Breanna Hosman, ND FFA President is a graduate of Hebron High School and is planning to attend NDSU this fall, majoring in Agricultural Education.



2020 The Year of Challenge and Opportunity



*Mark Wagner, Assistant Director,
North Dakota Career and Technical
Education*

Mission of CTE

The mission of the State Board for Career and Technical Education is to work with others to provide all North Dakota citizens with the technical skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a globally competitive workplace.

Career and Technical Education gives purpose to learning by emphasizing real-world skills and practical knowledge within a selected career focus. What sets CTE apart from other educational pathways is its focus on valuable real-life skills and applied learning that will result in a variety of in-demand and high living-wage careers. High-quality CTE programs provide opportunities for direct engagement between industry that may lead to a career with the potential to have their next level education paid for by business and industry. Yet what sets CTE apart is also what presents unique challenges in the COVID-19 (coronavirus) era.

While state and local CTE leaders are struggling with many of the same concerns as their peers across the education and workforce systems, CTE leaders face several specific challenges to support the learners and the communities they serve. Within these challenges lies opportunity. As we in North Dakota consider how to redesign our schools and colleges, instruction and student supports, there is great opportunity for innovation and modernization. This may be the best opportunity to really make a change in how we do things in education. Not only because we must, in order to stay current in the educational arena, but more importantly because we can drop the barriers that have slowed down or even held our education system back from futuristic thinking and expansion. Equitable access to high-quality CTE experiences has been a pervasive challenge. That is one of the reasons that the area and virtual centers evolved to provide more access for our North Dakota students to CTE. If we can continue to grow and can develop meaningful full-time or blended virtual courses and Work Based Learning experiences, CTE has the potential to have more of an impact to more students than what is currently being done.

With quality and equity as the two guiding principles, we should design solutions that not only focus on the short-term crisis that we currently face, but also plan and look toward reshaping the educational system into something stronger and more responsive to the current and predicted needs of learners, employers, and the economy. We are CTE! We look at a problem and we determine how it can be solved. Just as CTE educators do in their classrooms and labs daily, we need to accept this challenge and take on this opportunity. We owe it to our students as they have come to expect that from CTE. There is not a doubt in my mind that CTE will take on this Covid-19 challenge and excel. Not only do what is best for our students, **but do it better!**

ND Career and Technical Education Professional Development Conference

Schedule as of July 30, 2020

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

10:00 am **Welcome and Awards Session**

Virtual Link available for Educational Equity, Private Career Schools and Special Populations

Agricultural Education Sessions sponsored by NDAAE

Business Education (Sessions Virtual)

Marketing Education (Sessions Virtual)



TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

Agricultural Education Sessions sponsored by NDAAE (Sessions at the Radisson Hotel, Bismarck)

Business Education NDBEA Meeting (Sessions Virtual)

Career Development (Sessions at Broadway Grill and Tavern, Bismarck)

Family and Consumer Sciences (Sessions Virtual)

Health Sciences (Sessions Virtual)

Information Technology (Sessions Virtual)

Marketing Education (Sessions Virtual)

Special Populations/Equity (Sessions Virtual)

Technology and Engineering Education (Sessions Virtual)

Trade, Industry & Technical Education (Sessions Virtual)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Agricultural Education Sessions sponsored by NDAAE (Sessions held at the Radisson Hotel, Bismarck)

Career Development (Sessions held at National Guard Bohn Armory, Bismarck)

Family and Consumer Sciences (Sessions Virtual)

Health Sciences (Sessions Virtual)

* **Administration will meet at a later date.**

* **Check the website at www.cte.nd.gov for updates, times, locations, and log in information for program area sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.**

Registration

Although there is no registration fee to participate in the professional development, we ask that you register at www.cte.nd.gov.

You may also register and submit membership for ACTE/NDACTE and your association dues.

CTE Welcome and Awards Session

*Monday, August 10, 2020
10:00 AM CT*

www.cte.nd.gov to log in

Announcements and 2020-2021 Updates from

- *CTE State Director
Wayde Sick*
- *CTE Assistant State
Director, Mark Wagner*
- *CTE Director's Awards
of Excellence*
- *NDACTE Awards
Presentation*

*The live event will
be recorded and
made available on
the CTE website.*