

Upcoming Events

- July 31 - August 2
CTE Summer Conference
Sioux Falls
- August 3 – CTE 101
Sioux Falls
- September 21
Health Science Best Practices
Sioux Falls
- September 22
National Teach Ag Day
Statewide



Don't Miss It!!! 2016 CTE Conference

The countdown has begun! There are less than two weeks until the South Dakota Career & Technical Education Summer Conference will be held in Sioux Falls. There is still time to register! The conference is sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Education in cooperation with the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education. Each year, this conference provides over 300 teachers, administrators, and school counselors the chance to connect with other educators and explore best practices that will help them prepare students to be college, career, and life ready.

This year's conference is scheduled for July 31-August 2, in Sioux Falls, SD. Monday of the conference includes key note speaker Dave Burgess, author of 'Teach like a Pirate' and numerous industry tours,

including A Taste of Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls Regional Airport, Co-op Natural Foods, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Cottonwood Ridge Dairy, Showplace Cabinetry, Epicosity, and many more! A schedule can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/training.aspx>.

Tuesday of the conference is dedicated to breakout sessions and content-specific time for each career cluster.

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Local Perkins funds can be used for professional development related to CTE Programs of Study, including CTE conference registration fees.

To register, visit <https://www.regonline.com/SDCTEConference2016>.

Please make plans to join us!!!

Extra \$\$\$. Because YOUR idea is...**AWESOME.**

CTE Quick Pitch

Cash Prizes for the Best Teaching Ideas!

Categories include...

- Outstanding Classroom/School Counseling Best Practice
- Innovative CTSO Activity
- Effective Community Outreach

\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$

1st Place- \$250

2nd Place- \$200

3rd Place- \$150

Sign Up for This Event Here: <http://goo.gl/forms/0MQHBRskU85sh7X82>

Sioux Falls school board announces Southeast Tech president

The Sioux Falls School Board has announced that Robert J. Griggs will begin his role as president of Southeast Tech on September 1 of this year.

Griggs comes to Southeast Tech with an exceptional background in higher education. For the past twenty years he has served in progressively responsible roles in higher education as a faculty member, department chair, associate dean, dean, chief information officer, associate vice president, vice president and chief academic officer. He has been employed by Bemidji State University (BSU) since July 2000, filling various senior administrative roles.

Most recently, he served as Vice President for Innovation at Bemidji State and Interim Dean for Northwest Technical College (NTC). "Bob rose to the top from a field of more than 60 candidates for the position," said School Board President Kent Alberty. "The School Board as well as Southeast Tech's Council and administrators look forward to working with Bob as he brings new ideas and innovation to the greater Sioux Falls area."

As chief academic officer at Northwest Technical College, Bob has been responsible for providing executive oversight and strategic guidance in the planning, development, assessment, and evaluation of all aspects of credit and non-credit academic programming as well as instructional support services.

Working with student services staff he has facilitated creation of a new "one-stop" student support service area to improve student retention and collaboratively assisted faculty with revision of over forty academic programs to improve the quality of offerings and to better align with business and industry needs.

He has held a number of positions during his career at BSU/NTC, including Vice President for Innovation and Extended Learning, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Extended Learning and Library Services, and Dean of Distance Learning.

Griggs has led regional efforts to create new articulation agreements between two and four-year institutions and has championed development and implementation of innovative and award-winning academic programs and delivery models that have increased student access and enrollment. He has substantial experience leading institutional accreditation efforts and in 2016 received special recognition from a Higher Learning Commission comprehensive visit evaluation team for his positive leadership of NTC.

Rich Kluin, Vice President of Finance and Operations at Southeast, will serve as Interim President until Griggs begins in September.

DCTE Happenings

The Division of Career and Technical Education, along with the South Dakota Association of Career and Technical Education, has been working tirelessly to prepare an amazing 2016 Summer Conference experience for our attendees.

In addition to lining up outstanding tour options, new attractions such as a scavenger hunt, and a Quick Pitch competition, we're confident that the conference speakers and breakout sessions, along with the trade show, will offer something valuable for each of you.

Please make time to include this summer conference in your professional development calendar. Additionally, the DCTE has been coordinating the unpacking of standards written by educational professionals from across the state last summer. That work is happening this week in Pierre. We have a wonderful group of educators gathered to complete that work, and you will be hearing much more about this work in the coming months. We're looking forward the upcoming school year, and serving you, and your schools, in any way we can.



In The News

- Graduating High School and College at the Same Time
- Healthcare Careers Summer Camp Held at USD
- Why High School Students Need More Than College Prep

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