

## Upcoming Events

- September 21  
Health Science Best Practices  
Sioux Falls
- September 22  
National Teach Ag Day  
Statewide



## 2016 CTE Summer Conference Held July 31-August 2



The annual CTE Summer Conference got under way Sunday, with the golfing social held at Northern Links Golf Course. Sunday also found CTE conference participants competing in a Networking Scavenger Hunt. Several locations in beautiful downtown Sioux Falls were the backdrop for the competitors, who vied for prizes by sharing photos representing the 16 career clusters. Several pre-conference sessions were available to conference attendees as well, including Big Data Analytics, and a Business Education Expo.

Monday's opening session began with Keynote speaker Dave Burgess, who taught attendees how to "Teach Like a Pirate"! Mr. Burgess encouraged the audience to use their time with students to provide them with inspiring, engaging and memorable

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## Industry tours provided at 2016 Summer Conference

The 2016 CTE Summer Conference included nearly 30 business and industry tour options for conference attendees.

Industry tours provide an opportunity for front line business owners to connect directly with educators, providing a variety of benefits. Through tours, employers are able to highlight information about local employer needs, labor market trends, and new technologies relevant for teachers to use in their classrooms. Additionally, employers can help educators connect their classroom content to real work world applications and business best practices so that students are college- and career-ready.

Tours began on Sunday, starting with Grand Falls Casino. The tour was employee focused and took attendees through the front and the back of the house, including food service, spa, hotel, casino, golf course, security and event center. On Monday, tours were divided into three time slots, and included a variety of options, spanning all career clusters. Tour options included, but were not limited to, Midwest Railcar

Repair, the only railcar repair business in South Dakota, POET, one of the largest ethanol producers in the world, Aquatech BioEnergy, a cutting edge research company looking for new ways to generate sustainable and renewable energy from plants, "A Taste of Phillips Avenue", which included options such as The Cookie Jar, Coffea Rotisserie, and M.B. Haskett Delicatessen. Other tour stops found participants at Falls Community Health, which provides medical and dental care, Lemonly, a visual marketing firm, local news station KSFY, Cottonwood Ridge Dairy, where attendees learned about how robotic milkers have transformed a small family dairy, and the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, an ecumenical non-profit organization that provides a daytime and overnight shelter to men, women and children who are either low-income and/or homeless. The DCTE and the SDACTE would like to thank all who provided time and resources to accommodate the conference attendees.

Find more photos from conference tours at: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/training.aspx>.

## ESSA Implementation: Let's Talk

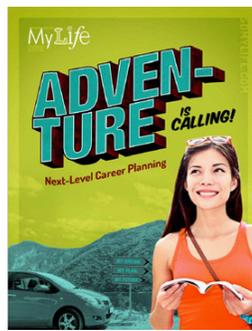
The South Dakota Department of Education has created a new listserv dedicated to issues around implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act in our state. Anyone interested in ESSA implementation efforts is invited to sign up for the listserv. To sign up, [click here](#) and follow the link to "Subscribe or Unsubscribe." Also, please share this information with any education-related groups you work with that may be interested.

Through the ESSA Implementation listserv, SD DOE will provide updates on implementation in our state. More importantly, we plan to pose questions on critical implementation topics on which broad input is needed. We will pose the questions via the listserv and then ask subscribers to respond via an online survey tool, so we can collect responses in one spot. Responses will be shared with the ESSA work groups, as well as SD DOE staff responsible for developing the state plan required under ESSA. Our first question is this:

- South Dakota has an opportunity to design an indicator around student success and school quality as part of its accountability system. What thing(s) should be measured that would provide meaningful results? Think about different indicators for elementary/middle vs. high school.

Watch a [brief video explanation](#) of this opportunity.

[Provide your input](#) on this questionnaire.



## What's new with SDMyLife for 2016-17

Many great things evolved with SDMyLife over the summer.

South Dakota's FREE online career and education planning tool, is now available to all students grades 6-12. Students are able to log on using their k-12 email address and password or by using their SDMyLife username and password. Webinars highlighting SDMyLife implementation for sixth graders, including suggested activities and accompanying lesson plans will be held on September 19, 2016. See below for details.

The 2016 SDMyLife magazine was published late July. Visit <http://sdmylife.com/educators/mylife-magazine> to access the electronic version of the magazine or complete the order form to request print copies for your students. Lesson plans and career planning activities for current and past editions of the magazine can be accessed at <http://sdmylife.com/educators/file-manager/> or by clicking Lessons & Resources on the Educators page at [sdmylife.com](http://sdmylife.com).

The SDMyLife portfolio is now recognized as the SDMyLife PLP. Keep an eye out for more information about Personal Learning Plans and the new Career Decision Making Guide.

Fall 2016 SDMyLife trainings will be held in Mitchell and Rapid City. Register for the trainings at [GoSingMeUp](#). Graduate credit is pending. Participants will need to attend training and complete outside assignments to meet credit requirements.

- September 15 Rapid City
  - o 9:00 am-12:00 pm MST SDMyLife New Users
  - o 12:30 pm-3:30 pm MST SDMyLife Portfolio Administrators/Advanced
- September 19 Webinar
  - o 3:30pm-4:15 pm CST SDMyLife 6th Grade Implementation
  - o 4:30pm-5:15 pm CST SDMyLife 6th Grade Implementation
- September 20 Mitchell
  - o 9:00 am-12:00 pm CST SDMyLife New Users
  - o 12:30 pm-3:30 pm CST SDMyLife Portfolio Administrators/Advanced
- October 4 Mitchell
  - o 9:00 am-12:00 pm MST SDMyLife Portfolio Administrators/Advanced
  - o 12:30 pm-3:30 pm MST SDMyLife New Users

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experiences. Monday was packed full with industry tours, CTE Quick Pitch for Cash, where teachers "pitched" their best ideas, and competed for cash prizes, and the SDACTE Awards banquet, which was held on Monday evening. During the banquet, attendees could browse the silent auction items, or have fun with the CTE photo booth.

On Tuesday, the conference wrapped up with division time, a Maker Space experience, a trade show, the SDACTE business meeting and luncheon and multiple breakout sessions. The day wrapped up with Banquets for the Family & Consumer Science and Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources divisions.

With well over 300 in attendance, the 2016 conference was an eventful and exciting three days. Make plans to join us in Brookings, SD for the 2017 CTE Summer Conference!

# DCTE Happenings



It has been a busy summer for the Division of Career and Technical Education! We took a short breath after wrapping up the CTE Summer Conference, and then jumped right into preparation for the 2016-17 school year. We also had a wonderful opportunity to tour the new Transportation building on the campus of Southeast Technical Institute. It's an exciting time for CTE, on both the secondary and post-secondary levels. We're looking forward to assisting you and your programs in the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of any assistance.

## 2016-17 School Counselor College & Career Readiness Workshop Series

Get the tools you need to implement College & Career Readiness, all from the comfort of your computer! The South Dakota CCR Workshop Series for school counselors does just that!

This innovative, online workshop series provides school counselor participants with 24 hour a day access to monthly video modules, readings and resources all connected to practical, up-to-date K-12 College and Career Readiness information. Each monthly module also includes a short assignment worksheet and a community reflection question so participants can share and hear views from other counselors around the state.

This series consists of eight modules, offered each month from September through April, with topics including Defining College & Career Readiness (CCR) Success, Amazing, High Paying Alternative Postsecondary Options, Finding the Time for Effective CCR, and much more! Monthly modules typically take just one hour to complete.

In April, each participant will make a short Workshop Project Presentation. Participants will also be eligible to sit for the optional College and Career Readiness Counselor (CCRC) Certification assessment in April. Those who complete the entire CCR Workshop series and CCRC Assessment are eligible to earn 15 Continuing Education contact hours or one graduate credit.

Register today! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/hynb5jh> to sign up. Participation is limited to the first 150 registrants. Contact Andrea Diehm at [andrea.diehm@state.sd.us](mailto:andrea.diehm@state.sd.us) or 605.773.4150 with questions.

Although this professional development offering is geared for school counselors, teachers are welcome to participate as well. This workshop is geared for those working with students ranging in grades K-12. Graduate credit is pending at time of newsletter publication; details will be posted [online](#) when made available.

The first monthly module begins in September, so [register today!](#)

Click [here](#) to view more school counselor professional development offerings.

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### In The News

- Career Tech Ed Tour at Lemonly
- Industry Tours Win-Win for Teachers and Business Owners
- MMS Gears Up for Makerspace Learning Program
- Launching a Makerspace: Lessons Learned from a Transformed School Library
- 300 Students Get Scholarships