

Upcoming Events

March

27-31 National Business Education Association Convention

April

5-6 – State HOSA Leadership Conference

8-10 – State FCCLA Conference

12-13 – Skills USA Conference

15-17 – State FFA Convention

21-24 – DECA National Conference

30-May 1 – Envirothon @ Outdoor Campus East, Sioux Falls
<https://sdenvirothon.org/>



Workforce Education Grant Applications Now Open

The Department of Education is pleased to announce that the 2018 round of Workforce Education Grants is NOW OPEN. The application is available on our website at: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/WEG.aspx>. These grants allow private, nonprofit entities to apply for grant funds for training programs aligned to postsecondary technical education, providing work-readiness skills, and preparation for high demand technical careers.

The application period runs from now until March 28.

The Division of Career and Technical Education's regional specialists are also available to help you consider ideas and answer any questions you may have.

Find your contact at: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/cte.aspx>

NCRC News

If you have not yet scheduled the National Career Readiness Certificate assessments at your school, we still have openings for the Spring semester. Contact Heather Nelson (east river) heather.nelson@state.sd.us or Barb Unruh (west river) barb.unruh@state.sd.us To learn more about the NCRC, click here http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/documents_educators/ncrc_schools_student_flier.pdf

To date, during the 2017-2018 school year, 3286 students have been assessed.

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Certificate	Total
496	787	1124	691	15	173	3286
15.09%	23.95%	34.21%	21.03%	0.46%	5.26%	100.00%

Assessment Tip

NCRC sample questions can be found at the following website http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/ncrc_educators.aspx.

CTE Across the State:



McCook Central

In the past two years, the McCook Central FFA chapter has incorporated the agriscience fair into curriculum and instruction. Team teaching and collaboration between staff and students has paid off. Students select a project within one of the six categories and map out the research and testing. The projects have allowed students to work with local and state businesses, creating a partnership. The FFA agriscience fair promotes hands-on science learning along with time management, organization, and communication and analysis skills. Last fall, McCook Central had nine individuals and two teams selected as finalists for the National Agriscience Fair (top 15 in the nation). Of those competing, one team placed 4th, one team placed 3rd, one individual placed 3rd, and one was selected the national winner for their category/division.



Hanson

On Friday, February 16, Hanson's 8-11th grade students participated in CTE Exploration Day. To begin the exploration day, Hanson's principal discussed what CTE stands for, what a concentrator is, what Skills USA is, as well as touched on the Build Dakota Scholarship and Opportunities Scholarship. All students then explored the courses offered at Hanson within their grade level. The clusters available are Human Services; Education & Training; Business Management & Administration; Arts, AV Technology & Communication; Architecture & Construction; and Manufacturing. The students had positive feedback including 93% saying it was helpful information and 80% saying they may now consider a course in these areas.

Sanford PROMISE K-12 Science Exploration to host Identity, Genetics, and History Professional Development Workshop

This event, co-hosted with Harvard Medical School's Personal Genetics Education Project (pgEd) will be held at Sanford Research July 25-27, 2018.

Inspire your students to discover the exciting and diverse world of genetics with interactive lesson plans that explore the ethical and social issues affecting individual, families and society.

Topics will include:

- Introduction to Personal Genetics
- American Eugenics Movement
- Ethics and Gene Editing
- Athletics and Genetics
- Race, Ancestry and Genetics

Workshop content is especially relevant for teachers of the life science, health, social studies, Law, genetics, psychology, biotechnology, physical education or bioethics. Teacher and non-educators are welcome to apply.

Stipends, travel scholarships, and graduate credit available.

Please share the attached flier with colleagues (help me get this opportunity to teachers other than science too! let's involve their valuable thoughts in the discussions!)

Visit: <https://www.sanfordresearch.org/ARC> to learn more and apply (note, the application will be available by April 1, to make sure you get it as soon as it opens, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARCContact> to join our contact list).



In The News

Mitchell CTE Team Takes Top Honor at ProStart Invite

<http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/education/4417250-mitchell-cte-team-takes-top-honor-prostart-invite>

Female Executives Share How to Excel in Skilled Trade

<http://www.futureof-businessandtech.com/education-and-careers/a-panel-of-female-executives-share-how-to-excel-in-skilled-trade>

On the "Write" Track

<http://www.keloland.com/news/article/featured-stories/on-the-write-track>

HOT CAREERS: Compliance Officers



Compliance Officers examine, evaluate and investigate eligibility for or conformity with laws and regulations governing licenses and permits. They also perform inspections and monitor activities to ensure compliance and enforce laws. For example, they may ensure drivers' licenses are kept up to date or ensure an agency offers equal opportunity to individuals regardless of age, gender or ethnic background.

Most employers of Compliance Officers require a bachelor's degree in business or a field related to the type of compliance they are regulating. For example, a compliance officer ensuring compliance with laws and rules related to social ser-

vices provided to individuals may need a degree in social services or social work.

The median annual wage for Compliance Officers is \$53,315 and there is an average annual demand for 24 individuals in this field. You can research this career more at: https://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/publications/occupational_profiles/occ_profile_compliance_officers.pdf.

DCTE Staff Spotlight



Amber Rost

North Central Region
Career Development Specialist

I work with the CTE programs in 28 schools in North Central South Dakota. This means I coordinate support for strong CTE programs in their school by giving technical support on Perkins requirements, establish community/industry connections, give support to new teachers in my region and develop professional networks and industry and postsecondary networks in my region. I develop and coordinate professional development for the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teachers, coordinate standards revisions for 3 clusters (Hospitality and Tourism, Education and Training, and Human Services) and am the DOE liaison for FCCLA and ProStart. I also administer the Dual Credit Program in South Dakota by working with parents, school and postsecondary institutions on policies, contracts and data for the Dual Credit Program.



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I've ran 10 half marathons and 1 full marathon.

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