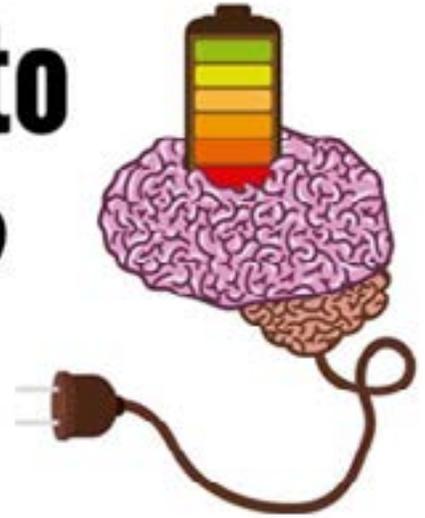


Do you need to **RECHARGE?**

Virtual CTE Conference
August 3-5, 2020



Meet New Western Region Career Development Specialist Jamie Boettcher



I am the new Western Region Career Development Specialist located in Spearfish, SD. I look forward to assisting the fine edu-

cators and administrators in my region when it comes to the CTE programs.

I will also oversee the Health Science, Information Technology, and Law, Public Safety & Security clusters for the whole state. In addition, I will coordinate work-based learning initiatives for our CTE division and work closely with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

Some background information about me, I transferred to the CTE division from Black Hills State University where I was a Retention Advisor with TRIO – Student Support Services. Before that position I worked in Student Financial Services. Prior to my time at BHSU, I worked for the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation as an Employment Specialist.

I believe my background in higher education and labor will be key components when it comes to being a resource for my region. Like many others, I have had a busy yet fun summer with my family all while finishing up my master's degree from BHSU. Fingers crossed we will find our new "normal" for this upcoming school year and be successful with the new changes we are now faced with.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Welcome to your much-deserved summer break! This school year threw everyone one unexpected curve ball after another. Throughout it all, South Dakota's teachers proved once again that they are strong, dedicated, caring, and innovative.

We can't thank you enough for digging deep into your toolbox. All the extra hours you put in to ensure that flex learning was the best it could be for your students did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

We all know that teachers don't get summer's "off" but we hope that you find some time for yourself to re-charge your personal battery.

The Division of Career and Technical Education wants to support you in preparing to restart the school year: refreshed,

renewed, and ready to tackle a learning environment that will be deeply impacted and changed. CTE conference will be going virtual Aug. 3-5.

The schedule under development but here are a few important details:

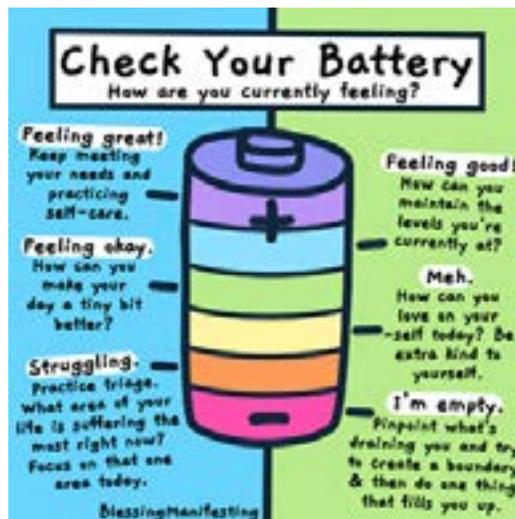
COST: Completely FREE!

WHO CAN ATTEND: Anyone! All CTE teachers, core content teachers, administrators, school counselors, post-secondary, business and industry, ANYONE!

TIMES: The sessions will go from 9-3 p.m. (CT) daily. You can pick and choose which sessions you attend.

CREDIT: Both graduate and CEU credits will be available.

To complete your free registration or for more details go to [The 2020 VIRTUAL CTE CONFERENCE website](#).



Secretary DeVos Challenges Educators to Rethink Education Options for Rural High School Students Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Department launches \$600,000 competition to advance student-centered technology education

WASHINGTON - As part of her continuing charge to state and local education leaders to rethink school, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today a challenge to advance high-quality technology instruction in rural communities. The Rural Tech Project, with a total cash prize pool of \$600,000, invites high schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop competency-based distance learning programs that enable students to master skills at their own pace with the goal of preparing them for the well-paying, in-demand jobs of today and tomorrow. Amid the coronavirus pandemic, schools across the country have had to grapple with how to successfully continue to educate students who are not physically in a classroom.

“Our rural tech challenge is a tremendous opportunity for educators in rural communities to rethink how students access education,” said Secretary DeVos. “As I’ve said many times, a student’s education shouldn’t be arbitrarily limited by what’s available inside their brick-and-mortar classroom, and that’s never been more apparent than now as the coronavirus pandemic has made clear the need for more innovation to ensure all students have access to robust educational options. I look forward to seeing the student-centered approaches to tech education our challenge participants develop and hope they serve as examples for other schools as they create their own technology education programs that will prepare students for well-paying, in-demand careers.”

Rural high schools and LEAs interested in entering the challenge should [submit a proposal](#) for a competency-based program by 5:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 8, 2020. The online submission form asks for a program overview, including the delivery model, curriculum topics, and intended collaboration with local employers and other partners.

Up to five finalists will each receive an equal share of the initial \$500,000 prize pool and progress to Phase 2. From January to June 2021, finalists will develop detailed program plans and build partnerships before programs launch. They will have on-the-ground assistance, expert mentorship, and access to virtual resources as they plan, run, and refine their programs for two academic years. Finalists will also be supported by a Community Engagement Manager, who will assist with on-the-ground setup, implementation, and evaluation of each program. During summer 2023, finalists will document their outcomes and learnings in a final submission; the judging panel will then recommend one grand-prize winner to receive an additional \$100,000. The Rural Tech Project will compile insights from all finalists and share lessons learned as a resource for other communities.

“No matter where they want to work or what they want to do, today’s high school students will need advanced technology skills,” said Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical and Adult Education Scott Stump. “The Rural Tech Project will empower schools with resources to create technology education programs that will help break down the barriers between education and industry.”

To learn more, rural high schools and LEAs can [join a virtual information session](#) on July 21. Entrants can find additional resources online at ruraltechproject.com.

About Ed Prizes

The Rural Tech Project is part of Ed Prizes, a series of prize competitions to develop new products and services to both increase access to, and expand the capacity of, career and technical education. The Department has awarded \$1.7 million in prizes through three previous challenges. Learn more at edprizes.com.

NCRC Update

The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) can be used for the Advanced Career Endorsement with the high school graduation requirements and the Build Dakota scholarship. Additionally, the NCRC assists students in demonstrating career readiness by matching their skill level to thousands of occupations using the [Job Profiles Database](#). [Learn more about the NCRC](#).

If you have not yet already, please complete and submit an [application](#) for the 2020 – 2021 school year.





In The News

Lower Brule Research
Receives STEM Grant

LATI Diesel Program
Earns Accreditation

Mitchell Tech Marks
Progress with New
Student Lounge

WDT is Now Western
Dakota Technical College

Meet Southeast
Technical College

Advance CTE Announces New Board Leadership

"I am thrilled to continue as Advance CTE's Board President for a second term during this important time. The CTE community has faced unprecedented challenges over the past few months but has come together to ensure that each student in the country has an opportunity to partake in a high-quality CTE program, no matter if it's online or in person. State leaders have the task ahead of implementing their Perkins V state plans while also working across stakeholders to plan for reentry to schools and institutions in the fall. I know that we are up to the challenge and, with Advance CTE's leadership, we will be supported in this effort. I look forward to doubling down on quality and equity over the next year in Colorado, and know that state CTE leaders will do the same," said Sarah Heath, State CTE Director, Colorado Community College System.

In addition to Heath, officers include:

- Vice President: Dr. Marcie Mack, State CTE Director, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education;
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Ms. Laura Scheibe, Director of Career and Technical Education**, South Dakota Department of Education; and

- Past President: Ms. Bernadette Howard, State Director for Career Technical Education, University of Hawaii.

Newly elected and appointed board representatives include Donna Lewelling, Deputy Director, Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development; Angel Malone, State Director for CTE, South Carolina Department of Education; Steve Playl, Senior Director, College & Career Experiences, Tennessee Department of Education; Luke Rhine, State Director for CTE, Delaware Department of Education and Cathie Raymond, State Director for CTE, Arizona Department of Education.

"We are grateful for our Board of Directors' expert counsel, time and leadership, ensuring that Advance CTE is focused on service to its members and leading the field of CTE. Working together, we will rise to the challenges before us, turning them into opportunities for growth and redoubling our efforts to ensure that equity and quality are at the heart of all the work we do," said Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE.

[Learn more about the 2020-2021 officers.](#)

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