

Upcoming Events

September

- 20 - National Teach Ag Day
- 25 - National Health Science Curriculum Conference begins
- 25 - SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference begins
- 27 - EPSCoR Grant applications due
- 30 - FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference begins

October

- 3 - SDMyLife Training - Sioux Falls
- 4 - SDMyLife Training - Rapid City
- 5 - National Manufacturing Day
- 15 - SDMyLife Training - Watertown
- 16 - SDMyLife Training - Pierre



Meet the SD Board of Technical Education



Nick Wendell,
Executive Director,
South Dakota Board of
Technical Education

After the creation of the Board of Technical Education in 2016, Nick Wendell was hired in November 2017 as the Board's first executive director and full-time staff member. In collaboration with the board and leadership at the four technical institutes, Nick works to advance the legislative agenda of the technical education system, help address enrollment needs, funding needs, and advocate in the Legislature with local industry partners on behalf of the four technical institutes in the state.

Office Locations: Brookings and Pierre

Nick currently lives in Brookings, where he serves on the Brookings City Council, founded The Big Blue Birthday Box (a program that delivers birthday celebrations to the doorsteps of families in need) and has a ten-year old daughter named Amelia.

Scott DesLauriers,



Deputy Director,
South Dakota Board of
Technical Education

Scott DesLauriers was hired as the Board of Technical Education's deputy director in July 2018. In his role, Scott advances the learning, evaluation, and research agenda of the system; builds relationships with partner state agencies and organizations; and leads various strategic initiatives for the system.

Office Location: Capitol University Center (CUC) - Pierre

Scott is a recent graduate of South Dakota State University with master degrees in educational administration and counseling and human resource development. He formerly taught language arts at Madison High School in Madison, SD. Scott has an interest in travel, and any chance possible, travels to Belize, where he works with a small primary school in San Pedro.



Deni Amundson, Build Dakota Program Manager

The Build Dakota Scholarship is a workforce initiative, started in 2015, that provides full-ride scholarships in high-need areas to students attending one of South Dakota's four technical institutes. In return, these scholars agree to work in the field paid for by Build Dakota for 3 years following graduation. I provide administrative and technical assistance to the Build Dakota administration board and technical institutes. I'm the front-line contact for anything Build Dakota related from questions during the application process to tracking our scholars once they enter the workforce. I keep the program organized and evolving from year to year.

Office Location: Wall

In my opinion, I have one of the best jobs in the State of South Dakota. I have the opportunity to be part of a program offering millions of scholarship dollars to students each year.



Apply by Sept. 27 for SD EPSCoR STEM grants

SD EPSCoR - Education/Workforce Development is looking for innovators in the area of career and technical education who would like to create or improve a program allowing students to explore STEM-related disciplines. Approximately \$170,000 will be granted. Grant awards cap at \$30,000 each. Applications are due Sept. 27. See the Request for Proposal and Application.

<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/SDEPSCoRGrant.aspx>

First Ever East Central Region CTE Exchange 2018 Held at Southeast Tech

On Wednesday, September 12, around 25 CTE teachers, administrators, business people and DCTE staff met at Southeast Tech to connect, collaborate and act on making changes and improvements to their CTE programs. After a social hour with refreshments generously supplied by Southeast Tech, a business panel shared expertise and advice with the group, on many issues, including how schools can prepare their students for the transforming workplace, and how teachers, counselors and administrators can help students connect with employment, internships and job shadowing opportunities. Kelly Tollefson from Sanford Health, Pam Hilber from Avera, and Morgan Larson from Lemonly were gracious enough to serve on the business panel, and provide follow up resources for the attendees. A group best practices sharing session, CTE news and updates, and a tour of Southeast Tech rounded out the day.

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In The News

MCTEA Seeks to Close Skills Gap

<http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/4496372-mctea-seeks-close-skills-gap-new-equipment>

Southeast Tech Begins Funding Campaign

<https://www.argus-leader.com/story/news/education/2018/09/13/6-2-million-funding-campaign-could-help-bring-veterinary-program-southeast-tech/1282112002/>

Giving High School Students an Edge

<https://www.argus-leader.com/story/news/>

NCRC News

If you have not yet scheduled the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) assessments for the 2018-2019 school year, we still have openings!

To schedule a testing date, email [Heather Nelson](#) (east river) or [Barb Unruh](#) (west river). [Learn more about the NCRC.](#)

Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications Cluster Best Practices Workshop and Sharing Session

Wednesday, October 10th. The session will be held at MCTEA in Mitchell. <https://www.mhs.themitchellkernels.com/mctea>

an idea/teaching strategy/lesson plan/resource to share with the group during our large group sharing session.

The day will start at 10 AM and be done by 3 PM. There is no cost to attend.

This day is all about getting the Arts/AV teachers together and having an opportunity to learn from each other.

- A variety of topics will be covered during the day that will be focused on the Arts/AV area.

Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/b0hqFZWP7e4UcW6H2>

- Each attendee will need to bring along

DCTE Staff Spotlight



Andrea Diehm

School Counseling & Work-Based Learning Specialist

Assist school counselors throughout the state, facilitates career development, oversees the implementation of work-based learning and Capstone courses, coordinates the division's efforts related to the Workforce Development & Career Pathways Initiative, and provides content expertise on graduation requirements.



Office Location: /5 Pierre (MT) 3/5 Presho (WThF)



I played rugby at the University of South Dakota during my undergraduate college years. Go Yotes! I am also from Nebraska, so Go Huskers too!

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