

## Upcoming Events

### January

21-28 – Improve 2020 Meetings  
 - Statewide

### February

4-5 – CTSO Legislative Shadow Day  
 - Pierre

## Save the Date!

### Improve20 Meetings

We are requesting that all consortia member districts attend the same meeting location to begin their collaborative CLNA work. Registration will open after December 18th when consortia decisions are finalized.

- Jan. 21 - Aberdeen  
 Dakota Event Center
- Jan. 22- Mitchell  
 Highland Event Center
- Jan. 23- Chamberlain  
 Arrowwood Cedar Shores-
- Jan. 27- Rapid City  
 Holiday Inn Downtown
- Jan. 28- Sioux Falls  
 Holiday Inn Downtown

## Bridgewater-Emery Teacher Named New Professional of the Year

Frankie Lux Nelson, FCS teacher and FCCLA adviser of the Bridgewater-Emery School District, has been named the New Professional of the Year by the National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences. It is great to see recognition go out to one of our own FCS professionals who unselfishly dedicates her time and expertise to her students, school, and community.

Frankie has done a wonderful job linking FCCLA and FCS in her classroom - and she credits FCCLA for her success! Please click on the attached Mitchell Daily Republic article to access.

<https://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/education/4805739-A-taste-of-success-for-Bridgewater-Emery-teacher-who-earns-national-award>

## NCRC News

The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) can be used for the Advanced Career Endorsement with the 2018 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 2019-20 school year. During the 2019-20 school year, 2,581 students have been assessed:

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Certificate	Total
421	648	735	544	19	214	2,581
16.31%	25.11%	28.48%	21.08%	0.74%	8.29%	100.00%

*Assessment Tip:*  
 There are over [1,200 employers](#) in South Dakota who recognize the NCRC.

## See it in Action Day set in Madison for January 8!

Last fall, the Division of Career & Technical Education hosted a group of educators and state agency staff on a bus tour of exemplary CTE programs in Minnesota. The tour provided a first-hand look at what business partnerships, work-based learning, and dual enrollment look like in different school districts.

As you may recall, based on the feedback we received from last year's tour, we will be foregoing an out of state tour this year, and instead invite you to participate in a series of See it in Action! Days in South Dakota to see first-hand what schools in the state have done to provide top-notch education for their students.

Curious about Business Partnerships? Sign up for See it in Action! Madison. A tentative agenda for the event is attached. Register by Dec. 31, 2019. Spaces are limited.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	REGISTRATION LINK
Jan. 8, 2020	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Madison	Business Partnerships	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=12744">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=12744</a>



# In The News

LATI second in retaining students

LATI offering nursing programs at Capital University Center

School welcomes new career counselor

Bolman Partnerships help WDT serve students better

SD Schools Businesses revive skilled labor careers

Central hears of a new A-TEC robotics class

Ford MCTEA team up to find automotive technicians

Wright settles in as new head of RTEC



## Students at CTE Academy Help Build Food Truck

By Janelle Revier

I had a dream that one day I would own an ice cream truck. I mean can you think of a better way for a Culinary instructor to spend her summers than tooling around town in a little pink truck with the name 605 Serendipity emblazoned on the side. I envision children’s ears perking up as the faint sound of the ice cream truck approaches their neighborhood. I can see the urgency in the tugging of their mom’s shirt as they beg for a couple bucks to chase the truck.

I got one step closer to this dream last August when my boyfriend sent me a message stating he had found my ice cream truck in Flandreau, South Dakota. To me it was perfect. To most it was a hunk of Junk. To many of the departments at the CTE Academy in Sioux Falls it was a real-world project we were excited to sink our teeth into.

The mechanics got the first crack at the truck. They worked on the brakes and gave the 1968 Chevrolet a much-needed tune up before it was sent off to auto body. The auto body department is currently busy sanding and prepping it for painting. The carpentry department plans to help beautify the inside. The media department will help the truck design the logo and human services is interested in being involved as well. As for culinary, we have tested some ice cream recipes. Even sweet corn ice cream! The corn was donated by our carpentry teacher last fall. We learned to work with toile batter and how to make the perfect waffle corn. We have also discussed cost. Ultimately, if all goes well, we would like to try out the food truck in the CTE parking lot some beautiful spring day so the students from all departments can see how they played a part of the making of a food truck.

## Strengthening SD’s Future



The SD FFA Leadership Development Events in Pierre, December 8-9th, had nearly 500 FFA members presenting marketing plans, speeches, and parliamentary procedure demonstrations, debating current agriculture issues, selling agricultural products, and interviewing for employment – all building leadership skills for the agriculture industry. However, the event did more than showcase FFA members’ leadership talents. While waiting for competitive events, FFA members connected face-to-face with ag industry leaders who are SD FFA Star Partners at a Career Carnival, visiting about various aspects of the agriculture industry and opportunities for future internships. In addition, Pioneer representatives presented two workshops titled “Uncovering Value,” engaging members in stretching their leadership skills. Industry judges, vendors and presenters all connected with FFA members, strengthening SD’s future workforce.