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Bobbie Jo
Donovan

President Greetings

Greetings! By the time you read this, hopefully you are on the downhill stretch to Christmas Break! It was fun to see some of you at State Leadership. I thought it went well and we should all be so proud of our students! Before we know it, we will be knee deep in State Degrees & Proficiency Awards.

As we get ready to head into the Spring semester – things will continue to be busy. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Summer SDACTE/SDAAE Convention in Sioux Falls. I will be looking for breakout session proposals here in the next few days – so be watching for that. I am also looking for ideas for tours in the Sioux Falls area – please contact me if you have any ideas of places we can tour. Along with tours – I am searching for a place to hold our annual Past President Yearly Banquet.

I know its hard to imagine that we are planning for August already bit it will be here before we know it.

I hope you will take the time to read over this newsletter – and share it with your administrators! Good luck this Spring with competitions. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions you may have.

NAAE Teacher Turn the Key

Agricultural education is continually faced with a shortage of qualified teachers. Unless those who have been trained enter and remain in the profession for a period of several years, the shortage of qualified teachers will prevail. As a means of encouraging young teachers to remain in the profession and to encourage and recognize participation in professional activities, NAAE offers the Teachers Turn the Key Scholarship.

NAAE members who are currently in their second, third, or fourth year of teaching are eligible to apply for this award. Applicants must be a member of NAAE during the year of application and be a member of NAAE at the time of the convention at which they receive the scholarship. Applicants must not have attended the NAAE convention previously. All state winners must agree to attend the entire NAAE convention.

When asked about her experience, Cayla stated: TTTK was a great experience! While in our workshops, I was with 35 fellow ag teachers from all across the United States. During our workshops we focused on literacy techniques, shared ideas on technology, classroom management, and several other topics, as well as a great Q & A session with veteran ag teachers.



Cayla Graves was the SDAAE Teacher Turn the Key award recipient. Cayla is the Ag Instructor at Platte-Geddes.

Family News

Expecting: Etta Knuth (Lemmon), Devin & Evan Papousek (Wagner)

New moms: Sarah Lambert (Doland)- baby girl Dessa Christine and Marie Jaacks (Deuel)- baby boy Matthew Keith

"The most wonderful place to be in the world, is in someone's heart and in their thoughts and prayers."

Ed Mueller- full knee replacement, Jeff Hoffman- on the road to recovery, John Rist- battling cancer

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnrist>



**Lori Christensen-
Madison
SDAAE Stipend
Recipient**

New Orleans. What can I say? What a wonderful location to host our NAAE National and ACTE Vision Conference. The Convention Center and Hilton were wonderful hosts and fantastic locations overlooking the mighty Mississippi River. If you didn't attend, let me just say the Convention Center is a sight to behold. 3 million square feet of convention center under roof. There were numerous other conferences going on at the same time and never an issue with cross over or lack of room. The Hilton Riverside also had a beautiful convention center that served as the host for meals and the NAAE portion of the convention.

The town of New Orleans itself was not short on entertainment either. The town is so rich in history that I almost needed another day just to see more of the sites. And how could I forget the Mardi Gras parade? As a way to show off what they're known for, we were treated to a Mardi Gras parade, with floats and a band! It was a fantastic location. To add to the wonderful location, South Dakota was well represented as an Association. Terry Rieckman was elected and took the chair as our National NAAE President and Kelly Keller won the National ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award. Tracy Chase, Josh Christiansen and myself were awarded stipend to attend and we all found the conference well worth the trip. If you weren't able to attend, make it a point to get to NAAE soon! Our organization does a wonderful job of choosing excellent locations and really making it more than a conference, but really an experience.

Important Dates

January 15th: Honorary State Degree &/or Distinguished Service Nominations Due - Emailed to State Office

January 20th-21st: District Officer Training & Legislative Breakfast, Pierre

January 21st: Foundation Meeting & Executive Committee Meeting, Pierre

February 1st: National FFA Scholarships Due - Submitted Online

February 8th: National FFA Scholarships Signature Pages must be Postmarked

February 10th: Proficiency Registration Due - Emailed to State Office

February 10th: District Star Applications & Record Books Due - Mailed or Delivered to State Office

February 15th: State & WLC Scholarship Applications must be Postmarked to State Office

February 15th: Proficiency Applications Due to State Office *(if not bringing the day of judging)*

February 18th: Proficiency, Star, and National Chapter Judging, SDSU Foundation Building, Brookings

February 20th-27th: National FFA Week

March 10th: State Officer and Ambassador Applications must be Postmarked to State Office

March 15th: Public Relations Award must be Postmarked to State Office

March 20th: Last day to add Members to Chapter Rosters

March 25th: State FFA Convention Registration Due to State Office

April 10th-12th: State FFA Convention





Terry Rieckman
NAAE President
McCook Central

Rieckman's Ramblings

First off I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support over the past years first as your Region III Vice-President and now as the NAAE President. I know many of you have helped me along the way to achieve this position whether it was by talking to others, proof reading my brochure or simply providing advice. It is all appreciated and without this help I would not be in the position I am.

On the NAAE side we are busy planning for the upcoming National Policy Seminar and working on filling out committees. Remember if you wish to serve but are not always able to make it to convention this is one way for you to do that. First virtual meeting for many of these committees is coming up soon, and you will want to submit your MOU before then.

Also in just a short time the award applications will be online for the coming year. Over the years I have been attending NAAE convention as both an award winner and as a NAAE officer it is always more fun to see members from South Dakota being recognized. I hope some of you who have developed strong programs would apply for the Outstanding Program, or Outstanding Teacher Awards. Lots of good young teachers who could apply for that award also. I would also venture to guess most of us have had another teacher who has influenced us, or greatly assisted us in the past and you could nominate and fill out their application for Teacher Mentor.

Otherwise I just wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health to you and your families.



5 Years of Service

Dani Herring- Wall, Evan Papousek-
Wagner, Karen Roudabush- Bridge-
water, and Deb Joens- Eagle Butte



**Hall of Fame
Calvin Pietz**



10 Years of Service
Sarah VanderVliet- Tri-Valley
20 Years of Service
Dave VanderWal- DeSmet



40 Years of Service
Jim Chilson

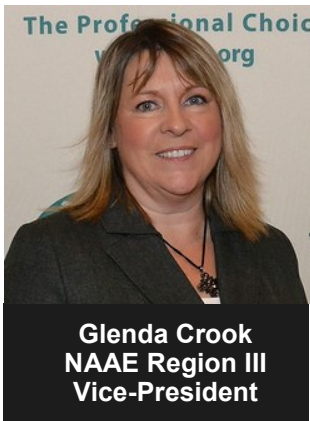


35 Years of Service
Todd Marks- Harrisburg
Ed Mueller- Garettsen



25 Years of Service
Jeff Hoffman- Mitchell

SDAAE Award Winners



Glenda Crook
NAAE Region III
Vice-President

NAAE Region III Greetings

Hello South Dakota! It doesn't seem like winter here in Wisconsin. As I write this article the ground is still bare of snow and the temperature is hanging right around the 40's and 50's this week. According to the news it is going to be an unseasonably warm winter. I hope the weather is treating you all well in South Dakota and that you are all looking forward to winter break to spend some quality time with your families.

I do want to share some highlights from NAAE convention and from the board. I have to say I was pleasantly surprised at the board meeting about the good things happening for NAAE members. The committees have been doing some fabulous work providing useful resources for NAAE members. If you visit the naae.org website and scroll down you will notice an Infographic. This resource provides information for Ag Educators at various stages in their career. There are several links to useful information to assist a teacher at any phase in their years of teaching. In addition there are seven short 1-2 minute videos being created to provide insight and information about topics specific to Ag Educators.

As we get deeper into the cold of winter and wind down our first semester make sure you take time to spend with your family and to rest up for the second half of the year. You are amazing teachers and the best colleagues anyone could ask to work with in any organization. Thank you for your endless efforts to bring the very best agricultural education to your students and for every minute you contribute to make your program the best it can be. HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

NAAE Committees

If you are interested in serving on a committee there are new positions open on each of the six committees for the 2016-2019 term. Interested members should submit their MOU, letter and resume to NAAE prior to the January virtual meetings.

If you are interested in serving as a chair of a committee or secretary you will also need to submit your MOU, letter and resume to be considered for the position. Voting will take place during the January virtual meetings. The NAAE board set the date of Dec. 15 as a deadline to get your information submitted for committee roles.

Time is running out so please hurry and join a committee to make a difference for NAAE members and Ag Educators across the country.

National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy

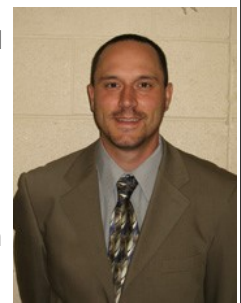
South Dakota currently has two National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors teaching agriculture; myself and Wyatt DeJong. Attending the National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy (NATAA) in 2013 was one of the best professional development experiences of my career! The academy is a week-long, intense training in Chesterfield, MA that teaches inquiry-based instruction through Agriscience lessons. This academy is sponsored by DuPont and those who attend receive many benefits at no cost!

An ambassador is a representative or promotor of something. The Agriscience ambassadors are representatives of agricultural education and inquiry-based learning. As a new ambassador, we are required to put on workshops for other Ag teachers and promote the use of inquiry and Agriscience.

Once an ambassador, always an ambassador. The trainings and opportunities for promotion of Agriscience do not end after year one. For instance, each year at the NAAE conference ambassadors gather for a symposium where we learn more strategies for implementing inquiry into our lessons.

The contacts that I've made because of the NATAA are also a huge part of my profession now. I have a larger base to share information and lessons. The whole experience of NATAA and the improvements to my teaching since the academy has been amazing. I am reinvigorated as an educator and excited to try new things in my classes.

The NATAA program is available for any agricultural teacher to apply to attend. Applications open in January and are due in March. To find more information or start an application, visit the link on the NAAE Website at <http://www.naae.org/profdevelopment/nataa.cfm>. I am excited to have many more of the great South Dakota Ag teachers become National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors!



Josh Christiansen-Flandreau
SDAAE Stipend
Recipient

NAAE 2015 National Convention



Tracy Chase-
McCook Central
SDAAE Stipend
Recipient

I have always loved attending conferences because they provide opportunities to network with other people. I have attended some conferences locally but when I was told I would be able to attend my first national convention, I was excited and nervous all at the same time.

Nevertheless, this conference and the experience I gained showed me how I can improve my teaching techniques, use valuable resources and connect with others. There are some things I found particularly interesting:

Incredible Learning Opportunities. There were more than 100 workshops offered during the convention. These sessions gave new approaches to curriculum, communication, STEM pathways in education, and more! One session I attended was “hands-on labs on an Ag-teaches budget” and would gladly share all the information I received with anyone, just ask!

Professional Development. By attending convention, I walked away with new ideas for growing and improving our chapter. Training for self and local improvement were offered and maintained even after the convention.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience, I did enjoy myself, met nice people and developed some productive relationships. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to see how I could best improve myself. Thank you for awarding me the SDAAE stipend, it came in very handy. I plan to attend the National NAAE Convention 2016 as I will be more than ready to explore opportunities that the association has to offer.

CASE

*Curriculum for Agricultural
Science Education*

SDSU is offering two
CASE courses this
summer.

Agriculture Power
and Technology:
June 5th-16th and
Principles of Agricultural
Science– Plant:
June 5th-16th.

For more information
go to [http://
case4learning.org/](http://case4learning.org/)

NAAE & ACTE Awards

It is that time of year again AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS. Many of you are helping your students fill out their award applications for many different FFA areas and what better way to show your students the importance of filling out applications than to fill out some of your own. The hard work that you accomplish in your profession should also be showcased at the State, Region and even the National level in your organizations.

Please take the time to fill out any award area application (listed below) that pertains to you and submit your applications to Kelly Dunkelberger by February 1st for the state judging. All award can be found on the SDAAE website and the STAR committee has set up a breakout session on Saturday at the AFNR winter professional development for you to get all your questions answered.

NAAE Awards

Agriscience Teacher of the Year
Ideas Unlimited
Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program
Outstanding 2-year Postsecondary/Adult Program
Outstanding Teacher
Outstanding Young Member
Teacher Mentor
Outstanding Service
Lifetime Achievement
Outstanding Cooperation

ACTE Awards

Teacher of the Year
Career Guidance Award
Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
Administrator of the Year
New Teacher of the Year
Carl Perkins Community Service Award
Lifetime Achievement Award



SDSU Update

As we say good bye to 2015 and welcome in 2016 I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on what you have been able to accomplish this year. It might be a simple success you have witnessed with your students professionally or personally with your family.

No matter what the success has been we appreciate all that you do on a daily basis in the classroom to educate students about agriculture. The future of the agriculture industry is in our hands.

As we head into a new year I encourage you to reach out to a fellow agricultural education teacher and offer assistance with an application or provide some resources to them for their classroom. We all need to continue to work together in retaining agricultural educators in the profession.

In the coming year the agricultural education program at SDSU and all partners in SD Team Ag Ed are partnering as part of the STAR Program through NAAE to retain and recruit agricultural educators. As you are aware the Winter professional development is coming up on January 8th and 9th is one opportunity for you to gain valuable resources, so I hope you are registered for this event.


South Dakota Youth Institute

Become a student leader in the global fight against hunger!

How to be involved:

- Be a 9-11th grade student
- Work with a teacher to research an issue impacting world hunger
- Write a 2-3 page paper about your research
- Be selected to attend the youth institute on May 5, 2015 at the South Dakota State University campus

Top participants will receive a \$500 scholarship if the student attends SDSU with a major in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences or College of Education and Human Sciences




THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE

Submit student registration and papers online by March 30, 2016

Additional information can be found at:
<http://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth/programs/global-youth-institute/south-dakota/>

For more information contact Dr. Scott Smalley at scott.smalley@sdstate.edu or call at 605-688-6484



DCTE Updates

Regional Specialists are lining up industry tours within their regions and around the state. The purpose of these tours is to connect with current/potential industry partners and learn about their business, employment needs and how they can work with area school districts/CTE programs to promote careers in their industry. If you have any suggestions of businesses to tour, please let me or your regional specialist know. If teachers can work it into their schedules, we would love for them to join us on these tours.

2015-2016 Program Applications will be closing January 15. If you need to make revisions (adding a course, deleting a course, changing an instructor, etc) please contact your regional specialist to take care of this before the system closes.

2016-2017 Program Applications will open on February 1st and will be due March 1st. More information will be sent out in January.

February is CTE Month! DCTE will be planning some ways to celebrate/promote CTE. Watch your email for more information.



Michelle Nelson
South central Region Career development specialist



Retired Teacher

After completing 37 years of teaching (31 in Rapid City), Darold Hehn walked out the Rapid City Central High School Ag door for the last time in May of 2015.

We appreciate all of Darold's years of service and wish the best of luck to him as he enjoys retired life!

Ideas Unlimited

Do you have a unique method to your teaching? A gadget or curriculum that works well for you? Submit your idea at the Winter Professional Development Conference for a chance to represent South Dakota at the Region III Conference.

For more information check out <http://www.naae.org/resources/awards>

Teacher Academy

CTE New Teacher Academy workshop will take place January 7 at SDSU, just prior to the AFNR Winter PD. Any CTE teachers in their 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of teaching are welcome to come.

More information and registration at: <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/course/browse?courseid=3742>

CTE 101 Training

CTE 101 must be completed within your first three years of teaching CTE in order for your program to be approved

Online training is available: Every Wednesday from January 6th to January 27th from 4:00-5:00 pm Register at: <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/course/browse?courseid=3667>

In-person trainings: June 1st in Mitchell, June 3rd in Aberdeen, August 3rd in Sioux Falls from 9am - 4pm

WINTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*January 8th and 9th, 2016
Brookings, South Dakota*

DAYS INN

\$89.10 PER NIGHT

(A BLOCK OF ROOMS ARE RESERVED)

COST to Attend: \$50

For more information visit:

<http://communities.naae.org/groups/sdaae>

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