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**President
Kelly
Dunkelberger**

Greetings from the President

What a fast school year. I feel every year it seems to move along faster and faster!!! We have made it through land and range judging and moved onto National FFA Convention. What a great representation of SD FFA we had in Indianapolis this year. Congratulations to all of our winners throughout the week and to everyone who competed in the many areas. Hopefully those of you who attended convention with your students were able to make some connections with them along with other educators throughout the nation.

Many of you are starting to get ready for your Fall Leadership CDE's that will be taking over our time for the next month. As I always tell my students the fall CDE's may be the ones that are hardest to compete in but they are the ones that will help you grow as a leader!!! Granted most of them tell me they are ok with just being a worker, but you always get those few encouraged to compete and that is a great success for them and for you! Good luck to all of you as your work through this great month! After we finish our District CDE's many of us will head off to NAAE/ACTE conference in Las Vegas. There is still time to register and join us in Vegas while we network and enjoy!!

ACTE National Finalist

Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces John Rist, agricultural education instructor at Viborg-Hurley Schools in Viborg, South Dakota, as the recipient of the 2016 Region V Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes educators who have used career and technical education (CTE) to make a significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement.

John Rist delivers all high school courses for Viborg-Hurley School district's full-time agricultural program, in addition to teaching agricultural education exploration to 7th and 8th graders. Rist has taught at three schools over the past 30 years, leaving a legacy of community service behind with each FFA chapter. In Bowdle, South Dakota, his FFA chapter built new dugouts for the baseball field; worked with the county 4-H clubs to build a new covered show ring at the fairgrounds; planted and maintained a Community Tree Bank; conducted an extensive economic development survey that led to several expanded and new businesses for the community; and conducted an extensive Agricultural Awareness Program for approximately 20+ schools annually in a 60 mile radius of Bowdle.

Recent years have found Rist's Viborg-Hurley FFA chapter re-siding an old country school-house, making improvements and painting the Danish Heritage Society & Museum building, hosting Old McDonald's Farm during the Turner County Fair, and serving on the local economic development board. "John Rist is a positive role model and a great mentor to all students who are privileged to partake in his teachings," says Brett Mellum, High School Principal for Viborg-Hurley School District.

Rist is one of four finalists for the 2017 national title. The national winner will be announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet. The event will take place on Wednesday evening, November 30, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Good luck John!!!!



**John Rist
Viborg
ACTE National Finalist
Carl Perkins Community
Service**

Family News

Engaged: Mark Misar (Bon Homme), Ashley Wiekamp (Watertown), Eric Fritz (Madison), Josh Johnson (Brookings)

Bundles of Joy: Kelly & Nate Keller (Arlington) welcomed Barrett James Keller on May 25th, Meghan & Tyler Peterson (Deubrook) welcomed Weston Michael Peterson on May 26th, Jessie & Justin Knutson (Centerville) welcomed Clay Willard Knutson on October 9th

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

Jeff Hoffman- on the road to recovery

John Rist- battling cancer

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



Rieckman's Ramblings



Terry Rieckman
NAAE President
McCook Central

Greetings from NAAE

Updates from NAAE, is that they have now selected where the next few National Conferences will be held.

2017 we are back in Nashville, TN

2018 is in San Antonio, TX

2019 is tentative but looking like we may be in Anaheim, CA

2020 goes back to Nashville, TN

2021 is New Orleans and we are

in process of making future sites for years after.

So if you have never been to NAAE Conference and want to attend in Las Vegas this may be your last opportunity for a while.

I also participated at the National Teach Ag Day live broadcast in Sioux Falls at POET, LLC. Was happy to see Michelle Nelson there also. It was a productive day as we learned about Biofuels and the campaign. Dr. Jay Jackman, Alissa Smith and Julie Fritsch were there also from NAAE.

I am also proud to say that the relief fund is in much better shape than it was at the beginning of the summer and most of that can be attributed to Region III, and in particular MN, SD and WI.

I want to wish each of you a good and blessed school year and encourage you to take an active leadership role at the district, state and national level within your organization.

Important Dates

November 18th: State Leadership CDE paperwork due to state office

December 1st: Last day to submit membership rosters & dues payment

December 4th & 5th: State Leadership CDEs in Pierre

January 6th & 7th:

Winter Professional Development in Brookings

February 18th-25th: FFA Week



DCTE Updates



Michelle Nelson

South Central Region
Career Development
Specialist

EPSCoR grants are due November 7. Find more information at

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/SDEPSCoRGrant.aspx>

Applications must demonstrate partnerships with economic development corporations or industry partners. Funds can be used for development of rigorous new programs; expanding or increasing rigor and relevance in current programs; enhancing career guidance; implementing capstone experiences; providing virtual courses, and more.

Approximately \$170,000 will be granted to schools. Grant awards will cap at \$30,000 each. Projects may begin following award notification December 9, 2016. Funds must be expended by prior to June 30, 2017.

Workforce Education grants are due November 21. Find more information, including exam-

ples of grants awarded previously, here: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/WEG.aspx>

Revised AFNR standards posted for public comment:

<http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/review.aspx>

A committee met in June 2016 to revise the AFNR standards. They have just been posted for public comment and will go through four public hearings during the 2016-17 school year. The standards may be revised based on public comment and will be adopted in final form during the May 2017 Board of Education meeting. If adopted, the new standards will be implemented during the 2018-19 school year.



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STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Agricultural Education Assistant Professor position has been posted. Go to <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/Frameset.jsp?time=1478101469680> for more information or to apply. The position is listed as open until filled with the first review date of January 6, 2017. The plan is to have someone in place by August 2017.

We currently have 13 student teachers and will have 27 student teachers next fall. If anyone would like to be considered for placing a student teacher at your school, please let Dr.

White know (peter.white@sdstate.edu). Next year's placement sites should be finalized early in January, so if you have 3-years of teaching experience at your current school and would be willing to help a student teacher find housing for the semester, contact me before Thanksgiving break so I can let the students know which sites are available. The more students we can place in South Dakota, the more likely they are to stay here.

Finally, we will be hosting the World Food Prize- Youth Institute at SDSU in the spring, look for dates in the next few weeks. If you are not familiar with the event, more information is available at: http://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/south_dakota/



Dr. Troy White
SDSU
Teaching, Learning, and
Leadership

Program Improvement meetings

Sign up with the links below! You are required to attend the Program Improvement Meeting with your school's CTE team. We are also offering for the first time this year CTE Focus Sessions in the afternoon. The CTE Focus Sessions include Creating Advisory Committees with Purpose, Developing Industry Partnerships and Work-based Learning Opportunities, and Perkins 101. The format will include ample time for discussion, collaboration and resource sharing between teachers. Three (3) Continuing Education Contact Hours will be provided to all attendees. Please bring a laptop to be used for accessing online resources!

Date	Location	Time	Meeting	Registration Link
October 31 st	Rapid City *Mountain Time	8:30-12 Noon	Required 16-17 CTE Program Improvement Meeting	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4974
October 31 st	Rapid City *Mountain Time	1pm-3:30pm	CTE Focus Session	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4980
November 1 st	Pierre * Central Time Zone	8:30-12 Noon	Required 16-17 CTE Program Improvement Meeting	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4975
November 1 st	Pierre * Central Time Zone	1pm-3:30pm	CTE Focus Session	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4981
November 2 nd	Aberdeen	8:30-12 Noon	Required 16-17 CTE Program Improvement Meeting	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4976
November 2 nd	Aberdeen	1pm-3:30pm	CTE Focus Session	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4982
November 7 th	Mitchell	8:30-12 Noon	Required 16-17 CTE Program Improvement Meeting	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4977
November 7 th	Mitchell	1pm-3:30pm	CTE Focus Session	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4983
November 9 th	Sioux Falls	8:30-12 Noon	Required 16-17 CTE Program Improvement Meeting	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4978
November 9 th	Sioux Falls	1pm-3:30pm	CTE Focus Session	https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=4984

NEW FACES NEW PLACES

School	New Teacher
Doland	Bailey Coats
Faulkton	Cecila Knutson-Woodring
Garretson	Alysha Kientopf
Gettysburg	Lucas Eide
Hot Springs	Tanna White
Kimball	Tracey Walsh
Stanley County	Wyatt Johnson



Tracey Walsh, Bailey Coats, Cecila Knutson-Woodring, Alysha Kientopf, and Tanna White have begun their 1st year of teaching in South Dakota.

School	New Program
Aberdeen Roncalli	Bradley Cihak
Colome	Brian Jorgensen
Northwestern Area	Noelle Swanson



NAAE Convention



**President Elect
Russ Swanson**

There is still time to register for this year's NAAE Convention that starts November 29 and runs through December 3 in Las Vegas. You can bet on a great time with your Ag Ed colleagues as the convention will be held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, although you might want to stay away from the hypnotist if Terry and John are around.

There are still block rooms available and are reserved until November 7. This year will offer

a wide array of vendors, speakers and professional development workshops that will be broken down into three types: Deep Dives, Idea Labs & Snap Learning Spots.

For more information on housing & Schedule, follow this link <http://www.naae.org/convention2016/index.cfm>

If you can't make this year's convention, try to earmark your time for the **2017** which will be held December 5-9 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center located in Nashville, TN.



Terry Rieckman accepts the Governors Proclamation that August 2nd is Terry Rieckman day from Kent Frerichs, retired teacher from Wilmot. Terry said "I was surprised and didn't expect to be presented with such an honor." Terry has served as the NAAE president for 2015-2016.



Gary Griesse, Brandon Valley Ag teacher, retires after 30 years and Ed Mueller, Garretson, retires after 35 years in the profession. We will miss them and would like to wish them the best of luck as they enjoy their retirement!

Professional Development Opportunities

BOSDRC Grant Program

Any 4-H club, FFA or FCCLA chapter in South Dakota can apply for the BOSDRC grant. Two types of grants are available. The basic grant is used for community improvement projects and is limited to \$750 per project. The safety grant is used for projects that enhance public safety and is limited to \$200 per project. Applications must be submitted or postmarked no later than Oct. 31, 2016. Grant awardees will be announced at the end of November.

All applications must be submitted on the official forms for Fiscal Year 2017. Grant application forms and more information on the program, including reporting requirements, are available at <http://sdda.sd.gov> under the Agricultural Development tab and click on Finance Programs. Please call 605.773.5436 for questions on this grant program.

Free digital courses available from EverFi

EverFi partners with educators nationwide to teach, assess, and certify students in the critical skills they need to be successful in life. In 2015-2016, over 80 schools and 4,000 students across South Dakota took part in our digital courses. These learning courses provide meaningful metrics to teachers by not only measuring knowledge gains, but also student attitudes on important critical life skills topics including digital citizenship, financial literacy, STEM exploration, and many more.

One of the benefits to partnering with EverFi is that K-12 public schools can access our learning courses at no cost, thanks to our national partnerships with corporations and foundations. For access

South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation Offers \$2,500 Agricultural Graduate School Scholarship

Available at: www.sdfufoundation.org.

Open to students from South Dakota, pursuing a graduate degree in research, animal science, agriculture business or agriculture education at an accredited South Dakota school.

Application deadline is November 1, 2016

Soybean/Biotech Lesson Plans – Free Resource

South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council (SDSRPC) sponsored the creation of three lesson plans related to soybean science and biotechnology. The lessons were introduced at breakout sessions during the AFNR Winter PD and summer conference this last year.

SDSRPC has created a portal on their website to access the lesson plans: http://www.sdsoybean.org/Programs/Soybean_Science. You will be asked to provide some basic information (name, e-mail, school and grade you teach) and once you submit that information, a PDF will be sent of each lesson you select to the e-mail address provided.

This is a temporary spot to host the lessons as they work to build a website that will host all educational materials. The “Soybean Science” website will be launched in December. SDSRPC has committed to developing an additional set of biotech lessons again this year that will be available for teachers for next school year. They are planning to share the pilot drafts at the AFNR Winter PD

AFNR Winter Professional Development Conference January 6-7, 2017 in Brookings

**** CEU contact hours or graduate credit available**
More details on schedule and registration will be available this fall.

Professional Development Opportunities are endless! Don't forget to apply for professional development stipends!

SDAAE Awards & Recognition



Hall of Fame
Lon Moeller



Lynn Brace
Outstanding Ag Education
Teacher



Teacher Turn the
Key
Shane Gross



Ideas Unlimited
Lisa Steinken



30 Minute Club
Jim Chilson, Marie Jaacks, Kelly
Keller, Josh Christiansen, Linda
Petersen, and not pictured Sara
Colombe



Marie Jaacks
Outstanding
Young Member



Noelle Swanson and Christi
Ryen
5 Years of Service



Russ Swanson
15 Years of Service



Gary Griesse
30 Years of Service



Mark Ketelhut
Outstanding Middle/
Secondary Program

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