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SPRING MEETING UPCOMING

There will be some changes coming at the Spring Meeting at State Convention this year. The time of our meeting will be moved back (time TBD) and instead of a brunch there will be a luncheon to follow. It is imperative that the advisors make time for this meeting and luncheon in your schedule. We understand that the focus of State Convention is your students, however we felt Monday morning/early afternoon was the best time due to students competing in CDE's.

We are very excited for this meeting as a way of advocating for our Agriculture Education program at SDSU. As you know we've had issues with lack of support for our program and this has resulted in a fractured program and Professor turnover. We need to right the ship and get this issue corrected. There will be representatives from the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at this luncheon and we provide the members with talking points and questions to bolster our program. Please block off your schedule for this meeting and luncheon!!

Be watching for information on the meeting and luncheon coming soon!!

Dates of Interest:

- March 21—State Convention Registration Due
- April 6-8—State FFA Convention
- April 7—Spring Meeting and Ag/Bio Luncheon
- May 1—Award and Stipend Applications Due
- June 16-18—Region III in Middleton, WI
- July 1—SDACTE Award Applications due
- July 27-30—SDAAE/SDACTE Conference, Mitchell, SD

Teach Ag Ambassador

We currently have a trained ambassador serving the state of South Dakota while attending South Dakota State University: Sara Colombe. Please plan to utilize Sara as you plan potential recruitment events across the state. She can be reached at sara.colombe@jacks.sdstate.edu

The National Teach Ag Campaign has provided Sara with resources, presentation guides and other supplemental materials. She is also eligible to receive a small \$50 stipend for each presentation (up to 4) from the National Teach Ag Campaign for her time. Please work with her to help alleviate any additional costs she may have associated with presenting, whether that means covering mileage or making copies as needed.

Family News

Engaged—Kelly O'Donnell (Arlington), Noelle Rist (Hoven), Josh Christiansen (Flandreau)

Newly Married—Ken Jones (Highmore)

New Baby—Sarah Lambert and Baby Boy Riggs born January 20th (Doland)

Expecting—Laurie Johnson (Watertown)

No Change—Dan Tonak (Willow Lake) is still as cranky as ever :)



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Upcoming Dates

FFA Dates:

- March 18: Miller CDE
- March 19: Flandreau CDE, Sturgis CDE
- March 20: Last day to add FFA members to your roster (unless affiliated chapter)
- March 21: State Convention Registration DUE
- March 26: Lennox CDE
- March 28: Little I
- March 29: Groton CDE
- March 31: Tri-Valley CDE
- April 6-8: State FFA Convention and SDAAE Spring Meeting
- April 24-25: SD Envirothon
- May 1-3: National Land and Range
- May 15: American Degrees Postmarked
- May 15: Leonard DeBoer Scholarship Postmarked

Rooms at SDAAE Conference

Comfort Inn & Suites-
605-990-2400

Hampton Inn-
605-995-1575

SDAAE Dates:

Spring Meeting: April 7
Applications Due: May 1
Region III: June 16-18 in Wisconsin
SDAAE: July 27-30 in Mitchell

CASE Perkins Reserve Grants Awarded for Summer Training:

5 Programs were selected to receive Perkins Reserve funds for the current funding year—Congrats to those programs!!

- Arlington – Animal Science
- Brookings – Animal Science
- Centerville – Animal Science
- McCook Central – Animal Science
- Platte-Geddes – Animal Science

South Dakota Position Openings:

All of these have been verified as of March 13, 2014

- Wilmot
- Bowdle
- Faulkton
- Gettysburg
- Chester
- Menno
- Harding County
- Parkston
- Harrisburg (half time Ag/Half time science)
- NE Area Multidistrict in Watertown

Apply for Awards!!!

NAAE Awards Due to Lori May 1st
www.naae.org

SDACTE Awards Due July 1
<http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte/>

Student Scholarships available through NAAE
and SDACTE!!

Mark Roelfsema

Teacher Spotlight

Baltic Ag Teacher

Experience:

11 Years at Baltic, 3 years at Blooming Prairie, MN

Some of his Focus Points:

He teaches all areas of Agri-science including Small Engines, Welding, Construction

Family:

Wife, Jessica 14 years
Daughter Alex

Advice for Young Teachers:

Continually update your skills, listen to industry needs, make yourself as relevant to core education as possible.



National Policy Seminar

Terry Rieckman, Dodie Bemis (SDACTE), Coleen Kefeler (FACS, Sturgis), and Kelly O'Donnell represented South Dakota at National Policy Seminar held March 3-5 in Washington DC

Terry met with the NAAE board prior to National Policy Seminar. Terry and Kelly attended the NAAE dinner. Terry, Coleen, and Kelly attended sessions and breakouts. Coleen facilitated the leadership task force training session. Terry, Coleen, Dodie, and Kelly visited all three South Dakota Legislative offices. The legislators were unavailable to visit, because they were stuck in South Dakota because of the winter storm. However, we had three nice visits with representatives in their offices.

Topics for discussion were Perkins funds and support of ACTE, as well as its impact on students.

For fun they socialized with members of NAAE and ACTE. They enjoyed the sites of DC and went out for supper and networked with individuals from other states.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPENDS AVAILABLE

SDAAE has money available for professional development opportunities.

Applications will be available soon.

Inquire to Lori with questions. Applications are due May 1st and October 1st.

We need proof of costs and proof of attendance.



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