

President Greetings

Kelly O'Donnell—SDAAE President 2014-2015



Some of you may be wondering where summer went? Others might be asking yourself, where is the school year going? It seems like just yesterday we were having the first day of school and now National FFA Convention, hunting season, harvest, fall CDEs, and NAAE conference are just around the corner.

A few things to remember when attending the National FFA Convention. Be sure to stop by Teacher World and attend workshops, the Internet Lounge to charge phones and check email, the NAAE booth to pick up your free gift, and the Teach Ag booth to encourage students to become Ag teachers. There are so many free resources and instructor packets available, you don't want to miss out!

NAAE convention is jam packed with workshops, speakers, ideas, unlimited presentations, and so much more. SDAAE offers travel stipends that are due to Lori Christensen by November 1st. The application is found on our website <http://sdaae.weebly.com/> under awards. Make plans to attend to support Terry Rieckman as he runs for NAAE president elect.

Although our calendars and schedules are full, don't forget why you wanted to become an Ag teacher. Your students turn to you for leadership, guidance, and wisdom. Your program is successful because of the impact you make on your students. Take advantage of the opportunities our organization has to offer! Every experience you take advantage of brings something new to your classroom.

I hope the school year is off to a great start! We are here to help each other, so if you need help with a lesson or advice don't be afraid to ask other teachers. Good luck and remember why you are in the profession. "Do what you love and love what you do- Teach Ag!"

Dates of Interest:

- Oct. 1—FFA Rosters Due
- Nov. 1—NAAE Stipends Due
- Nov 19-22—NAAE in Nashville
- July 1—SDACTE Award

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Family News

Engaged—Cayla Christiansen (Platte), Kelly O'Donnell (Arlington),

Just Married: Josh Christiansen (Flandreau), Noelle Swanson (Faulkton), Brady Duxbury (Chester)

New Baby—Chas Fleshner baby girl Mollie

Expecting Moms—Michelle Nelson (FFA)

Prayers Needed—Jeff Hoffman, battling Cancer (Mitchell)



Upcoming FFA Dates

- October 1st: Rosters due to state
- Oct. 29 – Nov. 1: National FFA Convention
- Oct. 31: BOSDRC grant applications due to SD Dept. of Ag
- Nov. 6: Jackrabbit Invite
- Nov. 15: National FFA SAE Grant applications due
- Nov. 21: State Leadership CDE paperwork must be POSTMARKED to state office
- Nov. 24: State Leadership CDE registration due to state office
- Dec. 7-8: State Leadership CDEs
- Dec. 19: SD Soybean Video Contest Entries due

Miscellaneous Information from the State FFA Office

SAE Grants through National FFA - <https://www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/SAEGrants/Pages/default.aspx>
Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities Grant - <http://sdda.sd.gov/ag-development/financial-assistance-programs/building-our-south-dakota-rural-communities-bosdrc-grants/>

Feed the World Student Competition – See FFA website

Jr. and Sr. FFA National Invitational Quiz Contest – See FFA Website

SD Soybean Video Contest Rules: http://www.sdsoybean.org/Programs/FFA_Video_Contest_Rules

SD Resource Conservation Speech Contest: <http://sdda.sd.gov/legacydocs/Forestry/educational-information/PDF/2015Speech-BrochureTouchstone.pdf>

CareerSafe OSHA 10-hour General Ag Training

More than 2 million youth work within the agriculture industry, which is rated among the most hazardous industries in the United States. CareerSafe will launch a new online OSHA 10-Hour General Industry with a focus on the risks and hazards associated with the agriculture industry. The course will meet national and industry recognized credential qualifications set by OSHA. The course material includes: Tractor Safety, Safety Around Animals, Confined Spaces, and many more.

The 2014 NAAE Conference will be held in Nashville, TN on November 18-22, 2014 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Resort. This will be held in conjunction with the 2014 ACTE Convention. There will be ample Professional Development opportunities with over 60 innovative learning sessions presented by agricultural educators from across the United States. There will also be opportunities to attend NAAE and ACTE general sessions, network with other teachers in our region, attend the ACTE tradeshow and maybe even take in some of the tourist attractions Nashville has to offer. We will also see several award winners from our state be recognized and help support the election of Terry Rieckman for NAAE President Elect. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Check out <http://www.naae.org/convention2014/index.cfm> and make plans to attend conference this year!

Bobbie Jo Donovan—SDAAE President Elect



The Ag Educator

Terry Rieckman

Region 3 NAAE VP

Another school year is in full swing and we are all making plans for numerous activities along with preparing for our classes each day. As we move forward with land judging, fall CDE's, National Convention and whatever else your chapter does make sure to check on and offer help to any new teachers in your neighboring schools. We can all remember when we first started out and learning to balance the demand of our jobs with our personal lives was not always easy. Recruitment and retention is something all of us need to be concerned with, because not only do we need to recruit more students for the agricultural education program we need to keep those we have. Hopefully you have or will do something for Teach Ag Day on September 25th.

Over the past several years we have sent numerous teachers to the Teachers Turn the Key program at the annual NAAE conference with good reviews from the participants. This year NAAE is again sponsoring the XLR8 program for teachers with between 7 and 15 years of experience. This is a great opportunity for some member to participate at the NAAE conference in Nashville. Those selected to attend will have their airfare, motel and registration covered by NAAE. So if you have never attended a national conference this maybe the opportunity you have been looking for.

I am running for President-elect of NAAE at this convention and with 3 candidates the task will be difficult. I hope to continue to be able to represent our state on the board, and I have really enjoyed the three years I spent as your Region III Vice-President and hope that others in our state will take advantage of the leadership opportunities offered by serving as committee chairs, or possibly running for regional secretary or vice-president someday.

Best of luck through the school year and may each of you and your families be blessed throughout the year.



SDSU Ag Ed Clothing

Proof 2 of 2

Front Left Chest
75% of Actual Size
(3.5" W x 3.7" H)



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Virtual Sample



Jackets \$40

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Shirts \$30

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NAAE Stipends Available

Please check out our website:

<http://sdaae.weebly.com/awards.html>

**Due Nov 1st to
Lori Christensen**

Apply for 2014 XLR8 Program - Applications Due September 26th

Retaining quality experienced teachers is important to the future of agricultural education. Last year we developed XLR8 — the eXcellence in Leadership for Retention professional development program — to meet the needs of mid-career agriculture teachers.

The XLR8 program includes participation in an intensive professional development experience (multiple sessions) during the NAAE convention, recurring virtual learning experiences, and online collaboration using the NAAE professional learning community, Communities of Practice, as well as other social media tools.

Updates from DCTE:

AFNR Statewide Advisory Committee:

The advisory committee met in August. Currently the committee is made up of AFNR Secondary instructors, Post-Secondary instructors, FFA Executive Secretary, School Administrator, and a Department of Agriculture representative. The committee discussed industry representatives to invite to be on the committee. During the committee's meeting there were great discussions around some priority items within AFNR including SAEs, Agricultural Education endorsement, teacher collaboration, and dual credit opportunities.

CTE Newsletter:

Each month DCTE will be sending out a monthly newsletter to the field with additional updates from our office. Please be sure to check it out.

Common Core Literacy Standards Training:

Looking for ways to include common core standards in your courses? Consider attending one of the following sessions:

October 21	9am-4pm	Sioux Falls
October 23	9am-4pm	Rapid City

This day-long training will provide you with practical tips for incorporating the Common Core Literacy Standards into your CTE classroom. Registration is available at <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com>

Summer Conference has something for everyone

SDACTE conference offers a variety of opportunities for our members. Not only did we enjoy workshops, take tours, conduct business, become inspired by keynote speakers, and attend breakout sessions, but we also got to visit with old friends and make new ones.

This year we were very fortunate to have Dr. Scott Smalley put together a teacher instructional packet. The packet provided models, a lesson in a bucket, and so much more. We appreciate all the time that Dr. Smalley put into these packets and we look forward to continuing this in the future.

We were also blessed to have an individual attend our conference to teach us about an Agricultural Mechanics textbook. This textbook could be used to prepare your students for the mechanics CDE. Thanks to star partner money, any individual that attended the workshop received a free copy of the textbook and lab manual.

Whether you enjoyed the musical entertainment of Mylo Hatzenbuehler, learned something new at a round table, or brought home the auction item you wanted there was something for everyone at the 2014 SDACTE conference. Make plans to attend next year's conference July 26th-28th at our new location in Watertown, South Dakota!

**** Note: The Relief fund auction at the SDAAE Banquet Raised \$1905—Fantastic News!!****

Current Job Openings:

South Central Regional Development Specialist
-DCTE in Charge of AFNR

Agar-Blunt-Onida
- Ag Education Teacher (New School)

Freeman
- Ag Education Teacher

Watertown – Ashley Wiekamp starting in January

Faulkton – Noelle Swanson

Parkston – Jacob Englin

Winner – Wyatt DeJong

Chester – Brady Duxbury

Wilmot—Jerry Wegleitner

Parker—Kelly Dunkelberger

Gettysburg—Brad Cihak—starting in January

Rapid City—Lisa Steinken

Deubrook—Tylee Norman

Harrisburg 2nd Position—Tara Fastert

Beresford—Bridget Twedt

Centerville— Jessica Knutson

Harding County— Erin Wammen

Bowdle—Jackie Bogue

Alcester—Wylie Scalise

Hoven—Sara Colombe—Starting in January

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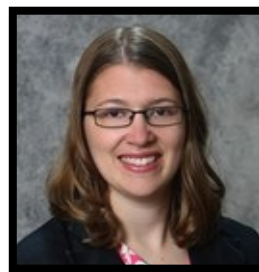
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