

# 2022 NDACTSNE SPRING NEWSLETTER

## North Dakota Association of Career & Technical Special Needs Educators

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Have you registered for the NDACTSNE SPRING CONFERENCE in Jamestown?

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Spring Training for NDACTSNE will be held in Jamestown, ND, March 30-31, 2022. Ever wondered how the Ann Carlsen Center serves our state? Or what is special about a Jamestown Jimmy? These questions and more will be addressed through a wide range of speakers and presentations planned. Register today! As always, the conference is budget friendly, and you will be able to earn

college credits for attending. Flip to the last page for full registration.

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### 2022 NDACTSNE Spring Professional Development Conference – Schedule

Wednesday, March 30	
Day 1 –	
8:00 – 8:15	<b>Registration @ Hampton Inn, Jamestown ND</b>
8:15 – 9:15	<b>Anne Carlsen Center: Nurturing abilities and changing lives</b> Kick off the spring conference learning how the Anne Carlsen Center (ACC) supports our ND residence through a video campus tour and an overview of the ACC and New Center Pathways Project.
9:15 – 10:15	<b>Overview of Anne Carlsen Regional Coordinated Services</b> The ACC mission is to make the world a more inclusive place where independence is a gift to all. Learn the WHAT behind the mission. What Resources are linked in the community? Taking a closer look at how ACC serves multiple areas and locations of need...Assisting families and coordinated services throughout the whole child while addressing various needs.
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Mindshift Program</b> - Mindshift. Good for Business. Good for Community.
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Lunch: Potato bar or Salad bar</b> <b>Using Music as a Medium - Featuring music from Karl Bakkum with contributions from Traci Eklund.</b>

	The use of music in the classroom, among faculty, and campus wide can be a medium for releasing tension, growing relational capacity and creating a safe space for individuals to thrive academically, personally and professionally.
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Connecting the Dots</b> How does ACC access services for individuals, families, programs and communities? Learn how outside services provide and remove barriers. In addition, how do these services support educators with regard to behavior and autism. (EI, In-home/Day, Therapy, BH, Employment)
1:30 – 2:30	<b>Vocational Integration and accessibilities</b> Connecting Students and Community workforce.  <b>Aligning skills with workforce/assessment</b> <b>Accessibility in the workplace</b>
2:30 – 2:45	<b>Break</b>
2:45-3:30	<b>Make and TAKE Experience</b> Wrap up the day with a hands-on learning opportunity with a sensory garden activity. This will be aligned to the Horticultural Curriculum.
5:30 – 8:00	Dinner at Sabirs (Sa-beers) Expertise <b>Josh Duhamel and Lawrence Welk: Bringing Visitors to ND</b> Enjoy a fresh and enticing look at tourism in ND while exploring the Hospitality and Tourism career pathway
Thursday, March 31 Day 2	<b>Industry Tour – Newman Signs</b>  <b>University of Jamestown – Experience what the Jimmies do!</b>



## Message from the PRESIDENT, Traci Eklund

Greetings to all NDACTSNE members and fellow educators.

I hope the recent holiday season was filled with valued friends and family and that you were able to get at least a couple days to destress from the busy season before beginning the heavily scheduled winter months in your homes, schools and classrooms.

As cold as the winter is in our area, it is truly beautiful, and we always have the warmer weather and green grass of spring to look forward to. This year, on March 30-31, we will meet in Jamestown, ND to attend our NDACTSNE spring conference. I hope for beautiful spring weather this year during the conference, but while warm temps and sunshine aren't guaranteed, I am confident there will be warm smiles, friendly networking, and excellent learning taking place at all

conference locations. Please be sure to register for the conference as soon as possible, and even better, bring a new friend to the conference who you think may enjoy joining the NDACTSNE group.

Membership is inexpensive in cost and high in value in comradery, professional networking opportunities, and available educational experiences.

Every February, the CTE community celebrates CTE Month® to raise awareness of the role that CTE has in readying learners for college and career success. CTE Month is also a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our CTE partners at the local, state and national level. We can all be proud to be working in such an important area of education in North Dakota. Please keep in mind your hardworking colleagues as we move into the spring and plan to submit your nominees for awards. Award information and nomination forms can be found at <https://www.cte.nd.gov/special-populations-educational-equity> or google “NDACTSNE Special Populations” and then “Special Population Awards” for the awards link. There are surely people in your building and in your extended professional circle who would appreciate some recognition for the hard work they are doing with our ND students. Let’s give them a public high five for that hard work!

Have an amazing winter, be safe, do all you can to protect your good health, and I hope to see you all in March at the spring conference in Jamestown, ND.

Sincerely,

Traci Eklund

**Many wonderful members have previously been honored.**

**Take the time today to show gratitude & recognize others that are advocating for Special Populations.**

**NDACTSNE Members received**  
**AWARDS! Congratulations to:**

There are four different opportunities for you to express **your appreciation** by nominating a **worthy candidate or candidates** for one of the **NDACTSNE Membership Awards:**

- Outstanding Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Member of the Year

**Who do you know that was an**  
**Outstanding Teacher of the**  
**Year?**

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**Outstanding Teacher of the Year**

- Outstanding Direct Support Provider of the Year
- Outstanding Indirect Support Provider of the Year

Consider nominating advisory committee members, members of the business community, school leaders or others who have helped your program thrive. Be thinking, also, about the dedicated Career and Technical Resource Educators, Basic Skills Educators, or other Career and Technical Special Populations personnel whose contributions have contributed to the quality of your program.

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Questions? Please contact:  
 Barb Quintus, NDACTSNE Awards Chair  
 701 751 6501, ext. 2103

**Dear NDACTSNE Members:**

***Please consider this your invitation to nominate yourself or a colleague for the NDACTSNE Outstanding Teacher of the Year award. We recognize that there are several CTE Special Needs Resource Educators who may be working in programs where:***

- a) they are not working as part of a team of educators who may be familiar with the award,***
- b) their administrator or supervisor does not have a working knowledge of this award, and***
- c) they have accomplishments that may have gone unnoticed due to a or b.***



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## A Special THANKS to the

Traci Eklund, President

Faye Swenson, President elect

Rachel Richter, Secretary

Kara Gruenberg, Treasurer, Finance Chair & Public Relations

Barb Quintus, Awards Chairperson

Amy Campbell, Past President, Member-At-Large, Conference Graduate Credit

Mary Beth Anderson, NDACTE Representative, Newsletter

Kristen Buchmeier, Public Relations and Member-At-Large (1 year)

Karl Bakkum, Member-At-Large (3 years)

Pat Johnson, Member-At-Large (3 years) & Awards Committee

Michael Netzloff, Administrator Educational Equity, Special Populations & Private Schools, Finance committee

## 21-22 NDACTSNE Executive Board



## Strategies for BUILDING SUCCESS with Special Populations:



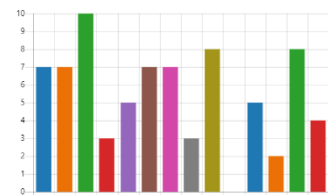
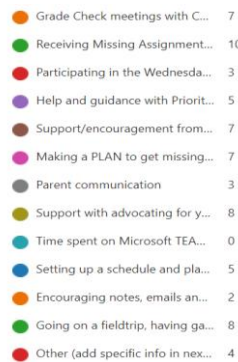
Take a pulse on the **IMPACT** you have on your students by having them complete a survey at

the end of each quarter.

- What levels of support assist with success?
- Which strategies are you intentionally implementing that are paying off?
- How are you meeting the individual needs of your students?
- Do they know you have their back?  
Microsoft forms is a tool that quickly captures data, allows for personal reflection and provides feedback for you to improve.

**CHECK OUT THIS LINK FOR A SAMPLE SURVEY:**  
[Template for Student Survey](#) Click here to edit!

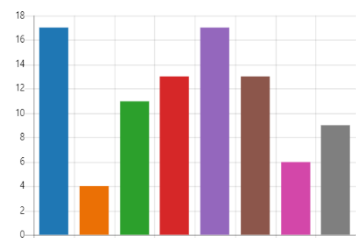
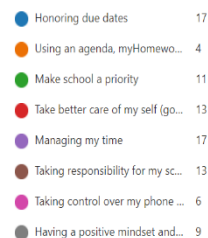
Here is what some students said after Semester 1:



Students reflect on the supports that help them reach their potential.

5. Select Goals/Changes for Semester 2. I plan to increase my academic success by....

[More Details](#)





### **Tape Measure Lesson:**

**How does what you do TODAY impact TOMORROW?**

Use a Tape measure to demonstrate how much power the 4 years of high school have on the rest of your life.

Points to show and discuss using the tape measure:

- Age
- Life expectancy (age 78)
- Years left in HS (between 3 and 1)
- Time for post- secondary education (2 years or 4 years)
- Years you are expected to Work (44 yrs.)
  
- Retirement (the golden years) (If you have worked – may retire before 65!)

### **Advantages of Highschool:**

It is:

- FREE
- ONCE in a LIFETIME
- An OPPORTUNITY to explore (AP, Honors, CTE electives)
- ONLY 4 YEARS
- Marks THE END OF CHILDHOOD! Will you be ready to stand on your own 2 feet at age 18?
- FULL OF SUPPORTS (CTE classes, AVID, Advisory, Study groups, clubs, sports, counseling, nurse, caring adults, strategies.)

Ask students this essential question: How can what you do today impact tomorrow?

The tape measure is perfect for visual learners needing to know that High School is the time to be your best. A diploma is a steppingstone for success.... And it is ONCE in a LIFETIME!

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## **Register for the 2022 NDACTSNE Spring Conference – Jamestown ND,**

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**NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE WINNER IS:**

**Julie Ketterling – Morton Sioux Special Ed Unit**

**WINNER of a FREE Spring Conference Package including:**

- registration,
- hotel, and
- food.

Join NDACTSNE today – the membership form is below!



## NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATORS

### Registration Information—Spring Conference—Jamestown, ND—March 30–31, 2022

**Fees**

Registration Fee for NDACTSNE Members:  
Early Bird Registration: \$25—Due by March 16, 2022  
Regular Registration: \$35—Due by March 25, 2022  
Registration for Nonmembers: \$70—Due by March 25, 2022

**Hotel Information:**

Hampton Inn & Suites  
2700 8th Ave SW  
Jamestown, ND 58401  
(701) 952-6500

Conference check-in will be Wednesday, March 30 from 8:00–8:30am  
Hampton Inn & Suites 2700 8th Ave SW Jamestown, ND (701) 952-6500

For NDACTSNE members, the registration fee along with the NDACTSNE grant, will cover breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday, breakfast and lunch on Thursday, and the hotel expense for Tuesday and Wednesday night.

**For nonmembers**, the fee covers the meals listed above; however, you might want to consider joining NDACTSNE. NDACTSNE membership is \$15 per year; you will save money on the conference fee, and become a part of an awesome professional organization! The link to the membership application is listed below.

**Members:** A block of rooms has been reserved for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29–30. Please ask for the ND Special Needs group when you call to reserve your room. You will need to provide a credit card at check-in for a \$50 incidental hold. Any lodging expense you incur other than Tuesday and Wednesday nights must be funded by you or your school. The block will be held until March 27, 2022 so make your reservations soon by calling them directly at the number listed above!

**Nonmembers:** No hotel costs are covered with your registration.

One graduate credit of professional development from the University of North Dakota or Valley City State University will be offered. Graduate credit registration information will be sent out once course approval is received from UND & VCSU.

**Web Links**

Membership: [https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Educators/SpecialPopulations/NDACTSNE\\_Membership\\_Application.pdf](https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Educators/SpecialPopulations/NDACTSNE_Membership_Application.pdf)

Hotel Info: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/jmsswhx-hampton-suites-jamestown-nd/>

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration:  Early Bird \$25       Regular \$35       Nonmember \$70

Mail registration form and payment to:  
Kara Gruenberg  
Academic Services Center  
North Dakota State College of Science  
800 N. 6th St.  
Wahpeton, ND 58076

Cash or Checks only—payable to: **NDACTSNE**  
Final registration date: March 25, 2022  
Any physical, dietary or special needs please contact  
Kara Gruenberg at least 10 days before the conference.  
kara.gruenberg@ndscs.edu  
701-671-2122

**Future Region V Conference Dates and Locations**

**2022 – April 6 - 9, Rapid City SD**

**2023 – April 12 – 15, Fargo, ND**

**2023 – April 6 – 9, Hawaii**

**North Dakota Association for  
Career and Technical Special Needs Educators (NDACTSNE)  
Membership Application**

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
School/Institution:				
Home Address:			City:	
State:	Zip:	E-mail:		
Work Phone:		Cell Phone:		

NDACTSNE is the professional organization for personnel serving the academic needs of special population students. CTE special population students include:

- Students with disabilities
- Students from economically disadvantaged families including foster children
- Students preparing for nontraditional fields
- Students with limited English proficiency
- Single parents, including single pregnant students
- Displaced homemakers

NDACTSNE encourages you to consider membership in the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (ND-ACTE).

[https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who\\_We\\_Are/States/North\\_Dakota/MembershipApp\\_%20ND.PDF](https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who_We_Are/States/North_Dakota/MembershipApp_%20ND.PDF)

	<u>Amount</u>
<input type="radio"/> NDACTSNE	\$15.00 _____
<input type="radio"/> Student Membership	\$ 2.00 _____
	Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: **NDACTSNE**

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Wahpeton, ND 58076**