

Newsletter

Welcome Brad Hoffarth, TEE and IT Supervisor

We are excited to introduce our new ND CTE Supervisor for Technology & Engineering and Information Technology Education, Brad Hoffarth. With a wealth of experience and a deep-rooted passion for education and technology, Brad brings a dynamic energy and fresh perspective to our team.

Brad brings with him an impressive background in education, boasting 17 years of dedicated service at Surrey School. During his tenure, Brad has honed his expertise in Career and Technical Education (CTE), specializing in business and administration, accumulating a total of 15 years of CTE experience. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Minot State University and a master's in educational leadership from North Dakota State University.



Beyond the classroom, Brad leads a rich and fulfilling life. An avid outdoorsman, he finds solace in the beauty of nature, whether hiking through scenic trails, hunting amidst the vast wilderness, or casting a line in search of the perfect catch. His greatest joy comes from spending quality time with his family, including his children and grandchildren. In his new role as the Technology and Engineering Education Supervisor, Brad will also serve as the TSA State Advisor. Recently, Brad had the opportunity to attend the TSA annual State Conference in Bismarck from March 17th to 19th. He expresses his gratitude for the opportunity to collaborate with such passionate and dedicated individuals and looks forward to future endeavors with this remarkable team.

Good Luck at Region V Leadership Conference

NDACTE annually recognizes individuals who have contributed to Career and Technical Education. Recipients of the 2023 Awards are advancing to the regional competition to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 9-12, 2024. Award winners will be announced during the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 10. North Dakota is represented by the following candidates: Kathy Walsh, Harvey High School, Teacher of the Year, and Cora Huss, Beulah Public Schools, New Teacher of the Year.



Did you know....

More than 12,000 students in North Dakota are members of a Career and Technical Student Organization.

DATES OF INTEREST

April 7-8, 2024

North Dakota Collegiate FBLA Conference
Mandan

April 7-9, 2024

North Dakota FCCLA Conference
Bismarck

April 14-16, 2024

SillsUSA North Dakota Conference
Bismarck

August 5-7, 2024

North Dakota CTE Professional Development Conference
Bismarck

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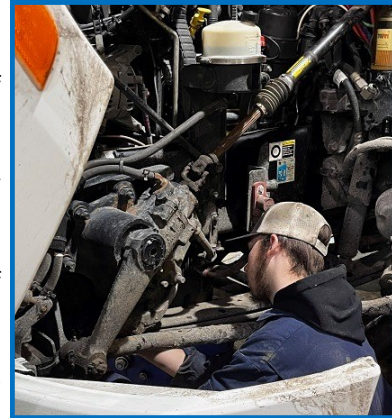
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CTE Around the State

Students in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Class at **Horace High School** in West Fargo were able to hear first hand from management at SCHEELS. They shared with students about what it is like to be a “real life” marketing professional.



Work-based Learning student Kaylen Heidt of Pingree-Buchanan was able to grease a truck with their partner Crossroads Repair. This is a great example of WBL experience. He is a student at **James Valley CTC** in Jamestown.



The DECA Chapter at **Mandan High School** sponsored and prepared a Signing Week for CTE students.



Students in all CTE programs were able to document where they planned to attend college using their CTE experience. Shown is Isaac Peterchuk who signed his letter of intent to attend Bismarck State College. He is a member of FBLA .

Congratulations to the 2024 North Dakota Cyber Madness High School Tournament Champions, **Red River High School** - Team RRHS RoughRiders! Second place belongs to **Bismarck High School**, and third place



to **Hankinson High School**.

Students at **Minot High School** who are in the Health Careers program have been able to get great work experience and hands-on learning throughout the community.



At **Minto** 8th graders learned about the **North Dakota FFA** state officers and other chapters around the state. Staff and students also enjoyed FFA week breakfast on Wednesday morning. **Grafton** FFA



officers hosted a coin war to benefit the Walsh County food pantry. Five members took off super early Saturday morning for the Southeast Judging Classic for their first agronomy contest of the season.

Great Things Happening in CRACTC Classes

-Photos submitted by Amy Johnson, CRACTC

Great things are happening in the classes at Central Region Area Career and Technology Center. Although the classes are offered in a on-line or virtual format, each class has “hands-on learning” days where students meet with the instructor in a face-to-face day of learning.

Lisa teaches Medical Terminology and Advanced Medical Careers for CRACTC. At one of Lisa’s recent hands-on learning days, students were able to use surgical laparoscopic simulators and practiced sutures.



In the Independent Living hands-on learning day held at the Bismarck Career Academy, students were able to learn about banking, insurance, resume building, mock interviews, auto basics, and real estate. Instructor Kayla Koth encouraged a lot of learning during the day.

Students in the Aviation II class recently completed their Student Flight with pilot Joe Sitarz at the Minot Aero Center. Student Lee Asmundson said, “It was great. I learned about taking off, landing, and flight navigation and taxiing.” He is a student in Mr. Horan’s Aviation II class.

NDACTE Innovative Program Award

This award recognizes innovative career and technical education programs from each Region V state that are unique, novel, and are serving to improve and promote the image of career and technical education. Go to www.NDACTE.com or use the QR Code, then click on awards and scroll to the bottom of the page for the Innovative Career and Technical Education Program Nomination Form.

Deserving candidates for these awards have demonstrated their commitment to CTE through their innovation, accomplishments, and contributions to the CTE community. We are accepting nominations until **April 30, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact North Dakota’s Awards Committee Chair, Danielle Luebke, Danielle.Luebke@k12.nd.us or Carla Hixson NDACTE@outlook.org.



Marketing Education & DECA Updates

-Kevin Reisenauer, Supervisor, Marketing Education and DECA Advisor

Marketing Education and DECA continue to grow in the state of North Dakota. Four new marketing education programs and DECA Chapters were started this year. The 71st North Dakota DECA Conference was held March 3-5 in Bismarck at the Radisson Hotel and the Belle Mehus Auditorium in downtown Bismarck. The DECA membership in North Dakota reached almost 1,100 members with the highest ever DECA membership, which includes the most DECA chapters in the state.



This evolved into the largest ever Fall Leadership Conference held in October in Fargo and the largest ever state conference held in Bismarck in March.

Conference highlights included the OM Hager Award of Excellence presented to Greg Borders from West Fargo, the New Advisor of the Year presented to Amber Johnson from SRCTC, the election of the 2025 officer team, and awarding the finalists and top winners in 51 competitive events. Kevin Reisenauer was honored for his 43 years of service to North Dakota DECA and 28th year as state advisor. Advisors and students, and the Army National Guard recognized him for his dedication, growth, and commitment for the past 43 years.

Students competed in 51 competitive events held on-site in March. Students also competed in virtual competition during the school year including the Thrive Campaign, the Advocacy Campaign, Virtual Business Challenge, the Stock Market Game, and Stukent competition. More than \$6,000 in scholarships were awarded at the state conference. Beth Schmaltz, Rugby was named Outstanding New Member for the state and she will represent North Dakota at the International Conference next month.

Over 200 members and advisors will represent North Dakota at the International Conference in Anaheim, California in April.



Upcoming Dates for Transition to Teaching Program

Here is the schedule of meetings for Transition to Teaching for this year. Check www.cte.nd.us for more information.

SECONDARY

May 3: ND Heritage Center

POST-SECONDARY

April 26: VCSU Campus

2024 PDC Dates To Consider

August 5-7, 2024
Professional Development
Conference
Bismarck, ND



April 1, 2024
Registration Opens for PDC

\$75.00 Early Bird Registration (April 1-July 15)
\$100.00 Regular Registration (July 16-30)
\$125.00 On-Site Registration (August 5-7)

May 31, 2024
Deadline to submit a proposal for a Featured Workshop.

July 5, 2024
Deadline for exhibitors to register for the 2024 conference.

For more information check the website at
www.cte.nd.gov.

Did you know...

... Former CTE Directors

May 2018-Present	Wayde Sick
August 2000-February 2018	Wayne Kutzer
1995-2000	Mel Olson
1992-1995	Reuben Guenther
1970-1992	Carrol Burchinal
1960-1970	LeRoy Swenson
1957-1960	M. F. Peterson
1956-1957	Edward Erickson
1947-1955	E.F. Riley
1942-1947	Dr. A.F. Arnason
1922-1942	Edward Erickson
1919-1922	Chauncey Cavett

CTSO Leadership Perspective

My experience in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America has been nothing short of amazing. I have been given so many opportunities through this great organization. I have gained many skills in leadership, communications, public speaking and much more. FCCLA has helped me become a better person in every aspect of my life. I have been able to meet so many new people and go places I will never forget. FCCLA has given me a place of belonging and a fun atmosphere. I encourage everyone to get involved in a CTSO; you won't regret it.



Maddison Onken serves as the president of North Dakota FCCLA. She is a senior at Kindred High School.

NDACTE Update: Nominations Sought

- Carla Hixon, NDACTE Director

Nominations open for the NDACTE 2024 Awards!

We all know someone that is deserving of recognition for their CTE contributions! Nominate yourself or someone else today! NDACTE is seeking nominations from all divisions, positions, and content areas for the following awards:

1. North Dakota ACTE Teacher of the Year
2. North Dakota ACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
3. North Dakota ACTE New Teacher of the Year
4. North Dakota ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year
5. North Dakota ACTE Administrator of the Year
6. North Dakota ACTE Counseling and Career Development Professional Award
7. North Dakota ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award
8. North Dakota ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award
9. Agriculture Education New Teacher of the Year
10. Business Education New Teacher of the Year
11. Career Development New Teacher of the Year
12. Family and Consumer Science New Teacher of the Year
13. Health Sciences New Teacher of the Year
14. Marketing New Teacher of the Year
15. Special Populations New Teacher of the Year
16. Technology and Engineering Education Teacher of the Year
17. Trade and Industry New Teacher of the Year



Learn more about the nomination guidelines and how to submit a nomination for the awards above online here: <https://acte.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/ND/home>. Award recipients will then be judged and North Dakota ACTE award winners will have their nominations forwarded on to be considered for the ACTE Region V Awards.

Impact Awards

1. Business Education Partnership
2. Champion of the Year

Learn more about the nomination guidelines and how to submit a nomination for ACTE Impact awards at: <https://www.acteonline.org/professional-development/acte-awards/>. The Impact Award nominations are automatically moved on to the national level and will be recognized at the NDACTE Awards.

ACTE National Leadership Fellowship Program

It's time for you to become a leader in CTE by applying to be in the ACTE National Leaders Fellowship Program. The Fellowship program is a one-year commitment from January 2025 through December 2025. During the program year, fellows will discuss the importance of CTE programming and serve on a CTE task force to address issues at the state, region, and national levels.

The ACTE National Leadership Fellowship Program began in 2009 as an Opportunity Fund project initiated by the ACTE Board of Directors. The purpose of the ACTE Fellowship Program is to:

1. help establish a leadership development program for CTE educators in ACTE and assist individuals in further developing their leadership skills in CTE and their involvement in professional associations
2. provide an opportunity for CTE educators to become familiar with and participate in the processes used by policymakers in the development and implementation of laws, regulations and other public policies at the local, state and federal levels
3. identify, train and motivate a cadre of leaders who will continue to position ACTE as a leader in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce

In summary, the ACTE Fellowship Program is an instrument to provide **professional development, policy knowledge and leadership development**.

Update from ITE and TEE Supervisor

-Brad Hoffarth, Supervisor Information Technology and Technology and Engineering Education

As March fades into April, the Career and Technical Education department in Bismarck finds itself amidst a whirlwind of activity. It's that time of year when DECA, FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, HOSA, and TSA each host their respective state conferences. Behind the scenes, our dedicated advisors are working tirelessly, often with a touch of urgency, to ensure these events come together seamlessly.

From coordinating logistics with the venue to liaising with event coordinators and judges, there's a myriad of tasks that demand attention. Tables and chairs need to be arranged, microphones and projectors checked, and all the while, we keep one eye on the unpredictable weather. It's a meticulous dance of preparation, but it's all worth it for the opportunities it presents to our students.

Why do we invest so much effort into these events? Simply put, they matter. They provide our students with invaluable chances to compete and succeed, often in areas directly relevant to their future careers. While our competitions might not be televised statewide like basketball tournaments, their significance cannot be overstated.

For weeks and months leading up to these conferences, our students pour their hearts and souls into their projects. They gather materials, refine their skills, and practice relentlessly, all with the hope of making their mark at the state level and perhaps even advancing to national competitions. The confidence they gain from these experiences is immeasurable.

Competing in events like these isn't just about winning—it's about acquiring essential 21st-century skills. Whether it's public speaking, teamwork, or handling pressure, our students emerge from these competitions equipped with the abilities they'll need to thrive in the world beyond high school. If your school didn't participate in this year's competitions, we encourage you to consider joining us next year. The benefits for students are undeniable, and we'd love to welcome you into our vibrant community of learners, competitors, and future leaders.

To give you a glimpse of the remarkable work our students produce, we're sharing a couple of snapshots from the State TSA conference, showcasing projects in the area of Architectural Design. We hope these images inspire you as much as they do us.

As we bid farewell to March and usher in the promise of April, let's celebrate the achievements of our students and the dedication of everyone involved in making these events possible. Here's to another successful year of CTE conferences!



Upcoming Deadline Dates for Fiscal Activity

- Gwen Ferderer, Finance Director, ND Career and Technical Education

For more information or questions concerning any of the following deadlines contact Gwen Ferderer at gferderer@nd.gov.

April 1, 2024	Upcoming State Funded Annual Plans and Carl Perkins budgets issued to schools
April 1, 2024	New Program Requests due
April 30, 2024	Upcoming Carl Perkins Budgets and equipment and instructional materials due
April 30, 2024	Upcoming State Funded Annual Plans due
May 1, 2024	State Funded and Carl Perkins Reimbursement Claims issued
June 1, 2024	Carl Perkins Reimbursement Claims due
June 30, 2024	State Funded Reimbursement Claims and Advisory Committee minutes due; end of fiscal year
July 15, 2024	End of year expenditure report due (existing programs)

Fiscal activity dates are found on the CTE website at www.cte.nd.gov.

State Director's Column

-Wayde Sick, Director, North Dakota Career and Technical Education

State Board for CTE Approved Student Outcome Goals

As I reported back in August 2024, the State Board for Career and Technical Education is currently participating in the North Dakota Be Legendary Board Training. Some of you may be familiar with this as your local school board may have or are currently going through the same training. The journey continues for the State CTE Board, and it has been a very interesting one; not only for the Board and the Department, but also for our trainers. This is because we are a State Board and not a local school board, hence adjustments need to be made. Yet, we are not losing sight that adult behaviors need to change if we expect student outcomes to change.



I am happy to report that we continue to make great progress on developing the future of CTE in North Dakota to student outcomes in mind. Although we don't have the direct impact all of you have, NDCTE's role is to ensure you all have the resources necessary to influence student outcomes.

To keep you all up to date, I would like to report the Board approved Student Outcome Goals.

- The percentage of students identified as concentrators in Career and Technical Education as measured by the Consolidated Annual Report will increase from 28.5% in January 2024 to 40% in January 2028.
- The percentage of students who graduate Workforce Ready will increase from 88% in the 2022-23 school year to 93% in the 2027-28 school year as measured by the North Dakota Choice Ready Report.
- The percentage of rural students that enroll in a program at a CTE Center will increase from 36% in 2022-23 to 41% in 2027-2028 as measured by the CTE Center Membership Report.

Although there is much work yet to be done, the State Board and I are excited and motivated to continue to move forward with a new focus. I will continue to update you all as we progress through this journey.

For any questions, please feel free to contact me at wasick@nd.gov.

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- Mark Wagner, Assistant Director



Mark Wagner, Assistant Director,

CTE Program Award of Excellence

North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education (NDCTE) is seeking nominations for the CTE Director's Award of Excellence. This award recognizes excellence in various aspects of CTE, including innovation, leadership, impact on students, collaboration, and community involvement.

Administrators are encouraged to nominate a worthy program from their institution. This award is an acknowledgment of superior CTE programs in North Dakota. The award serves to highlight the importance of Career and Technical Education in preparing students for success in both their chosen careers and further education. It also aims to inspire continuous improvement and innovation within the CTE community in North Dakota.

Nominations may be from secondary, postsecondary, or continued education levels that have been operational for at least two years in the areas of:

- ⇒ Agricultural Education
- ⇒ Business Education
- ⇒ Career Development
- ⇒ Educational Equity/Nontraditional Careers
- ⇒ Family & Consumer Sciences Education
- ⇒ Health Sciences Education
- ⇒ Information Technology Education
- ⇒ Marketing Education
- ⇒ Special Populations
- ⇒ Technology & Engineering Education
- ⇒ Trade, Industry, & Technical Education

Applications are due May 31st, 2024. See page 10 for recipients from the past five years.

Award winners will be recognized at the Annual CTE Professional Development Conference, which will be on August 5-7, 2024, at the Bismarck Event Center. A previous award winner is not eligible to win again until five years have lapsed. More information and an online application can be found at <https://www.cte.nd.gov/pdc> Please consider nominating your worthy program.

Let me now if you have questions.

Mission of CTE

The mission of the State Board for Career and Technical Education is to work with others to provide all North Dakota citizens with the technical skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a globally competitive workplace.

Recipients of Program Award of Excellence: Past Five Years



Agricultural Education

2019 Napoleon High School, Napoleon
2020 Southeast Region Career and Technology Center, Oakes
2021 Mandan Public Schools, Mandan
2022 North Valley Career and Technology Center, Grafton

Business Education

2019 May-Port CG School District, Mayville
2020 Larimore High School, Larimore
2021 Minot Public Schools, Minot
2022 Grand Forks Public Schools, Grand Forks
2023 Roughrider Area Center, Glen Ullin

Career Development

2019 Southeast Region Career & Technology Center,
Wahpeton
2022 United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck
2023 Williston Public Schools

Education Equity/Nontraditional Careers

2018 Bismarck Career Academy, Bismarck

Family & Consumer Sciences Education

2022 Williston High School, Williston
2023 Lisbon Public Schools

Health Sciences Education

2019 Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center, Virtual
2020 North Valley Area Career & Technology Center, Grafton
2021 Southeast Region Career and Technology Center,
Oakes & Wahpeton
2022 Grand Forks Public Schools/CTC, Grand Forks
2023 Williston Public Schools

Information Technology Education

2019 Williston State College, Williston
2021 Cass County Career & Technology Center, Fargo
2022 Grand Forks Central High School, Grand Forks
2023 Williston Public Schools

Marketing Education

2019 Fargo North High School, Fargo
2020 Central Regional Area & Technical Center, Virtual
2021 Fargo South High School, Fargo
2022 West Fargo Sheyenne High School, West Fargo
2023 Grand Forks Red River High School

Special Populations

2018 Lake Region State College, Devils Lake
2019 North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton
2021 Red River High School, Grand Forks

Technology & Engineering Education

2019 Grand Forks Public Schools, Grand Forks
2021 Minot Public Schools, Minot
2022 Fargo Public Schools, Fargo

Trade, Industry & Technical Education

2019 Welding Program, Minot High School, Minot
2020 Chef Training/Restaurant Management Program,
SE Area Career & Technology Center, Wahpeton
2021 Aviation Program, Cass County CTC, Fargo
2022 Automotive Technology Program, Southeast Area
Career & Technology Center, Wahpeton
2023 James Valley CTC, Jamestown



Aligning Skills Between Industry & Education

Thank you to Matt Kirchner and his team at LAB Midwest and FANUC America Corporation for the Aligning Skills Between Industry and Educations Event. The event was held on Monday, March 25 on the Bismarck State College Campus. Thank you to North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum for offering inspiring words on the imperative for career and technical education. Assistant CTE Director, Mark Wagner, spoke on behalf of CTE and shared some of the great things happening in the state.