

Newsletter



Don't Miss the 2024 North Dakota CTE Professional Development Conference: A Premier Event for Educators!

This year's NDCTE Professional Development Conference is shaping up to be one of our best yet. With a packed schedule of educational sessions, engaging pre-conference activities, an extensive trade show and inspirational keynote speakers, there is something for every educator. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your professional skills, connect with peers and be inspired by leaders in the field of education.

Opportunities for New Educators

Pre-Conference Sessions

40+ Trade Show Exhibitors

30+ Featured Workshops

Keynote Speakers



Paul Miller, author of "Teachers, Don't Quit," will inspire and motivate us during the General Session on Monday, August 5, at 1:30 PM. Paul's insights and experiences will resonate with educators at all stages of their careers, offering encouragement and practical advice to stay passionate and effective in teaching.

Morris Morrison, a nationally known speaker, will take the stage on Tuesday, August 6, at 8:30 AM. Morris is renowned for his dynamic and engaging presentations that leave a lasting impact on his audiences. His session will surely be a highlight of the conference, providing a powerful start to the second day of our event.



Join Us at the NDCTE PDC 2024 - We look forward to seeing you there!

\$100 Regular Registration (July 16-30)

\$125 On-Site Registration (August 5-7)

DATES OF INTEREST

August 5-7, 2024

ND CTE Professional Development Conference
Bismarck

February 3-5, 2025

CTE in Memorial Hall
Bismarck

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Service Learning as a Component of North Dakota FBLA

- Jessica DeVaal, Supervisor, Business Education

Membership in student organizations includes a component of community service or service learning and North Dakota Career & Technical Student Organizations are no exception. While local chapters are encouraged to serve needs in their local communities, they may also choose activities that tie to state and national service partners. In 2019, North Dakota FBLA started a state service partnership with the American Heart Association and in 2024, the American Heart Association is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The 2023-24 ND FBLA High School State Officer Team launched a state goal in October 2023 to raise \$10,000 and train 10,000 people in Hands-Only CPR (get it...100x100 = 10,000). As of May, we are 70% on our way to the \$10,000 goal! In fact, \$2,922.16 was raised at state conference during the 2023-24 school year. The 2024-25 High School State Officer Team committed to finishing that goal by the end of 2024 and the Collegiate State Officer Team is jumping on board with the goal too!



2023-24 ND FBLA State Officers with AHA staff member, Mary Reiser and the CPR training mannequin



ND FBLA State Officer, Tyler Meckle getting a pie to the face at the 2023 Fall Leadership Conference as part of a fundraiser for the American Heart Association!

In March 2024, we learned that the American Heart Association had received grant dollars to help with special projects and North Dakota FBLA chapters who participated at the 2024 State Leadership Conference could register to receive a FREE CPR in Schools training kit (valued at over \$700!). All they had to do was commit to using the kit in their communities! We know those kits will help us reach our goal to train community members on Hands-Only CPR.

Our state partnership with AHA also includes their staff involvement at conferences as workshop presenters as well as bringing a survivor to share their story at our annual Fall Conference. ND FBLA chapters have been challenged to help with the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge in their district, promote CPR in Schools and Cardiac Ready Communities, and host a “red out” for National Wear RED Day on February 7th.

NDACTE Update: Membership, Involvement, Opportunities

- Carla Hixon, NDACTE Director



NDACTE at the CTE Professional Development Conference

The North Dakota Association of Career and Technical Education will have a membership table near the registration area on Monday during PDC. Tuesday, NDACTE will have a booth in the exhibit area. Please stop by! Board members will be available to answer questions you may have about membership, advocacy and other membership benefits.

Carrie Giles, ACTE President, will be at the conference this year to share with you her insight to ACTE on the national level, assist at the NDACTE exhibit booth and speak at the General Session on Monday at 1:30 pm. For more information about NDACTE or membership contact Carla Hixon, Executive Director, at ndacte@outlook.com or stop by our membership table or exhibit booth in Hall B. We have some exciting things planned for the booth again this year!



NDACTE Annual Membership Meeting

NDACTE will host their Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 7:30-8:15 am at the Bismarck Event Center, Prairie Rose Room 105. This meeting is open to all members and those interested in becoming a member of ACTE/NDACTE. Tana Erbes, NDACTE President, will be calling the meeting to order. Election of the new vice president will be held. Additional information can be found on the website – NDACTE.com.

CTSO Leadership Perspective

"FFA has become a home to me where I have met so many amazing people, grown as a person and learned how to be a leader. FFA has not only taught me about agriculture, but also helped me gain the necessary skills I will need to find success for the rest of my life."

Mariah was a member of the Granville FFA chapter for 6 years and is currently serving as the ND FFA State President. She will be attending the University of North Dakota in the fall majoring in Occupational Therapy.



State Director's Column

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

Although the calendar still says August 2024, the Department of Career and Technical Education is busy working on its Legislative Agenda for the 69th Legislative Session, which will officially start the first week of January 2025. The department's budget is due to the Office of Management and Budget on August 15th, so the clock is ticking to complete our work.

Since Career and Technical Education was so successful in getting several initiatives funded in the 68th Legislative Assembly, it was difficult to determine what the next asks will include. It is important to know that the pendulum is swinging in CTE's favor and we don't want to lose any momentum we have so far.

In working with local CTE Directors, the Governors' Office, the North Dakota Workforce Development Council and other partners, the following priorities are beginning to float to the top:

- Sufficient funding to support existing and new career and technical education programs.
- Additional funds to expand access to Work-Based Learning Coordinators.
- Additional funds to expand access to workforce training through our TrainND regions.
- Funds to increase access to Marketplace for Kids events.
- Funds to strengthen the STEM Ecosystem and STEM education.
- Funding for mentorship and tuition support for new and alternate certified CTE Educators.
- Funding to support apprenticeship, specifically youth and pre-apprenticeship.
- Funding to continue to support the CTE Center Capital Projects program.

As of now, these are still ideas and details need to be ironed out. The next steps are to finalize the Department's priorities and submit our budget for the Office of Management and Budget and Governor's Office to review. This Fall, the Department will develop and share a one-page priorities document for you all to use when visiting with your local Legislators.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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Assistant Director's Corner

-Mark Wagner, Assistant Director, North Dakota Career and Technical Education



ND CTE Professional Development Conference

I hope that your professional development plans include this year's PDC on August 5-7 at the Bismarck Event Center and that you will take in as many opportunities as possible for you to prepare for this upcoming school year.

This year's conference will contain pre-conference sessions, special sessions for 1st and 2nd year instructors, an exhibitor trade show along with General Sessions that include our keynote speakers and awards. All General Sessions will be held in Hall A of the Bismarck Event Center.

General Session: Monday, August 5 - 1:30-3:00 pm

Plan to attend as we will hear from State Director Wayde Sick as well as ACTE President Carrie Giles, with updates and current status of CTE on the state and national levels. Followed by our Keynote Speaker D. Paul Miller, author of "Hey Teachers, Don't Quit". Paul Miller is on a mission to share his lead, serve, teach philosophy so that others can lead with joy and create unbelievable levels of success!

General Session—Awards: Tuesday, August 6 - 8:30-10:30 am

The presentation of the NDACTE and CTE Director's Awards will be during this session. Our speaker will include speaker and author, Morris Morrison, who's journey began in New York City before a doctor's words changed his life forever, after being orphaned a second time. Disruptions early in Morris's life uncovered a unique brand of engagement that explodes and connects with audience of all ages and backgrounds, with an unforgettable message that sounds like a Hollywood movie script.

More conference information can be found on our website at: <https://www.cte.nd.gov/pdc>

I look forward to seeing you there!

ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the must-attend event for career and technical education (CTE) professionals. Happening Dec. 4-7 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, VISION offers comprehensive programming covering high-quality CTE in secondary and post-secondary environments and emerging trends in the field to help career and technical educators thrive in their careers. VISION provides attendees with a rich array of networking opportunities, an Expo, hundreds of concurrent program sessions, and numerous networking opportunities. More information can be found at www.careertechvision.com

