Welcome to the web site of the professional organization for South Dakota Career and Technical Education. The organization provides support and professional development opportunities for CTE instructors in high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more. This is done through involvement at the state, regional, and national level.

Career and technical education programs educate students for a range of career options through 16 Career Clusters and 79+ pathways. Instructors integrate their course work with academics in a rigorous and relevant manor that works for students to make them more engaged, perform better and graduate at higher rates because of their involvement.

Demand for well-trained CTE graduates continues to grow and is evident by the establishment of the Build Dakota Scholarship Fund that created a $50 million scholarship fund that provides full scholarships to skilled scholars entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota technical institutes. Today’s cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant career and technical education (CTE) prepares youth and adults for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers.

Great things seem to be continuously happening in CTE in the state and it is our job to make sure the stories keep being told. I encourage you to send your photos and stories to your division presidents to be included in the newsletters and posed on Facebook.

We continue to have a great board of directors representing you at the state level and keeping our professional development relevant. If you have any concerns or ideas to share with the board, you may do so with your division president or contact me directly at john.rist@k12.sd.us.