SDACTE Members and Friends;

I would like to welcome you to the official website of the South Dakota Association of Career Technical Education (SDACTE). This association provides support and professional development opportunities for career and technical educators in high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges and four-year universities across the state of South Dakota.

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 in 16 Career Clusters.

CTE educates youth and adults for many fast-growing, high-paid jobs in high-growth industries. Many of the fastest-growing jobs through 2022 will be in CTE fields, including health care, the skilled trades, STEM, IT, and marketing. Our state has recognized that need and established 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.

Over 700 approved CTE programs in South Dakota are offering courses that meet state standards. Academic subject matter is being taught with relevance to the real world. Students are gaining employability skills that prepares them for a successful future.

The SDACTE board of directors is working hard to make sure that career and technical education is at the forefront of our members, students, and communities. Let us know what your programs are doing and we would be happy to share your success.

Explore the links provided on our site for more information about Career and Technical Education and our association. Please contact me or any member of SDACTE if you have any ideas, concerns, or interest in South Dakota Career and Technical Education by emailing me at josh.christiansen@k12.sd.us.

Yours in Education,

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