

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Foundation Donor Wall Gets A New Look



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Thanks to the continued generosity of many donors, the Foundation revised (and expanded) our donor wall this summer. The fact that we “ran out of space” simply speaks to the amazing alumni and friends who constantly support the students of Lake Area Technical Institute

Newly Endowed Scholarships

Barb Hagen Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 by her husband Merlin Hagen to provide support to students enrolled in the Med Fire Rescue – Paramedic program with preference to students who are from the towns of Florence, Wallace or Webster.

Grotewold Family Scholarship was established in 2017 by Jerry Grotewold to provide support to students in the Law Enforcement program.

Reid S. & Jeanette J. Tuohino Scholarship was established in 2017 by Jeanette J. Tuohino to provide support to students enrolled in the Agriculture program with preference from the Hamlin School District.

Watertown Area Home Builders’ Association Scholarship was established in 2017 by Watertown Area Home Builders’ Association to provide support to students in the Building Trades Technology program with preference to students who are from the counties of Codington, Clark, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin or Roberts.

For more information about initiating an endowed fund or planned giving options through Lake Area Tech, please contact the Foundation office at 605-882-8584; Julie Stevenson Ext: 268 or Morgan Johnson Ext: 308.



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the date

OCTOBER
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CAREER EXPO
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NOVEMBER
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OF TREES

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a silent/live auction item?
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LATI campus or purchase online at
<http://bookstore.lakeareatech.edu/>

Lake Area Tech Students Win National SkillsUSA Medals



Congratulations to three Lake Area Tech students who earned medals at the 53rd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference held in June in Louisville, Kentucky. The competition is a showcase of career and technical education students' skills. Law Enforcement student Paige Frazee from Milbank, SD, received a bronze medal in the Criminal Justice competition, Cosmetology student Brittany Jensen from Bath, SD, received a silver medal in the Esthetics competition, and Computer Information Systems student Will Ostrander from DeSmet, SD received a silver medal in the Internetworking competition. Each student previously won the South Dakota competition, earning the right to compete at the national event. More than 16,000 people participated in the week-long event.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that serves trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations students in high schools and postsecondary technical institutes. On a national level, there are approximately 250,000 student members.

Lake Area Tech was named recipient of the 2017 Governor's Ag Ambassador Award



Lake Area Tech was named recipient of the 2017 Governor's Ag Ambassador Award in July at the annual Governor's Agricultural Summit in Aberdeen.

LATI's Agriculture program enrolls more than 300 students. Most recently, the program added Large Animal Technician, Agri-Aviation, and Swine Management to its curriculum. Along with the added curriculum, LATI also constructed the 70,000 square foot facility Agriculture and Environment Center four years ago to house classrooms and labs.

Key Achievements of the Ag Ambassador:

- Provides visionary leadership to South Dakota's agricultural industry.
- Champions growth and prosperity of the state's number one industry.
- Advocates for agricultural practices and responsible stewardship of livestock and land; and highlights the significance of South Dakota agriculture to our global food system.
- Influences decision makers to develop and implement sound agricultural policies.



Exploring Workforce Development with Governor Dennis Daugaard

Governor Dennis Daugaard launched the Western Governors' Workforce Development Initiative upon becoming the 2018 Chair of the Western Governors' Association.

We were extremely fortunate that as part of Governor's focus on workforce development, he chose to host WGA members on the campus of Lake Area Technical Institute. This day-long seminar/tour provided a great opportunity for our faculty/staff, community and industry partners to work side-by-side to highlight the close relationship between technical education and industry for continued advancement of workforce growth and retention.

Alumni Spotlight



VanLaecken Orthodontics

VanLaecken Orthodontics is proud to support Lake Area Tech as an active business partner. Eighteen of our nineteen orthodontic assistants are Lake Area Tech alumni, representing 243 years of combined clinical service to our patients in northeast South Dakota. Some of the ways we have found to take an active role and provide benefits to Lake Area Tech students include:

- Providing guidance for future dental assistants by serving as a Dental Assisting program curriculum advisor

- Participating in the Student for a Day program to better understand other programs offered at Lake Area Tech
- Providing financial assistance through event sponsorship and capital campaign sponsorships
- Assisting with event planning such as Lake Area Tech Holiday Festival of Trees
- Helping to review scholarship applications
- Participating in the Lake Area Tech Community U program – FUN!
- Donating equipment to help the dental assisting program stay on the cutting edge of technology and be better prepared to seamlessly transition into the dental field
- Participating in decision-making for the betterment of the student experience as an active Lake Area Tech Foundation Board member
- Hosting Lake Area Tech clinical students to provide on-the-job training experiences

We realize the impact Lake Area Tech has both on our community and our small, family business and strive to give back generously to make a positive impact for students of today and into the future!

Make Your Alumni Profile Today!

To fully engage with our Alumni we have created an Alumni Profile on the Lake Area Tech website. Check it out and develop your profile today!

View our Alumni Profiles at...

lakeareatech.edu
/category/alumni-spotlight/

Lake Area Tech Boulder Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsored by: LATI Alumni Association

WINNERS!

GROSS DIVISION

- 1st - Brad Jacobson/Ted Horning
- 2nd - Justin Johnson/Josh Hanson
- 3rd - Stuart Stein/Mark Stein
- 4th - Mike & Mary Neuroth

NET DIVISION

- 1st - Jason Goette/Eric Negaard
- 2nd - Ryan VanLaecken/Scott Gloe
- 3rd - Jim Jensen/Jay Johnson
- 4th - John Maloney/Mike Alama

Thanks to all our sponsors and players!

Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded from the Alumni Association.



LATI HAPPENINGS

1. & 2. A record 838 graduates earned diplomas at the 50th Annual LATI graduation in May. Scott Stern, Commissioner, SD Governor's Office of Economic Development, delivered the address.
3. Congratulations to all Lake Area Tech students who participated in the national SkillsUSA competition in Kentucky this summer! We are extremely proud of each and every one of you. Thanks for being great representatives of LATI!
4. The Occupational Therapy Assistant program held its annual Sensory Adventures Camps in June. Participants took in lots of fun activities including horseback riding, swimming, crafts, and more. Thanks to the OTA program for another successful camp year!
5. Incoming freshman learned all about becoming a Lake Area Tech student this summer at Summer Orientation.
6. BASF reps shared some great information at LATI's annual Summer Farm Tour. The large crowd learned about best practices in herbicide and fungicide application/rates, tank clean out trials, plant health, maximizing yields, and many other topics.
7. Congratulations retirees! We celebrated six Lake Area Tech instructors with a combined 132 years of experience with the Watertown School District/LATI! Congratulations to (from left): Jack Holmquest, Gen Ed/Speech, 19 years; Annette Roby, Gen Ed/Computer, 29 years; Paul Brandt, Gen Ed/Math, 27 years; Jo Vitek, Law Enforcement, 3 years; Mark Wayt, Computer Information Services, 27 years; and Jim Buhler, Welding, 27 years. Thank you all for your years of service and dedication to students!



Building the South Dakota Workforce Together

In an effort to 'stretch' the available dollars in the Build Dakota Scholarship (BDS) program, we invite industry partners to consider this unique opportunity to participate as a "Stretch the Million" or "STM" partner. Our STM partnerships have continued to grow immensely each year!

"STM" partners commit to paying half of the expenses of the Build Dakota Scholarship for a student scholar. If a scholarship recipient has an industry (Stretch the Million) partner, the three year work commitment is with that business! What a great way to develop a relationship with an incoming Lake Area Tech student, and build your workforce pipeline.

A few details . . .

- BDS Full-ride scholarships support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible technical institute programs.
 - Both in-state students and out-of-state students are eligible for the scholarships. Students of ALL ages are eligible which is a great way to upskill a current employee!
- Recipients of the scholarships will commit to living and working in the state, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.

How to become a STM partner?

Please contact us for more information.

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We promote our Stretch the Million partners, on the following sites...

www.lakeareatech.edu/build-dakota-stretch-the-million-partners/

www.builddakotascholarships.com/about/industry-partners



Lake Area Tech Earns Top Spot on Best Community College List

Lake Area Technical Institute was named the top community college in the nation on Niche's 2017 Best Community Colleges list. The ranking is based on rigorous analysis of academic, financial, and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and alumni.

This ranking assesses 804 schools. For the purpose of this ranking, community colleges include public post-secondary institutions where the majority of degrees conferred are two-year degrees or fewer. The same methodology is used to produce the Overall Niche Grade for each ranked school as well as additional community colleges. Statistics obtained from the U.S. Department of Education represent the most recent data available, usually from 2014-2016, as self-reported by the colleges.

Niche is a website that helps students discover the schools and neighborhoods that are right for them. It rigorously analyzes dozens of public data sets and millions of reviews to produce comprehensive rankings, report cards, and profiles for every K-12 school, college, and neighborhood in the U.S.

Donating Credit Card Reward Points to Non-Profits

Do you have airline miles that are about to expire? Are you switching credit cards and have unused credit card reward points on your old card? Instead of letting your reward points go to waste, make a difference and donate them to charity.

Many credit card companies make it easy for you to donate your credit card reward points and miles to charity. Often you can redeem your rewards online through your bank's or issuer's website, or you may also be able to do the redemption over the phone with a representative.

1. Log onto your bank or credit card issuer's website
2. Select to redeem your credit card points
3. Search for charity donation
4. Indicate how many points or how much cash back you want to donate.
5. Select add to basket/cart

Lake Area Tech Among Top 10 Tech-Savvy Community Colleges

The Center for Digital Education's Digital Community Colleges Survey Awards honor community colleges that are using technology to engage students and improve learning.

The Center for Digital Education (CDE) has announced the winners of its 2016-17 Digital Community Colleges Survey in which Lake Area Technical Institute earned a Top 10 spot in the Small Colleges category (under 5,000).

In its 12th year, the survey analyzes how community colleges use a range of technologies to improve services to students, faculty, staff and the community at large. Award winners demonstrated innovative uses of technology, including creating online platforms designed to help students better prepare to enter the workforce, implementing video technology services to enable lecture capture and recording, and designing mobile options for all college services.

"This year's survey indicates community colleges are continuing to improve efforts at creating cost-effective platforms and Open Education Resources, mobile environments, real-time resources, telepresence robots and more to create robust online and mobile environments for their students," said Dr. Kecia Ray, executive director for the Center for Digital Education. "Congratulations to this year's survey winners."

All accredited U.S. community colleges were eligible to participate in the survey within three classifications based on size of enrollment. To see the results of the survey and to view the full list of colleges honored, visit www.centerdigitaled.com/awards.

The Center for Digital Education (CDE) is a national research and advisory institute specializing in K-12 and higher education technology trends, policy and funding. CDE provides education and industry leaders with decision support and actionable insights to help effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century. Learn more at: www.centerdigitaled.com.

2017 Feuerstein Seminar Series presents

Leigh Anne Tuohy

The inspiring mom from "The Blind Side"

Hear her speak in Watertown
Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 pm,
Student Center at LATI.

Jointly hosted by the LATI Foundation &
the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation.



"Making It Happen: Just Turn Around"

Leigh Anne Tuohy will inspire hope, ignite generosity and create an awareness of opportunities for leaders to be positively impactful, regardless of their age.

Note 1 CEU has been approved by the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners.

The Development of the Feuerstein Leadership Series:

Eighteen years ago, Lew Feuerstein, along with family, friends and local business leaders, created the Feuerstein Leadership Series along with an annual student scholarship in loving memory of his wife, businesswomen and educator... Dee Feuerstein.

Because of Dee's love for students and business, each year a scholarship is awarded in her memory to a female student enrolled in the Business Division at Lake Area Technical Institute.

And, each year, the Feuerstein Series enables the Lake Area Technical Institute Foundation to bring speakers to campus who invigorate, inspire and ignite personal achievement and growth.

Leigh Anne was chosen to lead the 2017 Feuerstein Series because she embodies the spirit for which it was created.

*Raffle
Winner!*

Ferris "Jim" Buhlers Day Off

Congratulations to Brian Jacobsen on winning the
Ferris "Jim" Buhler's Day off Florida Raffle!

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support
scholarships at Lake Area Tech!

Also, big thank you to Jim and Mary Buhler for donating
their home and time to make this raffle possible!





The lab groundbreaking was highlighted by a robotic arm actually doing the digging! (Our Electronics/Robotics program instructors are ingenious!) We thank the Chamber for hosting the event as well as Crestone Builders. The Lab will accommodate programs that are in need of additional lab space and is scheduled to open January 2018.

Lake Area Tech & South Dakota State University are Opening Doors

Lake Area Technical Institute and South Dakota State University are pleased to co-announce the Opening Doors Initiative. The initiative is a commitment to expand access to higher education for all South Dakotans by simplifying the transfer process, offering education through innovative delivery methods, and providing a support system for student success.

The two entities have had a long-standing agreement for general education course transfer and articulation of other courses but have been working together for the past year to develop cross-articulation agreements unlike anything the state has ever seen between two public entities of higher education. The Opening Doors Initiative will allow students to seamlessly move between the colleges to obtain their desired level of education and skills training while minimizing credit loss that often occurs during the transfer process.

Lake Area Tech President Mike Cartney explained, "Both institutions see college as a pathway, not a destination. But before people take the pathway, we have to open the doors to college entrance, and sequentially the doors to careers, career advancement and lifelong learning. In many cases, people are not even aware that these doors exist. The Opening Doors Initiative is not only about opening those doors, but it's also about making people aware of the opportunities that exist and giving them the confidence they can do it."

Opening Doors is a broad effort by Lake Area Tech and SDSU that encourages higher education, industry, and governmental entities to work together to open doors for all South Dakotans. The two colleges are leading the way by building student confidence through language support, proactive enrollment, public awareness of the value of college, the return on investment, and by making college relevant. One way is by offering dual-enrolled programs of study that give 100 percent credit to students for selected programs taken at the two institutions. The initiative helps merge South Dakotans' occupational and educational careers by graduating lifelong learners, recognizing the educational merit of on-the-job experiences and training, developing apprenticeship programs, and recognizing that some things cannot be learned "on-the-job."

"The South Dakota Board of Regents developed a goal of educating 65 percent of our citizens by achieving a postsecondary credential – either a diploma or degree. The motivation fits perfectly with the initiative we have been working on together," SDSU President Barry Dunn said.

Opening Doors has allowed both colleges to look beyond traditional articulation agreements and develop a highly valuable pathway to lifelong learning. Dunn added, "Society extends far beyond an individual having a degree, it's about bettering humanity – it's about opening doors for people."

WISH LIST

Below are a few things on Lake Area Tech's Wish List. For more information about program specific needs, please contact the Foundation Office.

Build Trades Technology

- 1 - 24' Enclosed Trailer
- 1 - Spindle Sander
- 5 - Power Trowels
- 1 - CNC Cabinet/ Door Machine
- 3 - Saw Stop Table Saws

Diesel Technology

- 1 - Hydraulic Tool Group
- 1 - Air Break Training Board
- 4 - TSL-50 Hydraulic Jack
- 1 - Pressure Washer
- 1 - Wire Feed Welder

Electronics/ Robotics

- 1 - 3D Platforms 1 Cubic Meter Printer
- 1 - Metal Band Saw
- 1 - Tube and Pipe Bender
- 1 - Hydraulic Tube Bender
- 1 - Sheet Metal Machine

Precision Machining

- 10 - Swan Soft Simulation Software
- 2 - American Turnmaster Manual Lathes
- 2 - Sharp Vertical Manual Milling Machines

Welding Technology

- Acorn Table



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SET YOUR SIGHTS ON A GREAT CAREER.

AGRICULTURE

- Agri-Aviation Option
- Agri-Business Option
- Agri-Production Option
- Commodity Merchandising Option*
- Dairy Option*
- General Agricultural Option
- Large Animal Technician Option*
- Precision Technology Option
- Ranch Management Option*
- Swine Management Option*

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

- Light Duty Diesel (3rd Year Option)

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY*

- Agri-Aviation Option
- Flight Training Option*

BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

- Entrepreneurship Option*
- Human Resource Associate Option*
- Marketing & Management Option
- Photography/Media Option*

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Network Specialist Option
- Programming Specialist Option
- Security Specialist Option
- Visual Communications Specialist Option

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE WORKER NEW FALL 2018

COSMETOLOGY*

CUSTOM PAINT & FABRICATION

- Auto Body Technician Option
- General Fabrication Option

DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED*

DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

- CAT ThinkBIG*
- CNH Forging the Future*
- Light Duty Diesel (3rd Year Option)*
- Tractor Option
- Truck Option

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

ENERGY OPERATIONS*

ENERGY TECHNOLOGY*

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY*

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Agri-Financial Services Option
- Business Accounting Option
- Consumer Financial Services Option

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR*

HIGH PERFORMANCE ENGINE MACHINING*

HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN

- Child Development Option
- Developmental Disabilities Option
- Mental Health/Activity Technician Option
- Youth Offender Option

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Virtual Academy

MED/FIRE RESCUE

- Emergency Medical Specialist Option
- Paramedic Diploma

MEDICAL ASSISTING

MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN

NURSING

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT*

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT*

PRECISION MACHINING*

ROBOTICS

WELDING TECHNOLOGY

E-Degrees (Online Hybrid Programs)

AGRICULTURE

- Agri-Business Option
- Commodity Merchandising Option
- Ranch Management Option

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

- Entrepreneurship Option
- Marketing & Management Option

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Network Specialist Option
- Programming Specialist Option
- Visual Communications Specialist Option

DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED*

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

FINANCIAL SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT VIRTUAL ACADEMY

MED/FIRE RESCUE

- Emergency Medical Technician Certification
- Paramedic

MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN

NURSING

- Full Time/Part Time Options

PRECISION MACHINING

ROBOTICS

* Indicates these programs are unique to Lake Area Tech in SD.