



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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RACTC starts seventh year of delivering CTE courses

The Roughrider Area Career and Tech Center started its seventh year of delivering CTE classes to students across the south central and southwestern North Dakota. On August 25th with approximately 303 students enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year. Total enrollment numbers include students who are enrolled in classes where a class originates.

Before school begins each year, there is a tremendous amount of planning that takes place starting in January or February, with principals working with CTE Directors and Distance Ed. Directors as they plan to survey their students. Based on student needs and district needs, principals communicate that information to the local distance education director and lock in course requests and student numbers for the new school year.

Over the summer months, directors key the information into the Renovo software to connect schools on the digital network. As schools begin their fall registration, changes to the schedule begin to take place. In some cases they may be major and unexpected changes, and that is what happened this year. There was an unexpected increase in student numbers in the Nurse Assist class as well as an increase in agriculture education classes. Some of that is due to student interests and/or a lack of teachers in the field. Consequently, the Roughrider had to purchase more textbooks, which were not built into the budget. Mr. Kevin Nelson, Superintendent at Hebron, stated "that is a good thing". It is a good thing that we, from time-to-time, have those surprises. With best intentions, it is sometimes hard to plan and budget.



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Four Hettinger students listening to Mrs. Steeke's Ag. Marketing lecture.

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SAVE the Date!!!!

Showcase Your Program

What: CTE IN MEMORIAL
HALL

When: January 26-29, 2015

Where: State Capitol Building,
Bismarck



Exhibit Guidelines

Goals for the Exhibits:

- ◆ Have CTE students and CTSO members demonstrate and explain to legislators and others the purpose of the exhibit (i.e.—what the students learned).
- ◆ Help legislators and others experience hands-on demonstrations to learn about the quality education that is taking place in ND CTSO and CTE programs.

Types of Exhibits Wanted:

- ◆ Interactive, working demonstrations/displays of student's work
- ◆ Hands-on exhibits that get legislators and others involved.

Important Messages that CTSO Exhibits Should Communicate:

- ◆ CTE provides unique opportunities for students to foster the development of leadership, collaboration, strategy, accountability, creativity and critical thinking skills needed to be successful in and out of the workplace.
- ◆ CTSO's offer the opportunities for young leaders to work with and help others be more successful.

Important Messages that CTE Programs Exhibits Should Communicate:

Calendar of Events

September 1 Labor Day—No School
September 3 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
September 15—Ag Field Day September 20—24 SkillsUSA Washington Leadership Training
September 24 Health Careers Advisory Committee Meeting
September 28-29 SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference
September 29 District 7 FFA Fall Leadership Conference
September 30 District 8 FFA Fall Leadership Conference
October 1 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
October 15 FFA State Parly Pro
October 16—17 Teacher's Convention—No School
October 22-29 SkillsUSA Mid America Leadership Conference
October 24 End of First Quarter
November 5 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
November 11 Veteran's Day—No School
November 15 Membership Fee Roster Due in National Office
November 27—28 Thanksgiving Break—No School
December 3 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
December 23 Last Day of ITV Classes Before Christmas Break
December 23 End of Second Quarter
January 5 ITV Classes Resume
January 5—6 CTE 5-Year Evaluation
January 7 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
January 10—11 FFA Winter Leadership Conference
January 19—Martin Luther King—No ITV Classes
January 26-29-CTE Displays in Memorial of the state Capial
February 4 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
February 8—14 SkillsUSA Week
February 15 Membership Fees/Roster Due in National Office
February 16 President's Day—No ITV
March 4 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
March 18 End of Third Quarter
March 19—20 Spring Break
March 23 ND Winter FFA CDE's (Minot)
April 1 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
April 3 Good Friday—No ITV Classes
April 6 Easter Monday—No ITV Classes
April 19—21 SkillsUSA State Conference (Wahpeton)
May 6 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
April 29 Health Careers Advisory Meeting
May 22 End of Fourth Quarter
May 25 Memorial Day
June 1—5 FFA State Convention (Fargo)
June 3 RACTC Monthly Board Meeting (DSU SU Rm 112)
June 15—June 19 Welding Academy (DHS Dickinson)
June 21—26 National SkillsUSA Conference (Louisville, KY)

Activities will be added as they become available.

Mission

Statement

The Mission of

Career and **T**echnical

Education is to

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CITIZENS with
the *technical skills*,
knowledge, and **at-**
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for successful per-
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globally
competitive
workplace.

Roughrider Hi-Tech Consortium Rotation Schedule 2014-2015

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Date	Module	School
Monday, August 25, 2014	Laser Engraver	Killdeer
	Embroidery	Belfield
	CNC Router	South Heart
	Welding Trailer	New England
	GIS	Scranton
Friday, October 03, 2014	MHP	Hettinger
Monday, October 06, 2014	CNC Router	Killdeer
	Laser Engraver	Belfield
	Embroidery	South Heart
	Bio Chem	New England
	MHP	Scranton
Friday, November 14, 2014	GIS	Hettinger
Monday, November 17, 2014	Embroidery	Killdeer
	CNC Router	Belfield
	GIS	South Heart
	MHP	New England
	Laser Engraver	Hettinger
Tuesday, December 23, 2014	Bio Chem	Scranton
Monday, January 05, 2015	Bio Chem	Killdeer
	MHP	Belfield
	GIS	South Heart
	Embroidery	New England
	CNC Router	Hettinger
Wednesday, February 13, 2015	Laser Engraver	Scranton
Sunday, February 16, 2014	MHP	Killdeer
	GIS	Belfield
	Laser Engraver	South Heart
	Embroidery	New England
	CNC Router	Hettinger
Friday, March 27, 2015	CNC Router	Scranton
Monday, March 30, 2015	GIS	Killdeer
	Bio Chem	Belfield
	MHP	South Heart
	CNC Router	New England
	Laser Engraver	Hettinger
Friday, May 08, 2015	Embroidery	Scranton

The Roughrider delivers courses through the distance education network and through Tegrity which allows students to enroll in classes online. Moodle is a vital part of the in delivery of classes through the Roughrider Area Career and Tech Center. Moodle allows teachers to put their course work on the Internet for students to view and follow along as the course progresses.

The registration of students is only one component of creating the framework in scheduling the class and ensuring it is received into the correct schools and rooms. The second component is getting students enrolled into Moodle. Dickinson State University has hosted the Roughrider over the past six years, and has worked diligently to make the process work with minimal problems. This there has been minimal problems with students logging on and being able to view the video recording of the class. Thanks to Anthony Willer and his staff at Dickinson State for making this opportunity available to students.

A third layer is getting the students enrolled in PowerSchool for CTE teachers to post student grades to one location rather than to individual PowerSchool sites.

At all three levels, names of students need to be accurate in order for every aspect to work effectively and efficiently.

It is the goal for the system to be up and running on the first day of school. However, that never completely happens. In some cases, students are dropping and adding classes, textbooks are not in abundant or short supply, and Renovo reservations need to be adjusted.

The last issue that affects ITV is the start date of individual schools. This year, the earliest start date of school was August 18th, and the last start date for a school to start was August 27. It does create some anxiety for those schools who start early.

That is a brief overview to what it takes to make distance education classes work. The first two weeks of school are hectic, but after that most issues level off. Have a good school year.

2014 Module Training Workshops

Bio-Chem – September 8 & 9

Electronics – October 21 & 22

M/P/H – September 23 & 24

Embroidery – November 4, 5, & 6

C/N/C – October 7 & 8

Robotics – November 18 & 19

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Mrs. Steeke teaching Ag Sales and Marketing on the RACTC Network. The left screen displaying the teaching site and remote sites. The right screen displaying lecture notes.



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Beach
 Belfield
 Dickinson
 Glen Ullin
 Hebron

Hettinger
 Killdeer
 Mott-Regent
 New England
 Richardson-Taylor
 Scranton
 South Heart

Daniel Pretzer named 2014-2015 State Parliamentarian

Written by: Mrs. Misty Steeke, Scranton FFA Advisor

Congratulations for Daniel Pretzer from the Scranton FFA Chapter. He was named the 2014-2015 ND State FFA Parliamentarian at the 85th State FFA Convention which was held June 2-6 in Fargo, ND. Daniel is the first Scranton FFA member to represent the chapter as a state officer.

Daniel is the son of John [Superintendent at Scranton Public School] and Donna Pretzer of Scranton. He was the President of the Scranton FFA Chapter for 2013-2014 and was actively involved in Ag Sales, Ag Communications and Parliamentary Procedure CDE Events. Daniel has participated in Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C, National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY and Winter Leadership Conference in Bismarck.

Daniel will be representing the state at many events throughout the next few weeks along with the entire year of FFA activities.



Back Row: Chance Lundberg, President; Daniel Pretzer, Parliamentarian; Klay Oland Treasurer; Ceph Dockter, Vice President. **Front Row:** Samantha Lies, Reporter; Seena Hagen, Secretary; Kaylee Odden Sentinel.

Investment in CTE is a Good Investment in the Future of North Dakota.

