



AUGUST 2023 \\\ Board of Technical Education Report

LATC Strategic Direction

CAM COREY NAMED VICE PRESIDENT:



Cam Corey of Watertown, SD, will serve as the next Vice President of Lake Area Technical College. He will officially begin on November 1, 2023. Cam succeeds outgoing Vice President Diane Stiles, who has led the nationally recognized college since 2014.

Cam recently retired from the law enforcement profession after serving for 25 years throughout the state of South Dakota. His storied career includes training law enforcement officers and agents; advocating for children, victims, and families; and leading the administrative operations of field service agencies. He has served on numerous state and national boards. He is a long-time educator in the law enforcement community, working as an adjunct instructor at Lake Area Technical College and several other colleges and universities, including the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Center.

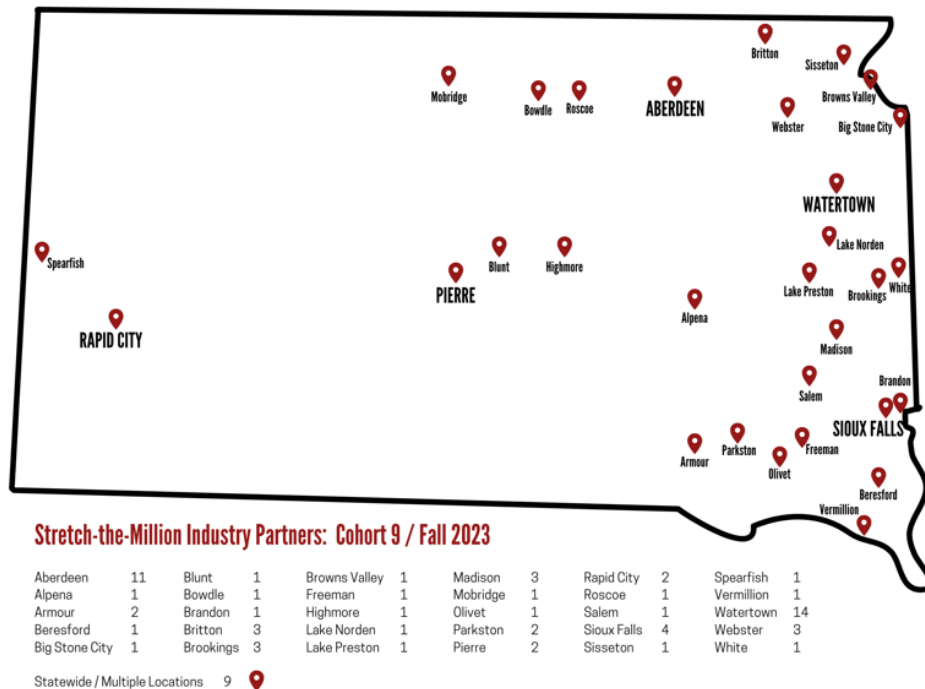
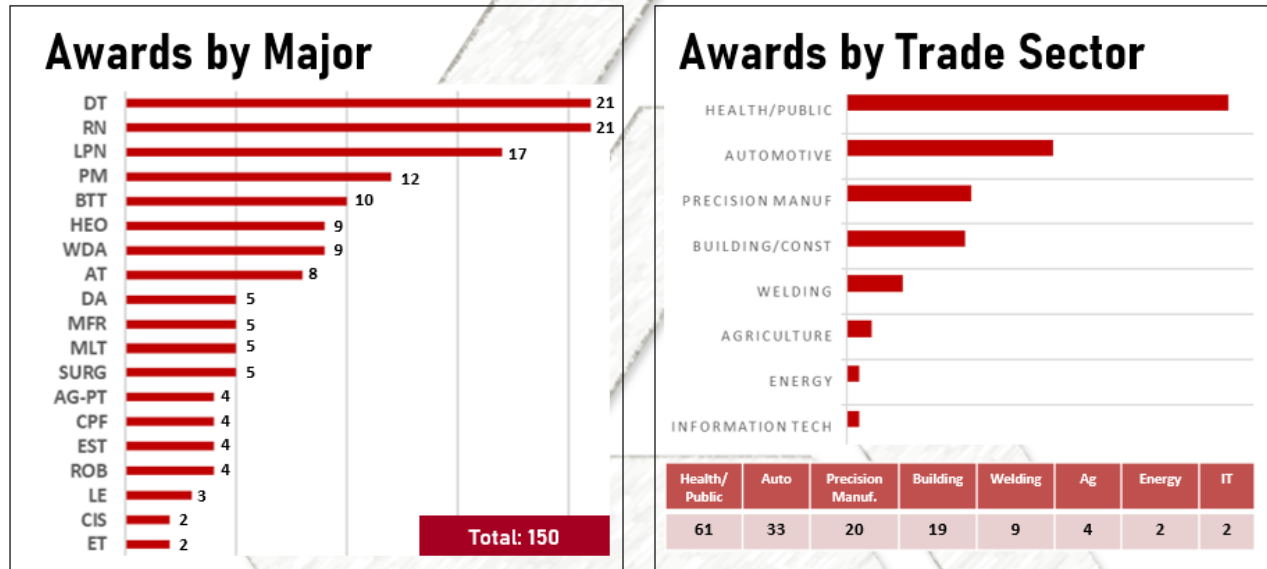
Cam Corey will be recommended for hire at the August 14th meeting of the Watertown School Board and will begin his duties as Vice President of Lake Area Technical College on November 1, 2023. Shane Swenson, Director of Outreach at Lake Area Technical College, will serve as Interim Vice President.

LATC Foundation

BUILD DAKOTA AWARDS BEGINNING FALL 2023 (COHORT 9):



BDS Cohort 9



LATC in the Community

SUMMER 2023 CAMPS & CONFERENCES: Many events landed at Lake Area Tech over the summer through our corporate education services. Here are a few of the highlights!





Lake Area Tech Drone Camp

Nearly 80 campers attended the annual Lake Area Tech Drone & Code Camp on June 2. Campers in grades 3-8 built drones, flew drones around obstacles courses, mapped, and learned about coding from Lake Area Tech faculty. Participants of the camp experienced a great introduction to drone technology while also learning how drones are utilized in many different career fields.

Lake Area Diesel Camp presented by Titan

Lake Area Technical College was the host site for the Titan Machinery 2023 Diesel Camp held May 30 – June 1. Approximately 25 campers learned foundational diesel aspects including shop safety, diesel technology basics, and what's expected in the diesel equipment industry. Camp participants also spent a great deal of time immersed in hands-on activities to better understand this exciting field.



State Fire School

Lake Area Technical College was the host site for the 2023 State Fire School. (Pictures Attached)
A total of 529 students, instructors, and vendors were onsite throughout the week with an increase in attendance of up over 100 attendees from the previous year!

Lake Area Tech will once again host the 2024 State Fire School on Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:00 PM - Saturday, June 15, 2024.



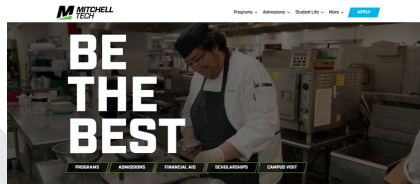
Governor's Ag Summit

The 2023 Governor's Ag Summit was held at Lake Area Technical College July 18-19. Day two of the Summit included tours of the Lake Area Tech Agriculture facilities as well as a visit to the LATC Demonstration Farm. During the farm tour, attendees were educated on the usage of drones in agriculture and had the opportunity to see a drone demonstration.



Good News

Website overhaul



The all-new MitchellTech.com was launched July 26, offering a better, more interactive look at the programs, services and organizations on campus. The first major overhaul to the site in over five years not only modernized the look and function of the site, but also made it compatible with a wider variety of user devices.

College Consensus



Four Mitchell Tech programs earned recognition as the 14th Best Online Community College in America, according to College Consensus, an organization that considers scores from Niche, WalletHub and Grad Reports, as well as student feedback in calculating their rankings. Read more at mitchelltech.edu/news/mitchell-tech-online-programs-ranked-14th-nationally

Staffing Transitions

Each school year, naturally, comes with some employee turnover. For the 2023-2024 contract year, we retained 95 percent of those who ended the previous year on-staff. Many of these individuals have been familiar faces at Mitchell Tech for 10 years or more. A handful have been on campus more than 20 years. Two of the departing employees retired at the completion of the 2022-2023 contract year.

Faculty

This fall, we will welcome six new faculty to the team, representing five different industries. Two of the new instructors will teach commercial driver licensing. Both have been serving as adjuncts in that department previously. Of the new faculty, two are coming into new positions created to better serve industry needs, and two are replacing predecessors who have either retired or moved into other teaching duties on campus.

Staff

The 2023-2024 school year was an end of an era at Mitchell Tech. Carmen Neugebauer, a 1981 graduate of the Steno Accounting program, retired after spending all 42 years of her career in the Financial Aid office. Longtime Financial Aid Director Grant Uecker, who hired Carmen, joined in the celebration of her retirement in May. Nichole Simmermon, an Admissions representative, is transitioning well into the position Carmen vacated in July. At the same time, Admissions Representative Heather Kulm was promoted to Director of Admissions, and the department welcomed two new representatives to the team.



Carmen Neugebauer & Grant Uecker

Student Activities

Two Mitchell Tech Mavericks rode their way to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., June 11-17. Read more at mitchelltech.edu/news/two-mavericks-qualify-for-college-national-finals-rodeo

Three SkillsUSA team members advanced to the national competition June 19-23 in Atlanta. Read more at mitchelltech.edu/news/local-students-advance-to-national-skillsusa-competition

Enrollment Events

Fall Enrollment

Enrollment continues to trend positively for the 2023-2024 school year. At present, the Energy Division is on track to educate and train its largest cohort yet, with Power Line Construction & Maintenance alone welcoming 115 students this fall. Numbers are also exceptionally strong in the construction and agriculture sectors, and we are eager to welcome our first class of Entrepreneurship students to campus twice a month.

Exploration Day

July 20, Mitchell Tech welcomed 200 prospective students and parents to campus. This was our largest Exploration Day crowd to date.

Dakota Dreams Camp

July 11, more than 90 middle school students eagerly ventured across campus to learn about the trades and how Mitchell Tech can help them turn their skills, talents and interests into careers.

Registration Week

June 5-9, incoming new students came to campus to register for classes and purchase tools, scrubs, books and other supplies in order to be ready for the Fall semester to start.

Construction Progress

Ag Diesel Power Building

Progress continues on the 36,000-sq ft Ag Diesel Power Building, with footings poured recently and pre-cast walls scheduled for erection in the near future. The project is on-target for its December 2023 deadline, and faculty and students are eager to utilize the new facility.

Radiologic Technology Wing

Renovation of the Radiologic Technology Wing is progressing nicely. Soon, General Electric will be on-site to install the new stationary X-ray unit in the second fixed lab space, and the finishing touches will go on all three lab spaces, two student observation stations and the instructors' workroom. The wing will be open in time for the start of the Fall semester.

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technology Department

Utilizing maintenance & repair funds, along with industry partner gifts, lab and classroom spaces in for the Wi-Fi & Broad Technology department received a facelift, with new paint, floor coverings, lighting and training modules installed since this spring, brightening and modernizing the space.



Ag Power Diesel Building



Radiologic Technology Wing



Wi-Fi & Broadband Technology Department



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Robert Griggs, STC President



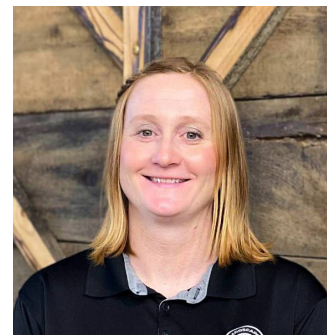
STC Awards Record Number Build Dakota Scholarships

STC recently awarded 154 incoming fall 2023 students full-ride Build Dakota Scholarships. This class marks the ninth year of the Build Dakota Scholarship program, a record number of scholars, and the first time every STC scholarship recipient is sponsored by an industry partner.

https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/build-dakota-signing-day_2023.php

STC's Horticulture Program Alumna Nominated for Women Leader of the Year

Ashley Carlson, a 2006 graduate of STC's Horticulture program, has been nominated for the prestigious Woman Leader of the Year by the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP). The award recognizes a female landscape professional who has demonstrated inspirational spirit and initiative, passion toward the landscape and lawn care industry by actions and endeavors and serves as a shining example to other women in the industry.



<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/alumna-nominated-women-leader-of-the-year.php>

Collision Repair Student Claims Gold Medal in National Skills USA Competition



Three of our students competed in National Skills USA in Atlanta Ga. Overall, 6,400 students competed in a total of 110 events. Edward Stefanyuk competed in Plumbing and earned 8th. Daniel Batterman competed in Automotive Refinish Technology and finished 25th, and second-year Collision Repair student Brandon Nelsen is the first STC student to win Gold (1st!) at the national competition.



<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/stc-collision-student-earns-gold-skills-usa-metal.php>



STC was Featured as the Face of Technical Education in FACES of Sioux Falls

Meet the workforce of the future. Recent graduates Jaylen Kemp, Olivia Iraheta, Emily Muilenburg, Ashton Dykstra, Jolynn Crump, Dustyn Fish and Adam Joachim represent a sampling of STC academic programs. Impressively, many students have jobs secured prior to graduation—exemplifying STC's commitment to provide skills-relevant, hands-on training.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/faces-of-sioux-falls-2023.php>

In the News: STC Paves Path for Business Owner to Startup Success

Alumni Drysen Carsten and Courtney Haberi share how their STC education has prepared them to be successful business owners.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/path-to-business-ownership-success.php>

In the News: STC Selected by Amazon as First Partner for Career Choice Program

STC Southeast Technical College announced it has been selected as the first South Dakota 2-Year education partner for Amazon's Career Choice program, providing Amazon's hourly employees access to STC's entire catalog of associate degrees, diploma and certificate options.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/amazon-selects-stc-as-2-year-partner.php>



In the News: Internships Lead to Full-time Jobs

Summer is internship season. Each year, thousands of college students complete summer internships, clinicals or practicums to gain work experience and network in their field. Southeast Technical College students are no exception, and work-experience locations are as diverse as STC's program offerings.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/internships-lead-to-jobs.php>

STC's Nursing Organization Partners with March of Dimes

During the Spring 2023 semester, students in the Southeast Tech Nursing Student Organization partnered with the March of Dimes for a community service project. Students and faculty collected items and raised funds to assemble 50 personal care kits and 50 sibling activity kits that were distributed during finals week and later in May to the Avera McKennan NICU.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2023/student-nursing-org-partners-with-mod.php>

WESTERN DAKOTA



TECHNICAL COLLEGE

President's Report to the South Dakota Board of Technical Education

July 24, 2023

Dear Board of Technical Education:

It has been a productive summer at Western Dakota Technical College. Great strides continue to be made on developing and enhancing partnerships and opportunities to carry out our mission:

Western Dakota Technical College prepares students to be highly skilled professionals through accessible, career-focused programs to improve their lives, while adapting to community workforce needs and positively impacting our economy.

Thank you!



Ann Bolman, Ed.D.
President, Western Dakota Technical College
Rapid City, S.D.



In a celebration similar to a college athletic singing, 123 individuals were recognized for being selected to receive full-ride Build Dakota Scholarships for qualifying programs at Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) on June 22. The cumulative Build Dakota Scholarship awards totaled about \$2.7 million. During the ceremony, scholarship recipients signed Build Dakota Scholarship certificates, donned WDTC baseball caps, and received WDTC pennants. Scholarships were awarded to students in the following programs: Automotive Technology, Computer-Aided Design (now Architectural & Engineering Technology), Computer Science, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Emphasis, Dental Assisting, Diesel Technology, Diesel Technology – Industrial Maintenance, Drafting and Machining Technology, Electrical Trades, Environmental Engineering Technology, EET – Controlled Environment Agriculture, HVAC-Refrigeration Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician, Paramedic, Plumbing Technology, Practical Nursing, Precision Machining Technology, Registered Nursing, Surgical Technology, and Welding and Fabrication.



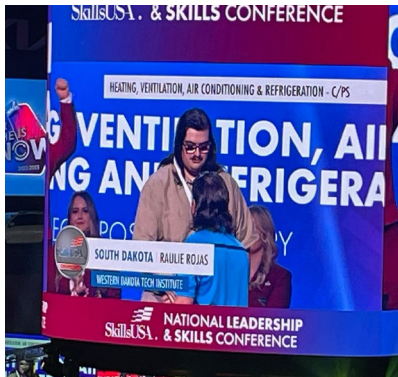
WDTC Students Excel in SkillsUSA National Competitions

The technical skills of Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) students shined at the SkillsUSA National Championships in Atlanta, Ga., June 21-22. The students qualified to represent the state of South Dakota in their contests by earning gold medals during the state SkillsUSA competition in April.

WDTC student Austin Evans received the national gold medal in the Information Technology Services competition.



Austin Evans, IT Services



Raulie Rojas, HVAC/R

Additional national competitions and WDTC student outcomes are as follows:
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration – Raulie Rojas, silver medal;
Cyber Security – Team W (Thomas DeJong & Lance McNeese) – 5th of 14
entries; Internetworking – Danielle Garland - 8th of 11 entries;
Automotive Services Technology – Micah Kooiman - 12th of 31 entries

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A large group of students and staff posing in front of the Event Center building. Most are wearing teal shirts with "LSSU" and "2019" printed on them. The group is arranged in many rows on a grassy area.

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