



LAKE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**April 2024 **

Board of Technical Education Report

LATC Strategic Direction



SCOTT CARBONNEAU JOINS LATC AS DEAN OF STUDENT

SERVICES: Scott Carbonneau officially joined Lake Area Tech on April 1st as the Dean of Student Services. Carbonneau will lead the team at Lake Area Tech that supports students in non-academic capacities including recruitment, admissions, enrollment services, financial aid, resources for student success, campus life activities, and career services.

“For as long as I can remember, Lake Area Tech has held a special place in my heart,” Carbonneau said. “My father joined Lake Area Vocational Technical Institute in 1970 and I am incredibly honored to follow in his footsteps more than 50 years later. I’m also excited to give back to the community where I grew up and reconnect with friends and colleagues.”

LATC STUDENT LEADERS VISIT LEGISLATIVE SESSION: In January, five members of Lake Area Technical College’s Student Voice joined President Sanderson and Vice President Corey in Pierre for the legislative session. Activities included seeing the House and Senate in session; attending the technical college’s budget hearing with the Joint Committee on Appropriations; dining with lobbyists to learn about the behind-the-scenes elements of policy making; attending committee meetings; and visiting Speaker of the House Hugh Bartels and House Majority Leader Will Mortenson in their offices.



Student Voice provides LATC students a say in campus policy and decisions by establishing direct, open dialogue between students and Lake Area Tech administration. Representing all LATC students, membership consists of delegates elected by the students in each program.

LATC Programs

LAW ENFORCEMENT ARTICULATION: Students who have graduated with a Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement AAS degree may now fully transition to South Dakota State University’s Criminology program under an articulation transfer agreement established to help students gain a bachelor’s degree in Criminology and a minor in Sociology in less than two years. The Board of Regents approved this agreement in December.

REGISTERED NURSING RECOGNITION: RegisteredNursing.Org published their [top RN programs in SD](#), considering results from 2018-22. Lake Area Tech was the only 2-year RN college in the top 5, ranking 2nd behind Augustana and ahead of USD, SDSU, and the University of Sioux Falls. The rankings consider NCLEX pass rates, tuition costs, program length, partnerships, and the number of cohorts run each year.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES PROVIDED: In mid-March, second year Financial Services: Accounting Option students wrapped up the 2023 tax prep season. This concluded LATC's 35th year of providing free tax services through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Tax clients came from a 90-mile radius. The 15 student tax preparers were on-site for four hours, four times per week over six weeks. They prepared 459 free returns.

LATC Foundation



READY. SET. GO. EVENT CONNECTS POTENTIAL STUDENTS & BUILD DAKOTA INDUSTRY

PARTNERS: The Lake Area Technical College Foundation's inaugural Build Dakota Ready.Set.Go! Day offered high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to connect with Build Dakota/Stretch-the-Million business partners well before deciding which employer they'd commit to through the Build Dakota Scholarship application process. We extend our gratitude to the nearly 50 businesses in attendance. Their support of student success is much appreciated!

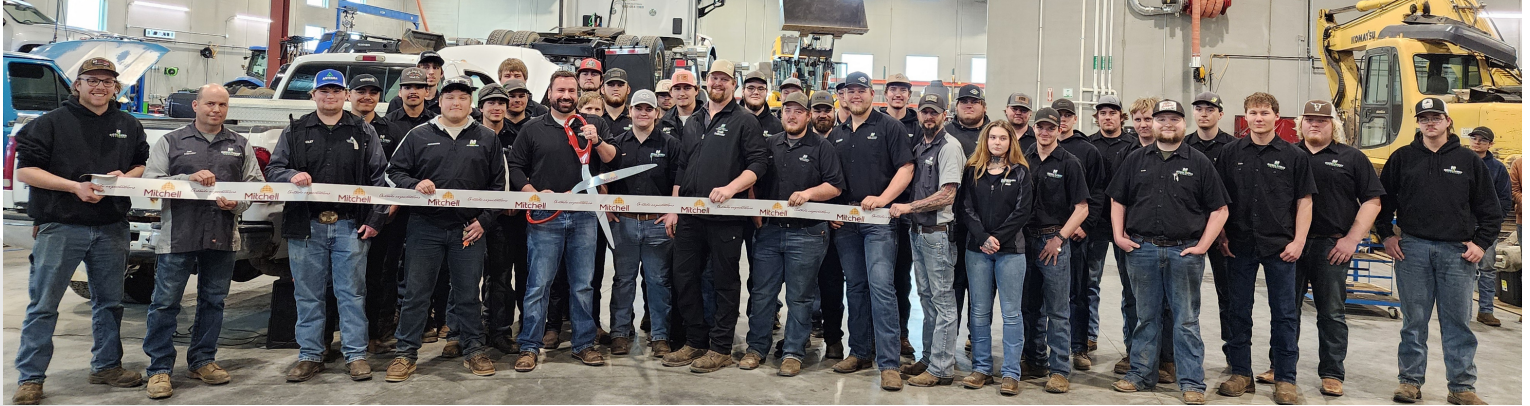
LATC in the News



TOP 10 2024-25 MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL: LATC has earned the 2024-2025 Military Friendly® Top 10 School designation among similar-sized two-year colleges across the country. This is the 14th year Lake Area Tech has received the Military Friendly® School award and the first time it has obtained Top 10 status.

The designation is recognition for Lake Area Tech having meaningful and sustained education paths for the military community. The college is currently serving 107 students who are military-connected. Twenty-one Lake Area Technical College employees are veterans or actively serving in the guard or reserves.





Ag Power Diesel Lab Building Ribbon-Cutting

Under a year after its groundbreaking, the ribbon was cut on Mitchell Tech's new 36,410-square foot Ag Power Diesel Lab Building March 21. The facility opened in January, with students in both the Ag and Light Truck programs hitting the ground running, learning and working in the new space.

In addition to enhancing the educational experience for the Diesel Power programs, the new facility impacted five other programs by freeing up space they were sharing with the Diesel Power programs and allowing them to better use the space to meet the needs of students pursuing careers in Power Sports and Agricultural programs. Completion of the project also fulfills Mitchell Tech's long-term goal of getting all programs onto one central campus.

Students from the Agricultural and Transportation Division, as well as approximately 80 guests, gathered in the lab to celebrate its completion and the opportunity to move forward with other goals. Speakers at the event included MTC President Mark Wilson, BOTE Executive Director Nick Wendell, Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, S.D. State Engineer Stacy Watters and MTC Division Leader Devon Russell. Jenna Reis and Brad Greenway also represented the S.D. Board of Technical Education. Local legislator Lance Koth attended, as well as the full Mitchell Board of Education and several representatives from the Mitchell City Council, Mitchell Chamber of Commerce and Development Corporation, industry leaders and other community supporters.

In January, the former Diesel Power building was sold to Spencer Quarries for \$750,000.



Program Announcements

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies



The Wi-Fi and Broadband Technologies program accepted an electric-powered fiber optic splicing trailer from FS3, Inc., and CORE PRO in March. The state-of-the-art trailer valued at nearly \$50,000 carries technicians' tools to the site of an outage and allows them to work efficiently in the safety and comfort of a climate-controlled shelter, protecting both them and their equipment in inclement weather and/or unstable ground conditions.

Construction Programs

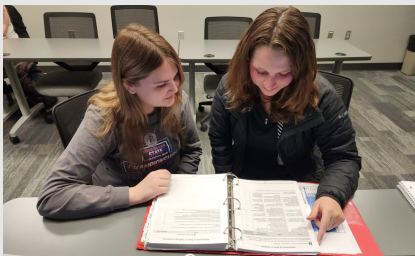
Student-built house #109 will be sold by a realtor this spring. A student showcase event is planned for 5-7 p.m. on April 3-4. The house is a collaborative project for the Architectural Design and Building Construction, Electrical Construction and Maintenance and Heating and Cooling Technologies programs.

Precision Ag Technology



Students in the Precision Ag Technology program are nearing completion on their second annual collaborative planter build with Agtegra. The program sees students work alongside Agtegra employees -- many of them Mitchell Tech graduates -- to build a 26-row planter for the cooperative. The project prepares them to build precision agricultural equipment, which helps them anticipate problems they might encounter as technicians or users of similar equipment, enabling them to more handily fix them when the time comes.

Accounting



For the third year, Accounting students are offering free income tax preparation for qualifying individuals through the federal Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The students are on track to file their highest-yet number of tax preparations, with appointment schedules full nearly every week this season.

Business Management



Business Management students recently concluded a 10-week trading period in the S.D. Stock Market Game. Teams from Mitchell Tech placed 1st and 2nd in the collegiate level of competition, earning a 6.3% return on their hypothetical \$100,000 investments. The students were awarded monetary prizes for their successes.

Admissions Events

Nursing Open Houses & TEAS Prep Night



The Licensed Practical Nursing, in collaboration with the Admissions team, hosted two LPN Open Houses to showcase their program and how it strives to help the state tackle the current nursing shortage. The open houses also provided in-depth information on program requirements, curriculum and scholarship opportunities. The first event was geared toward current Certified Nursing Aides who may be interested in advancing their careers, and the second was open to all who

are interested in the nursing profession. Following the open houses, a TEAS Preparation event was held to assist prospective LPN students in preparing for the exam in order to increase their likelihood of admission into the program.

mitchellrepublic.com/news/local/the-us-is-short-1-million-nurses-but-mitchell-tech-wants-to-turn-nursing-assistants-into-lpns

Active Season

The Admissions team has been busy, welcoming strong numbers of prospective students to campus for Exploration Days and Tech Camps, as well as traversing the region for high school visits and career fairs.

Extracurricular Activities

SkillsUSA

Preparations are underway for the 2024 South Dakota SkillsUSA state conference. We are eager to host students from across the state to compete in their respective trades.

Mitchell Tech Foundation



1st Annual Mitchell Tech Alumni Cornhole Tournament

The Mitchell Tech Foundation will host its first annual alumni cornhole tournament April 26 at The World's Only Corn Palace. Alumni have been invited to pair up with other supporters to compete in the tournament, where fun and prizes will be abundant. For the non-players, other games and opportunities to socialize will fill the day. Celebrity cornhole players are anticipated to be in attendance.



SOUTHEAST Technical College

April 2024

Board of Technical Education
Robert Griggs, STC President



**GET YOUR DEGREE.
GET TO WORK.**

Spring 2024 Enrollment up 8%

Southeast Technical College's Spring 2024 enrollment is up 8% compared to Spring 2023, and it marks the college's highest spring enrollment in a decade. STC is serving 2,462 students this spring. Unduplicated headcount so far this academic year for fall and spring semesters is 3,019 students with more starting at the Summer 2024 term on May 13.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/spring-2024-enrollment-up-8-percent.php>



JOIN US

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE Healthcare Simulation Center

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

April 11, 2024 | 4:30 p.m.



Open House to Follow
Scan to RSVP

2329 N. Career Ave., Sioux Falls, SD



SOUTHEAST
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From Student to Faculty: STC Grads Return to Teach

At Southeast Technical College, we stand by our graduates. And what better way to prove we believe in our hands-on education and workforce mission than hiring our graduates to teach? Read about some of STC's finest who've gained industry experience and returned to prepare the next generation of skilled employees for Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the Midwest.

- Dan EisenVos, HVAC/R Instructor
https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/faculty-profile_dan-eisenvos.php
- Dana Davis, Collision Repair and Refinish Instructor
https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/faculty-profile_dana-davis.php
- Diana Albers, Nursing Instructor
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- Gregory Schwebach, Architectural Engineering Technology Instructor
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- Jeremy South, Automotive Technology Lab Specialist
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- Josette Otto, Surgical Technology Instructor
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- Michelle Osborn, LPN/CNA Coordinator
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- Terry Prouty, Automotive Technology Instructor
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- Tony Conrad, Media Design Technology Instructor
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- Tori Haase, Nursing Instructor
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Student Passionate to Drive Change in Mental Health Serves as Example of College's Growing Enrollment

Pabitra Basnet spent her childhood in a place where mental health was not prioritized or understood. Born in Nepal, she and her parents came to the U.S. when she was 11. "Nepal, where I am from, is known for treating mental or behavioral health as an incurable disease or disorder," she said.



<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/student-drives-mental-health-change.php>

Southeast Tech to Host More Than 1,000 Eighth Graders for Women in Science

The event features technical career paths, and each girl can hear at least five presentations and visit the exhibit room, where approximately 25 exhibitors will have displays. The Women in Science Conference is designed to promote a positive image and stimulate interest in science and technology careers for young women. Women are historically underrepresented in science and math related fields. While women account for roughly half of the workforce, they hold less than 25% of jobs in these technological areas.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/stc-to-host-women-in-science-event.php>

In the News

Southeast Technical Colleges continues to gain the attention of local media. Here are some recent headlines:

- **Talent Draft Day Recruits High School Students to High-Demand Careers** – The Sioux Falls Development Foundation helped area high school students discover the possibilities in career areas such as health care, construction, transportation and computer sciences with Talent Draft Day, which took place this Friday at Southeast Technical College.

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/news/2024/talent-draft-day-2024.php>

- **Sports Turf Management Program Featured Nationally** – Southeast Technical College's Sports Turf Management program was featured in the Jan. 2024 issue of SportsField Management, an industry publication targeted to sports field managers that provides practical technical and management advice. STC instructor Cory Borgen was instrumental in the article's publication.



<https://read.epgmediallc.com/i/1513588-january-2024/24?>



March 2024

S.D. Board of Technical
Education Report

Ann Bolman, Ed.D., WDTC
President

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



March 2024

Dear Board of Technical Education members:

It has been an exciting and productive start to the spring semester at Western Dakota Technical College. We are looking forward to continued 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.

ATEA Notifies Western Dakota Technical College it will Receive Three National Awards in April



The American Technical Education Association (ATEA) has notified Western Dakota Technical College (WDTCC) that three of its nominees will receive awards during the ATEA National Conference, in Wichita, Kan., on April 11.

ATEA Awards and WDTCC recipients will be as follows:



ATEA Outstanding Technical Instructor

Dani Beaulieu, Registered Nursing Instructor/Coordinator



ATEA Silver Star of Excellence Award Outstanding Industry Partner

Floyd's Truck Center



ATEA Outstanding Innovative Faculty

Rick Hamilton, General Education Math Instructor

WDTCC Employee Selected as Bellwether College Consortium Finalist



Andrew Kapelewski, WDTCC Assistant Director of Scholarships, earned a 2024 Bellwether College Consortium finalist designation/award for his presentation, "Meeting the Need - Centralizing Coordination of Scholarship Program." Kapelewski participated in the final round of the Bellwether Award competition at the 30th Annual Community College Futures Assembly, in February, in San Antonio, Texas.

Western Statewide CTE Consortium Annual Meeting

On March 4, Fawn Wilde, Director of Western Statewide CTE Consortium, hosted the Western Statewide CTE Consortium Annual Meeting at WDTC. Eighty people attended this year's meeting, which included CTE teachers, administrators, and counselors/advisors from the 21 member school districts, as well as five school districts that are part of the Three Rivers Special Services Co-op, Department of Labor Regional Specialists, AHEC, and AI experts. The meeting provides an opportunity for all the participating districts to gather for professional development, networking, collaboration, data evaluation, and to review and plan to improve and enhance CTE programs.



Criminal Justice Camp Well Attended



On March 15, 75 students from Central High School, Lakota Tech, and Custer High School, participated in the WDTC campus for a Criminal Justice Camp. Topics included a forensic demonstration, weapons and tactics, learning about career and scholarship opportunities, and hearing from recent program graduates.

Articulation Agreement Update with State Law Enforcement Academy

We continue to focus on needed updates to get the Articulation Agreement with the State Law Enforcement Academy back in place. WDTA is working with a consultant to WDTA to help guide this project. Academic staff are developing an information sharing process and plan. As appropriate, the Vice President for Teaching & Learning is providing updates to the advisory board.

