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Southeast Tech Introduces New President



For Robert Griggs, or Bob as he prefers to be called, serving in the role of President for Southeast Tech is full of opportunities. Coming from the Minnesota State College and University System, he has most recently served as both the Vice President for Innovation & Extended Learning at Bemidji State University and the Chief Academic Officer at Northwest Technical College, two aligned academic institutions located in Bemidji, Minnesota. Prior to his role as President, Bob has served in progressively responsible roles in higher education for more than 20 years as a faculty member, department chair, dean, associate vice president and academic vice president.

As a first-generation college student, he is passionate about student access, affordability, and transferability. In this regard, he has collaboratively assisted faculty to revise academic programs to improve the quality of offerings and to better align with business and industry needs; led college-wide master academic planning efforts; participated in a successful \$35 million-dollar capital campaign; developed new academic pathways for students through the creation of "stackable credentials"; and created collaborative partnerships with school districts, non-profits, business/industry, tribal colleges and other higher education institutions in neighboring states and other countries including Canada, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Russia and China.

Bob shares, "I'm truly honored to be serving Southeast Tech and I am really excited about having the opportunity to live and work in a great community like Sioux Falls. Southeast Tech offers a number of incredible academic programs for individuals looking to improve their lives and is an amazing resource for South Dakota business and industry. It's a great place and a great time to be at Southeast." He continues, "Sioux Falls is an extremely vibrant and diverse community and it has a tremendously positive and diversified business climate that has the potential to continue to grow and develop if we can meet the skilled workforce needs of the region. I think that's where Southeast, working with our k-12 education partners, can really help serve to be a catalyst to help pull together the resources necessary to provide training and educational programming that provide a pathway to employment and good paying jobs for both traditional and non-traditional students. I am very much looking forward to developing new partnerships and collaborations with local and regional business and industry in Sioux Falls and our surrounding communities."

Having lived in South Dakota previously, Bob and his family have always looked for an opportunity at some point to return to the state. Bob and his wife Susan have three children, Matt, Lauren, and Josh.

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Southeast Tech Events

SCRUBS CAMP

Southeast Tech's Scrubs Camp held on Friday, October 7 offered area high school students the opportunity to explore a variety of health career options. In all, 85 students participated from 9th through 12th grade who have an interest in the healthcare field. There was no charge to attend, lunch was provided at the camp and students also received a free complimentary gift. Parents were welcome to attend the camp with their participating student.

In addition to listening about healthcare opportunities from a representative from South Dakota MyLife, students had the opportunity to have hands-on experiences with the following medical fields:

- Cardiac Ultrasound Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Invasive Cardiovascular Ultrasound
- Electroneurodiagnostic Technology (ENDT)
- Surgical Technology
- Nursing
- Vascular Ultrasound Technology



VISITATION DAY

Southeast Tech has scheduled its first 2016 Visitation Day for high school juniors and seniors on Friday, October 28. The visitation day allows students the opportunity to explore campus, discover the different degrees and diplomas offered and meet faculty as well as talk with Student Ambassadors and Admissions Representatives. In addition, two \$1,000 Tech Ed Works scholarships will be awarded to two recipients that day.

According to Admissions Director Jim Rokusek, "Campus visits are critical to the process of choosing which college is right for you. It is difficult to describe the feeling one has when arriving at a new campus, but there is a feeling, and that is what is important. What I am actually referring to is "fit". While you can find out basically all you need to know about a campus via the Internet, until you visit campus, the actual experience is just an idea. The feeling is very personal, and it is one you need to experience before deciding which school is right for you."

Upcoming Visitation Days: November 17, January 27, and February 23

BUSINESS EXPO CAMP

Southeast Tech is hosting a FREE Business Expo Camp just for high school students on October 26th from 9am - 2pm to find out more about 10 exciting Business Degrees from Southeast Tech.

- Accounting
- Administrative Assistant
- Business Administration: with emphases in HR & Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Services: Banking
- Financial Services: Insurance
- Healthcare Office Specialist
- Marketing: with emphases in Design & Sales
- Medical Coding
- Office Assistant



Nearly every degree is offered online or traditional classroom style with Fridays off. It's also easy to double or even triple major to allow graduates to increase their earning power in the business industry.

Southeast Tech has several transfer agreements where graduates can plug their credits into a partner university or college like University of Sioux Falls to earn their bachelor's at a deep discount with the Degree Completion Program!

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Upcoming Student Activity Sponsorship Opportunities

Southeast Tech is requesting **partnerships** to enhance the student experience at our upcoming student events.

Talent Show – The 8th Annual Talent Show hosted by Southeast Tech Student Government will be held this year on Tuesday, Nov 15th. Any student enrolled at Southeast Tech can enter to showcase their talent in an attempt to win cash prizes! We invite our campus and community members to attend and enjoy a popcorn bar while watching the show! The event is free to attend and held in the Sullivan Health Science Center- Room 257.

Diversity Fair – Southeast Tech will be hosting a Diversity Fair this spring on April 26th. Several community groups and organizations will be setting up tables to showcase something about their particular culture. Some of the groups involved include the Center for Active Generations, Communication services for the Deaf, Dutch Community, GEIVA Organization Gay Rights among many others. This is a wonderful learning experience for our students!

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the events above, please email studentjobs@southeasttech.edu or complete the following information form at <https://southeasttech-csm.symplcity.com/surveys/sponsorship>.

Outstanding Alumni Nominations

The Southeast Tech Foundation is seeking nominations for our annual Outstanding Alumni Award. This honor is bestowed annually. The recipient will be presented with an Outstanding Alumni Award at commencement ceremonies in the Fall of 2016 and Spring of 2017. We encourage you to nominate a Southeast Tech Alumni who has achieved success in their career, is active in the community, and or has given something back to Southeast Tech as a volunteer and/or financial donor.

Those wishing to nominate a deserving candidate please take a moment to fill out the form on our website <http://southeasttech.edu/foundation/alumni/outstandingalumniawards/> and submit to the Southeast Tech Foundation. Nominations must be submitted by November 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm. For additional information please call or email Chellee Nemec, Southeast Tech Institutional Advancement Officer at 605.367.7464 or [email here](#).

Amendment R

KNOW MORE BEFORE YOU VOTE!

Constitutional Amendment R: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution regarding postsecondary technical education institutes.



IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT SOUTH DAKOTA'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES:

- The South Dakota postsecondary vocation education system was conceived through the 1963 Vocational Education Act and subsequent state legislation.
- Four technical institutes in South Dakota operate under a dual governance system.
- Tuition and state fees, program approval, and bonding issues are decided by the South Dakota Board of Education. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor.
- Policy, hiring, local fees, and operations are governed by K-12 Boards of Education. Members of this Board were elected by citizens.
- South Dakota businesses report difficulty finding skilled laborers – unemployment is at 2.9%.
- Amendment R seeks to allow postsecondary technical institutes to be governed in a separate manner from K-12 education as determined by the legislature.
- K-12 school systems and business leaders in South Dakota support a separate governance structure.

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