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Winter Graduation Ceremony

Graduation for December 2017 graduates was held on Friday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Nick Wendell, the executive director for the South Dakota Board of Technical Education, was the featured speaker for the ceremony. Over 150 degrees are to be conferred.

Career Fair Planning

Southeast Tech invites you to mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Career Fairs:

Engineering Technology: Wednesday, February 7th 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Horticulture: Tuesday, February 13th 9:30 – 10:30am

LPN & CNA: Monday, February 26th 10am – 1pm

Computer Information Systems, Electronics, Mechatronics, & Mechanical Engineering: February 27th 10 – 11:30am

Business, Media Communications, & Early Childhood: Tuesday, April 10th 10:00am to noon

Health Technology: Thursday, May 3rd 10:00am to noon

May graduates will be in attendance looking for career opportunities immediately following graduation. We encourage employer emphasis on full time career employment opportunities; however, first year students are also encouraged to attend and may be looking for employment opportunities to maintain while still enrolled in school.

To register, please completed the registration form at <https://southeasttech-csm.symplicity.com/events/>.

SkillsUSA Leadership Conference Assistance

Southeast Tech will be hosting the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference April 12-13, 2018. SkillsUSA is a national student organization that prepares students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations as well as emphasizing the soft skills that make students employable.

We are excited to host this conference and we need your help! There are many ways you can help, including:

- Judging a contest in your area of expertise
- Providing prizes that pertain to your industry
- Providing materials and supplies for the competition
- Designing a project/contest for the competition

If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Lon Hird at 367-7624 or lon.hird@southeasttech.edu.

The Southeast Tech SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference Planning Committee

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Southeast Tech Awarded Citi Foundation Grant

Southeast Tech in collaboration with the Sioux Falls School District Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academy Selected as Citi Foundation Youth Workforce Fund grantees to Boost Access to Jobs Among Youth in Sioux Falls

[The Citi Foundation](#) recently announced that Southeast Tech in collaboration with the Sioux Falls School District [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Academy](#) has been awarded a grant from the 2017 Youth Workforce Fund, as part of its [Pathways to Progress](#) initiative to provide youth both in the U.S. and around the world with the training and access to jobs, including paid apprenticeships and internships. In partnership with [America's Promise Alliance](#), 15 nonprofit organizations across the U.S. will expand their programming to provide a range of employment opportunities in areas including environmental sustainability to robotics and culinary arts to coding. Collectively, the Youth Workforce Fund is expected to reach more than 5,000 youth across the country.

Southeast Tech and CTE will collaboratively receive a grant of \$250,000 to fund both an Internship Coordinator and Career Coach. The Internship Coordinator will develop workforce internships for high school students and will connect students to those internships. The Career Coach will work alongside high school counselors to provide another connection to the workforce, educating students and their parents on career options, developing soft skills, connecting students to career explorations including camps, job shadows, internships, and pre-apprenticeships, and helping students to complete short-term certificate and post-secondary training options, especially opportunities at Southeast Tech. The services will be for all students with a special focus on low-to-moderate income students and students who are at risk for not completing high school or not continuing to skilled training beyond high school. Because the grant is for youth 16-24 years of age, outreach will also include those students who have graduated high school but have not pursued skilled training options.

“This grant will allow us to connect hundreds more young people to 21st century careers,” said Bob Griggs, President of Southeast Tech. “First-hand, real world job training and experience in one of Sioux Falls growing industries will have a significant impact on the lives of our young people and contribute to the vitality of our city and its economy.”

Access to apprenticeships, internships and vocational training is essential to empowering youth and preparing them to compete in today's economy. According to the Citi Foundation's [Global Youth Survey 2017: Economic Prospects & Expectations](#), 78% of young people surveyed believe that internships and apprenticeships are critical for career success; however, 60% say there aren't enough of these opportunities.

“While there is much focus on the skills mismatch among today's youth and the jobs available, there are a lot of community organizations across the U.S. that are changing the dynamics around youth employment in their communities,” said [Brandee McHale](#), president of the Citi Foundation. “Through the Youth Workforce Fund, we're supporting those organizations that are expanding the skills of young people, building their networks, and connecting them to jobs.”

Industry Speakers Bureau

Use your experience to share with students about your profession and industry! Southeast Tech and our area K-12 schools are interested in inviting industry professionals into schools to talk to students about your job and the industry you work in.

Interested in speaking to students about your industry? We'd be happy to keep your contact information on file and will contact you when such events arise to discuss your interest and availability. Please complete this form to be included in our Speakers Bureau <https://southeasttech-csm.symplcity.com/surveys/speakersbureau>.

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Sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar

Industry partners who sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar with half of the total college expenses can request funds from the Build Dakota Scholarship fund for the remaining expenses. Students that receive a Sponsor would be bound by the Build Dakota Scholarship requirements and any additional requirements arranged between them and their Sponsor. Southeast Tech will use the remaining Build Dakota Scholarship funds to offer additional scholarships. Industry would provide the student with a part-time internship (preferably paid).

As a company supporter in the Sponsor-A-Scholar program, Southeast Tech will facilitate cultivation events in which companies will get one-on-one time with students. Southeast Tech will also provide the company a packet of information that will engage them and the student in an after-graduation agreement that outlines their opportunity for employment with the company in return for the company sponsorship of their education.

Timeline:

It is our goal at Southeast Tech to have all Sponsor A Scholar partnership contracts in place by Feb. 9th! This contract simply allows us to initiate the process between your business and a student! Actual interviews won't take place until our cultivation event in the later part of February.

How to partner with a student . . .

Option 1: We invite your company to participate in a cultivation event in which you will meet with students that have applied for Build Dakota and are interested in contracting with a sponsor. We only invite students who have been accepted to their program!

Option 2: If you have a student candidate already in mind; please let us know as soon as possible. We will need to verify the student's acceptance to Southeast Tech; and they must complete the Build Dakota application!

If you are interested in investing in a student scholar (s) this award cycle (students start in the Fall 2018), please contact Chellee Unruh at Chellee.Unruh@southeasttech.edu or 605-367-7464.

LPN to RN Program Start in Huron

Southeast Tech is pleased to announce that it will be starting a cohort program for their LPN to RN associate's degree in Huron, SD in collaboration with Huron Regional Medical Center and the Huron Nursing Task Force. Jim Jacobsen, Southeast Tech Vice President of Academic Affairs notes, "Throughout the region there continues to be strong demand for RN's and this partnership is going to give LPN's an opportunity to further their education close to home. We look forward to working with taskforce members to help meet their workforce needs."

According to Brooke Sydow with the HRMC Foundation, "As research overwhelmingly shows a long term need for RNs across the region, and our open positions continue to exceed our qualified candidates, we realized we had to make an aggressive effort to combat this issue. Two years ago we created a group of community members and HRMC staff called the Huron Nursing Task Force. The task force has diligently been meeting and discussing opportunities to bring back an RN program to Huron. Together, we involved key individuals within the community, and eventually asked Southeast Tech to partner with us to create a satellite RN program right in Huron."

The program will start Fall of 2018 and requires just one year to complete. To be admitted into the program LPNs must have 750 hours of documented work experience. Students can start as early as January to complete required coursework to start the RN program in Fall of 2018.

Thank you to KSFY for the news coverage: <http://www.ksfy.com/content/news/Southeast-Tech-to-offer-hybrid-nursing-program-in-Huron-459172583.html>

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