



ACTE Region V Conference

Highlights from the 2010-2011 state president, Susie Johnson

**Rapid City, South Dakota
April 2011**

Average Temperature:

- 35F—50F

Patches of snow, rain, hail and even sunshine!

Getting there:

- 2 planes
- 2 shuttles

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Rapid City, South Dakota

South Dakota ACTE folks did a terrific job planning this year's conference. Our days were full and we were very busy with informative workshops and motivational speakers.

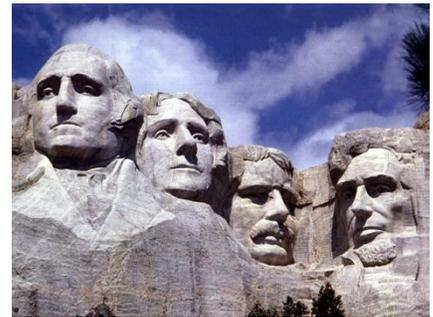
Although this time of year is "out of season" for many tourist attractions, folks had opportunities to see the Mount Rushmore National Memorial and/or visit other historical landmarks and museums.

A glance at break-out choices:

- Learning legislation the FUN way
- Using visual thinking strategies (VTS) in the CTE classroom
- Where have all the teachers gone?
- Gods or Goats? Combining CTE & Academics
- Leaders, leaders, leaders and no one to run for office
- Marketing to those who matter
- Sioux Falls CTE Academy

Meetings:

- Committee Meetings
- Policy Committee
- Newcomer's Session
- State President's Roundtable



Did You Know?

The erosion rate of Mount Rushmore National Memorial is estimated by geologists at 1 inch every 10,000 years? It should be around for many years to come.

<http://www.nps.gov/moru/photosmultimedia/Mount-Rushmore-Now>

Roundtables

This year there were round table discussions divided up by strands. Strands included Classroom/Delivery, Pathways/Transitions, and Leadership.

Each roundtable group discussed a topic for 15 minutes and then rotated to another table. This style of learning new things was fast-paced and kept participants engaged. Roundtable topics were plentiful; there was something for everybody. Here's a few samples:

- Speech Recognition Using Windows 7
- Creating employees in your classroom
- Multi-Modal delivery of CTE programs
- Teaching Alternative Energy
- National Board Certification for CTE Admin's
- CTE Student Organizations (CTSO's)
- Transforming CTE through Curriculum
- Using data to promote CTE Programs
- Show me the money: Scholarships
- Career Safe Online (OSHA)



Kevin Honeycutt
<http://kevinhoneycutt.org>

One of the Keynote Speakers (My personal favorite)

If you ever get a chance to see Kevin Honeycutt in action, don't pass it up! Kevin is high-energy, funny, and super creative. He is a former k-12 art teacher who values project based learning. Kevin was very candid sharing about his challenging childhood and how he turned every experience and challenge into an opportunity for personal growth.

Kevin has developed an online toolbox for teachers that is incredible and FREE. His technology prowess and ability to

relate technical information to the audience was not only entertaining but allowed everyone to see how easily one could apply different technology programs and software into their classroom curriculum and use in their personal lives.

Kevin showed many student projects that his students have mastered under his leadership. One that caught the attention of many of us was a self-publishing website called Lulu. Kevin's students self-published their own yearbooks for

around \$16.00 (not a typo!). As budget belts tighten once again, what a great way to save money!

Take a few minutes and check out his website listed under his picture. There are learning tools, presentations you can look at, videos, online safety tips, anti bullying and cyber bullying information and lots more! I am confident you will learn new information and get great ideas!



More keynote speakers...

Malcolm Chapman was also a keynote speaker who presented on a model he designed called, "Harvesting the Company mind." Malcolm conducts seminars worldwide and teaches how to lead, sell and deliver extraordinary service. Malcolm is a former Marine Corps Captain and has served three terms as a Rapid City Alderman and National League of Cities Board member.

Pat Bortnem, Director of Health at Southeast Technical presented on "Managing your morale and making positive changes." Pat talked about looking at one's career from a different perspective and find new and unique opportunities to turn negatives into positives. Pat specializes in helping others contribute to working in an emotionally healthy workplace while incorporating a sense of humor to improve morale.

ACTE 2011 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo



Mark your calendars now for next year's Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo.

November 17—19, 2011

St. Louis, Missouri

For information go to:

www.acteconvention.com



Meet Larry Koch



CACTE 2010-2011 Fellow and Associate Chair for Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation (HTR).

Mr. Koch accompanied me at this year's Region V conference. Mr. Koch is Fallbrook High School's Restaurant Occupations teacher and the teacher-of-the-year! At the conference Mr. Koch was able to share his pearls of culinary wisdom with other HTR teachers and administrators across Region V. His passion for career technical education/regional occupational classes is evident from the first conversation anyone has with him. I have had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Koch's classroom and can see why his program is so popular and meaningful for his students. He connects with his students in a practical, down-to-earth way and ensures every one of them learns what it takes to be successful in the culinary field. No child is left behind in this teacher's class. Everyone has access to state of the art equipment and can put into practice what they learn in the Restaurant Occupations' "Warrior Grille." The Warrior Grille is open to the public, staffed by Mr. Koch's students and supervised by none other, than CACTE's 2010-2011 Fellow and Associate Chair for HTR. Mr. Koch's students learn all facets of the business as they prepare the food, wait on customers and do the cleaning.

Mr. Koch has competed in the California Restaurant Association's Educational Foundation's annual ProStart competition and led his high school team valiantly! His dedicated students exhibited their culinary skills brilliantly and gained first-hand knowledge of the value of teamwork, cooperation with others (including adults) and the importance of hard work and integrity in the workplace. At the conference Mr. Koch was able to share with others what it takes to compete in a state-wide competition and offered his support for any high school considering being part of a culinary competition.

At the conference Mr. Koch volunteered to be part of the newcomers committee and helped welcome all first-time attendees to the ACTE Region V conference. He has been a great addition to the CACTE leadership team and we look forward to our continued partnership in the future.

