

# 18th Annual

## Joint Conference

### South Dakota Science Teachers Association South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics

February 4, 5, & 6, 2010  
Crossroads Convention Center  
Huron, SD

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Graduate Credit is available through DWU-Mitchell.

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# Featured Speakers

## BANQUET SPEAKER—Keith E. Van Tassel



Keith E. Van Tassel has been an Engineer at the NASA, Johnson Space Center (JSC) since 1980 where he is currently the Project Manager for Pyrotechnics and the JSC Explosives Safety Officer. Mr. Van Tassel has previously served as the Agency's Technical Warrant Holder for Pyrotechnics for all the NASA Centers throughout the U. S. Mr. Van Tassel is also the chairman of the NASA Pyrotechnics Working Group (PWG).

As the Team Lead for JSC pyrotechnics, Mr. Van Tassel managed a team of pyrotechnic engineers that provided pyrotechnic devices and testing for the Space Shuttle Program, Constellation Program, and several JPL programs. Some of the JPL projects included the Huygens probe that landed on the Saturn moon of Titan, the Mars Surveyor Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, and the Deep Impact spacecraft that landed on Comet Tempel 1.

Mr. Van Tassel holds a BSME from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a BA in Physics from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a 1974 graduate of Watertown Senior High School in Watertown, South Dakota.

Mr. Van Tassel spent his formative years in Redfield and then Watertown, South Dakota where he spent much of his time playing with fireworks in the summers, and shoveling snow in the winters. In 1963, he earned the Jr. Tinkertoy Engineer Award. Mr. Van Tassel currently lives in Seabrook, Texas with his wife and the two youngest of his four children. Come enjoy Keith's talk on how junior-senior high students may fulfill their dream occupation.

## OTHER FEATURED SPEAKERS

Penny Roberts is a curriculum specialist at Greenville Elementary School in Greenville, Kentucky where she works with K-5 students and teachers. She has been in education for 24 years. During her career, she has been an elementary and middle school teacher, served as an elementary mathematics consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, and has won a number of teaching awards including being named the 2005 Kentucky Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Andrew Weaver is a master teacher at Stillwater Area High School, Stillwater, MN. Andrew teaches biology, Advanced Placement Biology and Field Biology at Stillwater High and also teaches courses designed for teachers in Prairie Ecology, Field Biology and Ornithology through Hamline University in Saint Paul, MN. Andrew is a teacher's teacher with twenty-three years experience of sharing his excitement for biology in his classroom. Andrew received his Masters degree from the University of Minnesota, has also worked for the Minnesota Zoo and the Science Museum of Minnesota. As a Master Falconer, Andrew trains and hunts with raptors, including peregrine falcons and red-tailed hawks. Andrew has a 55 acre outdoor school lab with 15 acres of prairie and also runs an archery club in his school. Some of his other interests include prairie restoration, bear hunting, triathlons, knife making and purebred dog racing.

Chris Olsen taught mathematics and statistics in Cedar Rapids, IA, for over 30 years and is now a Lecturer in Statistics at Cornell College. He was the Iowa recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching in 1986, Regional Awardee of the IBM Computer Teacher of the Year award in 1988, and a recipient of the 1999 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement in mathematics. He has reviewed materials for The Mathematics teacher, The American Statistician, and the Journal of the American Statistical Association, and writes a regular column for STATS magazine. He has served on the AP Statistics Test Development Committee (twice) and the Mathematics Standing Committee of NAEP, the National Assessment of Educational Progress exam (once).

Karen Kraemer is a retired chemistry biology teacher from Willmar Senior High School, Willmar MN. One of her specialties is helping teachers incorporate evolution and the nature of science in the curriculum. Karen provides a wealth of resources and has published several articles on this topic.

# 2010 Spring Conference

South Dakota Science Teachers Association  
South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The meeting rooms for all sessions are in  
**The Crossroads Hotel/Huron Events Center**

## Program

### Thursday, February 4, 2010

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM                      Evening Sessions                      (See Program)

### Friday, February 5, 2010

7:00 AM - 4:20 PM                      Registration Open                      Pre-Function Area

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM                      Exhibits Open                      Pre-Function Area

8:30 AM - 11:20 AM                      Morning Sessions                      (See Program)

11:45 AM - 1:10 PM                      Friday Luncheon                      Prairie Ballrooms  
(included in registration fee)

1:30 PM - 4:20 PM                      Afternoon Sessions                      (See Program)

4:30 PM                      SDCTM Business Meeting                      Dakota C  
SDSTA Business Meeting                      Dakota G

6:30 PM                      Friday Evening Banquet                      Prairie A, B, C  
(Cost is \$20)

### Saturday, February 6, 2010

7:00 AM - 11:20 AM                      Registration Open                      Pre-Function Area

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM                      Breakfast Meeting                      Salon  
Presidential Awardees (Past & Present)

8:30 AM - 11:20 AM                      Morning Sessions                      (See Program)

12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM                      Saturday Luncheon                      Prairie A, B, C  
(included in registration fee)

1:00 PM - 3:50 PM                      Afternoon Sessions                      (See Program)

4:00 PM                      Joint SDCTM & SDSTA                      Boardroom  
Executive Board Meeting

**Conference Planner for THURSDAY, February 4, 2010**  
(This is for your use only.)

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

7:00 PM

**Conference Planner for FRIDAY, February 5, 2010**

**Remember to visit the exhibits in the Lobby and Hallways of the Crossroads Hotel.**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

8:30 AM

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

**12:00 AM**

**Friday Noon Luncheon in Prairie A, B, C**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

1:30 PM

2:30 PM

3:30 PM

**4:30 PM**

**SDCTM BUSINESS MEETING in the Dakota C**  
**SDSTA BUSINESS MEETING in Dakota G**

**6:30 PM**

**Friday Night Banquet in Prairie Ballrooms A, B, C**  
(Banquet Tickets Required-Cost is \$20)

**Conference Planner for SATURDAY, February 6, 2010**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

8:30 AM

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

**12:00 Noon**

**Saturday Noon Luncheon in Crossroads Hotel—Prairie Ballrooms A, B, C**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

1:00 PM

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

**4:00 PM**

**SDCTM & SDSTA JOINT BOARD MEETING in the Boardroom**

Next year's conference will be **February 3, 4, & 5, 2011**

Representatives will be exhibiting on Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. These include:

<b>Big Ideas Learning-Math</b>	<b>Tim Doppler</b>
<b>Connecting Point Computer Centers</b>	<b>Nola Redmond &amp; Dave Lewis</b>
<b>Heinemann Publishing</b>	<b>Tim Doppler</b>
<b>Invent Now Kids/ &amp; Camp Invention &amp; Club Invention</b>	<b>Susan Z. Clarke</b>
<b>It's About Time-Herff Jones Education Div.</b>	<b>Kevin Schroeder</b>
<b>Learning Power/TIE</b>	<b>Mary Lou McGirr</b>
<b>National Geographic School Publishing</b>	<b>Tim Doppler</b>
<b>SD Health Career Connections Network &amp; SD Healthcare Workforce Center</b>	<b>Marie Steckleberg</b>
<b>SD Discovery Center (Pierre)</b>	<b>Anne Lewis</b>
<b>SD GFP-Outdoor Campus West</b>	<b>Chad Tussing</b>
<b>SD Public Broadcasting</b>	<b>Steven Rokusek</b>
<b>Texas Instruments</b>	<b>Tom Allen</b>
<b>US Army Corps of Engineers</b>	<b>Gene Bormann</b>
<b>Whippourwill</b>	<b>Brenda Robertson</b>
<b>Wildlife Experiences, Inc.</b>	<b>Maggie Engler &amp; Julia Avison</b>
<b>Zaner-Bloser-Language Arts &amp; Reading Co.</b>	<b>Tim Doppler</b>

**\*Name Tag Lanyards are compliments of SD Game Fish and Parks**

South Dakota Science Teachers Association Business Meeting  
will be held in Dakota G  
at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 5, 2010

SD Council of Teachers of Mathematics Business Meeting  
will be held in Dakota C  
at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 5, 2010

#### **Graduate Credit**

Conference credit will be offered through Dakota Wesleyan University. You may register for one hour of credit at the 499 or 599 level.. Attendance at a sharing session is required to earn graduate credit from Dakota Wesleyan University. There will be personnel available to register you for the credit on Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Check in the hotel lobby for the DWU table. A syllabus listing course requirements will be available at the time of registration. For more information, contact Rocky Von Eye at (605) 995-2625.

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All exhibitors for their enthusiastic participation.

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The **Huron Events Center & Crossroads Hotel** for their help and generous hospitality.

All the conference participants who make all of our efforts worthwhile and without whom there would be no conference.

**A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO TIE FOR HELPING US WITH PROJECTORS!**

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**The 2010 Spring Conference** is a joint venture of the South Dakota Science Teachers Association (SDSTA) and the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SDCTM)

Note: There is a common registration form for the conferences. One form is used to register for all activities, including SDSTA and SDCTM memberships.

ONE-day (SDCTM or SDSTA members) includes the Noon Luncheon for that day	\$40	Non-members	\$70	Students \$15
TWO-day (SDCTM or SDSTA members) includes the Noon Luncheon for both days	\$60	Non-members	\$90	Students \$25

The Friday Night Banquet is **NOT** included in the registration fee. A ticket for the banquet may be obtained at an additional cost of **\$20**.

Because of a limited printing budget, the program was available in advance at the SDCTM website [[www.sdctm.org](http://www.sdctm.org)] or SDSTA web site [[www.sdsta.org](http://www.sdsta.org)]. Printed programs were not mailed, but were distributed on site with the registration materials.

**2010 Mathematics and Science Conference  
SDSTA & SDCTM**

Please take time to respond to the following questions concerning the conference. This information will help the program committee take steps to improve future conferences.

What presentation or presentations did you feel were the most useful or helpful?

What made it (or them) good?

Were there any presentations that disappointed you?

Please give us your overall assessment of the conference along with any comments you would like to share.

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Detach and fill in the following for a final prize to be sent after the conference. To register for the prize turn in this entry along with your evaluation form.

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City, State, Zip Code