SCSC Audiologist Karen Johnson to retire after 32 years
By Roberta Jensen

Even though Karen Johnson will retire at the end of the school year, her work helping children with hearing loss, and with teachers of deaf/hard of hearing, will surely have impact for years to come.

Karen came to SCSC in 1989 after working as a clinical audiologist for the Mankato Clinic. Over the years, Karen has tested and helped hundreds of hard-of-hearing students. She has also mentored many teachers who have appreciated her dedication to the children, and her willingness to assist them and provide guidance whenever needed.

Karen Johnson continues on page 2

SCSC Photography Contest
Submit a high-resolution photo that makes you think of Minnesota! The contest is open to all SCSC members; area students are also invited to submit photos! Winning photos will be published in the SCSC 2023 calendar.

Entries close: July 31, 2022
Email to: scscontest@mnscsc.org
Karen Johnson has been such a strong asset to us teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, our students, and our families in Region 9. She has been dependable, flexible, and truly knowledgeable in the field of educational audiology. We appreciate all that she has done for us. We will miss her and her expertise!

Kim Bristol, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Mankato East High School

“I have worked with Karen for many years. No matter what my question was—or how many times I had asked it–she was always quick to respond and help me out. She has done countless technology fittings and functional listening evaluations for my students so that they can get the most out of their education. Her knowledge and friendly smile have always been a welcome part of my job. I am so grateful that my students have had such a significant role model to look up to! We will miss you, Karen! Enjoy retirement!”

Laurie Palesotti, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Minnesota Valley Education District

“Working with Karen has been wonderful and that is not a casual statement. Her knowledge, patience, kindness, and dedication have been inspiring both personally and professionally. I learned more working with Karen than I did in grad school (apologies to my professors)! When I first started working in this region, Karen’s phone number was the first one I memorized – poor Karen, ha! She never failed to answer my questions, respond to my ‘SOS’ emails, or just plain listen and talk out a situation with me. Thank you, Karen, for the unending supply of grace you have shown and smiles you have provided. You will be missed, but I’m thrilled that you are going to have new adventures!”

Teri Arnoldt, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Riverbend Education District
Happy Anniversary, Wendell Sande
This month, SCSC celebrates Wendell Sande’s 20 years of service. Thank you, Wendell, for your leadership as Insurance Services/Advisory Services Director and previously as a SCSC board member!

But also important: “I’ve enjoyed the hands-on working with the children and meeting with them to figure out if I can help them. It feels good that I might have had a little bit of impact,” Karen added.

As part of a student’s multi-disciplinary team, Karen helped determine if the student qualified for Special Education or additional funding. “Being a member of a student’s multi-disciplinary team is important. When working with all the different team members, everyone brings something unique to the table. We can make a bigger impact as a team rather than working alone.”

Karen’s plans for retirement include visiting friends and family around the US, doing some biking, and indulging her love of reading. But she also knows it will be adjustment to leave this fulfilling work after so many years. “I feel like my role has been to give students the same access that their hearing peers have. I’ll miss my co-workers and working with the kids, but I am so thankful that I’ve been able to help.”

Your colleagues and students will miss you too, Karen. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

Referendum Success with ICS
By Karen Klein, ICS

On Tuesday, February 8, ICS successfully partnered with Nashwauk-Keewatin Public Schools and Red Lake County Central Public Schools on their referendums for a total construction cost of $61 million. N-K will be building a new PreK-12 school with an attached community wellness center, and RLCC will be making critical improvements to both buildings.

Congratulations to these two districts, as well as others across the state that passed their referendums! At ICS, we enjoy collaborating with school districts across the state in identifying their facility and educational needs, working to prioritize those needs, gathering feedback from staff, students, and the community, and bringing plans forward for voter approval. If your district is looking to start a long-range plan or needs assistance in referendum communications, please reach out to Karen Klein by email at karen.klein@ics-builds.com or by phone at 651-728-1880.

Read more about the ICS partnership with Minnesota Service Cooperatives and other referendum successes on the SCSC website.
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Wellness Corner
by Hannah Keltgen

MHC (Minnesota Healthcare Consortium) Spring Conference

WE ARE READY FOR SPRING – HOW ABOUT YOU?!
Do not miss out on this opportunity! This virtual conference is FREE to all members.

Let us help you jumpstart into spring!
We have a motivational morning planned to bring some positivity into your day!

8:50  Welcome and Introductions
9:00  7 Keys to Financial Wellness - Stacia Parkin
9:30  Paths to Positivity - Rebecca Spatze & Mary Alice Noel
10:10 Omada/Physical Activity - Dr. Anna DeLaRosby & Julia DiMartinis
10:40 Pantry Cooking - April Graff, Hy-Vee Dietitian
11:10 Sharing Wellness Program Info - Kerry Ward & Tom Horner
11:30 Closing

Register HERE
Fill your water bottle, lace up your shoes, and head outside to enjoy nature, channel your creativity, and learn new things with the SCSC Wellness Challenge!

**SHINING A LIGHT ON GREAT EMPLOYEES!**

**APRIL 2022 SPOTLIGHT AWARD HONOREES**

**Laura Bemel**
Recognized by Leah Anderson, Dakota Meadows Middle School

“Laura is proactive in her approach to support student needs beyond academics. Laura is always willing to problem solve and look for opportunities to help students feel supported socially, emotionally, and academically. She consistently presents with optimism despite the difficulties of the past two years in education.”

**Nadia Crooker**
Recognized by Sarah Eckstein, Sleepy Eye Public Schools

“Nadia is one of the best advocates for families in our school! She goes above and beyond to help anyone with anything they could ever want or need. She is a great colleague who is super approachable and caring! We are so lucky to have her at our school!”

**Karen Domeier**
Recognized by Kim Schlumpberger, Holy Cross Area Faith Community

“Karen has the gift to be able to listen and offer advice to co-workers or ANYONE who walks or phones into our parish office. Recently, during her day off, one of our priests walked into the office and asked me if she is out because normally she is here ‘Bright & Smiley!’ We joke that people call here just to talk to her and they are always disappointed when she’s off. Working in a church office we encounter all types of people needing a caring ear, or pep-talk and advice, and she gives the best!”

SCSC’s SPOTLIGHT award program recognizes SCSC members for outstanding contributions they make to their organizations. Award submissions are accepted throughout the year and honorees are announced quarterly.

**mnsccsc.org/spotlight**

**GET OUTSIDE APRIL 1ST - 30TH CHALLENGE**

CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED!
By Roberta Jensen

Today’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) is innovative, technologically exciting, and prepares students of all ages for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers.

The best CTE programs provide students the opportunity to earn stackable industry-recognized credentials along well-defined career pathways. The result is graduates may enter the labor market relatively quickly while maintaining the option for further education and training to enhance career prospects and earnings.

One tool in the CTE toolbox is career academies. Established in 2010, High-STEP Health Science Academy is longest running of three career academies at SCSC. High-STEP is a dynamic, regional partnership between secondary and postsecondary education, business, and community.

“Academy programs are designed provide students the opportunity to earn high school credit, college credit, industry credentials, work based learning experiences, and the potential to discover if this is their future career pathway,” noted Gwenn Wolters, SCSC Academy Coordinator. “There are so many careers within healthcare that not many people have access to or experience with. These classes bring industry partners to the table to help educate our students. Sometimes students discover that healthcare is not a good fit. That’s OK! Exploring career fields should be done in.

“Mayo Clinic Health System finds exceptional value in the High-STEP Health Science Academy as it provides foundational education and development to future health care professionals. We are dedicated to helping foster health care career opportunities in our community and see this program as a perfect way to offer support.”

Leah Mahoney, MPH
Community Relations Officer
Mayo Clinic Health System

Gummy bear “patients” help JWP and NRHEG students learn about anatomical positions

Students from Madelia High School learn about Physical Therapy
high school in preparation for life after high school.”

According to Amanda Bell, SCSC Career Academy Program Coordinator, “The High-STEP program started to fulfill a need for rural school districts to provide health science education and career pathways to their students. It has successfully grown from one school district to 12+ and one course to a four-course pathway. Just as healthcare has evolved, the High-STEP program has grown and developed based on the demand.”

Currently, these area schools participate in High-STEP:
- Cleveland
- Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (JWP)
- Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial
- Le Sueur-Henderson
- Madelia
- Maple River
- Martin County West
- New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG)
- St. Clair
- St. Peter
- Tri-City United
- United South Central
- Waseca Public School District

High-STEP would not be successful without the partnerships of local hospitals and senior living facilities. Their staff – many of whom donate their time to share their expertise – are invaluable for providing students hands-on training. The in-person, real-time interactions with staff foster a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions of industry experts.

“High-STEP is an opportunity to bridge the gap between school and industry,” said Regional Health Science Educator/Coordinator, Dustin Julius. “I’m thankful for the wonderful students and partnerships that make the academy possible. It’s amazing to see the community leaders and professionals working together. The result is a relevant, interactive, challenging and rewarding experience for everyone involved.”

Waseca High School student, Cecelia Huttemier, sees the program as great introduction to healthcare.

“The High-STEP Health Science Academy has exposed me to the wide range of healthcare fields from our guest speakers each week,” she said. “I have enjoyed the self-paced curriculum that fits with my busy schedule and have definitely grown in my medical knowledge. Each week provides insight into a new area of medicine and allows me to find out what I want to do in the future. I believe that this course is a great first look at healthcare for high school students who are exploring careers or just interested in medicine!”

Through High-STEP, students are also able to join HOSA, a global student-led organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and several federal and state agencies. HOSA’s mission is to empower HOSA-Future Health

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Professionals to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience.

“I joined HOSA for the opportunity to be involved with others who have similar goals as me,” shared Mayla Soulisak, NRHEG student. “I want to pursue a job in healthcare and being in HOSA is a great way to interact with the community and build a background. Being in HOSA comes with many benefits, we are often contacted with opportunities to work abroad or given opportunities for scholarships. HOSA is an amazing opportunity for high-school students to build their resumes, be in a healthcare environment, and get started on their career path early!”

Some of the student learning activities from this year:

- Suturing
- Vital Signs
- Surgical Procedures
- Mobility Assisting
- Restricted Mobility Suits
- Injections and IV
- Dissections
- Ultrasounds/Imaging
- PPE Donning/Doffing
- Mock Interviews
- Résumé Writing
- HIPPA Regulation
- Ambulance EMT/Paramedic Tour
- Finance
- Career exploration

Interested in learning more? Dustin Julius and Amanda Bell, would be happy to provide more information. Contact them at djulius@mnscsc.org and abell@mnscsc.org.
High-STEP students use ultrasound equipment, learn about basic life support, and practice injections.

High-STEP Academy appreciates our industry partners for the donating their personal time, equipment, and expertise, and for sharing their passion for healthcare with regional students.

Thank You!
Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration
Roam from Home

Roam from Home are FREE live interactive programs for adults. Programs are generously underwritten by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology, and Anthropology (Penn Museum) and the National Park Service.

Now through December, on the second Tuesday of the month, venture down some Happy Trails with the National Park Service. Topics you’ll explore include: Follow the Buffalo, George Washington Carver, Ulysses S. Grant, Denali, Plants and Animals, and more. Register for FREE at cilc.org/roam.

Community of Learning

In Spring 2020, CILC launched the Community of Learning (COL) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as a resource for interactive learning for families and learners of all ages.

The Community of Learning continues today where students and teachers may join other learners from around the world for live, interactive programs. Programs are held Monday–Friday at 1:00 PM EST. Register for your preferred session(s), connect through CISCO WebEx and get ready to enjoy quality programming from within your classroom or the comfort of your own home! Participants will need to download the Webex App or use browser extension to participate in the event.

COL programs are FREE with registration.

See the programming schedule at cilc.org/Community

Watch the videos for testimonials, reactions from some who have enjoyed Community of Learning programming.
Girls Who Code
By Leah Garry

Girls Who Code Clubs are free programs for 3-5 and 6-12 grade girls, female-identifying and non-binary students to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world. GWC is an international nonprofit working to close the gender gap in technology.

When you sign up to start a Club, you will gain access to 120+ hours of flexible curriculum featuring sisterhood activities, lessons about women in tech, self-guided coding tutorials for all skill levels in a variety of programming languages including Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and p5.js, and more. All training and materials are free, and no coding experience is needed for you or your students!

A typical Club meets 1-2 hours for 10-15+ sessions during the year, but you will have the flexibility to fully customize a schedule that works for you—whether you are meeting virtually or in-person. We have Clubs as small as three members, to as big as 30+! Clubs can be hosted through a school, library, university or other non-profit.

Make sure to list South Central Service Cooperative as your Community Partner on the last page of the application to get even more support and swag for your Club! For more information or to start a club in your area, please visit girlswhocode.com or email info@girlswhocode.com.

Minnesota Academic Decathlon
Avalon School from St. Paul wins Minnesota State Championship
By Amy Dosch

Minnesota high school teams competed in the Minnesota Academic Decathlon® State Competition online February 26, 2022.

State championship honors went to Avalon School Team 1 in St. Paul with a score of 33,732.7. They will represent Minnesota at the United States Academic Decathlon Virtual Nationals, April 20-23, 2022.

Second place went to Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial with a score of 26,336.5. They have earned a spot at the 2022 USAD Virtual Nationals in Division IV. Third place and the opportunity to participate in the 2022 USAD Online National competition went to St. Peter High School with a score of 26,194.2. Avalon Team 2 earned fourth place with a score of 17,337.2

At the state event, students received scores for speech, interview and Super Quiz™. The essay test and seven other objective tests were completed online earlier in February.

Three students performed in a judge-selected virtual Speech Showcase. This year’s Speech Showcase presenters were Ivan Nackerud from Avalon School; Christian Fells from LCWM; and Madi Winsell from St. Peter. State awards were presented for individual and team accomplishments and for the Super Quiz team champion, Avalon Team 1.

Interested in learning how to start a Minnesota Academic Decathlon team in your school? Please contact Amy Dosch (507) 386-2966. MNAD offers incentives for new teams, including free curriculum and waived team fees for the first year with a two-year commitment.

Academic Decathlon, the premiere national scholastic competition for high school students, was created to provide opportunities for students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual academic competition.

A unique aspect of Academic Decathlon is that it is designed to include students from all academic ability and achievement levels. Each nine-member team consists of three honor students (3.80-4.00 GPA) three scholastic students (3.20-3.799 GPA) and three varsity students (0.00-3.199 GPA). Each team member competes in all of the 10 events against other students in their individual divisions, and team scores are calculated using the top two individual scores from each division.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for individual events and overall scores. The broad base of awards allows for major recognition of academic accomplishment. Please visit mnscsc.org/decathlon for a complete list of winners.
Stella Wright Named Minnesota Poetry Out Loud Champion
By Mary Hillmann

South Central Service Cooperative and the Minnesota State Arts Board announce that Stella Wright, a junior at Armstrong High School in Plymouth, is the 2022 Poetry Out Loud champion. First runner-up is Keena Dietz, a homeschool student from St. Paul, and third place went to Alexis Lhotka, a senior from Morris Area High School. The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Ten high school students from participated in the Poetry Out Loud state finals, which were held at Minnesota State University, Mankato on Feb. 28.

Additional participants at the state tournament included: Salma Abdi, a senior from Century High School in Rochester; Annika Brelsford, a senior at Saint Paul Academy and Summit School; Chiara Brown, a sophomore at Washburn High School in Minneapolis; Avery Frank, a senior at Morris Area High School; Amina Hasan, a senior at Century High School; Ari Kimball, a sophomore at Washburn High School; and Jayden Rust a junior at Big Lake High School.

Minnesota Poetry Out Loud starts in the classroom/school or at the local level with an area organization. Winners advance to one of five regional events, the state competition, and ultimately to the national finals. At the Minnesota finals, contestants recited works they memorized from an anthology of more than 1,100 classic and contemporary poems. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation provide free, standards-based curriculum materials for teachers to use in their classrooms. Schools may download these resources at poetryoutloud.org. Since the program began in 2005, more than 4.1 million students and 68,000 teachers from 17,000 schools across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

Minnesota State Poet Laureate, Gwen Westerman, welcomed the state participants and audience to the state finals and recited a poem by Walt Whitman. Guest judges included: Amanda Bailey, a southern Minnesota poet and vice president of the League of MN Poets; Kris Bigalk, a Minneapolis writer and professor; Susan Stevens Chambers, president of the Southern Minnesota Poetry Society; Christina Madline Ellsworth, published poet; Rob Hardy, Northfield Poet Laureate and professor; and Greg Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato professor. Sue Gens, Minnesota State Arts Board executive director, assisted with awards.

Wright will receive $200, and her school will receive a $500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. As the first runner-up, Dietz will receive $100, with $200 for her school. Additional awards were provided by Hilltop Florist & Greenhouse Mankato, Kwik Trip Mankato, Minnesota State University Mankato and South Central Service Cooperative.

Wright will compete with 54 other state/jurisdictional champions in the Poetry Out Loud national semifinals through a video competition streamed at arts.gov on May 1, 2022. The top nine students will advance to the national finals, that will stream on Sunday, June 5, at arts.gov. In total, $50,000 in awards and school/organization stipends, including a $20,000 award for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion, will be presented. The Poetry Foundation provides and administers all aspects of the monetary prizes awarded. This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.
Math Masters Compete in Mankato
By Mary Hillmann

South Central Service Cooperative, in conjunction with Math Masters of Minnesota, hosted the 2020 Regional Math Masters Competition at Bethany Lutheran College March 11 for 90 sixth graders representing 17 teams from nine area schools. Students competed individually and as teams on eight sets of mathematical problems.

Top finishers in the Fact Drill were: Ma’liyah Peterson, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton; Maren Schimming, Waseca; Jaxon Wolff, JWP; Gavin Bauer, JWP; Jacob Knutson, Waseca; Henry Nienow, St. Peter; MaJenzie Westphal, JWP; James Schoenrock, JWP; Oriana Jewison, Waseca; and Ty Krautkremer, Waseca.

Individual Test awards went to: Maren Schimming, Waseca; Toby Jeske, Waseca; Ryan Yoder, Waseca; Jaxon Wolff, JWP; Ma’liyah Peterson, JWP; Henry Nienow, St. Peter; Aniyah Franklin, JWP; Lucas Bjortomt, JWP; Memphis Johnson, Blue Earth Area Schools; MaKenzie Westphal, JWP; Lucia Penner, St. Peter; and Hunter Tonn, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

First Place Team Award went to Waseca 1. Team members include: Maren Schimming, Ryan Yoder, Toby Jeske, Jacob Knutson and Archer O’Brien. Second place went to JWP Bulldogs 1. Team members include: Ma’liyah Peterson, MaKenzie Westphal, Clare Groh, Jaxon Wolff, and James Schoenrock. Third place went to JWP Bulldogs 2. Team members include: Anna Ziegler, Gavin Bauer, Lucas Bjortomt, Aniyah Franklin, and Tyson Kronbach.

Teams participated from: Blue Earth Area Schools, Loyola Catholic Schools, New Ulm Area Catholic Schools, St. Clair, St. Mary’s Sleepy Eye, St. Peter Middle School, Waseca, and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Math Masters of Minnesota began as a fifth-grade math competition program in 1989 with teams from 44 schools taking part. In 1995, the competition was expanded to include sixth grade students. This year the competition will include a fourth-grade competition.

Math Masters is designed to promote excellence in critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities as well as recognizing students for academic effort and achievement. Generous support is provided by many statewide sponsors including: The Hormel Foundation, Enbridge, Bolton & Menk, Great River Energy, Mattson Macdonald Young, Rochester Commercial Banks Association, Sterling State Bank and locally from South Central Service Cooperative and McDonalds. Other contributors include St. Cloud State University, St. John’s University, and the Minnesota Twins.

Nominate Your Students as Academic All-Stars!

It is time to nominate your students as Academic-All Stars! All Minnesota K-12 teachers, principals and academic challenge coordinators are invited to designate students as “Academic All-Stars,” to be eligible to attend the 2022 Gathering of Champions. This free annual celebration and recognition of student excellence is sponsored by Synergy & Leadership Exchange and its educational partners. The 2022 Gathering of Champions will be held at the Mall of America on Friday, August 5.

Visit synergyexchange.org and click on Gathering of Champions under the Celebrate tab to nominate your students!
Young Writers &
Artists Conference
By Mary Hillmann

The 2022 SCSC Young Writers & Artists Conference held March 9 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato brought students, authors, and artists together for a day of learning.

With 26 small group sessions to choose from, students had the opportunity to explore many topics in writing and fine arts. Sessions included topics in: science fiction, non-fiction, chalk and oil pastel art, card and bookmark making, poetry, nature writing and sculpting, character development, publishing, illustration, acting, dance, developing a story setting, watercolor art, and mosaic designs. A book fair featuring presenter works was also available.

“There is something for everyone,” said program coordinator Mary Hillmann. “Students get a chance to try something new or visit with experts in a field they are interested in.”

Professor, playwright and director, Peter Bloedel, was the opening keynote speaker. He discussed creativity and the creative process and how taking chances can help you succeed.

A parent shared, “Thank you for providing such an engaging experience for my daughters! My third grader was especially touched by the keynote speaker and told me about his speech in great detail. She went on to say that his message was life changing.”

Spring Chess Tournament ■ April 30
Students in grades K-12 are invited to join us at Mankato East High School for a regional chess tournament, Saturday, April 30, 8–11:30 a.m.! This contest will recognize the top winners of each age / grade division. Students will be awarded medals for division champions and ribbons for grade level winners. All players receive a participation certificate. The awards presentation will follow final rounds. Snacks will be provided for players. Register here.
For Educators

Relationships: The Real Priority in Education  ▶ April 26
Dr. Amy Johnston will help educators understand the importance of relationships to a school’s culture and to learning. Participants will discuss the importance of vulnerability in educators, delve into the critical need for a healthy adult culture, learn strategies for improving school culture, and grow in understanding about the need to carve out time to intentionally teach our children social and emotional skills they need to navigate life. Free for the first 75 registrants and includes lunch and six CEUs. Learn more and register.

Relicensure in a Day  ▶ June 15
As part of the 125 clock-hour requirement for license renewal, the Minnesota Legislature, by statute, requires ALL teachers to show evidence in specific areas to renew a license. These sessions are offered in one day and the times and areas are: 1. Cultural Competency* 8–9 a.m. 2. Early Warning Signs of Mental Illness 9–10 a.m. 3. Suicide Prevention 10–11 a.m. 4. English Language Learners 11 a.m.–12 p.m. 5. Reading Preparation 1–2 p.m. 6. PBIS/Accommodations 2–3 p.m. *If attending Cultural Competency, you will receive additional instructions on assignments that need to be completed in advance of attending the session (a self-assessment and multiple readings). Participants may register for all six areas for $350 or choose individual sessions for $60. Each session will have a set of materials for further study. Lunch is on your own. Register here.

Communities of Practice
Communities of practice harness the power of the group, helping leaders make connections that foster collaborative problem solving and professional growth.

Regional Technology Directors  ▶ April 19
The Regional Technology Directors Community of Practice is open to anyone who is tasked with managing educational technology environments in the public or private sectors in South Central Minnesota. The Regional Technology Directors meet four to five times per school year to share information, problem solve and receive updates from national, state, and regional education and governmental agencies. This community of practice is sponsored by the South Central Service Cooperative and the SOCRATES (the South Central Regional Area Telecommunications System). Lunch is provided. ZOOM virtual option. Register here.

Regional Nurses Meeting  ▶ April 28
Our intent is to have two regularly scheduled meetings for school nurses each year that support leadership and professional growth initiatives and provide opportunities for communication and collaboration. Register here.

Regional Curriculum and Digital Education Leaders  ▶ May 3
Our intent is to have four to five regularly scheduled meetings for curriculum and technology specialists each year that support leadership and professional growth initiatives and provide opportunities for communication and collaboration. This DELTA Community is open to all school curriculum and technology leaders and agencies that support PK-12 students and school leaders. Lunch is provided. ZOOM virtual option. Register here.

Student Data Privacy and Cyber Security Cohort  ▶ May 18
Communities of practice harness the power of the group, helping leaders make connections that foster collaborative problem solving and professional growth. The Student Data Privacy/Cybersecurity Cohort is open to anyone who is interested in supporting student data privacy and cybersecurity initiatives in K-12 educational environments in the public or private sectors in South Central Minnesota. The Student Data Privacy/Cybersecurity Cohort meets four to five times per school year to share information, problem-solve and receive updates from national, state, and regional education and governmental agencies. Register here.

See all the opportunities at mnsccc.org/events-registration
SCSCConnects News, events, and opportunities

SCSCConnects is a publication of South Central Service Cooperative. It is available as a monthly e-newsletter and a quarterly e-publication. SCSC members, staff, and partner organizations are welcome to submit content by the 15th day of the month prior to publication.

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SCENES FROM CAREER EXPO 2022
On March 30, more than 1,600 students from 19 area schools from throughout the South Central Perkins Consortium attended the annual Career Expo. Students learned about career paths from area industry and academic partners by rotating through three events: the career-themed Game Show, My Story (roundtable discussions where local professionals talked about their specific career journey), and the Interactive Career Exhibits. What a great event for 10th graders to discover the wide variety of careers available to them!