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# Career Navigator News

## April 2021

*Career Navigator News is a monthly newsletter from your Career Navigator, Heather Schutte.*

Pleased to support the following districts:



Grand  
Meadow



Southland



LeRoy-  
Ostrander



Glenville-  
Emmons



Lyle



Southern Minnesota  
Education Consortium

## Upcoming Events

### April 20, 2021

WDI Career Cafe:  
Questions YOU Should Ask  
in an Interview

### April 27, 2021

WDI Career Cafe: Open  
Discussion/Q&A

### May 4, 2021

WDI Career Cafe: Making a  
Good First Impression and  
the Elevator Pitch

### May 11, 2021

SMEC Outdoor Career  
Exploration Event

### May 14, 2021

SSC Community and  
Industry Partner Celebration

## Career & Technical Education

### Student Teacher

Spencer Flood has completed her student teaching placement at LeRoy-Ostrander Schools with Tiffany Timm, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor. Spencer was Mrs. Timm's fifth student teacher and the first one from South Dakota State University (SDSU).

Spencer has had one of the most unique student teaching experiences with COVID protocols, hybrid learning, and now finally in-person learning in her final weeks. Learn more about Spencer below.



## SPENCER FLOOD

STUDENT TEACHER AT LEROY-OSTRANDER



### TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

From Cokato, MN and graduated HS in 2017. Attending SDSU and will start at Sibley-East HS as an Ag Instructor this fall.

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AS YOUR MAJOR?

I came from a family of teachers and was involved in FFA since 8th grade, which sparked my interest in agriculture. I decided on agriculture education as a senior in HS.

### WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO L-O FOR STUDENT TEACHING?

L-O was not on my list, but was recommended to me and is exactly where I needed to be. Tiffany Timm is the cooperating teacher who I needed to teach me how to be a good Ag Teacher.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER YOU GRADUATE?

I am getting married in July and wanted to work and live close to home. There were only 8 positions open in the whole state when I applied and found the perfect opportunity at Sibley-East High School in Arlington, MN.

### WHAT DOES YOUR IDEAL CLASSROOM LOOK LIKE?

Hands-on and fun is what my ideal classroom looks like. Real-world simulations, activities, and experiences that keep me moving with something different every day.

## SMEC Outdoor Career Exploration Event

The Southern Minnesota Education Consortium of high schools will be hosting an outdoor career exploration event on the grounds of the SMEC Education Center, east of Austin, MN. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 11th with COVID protocols in place.

**Businesses can register at:**

**<https://forms.gle/Jqsx1UbHurRYsXQY6>**

# SMEC Outdoor Career Exploration Event

**TUESDAY MAY 11, 8:30am-2:30pm**

*Set-up begins at 7:30am*

**WHERE:**

**SMEC Education Center**  
21697 State Highway 56  
Austin, MN 55912

**This event will be outdoors, and socially distanced. Covid protocols in place.**



The SMEC high schools have collaborated on this career-connected learning initiative in direct response to businesses' needs for future talent, which is the number one issue of employers today. Our goal with this event is to provide students with a relatable link to the real world through hands-on expertise and concrete examples of how academics relate to future educational and occupational opportunities right here in southeast Minnesota.

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE**

**Register Here:** <https://forms.gle/mz3QdffNxrksDmT3>

**Connect with nearly 250 sophomores and juniors from 8 area schools.**



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JUNE 14TH – AUGUST 6TH, 2021

## Be Your Best Summer Academy (BYB)

Applicants must be aged 16-22 and meet at least one of the following:

- First Generation Student (neither parent has a college degree)
- Economic Barriers (income level could meet eligibility for reduced school lunches)
- Member of a Racial/Ethnic Minority

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## Empty the Warehouse - FREE Equipment!

Explore The Trades and NexTech Academy have partnered to “empty the warehouse” to benefit plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical classrooms throughout Minnesota.

All Minnesota high schools that have existing plumbing, HVAC and electrical classes – or those looking to start such classes – are invited to review the online catalog. All equipment is in excellent shape and was only used for demonstration purposes.

**The deadline for application is April 30, 2021:**

**<https://explorethetrades.org/schoolequipmentdonations/>**

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### **This month...**

- Riverland Partnership Team meeting (April 15)
  - Riverland Perkins Consortia Executive Board meeting (April 22)
  - Beegle Poverty Immersion Institute training (April 26 & 27)
  - SMEC Outdoor Career Exploration Event planning (May 11)
  - SSC Community and Industry Partner Celebration (May 14)
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*Thank You!*

*As our year of building business and school partnerships draws to a close, please join us for a*



### Community and Industry Partner Awards

*where we celebrate you, our valued industry partners, in this work.*



Save the Date:

**May 14, 2021**

7:30-8:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93708681351>

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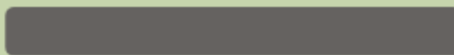
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