

SWWC Staff Present at MREA Conference

Several SWWC staff presented at the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) Annual Conference held November 12-14, 2017, at Craguns Resort near Brainerd. The conference theme was “Future Ready Students”.

Career Expos Engage and Inform Students about Careers

SWWC’s Tom Hoff and Mary Mortier (pictured at right) shared how the Southwest Minnesota Career Expos help students connect with employers in the region and uncover career opportunities.



Building Rural CTE Programs Requires Cooperation

SWWC’s Tom Hoff and Gail Polejewski shared information about how a collaborative CTE (Career and Technical Education) model get results by pooling students from area high schools to support the types of CTE courses they could not offer on their own. They shared the process used in our region to encourage schools to share resources and offer classes in ways that helped overcome scheduling, financial, and distance barriers.

Come Along for a SLEDS Ride: Data from K-12 to College & Career

This presentation was unique in that all four grant recipient organizations were represented and were co-presenters. This group is commonly referred to as the ‘SLED Network’ by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Office of Higher Education. Lisa Gregoire (pictured far left in photo below) represented SWWC. This presentation talked about the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLED) available data as well as potential ways to use the data in school improvement efforts.

