

**Awards & Scholarship Committee Final Report**  
**2016 SDASCOE Convention at Huron, SD**  
**April 29 & 30, 2016**

SDASCOE Awards & Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Larry Somsen gave the following 2016 report to the membership during the SDASCOE Convention held at Huron, SD on April 29 & 30, 2016:

**Four Distinguished Service Award nominations** were received for 2016. South Dakota Judges determined the following winners for 2016: Shelly Moncur, PT from Hand County was the DSA Service to FSA-Agriculture winner, Suzanna Keck, PT from Hand County, was the DSA Service to Community winner and Larry Olsen, CED from Minnehaha County was the DSA Service to NASCOE winner.

Awards Chairperson informed the Convention group that all three were also the Northwest Area DSA Award winners for their respected division.

This year's DSA judges for South Dakota were Monica Copper from Brookings, Gordon Lee from Deuel and Rochelle Stout from Kingsbury. The Chairperson thanked them for their service to SDASCOE.

**Six South Dakota NASCOE Student Scholarship applications** were received in South Dakota this year. Four were Traditional Scholarship, one was for an Open Continuing Education Scholarship, and one was for a Continuing Education for Adult Children Scholarship. All were of good quality and were forwarded on to the NWA Scholarship Chairperson, Kyra Hagberg for judging by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Chairperson has not received any information on who was the Northwest Area scholarship winner for 2016. The winners of the National NASCOE Scholarships should be selected by May 30, 2016.

**Important Deadline Change:** The Chairperson reminded the membership that beginning in 2017, the new DSA nomination and Scholarship deadlines has been moved to January 1, 2017.

**Accumulative Sick Leave Awards:** The Chairperson announced the following SDASCOE members have reached the following Accumulative Sick Leave Awards levels and were recognized at the 2016 SDASCOE Banquet this year:

**1000 Hours:** Jenelle Adrian (Mellette/Todd), Rhonda Deutsch (Roberts), Michelle Ihnen (Minnehaha), Edie Schoenwald (Turner), and Jennifer Smith (Turner)

**1500 Hours:** Gordon Lee (Deuel)

**2000 Hours:** Colleen Peterson (Haakon/Jackson)

**Years of Service Awards:** The following 58 FSA Employees were recognized for **Years of Service** at this year's 2016 State SDASCOE Convention in Huron:

**5 Years of Service:** Kristine Rademacher (Brule), Kyle Andersen (Butte), Darren Bigge (Charlies Mix), Patricia Rogers (Hand), and Holly Howie (Meade).

**10 Years of Service:** Danielle Stange (Aurora), Jessica Steidl (STO), Shana Bialas (Douglas), Kelly Schaible (Edmunds), Kristy Smith (Spink), and Jared Seiler (Yankton).

**15 Years of Service:** Kristi Geyer (STO), Brenda Wicks (Beadle), Roberta Parker (Codington), Cynthia Driscoll (Davison), Nicole Cunningham (Faulk), Brian Stewart (Hughes), and Vicki Swensen (Yankton).

**20 Years of Service:** Lind Pechous (Bon Homme) and Richard Jefferis (Charles Mix).

**25 Years of Service:** Scott Nielsen (Butte), Stacy Mount (Day), Joel Foster (Grant), Charlene Neugebauer (Hutchinson), Kathleen Buchholz (Kingsbury), Kay Friebe (Marshall), Margaret Schmidt (McCook), Stacy Smith (Pennington), and Diane Beidler (Turner).

**30 Years of Service:** Lori Jones (Aurora), Janet Hohn (STO), Vilene Campbell (Beadle), Debra Olerud (STO), Daniel Whetham (DD), Lisa Clausen (Clark), Mary West (Gregory), Becky Zirpel (Gregory), June Huston (Haakon), Donna Webb (Hutchinson), Kathy Zilverberg (Hyde), Sara Holland (Marshall), Leah Turgeon (McCook), Elaine Massingale (Mellette), Cynthia Peterson (Minnehaha), Bonnie Dilly (Moody), Jeanine Flatten (Moody), Jane Jensen (Pennington), Karren Goebel (Potter), Marli Baysinger (Sanborn), Edith Schoenwald (Turner), and Patricia Thompson (Yankton)

**35 Years of Service:** Judith Koester (Edmunds), Kathy Wahle (McCook), Susan Struck (COR), and Roxie Stambach.

**During the Awards Banquet, SDASCOE President, Stan Lamb presented a plaque to SED, Craig Schaunaman in appreciation for his time effort and Cooperation in support of SDASCOE**

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Somsen  
SDASCOE Awards and Scholarship Chairperson