



DAKOTA COLLEGE ~ BOTTINEAU, ND



Hosted by the North Central Education Cooperative
and Dakota College at Bottineau



GRADES 9-12 ~ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
GRADES 6-8 ~ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

T4 introduces students to workforce skills, needs, training and networking opportunities with industry leaders and technicians

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY - OCTOBER 28-29, 2026

Dakota College – Gymnasium – Thatcher Hall *(Schedule will be the same for both days, all times CST)*

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Pre-Opening/General Session Arrival
9:25 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Opening/General Session Masters of Ceremonies: Anna Tiffany, Senior – Bottineau High School Ellee Rybchinski, Senior – Bottineau High School Welcoming Remarks: Amy Artz, Student Activities Coordinator, NCEC General Session Guest Speakers: Corey Gardner, Campus Dean ~ Dakota College at Bottineau What is T4? Why am I Here? Shawn Brink – State Energy Education Coordinator Let's Begin Our Day! Amy Artz, Student Activities Coordinator, NCEC
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	All Students Attend Session 1 (Follow your advisor!)
10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	All Students Attend Session 2 (Follow your advisor!)
11:35 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Lunch and General Session Panel – This time period is divided into two groups – check your nametag to see which lunch you should attend. Students – follow your advisor! Lunch General Session – “College and Career Conversations” <i>Join two Dakota College at Bottineau students and a community professional for a fun, informal conversation about career paths, opportunities, and lessons learned along the way!</i> <i>Tonya Hunskor, NCEC Executive Director, will lead the discussion, bringing real-world experiences and a few laughs to the T4 Summit.</i>
12:15 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.	All Students Attend Session 3 (Follow your advisor!)
1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	All Students Attend Session 4 (Follow your advisor!)
1:45 p.m.	Depart – Thanks for attending! Safe Travels!

General Session Guest Speaker:

Corey Gardner, Campus Dean ~ Dakota College at Bottineau

Hello, I'm Corey, and I am proud to have served as the Campus Dean/CEO since July 2025. I am a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the state of North Dakota and have worked in the mental health field for more than 20 years, with a primary focus on youth and young adults. Throughout my career, I have gained experience across a variety of levels of care, including treatment centers, outpatient community health, private practice, college mental health services, and consulting. I have also had the privilege of serving in several areas of the college since 2012, including mental health, athletics, student services, and, most recently, the Dean's Office. These experiences have provided me with a broad perspective on the needs of our students, employees, and institution. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead our institution while remaining committed to our mission and vision. I believe this work is deeply connected to serving the people of North Dakota and supporting the communities we are privileged to be a part of. Outside of work, my wife, Mary, and I are proud parents of four wonderful children. As a family, we enjoy spending time outdoors and participating in a variety of activities together.



Shawn Brink brings over 27 years of experience in education, including 18 years at the Bismarck Career Academy, where he advanced Career and Technical Education (CTE). He played a key role in developing the Career Ready Practice Scores system, providing students with measurable evidence of employability skills and strengthening the connection between education and workforce readiness.

In 2025, Shawn was selected as North Dakota's Energy Education Coordinator. He is committed to building on a strong foundation and expanding opportunities that prepare students for high-demand careers across the state.

A dedicated coach and mentor, Shawn has spent many years coaching track and field. He also brings 15 years of experience as a financial advisor, combining real-world business insight with educational leadership to support student success.

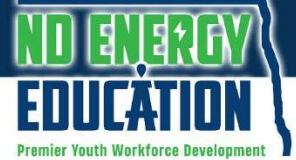
Shawn Brink

NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENERGY EDUCATION COORDINATOR

T4 SESSION LIST

BOTTINEAU 2026

www.T4NDSummit.org



BUILDING #1 - THATCHER HALL

SESSIONS A-J, R

SESSION A: DCB THATCHER MCMASTER WEST

Careers in Education - Classroom Solutions
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Erika Hamilton
<https://www.dakotacollege.edu/about/directory/Erika-Hamilton-Ed-S>

SESSION B: DCB THATCHER MCMASTER EAST

Marketing and Advertising - LOGO fun!
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Keri Keith
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION C: DCB THATCHER HALL GYM

Electrical Connections
Dakotas Electrical Apprenticeship
Facilitator(s): Carlee Asmundson, Josh Campbell
<https://dakotasjatc.org/>

SESSION D: DCB THATCHER 214

Esports and Gaming
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Michael Leader, IT Support Technician
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION E: DCB THATCHER HALL GYM

Exploring Geology and Chemistry
Energy and Environmental Research Center
Facilitator(s): Ene Ajonye, Janet Crossland, Kathryn Hall
<https://undeerc.org>

SESSION R: DCB LIBRARY

Library Escape Room
DCB Library Committee
Facilitator(s): Laura Halvorson, Halle Serhienko, Melissa Brudwick, Aubrey Skelton, Jasmin Martinez
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION F: DCB THATCHER HALL GYM

Build Your Own City - Utility Edition
North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association
Facilitator(s): Elizabeth Heinz, Sienna Houle
<https://www.ndrw.org/>

SESSION G: DCB THATCHER HALL GYM

Explore the Core of NDDOT
ND Department of Transportation
Facilitator(s): Mary Grund, Lynn Spomer
<https://www.dot.nd.gov>

SESSION H: DCB THATCHER HALL GYM

Electrician/HVAC/Utility Lineworker
North Central Electric Cooperative
Facilitator(s): Cole Strong
<https://www.nceci.com>

SESSION I: DCB OUTSIDE OF THATCHER

Technology Tools in the Ambulance
Bottineau Ambulance Service
Facilitator(s): Katie Tamburrino, Timothy Swanson, Ashley Strong, Rikki Kortgaard
<https://www.bottineauambulance.gov/>

SESSION J: DCB OUTSIDE OF THATCHER

Law Enforcement
Bottineau County Sheriff's Office - ND
Facilitator(s): Jeremy Tofteland, Miranda Cahalin, Tanner Hellenbrand, Marlene Campbell
<https://www.bottineauco.com/sheriff>

BUILDING #3 - MOLBERG CENTER

SESSIONS Q, S

SESSION Q: DCB GREENHOUSE

Plant Personalities and Performance
Technology: Creating Optimal Growing Conditions
Dakota College at Bottineau - Photography Dept.
Facilitator(s): Joseph Pancoast
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION S: DCB MOLBERG 3

Bet the Farm: A Risk-Reward Challenge
North Dakota Farm Management/
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Linda Burbidge, Lynsey Aberle, Morgan Stutrud
dakotacollege.edu
<https://ndfarmmanagement.com/>

BUILDING #4 - OLD MAIN

SESSION K

SESSION K: DCB OLD MAIN 302

Medical Mystery (WEDNESDAY ONLY)
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Cyla McMechan
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION K: DCB OLD MAIN 302

Nursing in Action (THURSDAY ONLY)
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Paige Baade, Mary Gorder
dakotacollege.edu

BUILDING #5 - STUDENT CENTER

SESSION P

SESSION P: DCB STUDENT CENTER THEATER

Quick Action = Saved Lives
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Susan Brandvold
dakotacollege.edu

BUILDING #6 - DCB SHOP

SESSION T

SESSION T: DCB SHOP

Welding, Piping Assembly, Manufacturing
Sund Manufacturing
Facilitator(s): Gabriel Ellis, Casey Johnson, Hawkin Smette
<https://sundmfg.com/>

BOTTINEAU HIGH SCHOOL GYM

SESSIONS U-Z, AA-BB

SESSION U: BHS GYM

Young Workers-Talking Safety
ND Workforce Safety & Insurance
Facilitator(s): David Kraft, Jennifer Roen
<https://www.workforcesafety.com>

SESSION Y: BHS GYM

Power Plant Puzzle
T4 Team
Facilitator(s): Kent Ellis
t4ndsummit.org

SESSION V: BHS GYM

Wizard Electronics
T4 Team
Facilitator(s): Joel Gustafson
t4ndsummit.org

SESSION Z: BHS GYM

Reclamation
T4 Team
Facilitator(s): Daryl Hill
t4ndsummit.org

SESSION W: BHS GYM

Machining
T4 Team
Facilitator(s): Jan Hagen
t4ndsummit.org

SESSION AA: BHS GYM

PLC/HMI Exhibit
Chord Energy
Facilitator(s): Haley Bang, Jesse Reuter
<https://www.chordenergy.com/>

SESSION X: BHS GYM

Let's Build A Pipeline
T4 Team
Facilitator(s): Tim Kolsrud
t4ndsummit.org

SESSION BB: BHS GYM

Equipment Simulator
Local 49
Facilitator(s): Cole J Uecker
<https://local49.org>

BUILDING #2 - NELSON SCIENCE CENTER

SESSIONS L-O

SESSION L: DCB NSC 128

Washing Water
Dakota College at Bottineau / ND Rural Water Assn
Facilitator(s): Angie Bartholomay, Sienna Houle, Elizabeth Heinz
dakotacollege.edu
<https://ndrw.org/>

SESSION N: DCB NSC 126

Wildlife and Biological Science
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Chad Chapman
dakotacollege.edu

SESSION M: DCB NSC 103

Digging Deeper: The Science of Core Sampling
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Chel Cauley and DCB Geology Students
<https://www.dakotacollege.edu/about/directory/Michelle-Cauley>

SESSION O: DCB NSC 104

Cyber Challenge: Can You Stop the Attack?
Dakota College at Bottineau
Facilitator(s): Trisha Haman
dakotacollege.edu

NEED HELP OR HAVE AN EMERGENCY?
Contact your advisor, teacher, or chaperone!

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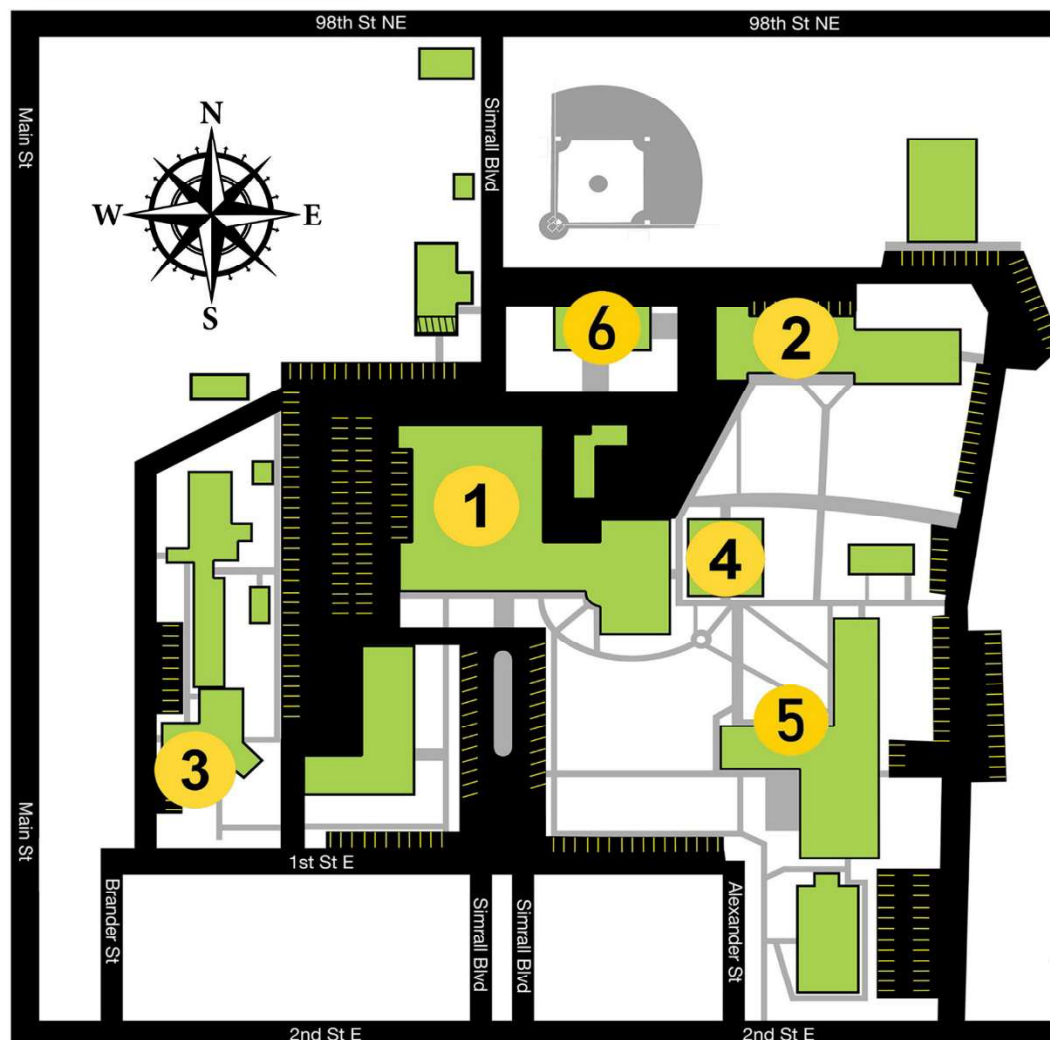


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DAKOTA COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP

**105 SIMRALL BOULEVARD
BOTTINEAU, ND**



1 Thatcher Hall

2 Nelson Science Center

3 Molberg Center

4 Old Main

5 Student Center

6 DCB Shop

ENJOY YOUR DAY!

BOTTINEAU MAP LEGEND

FOLLOW YOUR SCHEDULE! ALL SESSIONS WILL BE IDENTIFIED. LOOK FOR THE SIGNS WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR BUILDING!

Building #1 – Thatcher Hall Sessions A-J, R	Building #2 – Nelson Science Center Sessions L-O	Building #3 – Molberg Sessions Q, S
Building #4 – Old Main Session K	Building #5 – Student Center Session P	Building #6 – DCB Shop Session T
Bottineau High School Gym Sessions U-Z, AA-BB		

***OPENING GENERAL SESSION AND GENERAL SESSIONS
LOCATION - GYM**

***BUSES, GUESTS, FACILITATORS
PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARKING AREAS**

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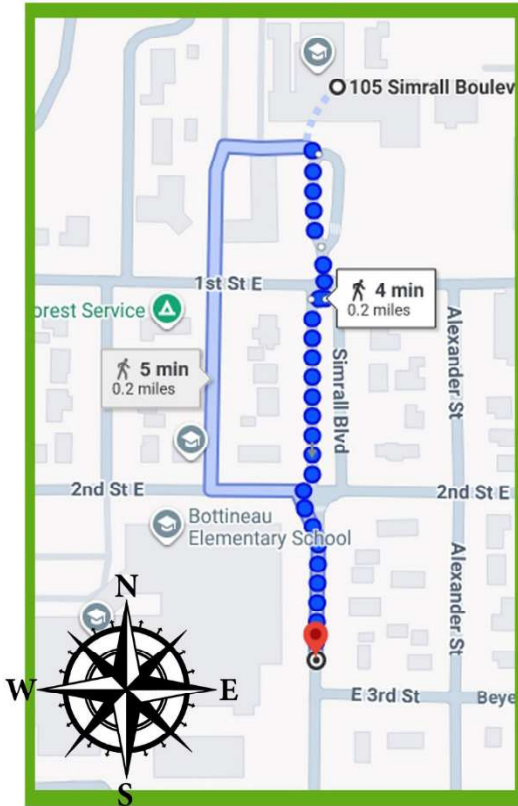
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BOTTINEAU HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Students will be walking to Bottineau High School for sessions and lunch. Please see the map to the left for walking directions!

ANNA TIFFANY



Anna Tiffany is a senior at Bottineau High School. She is originally from Towner but now lives in Bottineau. Anna is involved in FFA, FLBA, yearbook, NHS, Student Council, Choir, Vocal Ease, and Softball. Next fall, she will be attending North Dakota State University. Anna will be majoring in Ag Education in hopes of becoming an ag teacher.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 MASTERS OF CEREMONIES!

ELLE RYBCHINSKI

Ellee is a senior at Bottineau High School. She participates in golf, hockey, DECA, FBLA, National Honor Society, science club, yearbook, and student council. She will be furthering her academic and athletic career next fall at Minot State University, majoring in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Coaching, as well as playing on the women's varsity golf team.



THANK
YOU!!

T4 - BOTTINEAU 2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

As of 10/21/26

- Bottineau Public School
- Dunseith Public School
- Harvey Public School
- Newburg United School
- Turtle Mountain School
- Rugby Public School
- St. John Public School
- TGU Granville
- TGU Towner Public School
- St. John High School
- Westhope Public School
- Anamoose-Drake Public School
- Rolette Public School
- Mohall Lansford
- Sherwood Public School

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THANK YOU T4 GUESTS!

- Participating Schools Administration, Students, Advisors, Chaperones, Parents, Families and Friends of our Students
- Bus Drivers
- Community Leaders
- Volunteers
- General Session Speakers
- Session Sponsors and Facilitators
- Collaborating Partners
- T4 Sponsors and Organizing Sponsors

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NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE



"Supporting the School Community to Collaborate and Build Capacity for Student Success"

The North Central Education Cooperative (NCEC) based in Bottineau, North Dakota, plays a crucial role in supporting the school community to collaborate and build capacity for student success.

Mission and Services:

* The NCEC aims to empower teachers, administrators, and students through professional learning opportunities. They collaborate with the Lake Region Teacher Center, other North Dakota Regional Education Cooperatives and various state and national education partners.

* Their support extends through state, regional and local/customized structures and opportunities.

* Email: NCEC.ND@k12.ND.US

Thank you for inviting T4 Tools Trades Torque Tech – North Dakota's Premier Workforce Development Program to be part of your learning experience for youth!



Values: Dakota College at Bottineau is student-focused and community centered.

We value: Integrity, Engagement, Inclusion, and Passion.

Mission: Dakota College at Bottineau provides a quality education in a caring environment.

Vision: Dakota College at Bottineau adapts to the changing educational landscape to empower students and impact communities.

Dakota College at Bottineau has been around almost as long as North Dakota itself. The state constitution, ratified in 1889, provided for a forestry school to help promote the growth of trees on the prairies. We opened our doors in 1906 as the North Dakota School of Forestry.

Dakota College at Bottineau now offers 32 career/technical programs or options leading to AAS, CERT, and CoC degrees.

For more information on our programs, visit our website at dakotacollege.edu.



WHAT IS T4?

T4 introduces students to workforce skills, needs, training and networking opportunities with industry leaders and technicians! How do we expect young people to dream if they don't know what they can dream about? T4 Tools Trades Torque Tech is the premier way for tomorrow's workforce to get an up-close look at the inner workings of industry.

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www.NDPetroleumFoundation.org



The North Dakota Petroleum Foundation's mission is to provide and support education and outreach opportunities related to the petroleum industry, develop and advance quality of life initiatives, and promote and enhance the conservation heritage of North Dakota, and advocate for the industry and its communities to ensure their voice is heard and respected.

The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was founded by the North Dakota Petroleum Council in 2018 to support our state and the communities in which we operate. Through outreach programs, scholarships and education opportunities, and environmental stewardship programs, we strive to help our neighbors make our communities better places to live, work, and raise a family.

The oil and natural gas industry is an economic powerhouse for the state, contributing more than \$42.58 billion to North Dakota's economy and supporting nearly 50,000 jobs. The industry also paid more than \$3.9 billion in taxes, royalties, permits and other fees. These revenues are directed toward funds used to fund specific priorities including schools, roads and infrastructure, the North Dakota Legacy Fund, property tax relief, wildlife and natural resources, and more.



The Lignite Energy Council is a regional trade association representing the lignite coal and energy producers and businesses that support the industry in the Upper Midwest that provide electricity, synthetic natural gas, fertilizers, and other goods and services.

The industry accounts for \$5.75 billion in gross economic impact for the state, \$1.04 million in local and state tax contributions, and more than 12,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Approximately 2 million customers in the region are served by the lignite industry's affordable and reliable power from North Dakota's six lignite-fired power plants.

North Dakota gets it right when it comes to protecting and maintaining air quality, after all, we are one of only four of the lower 48 states that have never violated federal standards that protect human health and the environment, thanks in part to the \$2 billion industry has invested in environmental stewardship technologies.

Also, more than 22,000 acres of mined land have been reclaimed and bond released in North Dakota, producing as good or better than prior to mining.



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