

The Wednesday Reader
September 28, 2011

2011 Montana ACTE Fall Institute—October 19-21

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Great Falls, MT
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(register before October 1 to receive
the early bird discount)

[View the Agenda at a Glance](#)

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**THIS IS A "CAN'T
MISS" EVENT:**

1. Engage with nationally recognized speakers including the National ACTE Executive Director, Jan Bray
2. Informative breakout sessions conducted by your Montana leadership
3. Network with peers
4. "Hands on" sessions with strategies and content that may be easily implemented into your classroom
5. Interact with institute vendors and sponsors

Featuring—Jack Larson

**"Student Insignificance:
Society's Disaster? Or
Education's
Opportunity?"**
&
**"The Vocational Triangle
and How It Can Work For
You"**

General MACTE Breakout Sessions

- **Generating Expectations for Student Achievement**
Dee Grayson, Executive Director, Graymill
- **Trends in Career and Technical Education**
Jan Bray, National ACTE Executive Director
- **What's Behind Door #3**
Lidia Haughey, Technology Education, Montana State University
- **Montana Career Information System**
Shaunda Hildebrand
- **How to Sell Your CTE Program to the Media**
Tom Kotynski, Great Falls Schools

**[Click Here to View Division Specific Session
Information](#)**

Montana ACTE strives to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable, innovative and competitive workforce.

NEW CTE Professionals Workshop—FREE Professional Development Opportunity

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will again be offering a New CTE Professionals Workshop. This year's workshop will be held Wednesday, October 19, in Great Falls at the Paris Gibson Education Center prior to the beginning of the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are in their first, second, or third year in the classroom with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the Career and Technical Education classroom including Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways and Programs of Study, Statewide ARTICulation (START) agreements, Perkins funding, State CTE funding, Advisory boards, Professional Development and Professional Organizations, CTE and program area standards and

guidelines, and Career & Technical Student Organizations—including BPA and DECA.

The workshop will be held at the Paris Gibson Education Center (2400 Central Avenue) from 8 am to 4 pm. The training is **FREE** of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees with OPI Renewal Units available.

Be on the lookout for additional details and registration information within the week.

Last Chance to Register for the Big Sky Pathways Next Steps!

Registration deadline Friday, September 30, 2011

If you have not registered yet, please go to the [Big Sky Pathways website](http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BigSkyPathways.asp) where you will find instructions on how and where to register: <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BigSkyPathways.asp>

Review the [list of the pathways & workshop locations](#) or the [list of the pathways offered sorted by college](#) to identify the appropriate pathway and training locations for your teams. Remember, individuals/teams can only participate in one (1) pathway workshop. Your school may send as many teams as desired. Teams should include a CTE Teacher, Academic Teacher & Counselor

The hotel & training facility information is located within the registration link for each site: [Great Falls](#), [Havre](#), [Kalispell](#), [Billings](#), [Miles City](#), [Missoula](#), [Helena](#), or [Fairmont Hot Springs](#). It also has contact information and reservation deadlines.

An invoice for all travel, substitute and meal expenses will be sent to the School District Clerk one week prior to the workshop. The invoice must be signed and submitted upon check-in at the workshop. Please assign one person from your school who will assure the invoice is submitted. Invoices not submitted will not be reimbursed for these expenses.

A [Draft Agenda for the Workshops](#) can be found on the [Big Sky Pathways website](#).

For questions about workshop locations, registration, hotel reservations, invoice completion/submittal, and reimbursement please contact the Big Sky Pathways State Coordinators at bsp@montana.edu.

Locations, Colleges, and Dates for the Big Sky Pathways Initiative's Next Steps Workshops

Location	Participating Postsecondary Partners	Dates
Great Falls	MSU-Great Falls College of Technology	October 10 & 11
Havre	MSU-Northern	October 12 & 13
Kalispell	Flathead Valley Community College	October 26 & 27
Billings	MSU-Billings College of Technology	November 7 & 8
Miles City	Miles Community College & Dawson Community College	November 9 & 10
Missoula	UM-Missoula College of Technology	November 14 & 15
Helena	UM-Helena College of Technology	December 5 & 6
Fairmont Hot Springs	Montana Tech College of Technology & Gallatin College Programs	December 7 & 8

To register, please go to <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BigSkyPathways.asp>. Registrations must be received by Friday, September 30, 2011.

FEFE's Financial Strategies Now for Success in the Future Webinar Series

Join the Family Economics & Financial Education (FEFE) Project for an informative online training session to enhance both your personal knowledge and your classroom teaching methods!

The Webinar will be held Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 12:30 PM (PDT) / 1:30 PM (MDT) and will be one hour long. If you are not able to tune in live, the webinar will be recorded and posted with 24 hours after the live event.

[Click here to register for the LIVE webinar](#)

In the wake of the global financial crisis and recession, many more consumers have information on their credit reports that negatively impact their scores. New information from credit scoring companies indicate the impact of “bad” events (e.g. mortgage foreclosure) on a credit score, and new regulations mean more score disclosures. So, what does this mean for you? Tune in to this live webinar to find out what you need to know about credit scores and ways to relay this information to your students. This interactive webinar is being hosted by University of Arizona Professor and Director of the Take Charge America Institute for Consumer Financial Education and Research, [Dr. Michael Staten](#).

This webinar will also feature FEFE National Master Educator [Shelly Stanton](#) (Billings West High School) as she demonstrates activities from the [1.4.2 Understanding Credit Reports lesson plan](#). Shelly will also share teaching tips for creating relevance for students regarding this topic as well as highlight some of her favorite resources for teaching credit reports.

What do I need to do prior to the webinar?

- If you plan to view the webinar live on September 29, 2011, then you must register to attend the webinar. [Complete your registration now!](#)
- PC Users must download free software for [Microsoft Live Meeting](#) in order to view the webinar. You will be prompted to download this software after you have registered for the webinar.
- The FEFE Understanding Credit Reports Lesson Plan 1.4.2 will be discussed during the webinar to provide you with relevant classroom connections to credit scoring content. To become familiar with the FEFE credit report content and instruction, download and review the Understanding Credit Reports Lesson Plan 1.4.2 prior to the webinar. Download the lesson plan now!
 - If you do not have a login on the FEFE website, you will need to create an account to download the lesson plan Understanding Credit Reports 1.4.2. We recommend that you download and review this lesson plan prior to the webinar <http://fefe.arizona.edu/user/register>.

[Do you have questions about this webinar? See if FEFE has answered your question in the Webinar FAQ page.](#)

A complete webinar announcement can be downloaded at the following link:

http://fefe.arizona.edu/sites/fefe.arizona.edu/files/Credit_Webinar_Registration_Announcement_2011.pdf

[2011 Jump\\$tart National Educator Conference](#)

The [2011 Jump\\$tart National Educator Conference](#) will be held November 4-6, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

The Conference is open to all classroom teachers

- Any Level PreK-12
- Any Subject
- New Teachers and Veterans

If you teach, plan to teach, or want to teach **personal finance**—a standalone course or incorporated into other subjects—this conference is for you.

Teacher registration is now open! Bookmark the [2011 Jump\\$tart National Educator Conference](#) webpage to register before time runs out!

Registration Fee: \$350

Includes two nights' private hotel accommodations and all conference meals.

Same price as in 2010. Attendees must arrange and cover their own transportation.

This highly-subsidized program is underwritten by Experian and Wells Fargo, supported by other generous sponsors, and offered in partnership with the National Education Association.

The JumpStart National Educator Conference offers you:

- A chance to meet and hear from national leaders in finance, government, and education.
- An exhibit hall dedicated to financial education resources.
- Breakout sessions designed to improve your own level of financial literacy, as well as introduce effective resources and techniques for teaching personal finance.
- 15 professional development hours.
- An opportunity to network with fellow education professionals from around the country.
- [American Airlines](#) is offering a special conference discount of **5%** off the lowest published air fare for travel to DCA (Reagan National), DULLES and BWI (Baltimore-Washington International) airports for travel dates November 1-9, 2011. Promotion Code is **12n1bi**.
- An intense day-and-a-half, planned specifically to meet the needs of classroom teachers who want to improve their skill and confidence in teaching personal finance--and want to have a good time doing it!

[Register Online Now](#)

Visit the [2011 JumpStart National Educator Conference](#) webpage for additional details including suggestions to help you to make the case to attend with your administrator and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also see a [video](#) & [pictures](#) from last year's conference.

On This Day in History . . .**Zepptember 28**

1901: TV host Ed Sullivan is born

1933: Windex is introduced during the Great Depression as a simple windshield cleaner

1941: Boston Red Sox's Ted Williams plays a double-header against the Philadelphia Athletics on the last day of the regular season and gets six hits in

eight trips to the plate, to boost his batting average to .406 and become the first player since Bill Terry in 1930 to hit .400

1960: At Boston's Fenway Park, Boston Red Sox's Ted Williams plays his final game and hits a home run in his last time at bat, for a career total of

521 homeruns

1991: On the week of their album 'Nevermind' being released, Nirvana made an appearance at the Tower Records store in New York City and then

played a show at The Marquee Club in New York. Their single 'Smell's Like Teen Spirit' had also entered the US Top 20 this week

Zepptember 29

1547: Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, is born this day near Madrid

1939: Germany and the Soviet Union agree to divide control of occupied Poland along the Bug River

1973: Grand Funk Railroad went to No.1 on the US singles chart with 'We're An American Band', the group's first of two US chart toppers.

1982: Cyanide-laced Tylenol kills six

Zepptember 30

1889: The Wyoming state convention approves a constitution that includes a provision granting women the right to vote

1955: Movie star James Dean dies at age 24 in a car crash on a California highway

Rocktober 1

1890: Congress creates Yosemite National Park; 1,500 square miles of public land in the California Sierra Nevada

1908: Ford Motor Company unveils the Model T

1970: Jimi Hendrix was buried at The Greenwood Cemetery at the Dunlop Baptist Church Seattle

1988: Mikhail Gorbachev names himself head of the Supreme Soviet

Rocktober 2

1835: Growing tensions between Mexico and Texas erupt into violence when Mexican soldiers attempt to disarm the people of Gonzales, sparking the

Texan war for independence

1982: John Cougar started a four week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Jack and Diane', his first US No.1

1983: Welsh singer Bonnie Tyler was at No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Total Eclipse Of The Heart' making her the only Welsh artist to score a US

No.1

Rocktober 3

1863: Expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863

1932: With the admission of Iraq into the League of Nations, Britain terminates its mandate over the Arab nation, making Iraq independent after 17

years of British rule and centuries of Ottoman rule

1945, Elvis Presley made his first ever-public appearance in a talent contest at the Mississippi Alabama Dairy Show singing 'Old Shep', Elvis was 10

years old at the time and finished second

1995: O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman

Rocktober 4

1861: Frederic Remington, one of the preeminent artists of the American West, is born in New York

1927: Sculpting begins on the face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills National Forest of South Dakota.

1957: The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" with its launch of Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite

1970: Janis Joplin dies of an accidental heroin overdose in Los Angeles

Montana BPA 2011 Fall Newsletter is Available

The 2011-2012 Montana BPA State Officer Team has completed the first [Montana BPA newsletter](#) of the year and is available on the [Montana BPA Website](#).

The newsletter provides an introduction to each of the six officers, details about their time at Leadership Camp, some of their goals and planned projects, a calendar of events, an details about Montana BPA's three design contests.

Be sure to download the [Montana BPA 2011 Fall Newsletter](#) today and share with your chapter and school administrators.

Montana BPA 2011 Trading Pin Design Contest

The [Trading Pin Design contest](#) provides an opportunity for participants to use design and layout skills to create a graphic design promoting the Montana Association of Business Professionals of America, as well as develop a spirit of pride and enthusiasm for Montana through the trading pin to be used during the 2012 National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

The winning graphic design will be adapted/modified and produced into a trading pin.

Participants' entries must meet the following guidelines:

Specifications

- ★ Original design must be computer generated and submitted either electronically or printed on a white piece of paper
- ★ Design may be in any shape
- ★ Design must show originality, imagination, and creativity
- ★ Design must be in color, **four colors maximum**
- ★ Design should include Montana or MT
- ★ Design should include BPA or Business Professionals of America

Entries

- ★ Designs submitted must include the student name and chapter and will not be returned
- ★ Only one entry per student allowed
- ★ Design must be sent electronically in PDF format on or before **October 26, 2011**, to Staci Auck, State Officer Coordinator, staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us
- ★ The Montana BPA State Officer Team will choose the winning design
- ★ The winner of the Trading Pin Design contest will receive 25 free trading pins as well as recognition in the state leadership conference program

THE TRADING PIN DESIGN ENTRIES MUST BE E-MAILED ON OR BEFORE October 26, 2011. [Trading Pin Design Contest](#) entries should be e-mailed to Staci Auck, State Officer Coordinator, staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us.

Register Your BPA Membership Today

The Business Professionals of America Online Membership Registration System opened on Friday, August 26. Register your chapter members today and prepare to *Reach New Heights* with BPA during the 2011-2012 school year.

To access the online membership registration system please go to <http://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/> and enter your username and password.

Membership dues for this year are \$12.00 per member/advisor for National-level dues and \$8.00 for State-level dues.

If you do not remember your username and/or password or if you are taking over as a chapter advisor please let me know and I will email you the information.

Please note members must be registered by November 1 and all members must be registered in order to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.

Montana BPA 2011 Design Contests Looking for the Creative & Inspired Montana BPA Members

Again this year the Montana association of Business Professionals of America is inviting all Montana BPA members to submit entries for the three design competitions: [NLC Trading Pin](#), [State Conference Program Cover](#), and [Montana BPA T-Shirt](#).

Contest details, design specifications, and submission dues dates and procedures can be found on the [Advisor Manual page](#) of the Montana BPA website (www.bpamt.org).

Montana BPA Fall Advisor Meetings

Below are the dates, locations, and contacts for the various Montana BPA fall advisor meetings. If you

have a BPA chapter and have not heard from your regional coordinator, please be sure to get in touch with the coordinator. If you are a business teacher and are interested in starting chapter this year, or just want to learn more, please contact the region's coordinator or myself (eswenson@mt.gov) and I will help get you to the right person.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Email</u>
1 (Northwest)	Wed., September 28	Flathead Valley CC,	Ron Hanson,	ron.hanson@ronank12.edu
2 (Western)	Wed., October 5	Kalispell	Ronan	jamiетоivonen@gmail.com
3 (North-central)	Friday, October 7	UM	Jamie	cstone@moore.k12.mt.us
4 (Southwest)	<i>Held Tues. Sept. 20</i>	University Center,	Toivonen,	kerri.cobb@bsd7.org
5 (South-central)	Wed., October 5	Missoula	Superior	rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us
6 (Musselshell-Yellowstone)	Wed., October 5	LaQuinta	Carolyn Stone,	natalieschaff@yahoo.com
7 (Southeast)	Tuesday, October 11	Hotel, Great Falls	Moore	julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us
8 (Northeast)	TBA	Falls	Kerri Cobb,	us
	Wed., October 5	Bozeman High,	Bozeman	estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us
		Bozeman High	Regina	us
		The Grand,	Wood, Park	
		Big Timber	High	
		MSU-Billings	Natalie	
		COT, Billings	Schaff,	
		TBA	Roundup	
		Durums,	Julie O'Dell,	
		Glasgow	Hardin	
			Elaine	
			Stedman,	
			Sidney	

DECA/DeVry Deadline Quickly Approaching

The DECA/DeVry Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge deadline is Monday, October 3.

Students are asked to present their project to DeVry faculty, administrators and executives via videos posted on YouTube.

Additional details can be found on the DECA.org website or directly at <http://www.deca.org/events/62/>.

Register Students Today for Opportunities Tomorrow

If you are interested in any DECA Conferences (New York Experience, Sports & Entertainment Conference, etc.), please remember all students attending must be registered and paid through the Online Membership System prior to their Conference Registration.

If you have any questions concerning the new online system, please contact Erin at erinweisgerber@yahoo.com.

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