

## The Wednesday Reader

*Rocktober 5, 2011*

### **NEW CTE Professionals Workshop—FREE Professional Development Opportunity**

An invitation for all new-to-the-classroom business and marketing education professionals to attend a FREE professional development opportunity designed specifically for those new to their classroom

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a New CTE Professionals Workshop on Wednesday, October 19, in Great Falls, prior to the beginning of the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute. The New CTE Professionals Workshop is a free professional development opportunity designed specifically for Career & Technical Education professionals in their first, second, or third year in the classroom.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Montana's Big Sky Pathways Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study,
- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development,
- Professional organizations,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations.

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. Up to six OPI Renewal Units will be offered. Attendees will be responsible for their own transportation and lodging, if necessary.

An informational flyer and registration form are currently posted on the Updates—Latest CTE Info page of the Secondary CTE area of the OPI website ([www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)) and can be downloaded with the following link: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_14](http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_14).

The deadline to register for this FREE one-day professional development opportunity is Monday, October 10. Registrations can be mailed, E-mailed, or Faxed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Registration Open Until October 7!**

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](mailto:bsp@montana.edu).

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

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

To register, please go to <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BigSkyPathways.asp>. The registration deadline has been extended to Friday, October 7.

### **National Business Education Association Fall Webinars**

NBEA webinars are a great way to connect with other business educators from around the world. Webinars are designed to be interactive, allowing the presenter and participants to actively exchange information.

- Registration will open two weeks prior the webinar and close the day before the scheduled webinar. Registration will be made available on NBEAconnect, <http://nbeaconnect.ning.com/>
- The time listed for all webinars is EST. Please make sure you plan for your time zone.
- Webinars will be recorded and made available for viewing. Information will be made available via NBEAconnect.
- Additional webinars may be added during the semester. Information will be made available via NBEAconnect.
- If you are not a member of NBEAconnect, please be sure to join this community to receive webinar information. NBEAconnect is available at <http://nbeaconnect.ning.com/>
- Questions about the webinars should be sent to Ann Kieser, [alkieser@gmail.com](mailto:alkieser@gmail.com)

Wednesday, October 5

- 7:00 p.m.
- Photoshop
- Presenter: Dennis Garner

Wednesday, October 12

- 6:30 p.m.
- Using iPads/iPods in the Classroom
- Presenter: Shelly Mowinkel

Thursday, October 20

- 8:00 p.m.
- National Business Honor Society
- Presenter: Maurice Henderson

Monday, October 24

- 7:00 p.m.
- Facebook Safety for Educators
- Presenter: Bill Egan

Tuesday, November 8

- 7:00 p.m.
- Financial Literacy
- Presenter: Sherry Roberts

December

- Gaming in Business Education
- Time, Date and Presenter will be announced at a later date

### On This Day in History . . .

#### **Rocktober 5**

1877: Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians surrenders to U.S. General Nelson A. Miles in the Bear Paw mountains of Montana

1947: President Harry Truman makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans

1991: Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch earn a #1 hit with "Good Vibrations"

#### **Rocktober 6**

1866: The Reno gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train in the U.S., making off with over \$10,000 from an Ohio & Mississippi train in Jackson County, Indiana

1926: Yankee slugger Babe Ruth hits a record three homers against the St. Louis Cardinals in the fourth game of the World Series

2002: Elvis Presley started a three week run at No.1 on the US album chart with 'Elvis 30 #1 Hits.'

#### **Rocktober 7**

1949: Less than five months after Great Britain, the United States, and France established the Federal Republic of Germany in West

Germany, the Democratic Republic of Germany (East Germany) is proclaimed within the Soviet occupation zone

1951: John Cougar Mellencamp is born

1984: Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton becomes the NFL's all-time rushing leader, breaking the record Cleveland's Jim Brown set in 1965

1995: Alanis Morissette went to No.1 on the US album chart with 'Jagged Little Pill'

2003: Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected governor of California

#### **Rocktober 8**

1871: flames spark in the Chicago barn of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, igniting a 2-day blaze

1957: Jerry Lee Lewis records "Great Balls Of Fire" in Memphis, Tennessee

### **Rocktober 9**

1936: Harnessing the power of the mighty Colorado River, Hoover Dam begins sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266

miles of mountains and deserts to run the lights, radios, and stoves of Los Angeles

1961: Ray Charles started a two week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Hit The Road Jack'

1965: The Beatles started a four week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with the Paul McCartney ballad 'Yesterday'

1993: Nirvana entered the US album chart at No.1 with 'In Utero'

### **Rocktober 10**

1845: The United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors

1877: the U.S. Army holds a West Point funeral with full military honors for Lieutenant-Colonel George Armstrong Custer

1902: The Gibson Mandolin guitar company was formed

1956: Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender" entered the US chart for a 19 week stay, peaking at No.1 for 5 weeks

1970: Neil Diamond went to No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Cracklin' Rosie'

1987: The song "Here I Go Again" by English hard-rock group Whitesnake tops the Billboard pop singles chart in the United States

### **Rocktober 11**

1809: the famous explorer Meriwether Lewis dies under mysterious circumstances in the early hours of the morning after stopping for the

night at Grinder's Tavern along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee

1960: Aretha Franklin made her stage debut at the Village Vanguard in New York City

1968: *Apollo 7*, the first manned Apollo mission, is launched with astronauts Walter M. Schirra, Jr.; Donn F. Eisele; and Walter

Cunningham aboard

1975: *Saturday Night Live (SNL)*, featuring Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Garrett Morris, Jane Curtin and Laraine

Newman, makes its debut on NBC

2005: Rod Stewart received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to honour a career spanning more than 40 years

### **DECA Week**

Don't forget that DECA Week starts October 9 and runs through October 15 This is a great opportunity to increase membership in your chapter and reach out in your school and community to raise awareness about DECA.

Find more tools and information at [www.deca.org/events/decaweek](http://www.deca.org/events/decaweek)

### **Conference Registration**

If you are planning on attending any of the conferences across the country this fall (WRLC, DECA Innovations & Entrepreneurship Conference, New York Experience, etc.), please make sure to check the DECA website now....conference registration deadlines are rapidly approaching!! Remember all students must be registered with DECA, Inc. prior to registering for any conference.

You can register your members now by visiting [www.deca.org/membership](http://www.deca.org/membership)

### **DECA Online Events**

The DECA Virtual Business Challenge I and DECA/H&R Block Dollars and Sense Challenge begin October 24.

Visit [www.deca.org/events](http://www.deca.org/events) for more information

### Montana DECA ICDC Pin and CDC Program Cover Contests

Don't forget the ICDC Pin Contest and CDC Program Cover Contest deadlines will be here soon!

Please pass this information along to your students so they can start preparing their designs. All designs must be in .jpeg format and need to be submitted via email to [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com).

The deadline for the ICDC Pin Contest is November 11 and the CDC Program Cover Contest deadline is December 9.

### ICDC 2012 - Salt Lake City

DECA, Inc. has just announced they will be bringing the Eli Young Band in for an exclusive DECA concert at ICDC!

In addition, they will be hosting the Dash WithThe Diamonds 5K Run/Walk for the second year and students will also be able to attend a Salt Lake City Bees Baseball game.

Prices and additional information will be coming soon, so please make sure to check out [www.deca.org/events](http://www.deca.org/events) for more information!

### 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, and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bpamt.org)).

## Webinars from BPA National Center

So far this year, Business Professionals of America's staff has produced and presented four Webinars:

August 24: [New Chapter Advisor Welcome/Organizing a New Chapter](#)

August 31: [Welcome Back/What's New from the Executive Director](#)

September 7: [Competitive Event Updates](#)

September 14: [The SOURCE](#)

If you missed the opportunity to attend any of the webinars listed above, click on the title above and it will link you back to the archived copy of the event. To-date well over 100 people have attended the webinars.

There are several additional webinars scheduled in the future:

October 5: [BPA Cares / Torch Program Highlight](#)

November 2: [Using the Pre-Event Submission System for Regional/State Conferences](#)

December 7: Title/Subject to be announced

January 25: Utilizing the Pre-Event Submission System for NLC

February 29 First Time NLC Advisor

March: Intern Orientations

March 28: Judges Orientation

April 11: APG Orientation

May 16: Alumni Highlight

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