

The Wednesday Reader

Oktober 19, 2011

Preliminary State Career and Technical Education Allocations Available for Review

Preliminary State Career and Technical Education allocations (i.e. State VoEd allocations) have been determined for approved CTE high school programs. A report has been posted both on the *Secondary CTE AND Payments to Schools & Co_Ops* pages of the OPI web site. A direct link to the allocations is included at the end of this message.

Please find your district in the report and check the information for accuracy. If you find irregularities or have any questions regarding your district's allocation, contact the CTE division staff by Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00 pm. The posted allocations are preliminary. We can make corrections, if needed, before the final allocations are run but NOT after the October 25 deadline. No changes can be made after the final allocations are run.

Your allocation is based on a formula that factors:

1. Enrollment in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chapters and membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment, extended contract, and CTSO chapter information comes from the "Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports" your district submits to our office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Contact one of the following people if you have questions regarding these preliminary allocations:

- Brad King, Agriculture Education Specialist (406) 444.4451
- Eric Swenson, Business Education Specialist (406) 444.7991
- Megan Vincent, Family & Consumer Sciences Specialist (406) 444.3599
- Renee Harris, Health Sciences Specialist (406) 994-6986
- Don Michalsky, Industrial Trades & Technology Specialist (406) 444.4452
- Diana Fiedler, Accountability Specialist (406) 444.9019

The Preliminary allocations are posted alphabetically by district at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_13

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4

NBEA Annual Convention First-Time Attendee Stipend

If you are a professional member of the National Business Education Association (www.nbea.org) and have never attended the annual national convention, you are eligible for a professional development stipend.

The \$200 stipends will be presented at the NBEA awards luncheon on Friday, April 6, 2012, in Boston, Massachusetts. Recipients must attend the luncheon, where they will receive the stipend from NBEA President John Olivo on behalf of the regional or corporate sponsor.

Recipients will be notified by February 6, 2012.

If you would like to apply for a Professional Development Partnership Program stipend, please complete the [application form](#)

(<http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/documents/2012ConventionStipendApplicationForm.pdf>) sign, and fax to (703) 620- 4483 or return to:

NBEA PDP Program
1914 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191-1596

Applications must be received at NBEA headquarters by **January 3, 2012**. No application will be accepted after the deadline.

For details about the 2012 NBEA Annual Convention please visit
<http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html>.

National Business Education Association Offers Two (2) \$1000.00 Scholarships

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year to individuals pursuing continuing education or graduate study in business education.

The scholarships will recognize and support educators who have given evidence of leadership and scholarship potential in the field of business education. The NBEA Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to outstanding individuals for the purpose of continuing their study and professional development in business education.

To be eligible for an NBEA scholarship, an applicant must

- Be enrolled in a college or university post-baccalaureate or graduate-level program and submit proof of enrollment.
- Be enrolled in a business education program and/or other related areas in business.
- Submit proof of completion of at least two graduate courses (six semester hours).
- Submit a one-page letter describing (a) past contributions to the field of business education, (b) plans to utilize the degree in the future, (c) two or three significant issues in business education, and (d) why the applicant should be the recipient of the award.
- Submit a current resume.
- Submit two letters of recommendation attesting to the scholarship/leadership potential of the applicant.
- Be currently teaching and plan to continue to teach in the field of business education.
- Be a current professional member of NBEA at the time of application (a minimum of one full year of NBEA membership is required).

The [NBEA Scholarship Application](#) can be downloaded from the NBEA Website (www.nbea.org) or directly from the following link:

<http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/documents/2012ScholarshipApplication.pdf>.

Additional copies of the application form are available from NABTE institutions or from NBEA headquarters.

Application forms should be completed and sent to the NBEA office, postmarked no later than **December 1, 2011**.

An anonymous selection committee, made up of representatives from each of NBEA's five regions, will evaluate the applications and identify the winners.

Scholarship winners will be announced during the NBEA awards luncheon on Friday, April 6, at the NBEA 2012 Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts

Career Clusters: The New Website/URL

Over the summer, the Career Clusters Website was incorporated into the site for the National Association for State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) and the new URL is www.careertech.org.

Information about Career Clusters can be found under the Career Cluster button. The [Career Cluster page](http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/) (<http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/>) offers direct access to a wide-range of Career Cluster-related resources including the Knowledge and Skills Charts and Statements.

Within the realm of Business and Marketing Education, our Clusters and Pathways fall under the [Business Management & Administration](#), [Finance](#), [Information Technology](#), and [Marketing](#) cluster.

Please be sure to Bookmark/Favorites this site as it will come in handy while completing the Gap Analysis associated with the Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops this fall.

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

As everyone prepares to participate in the various Next Steps workshops for the Big Sky Pathways Initiative, a reminder below are the locations, participating postsecondary partners, and dates for the upcoming workshops.

Location	Participating Postsecondary Partners	Dates
Kalispell, Hilton Garden Inn	Flathead Valley Community College	October 26 & 27
Billings, Hilton Garden Inn	MSU-Billings College of Technology	November 7 & 8
Miles City, Miles CC	Miles Community College & Dawson Community College	November 9 & 10
Missoula, Holiday Inn Park Side	UM-Missoula College of Technology	November 14 & 15
Helena, Holiday Inn	UM-Helena College of Technology	December 5 & 6
Fairmont Hot Springs	Montana Tech College of Technology & Gallatin College Programs	December 7 & 8

What to Bring to the Next Steps Workshops

When preparing to attend your Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshop, please be sure to bring the following items:

- The completed and signed Invoice for reimbursement
Invoices have been/will be sent to school/districts clerks
- A printout of the Big Sky Pathway(s) developed year (if applicable)
- Updated course descriptions for all the CTE and Non-CTE courses in the Pathway(s)
- Course Outlines/Syllabi
- National/State/Curriculum Cooperative/District Standards
- School/District Graduation Requirements

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Next Steps workshops and please let me know if you have any questions.

Next Steps Workshop Follow-Up—The Who, What, & When of Submitting Pathways-Related Materials for the 2011-2012 School Year

Last week the first two of the eight Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops were held in Great Falls and Havre. Attendees began Gap Analysis process by comparing the coursework of their Pathway courses with the Cluster- and Pathway-level Knowledge and Skills Statements from the National Career Clusters (www.careertech.org).

The Gap Analysis is being completed by both the faculty of both the secondary and postsecondary Pathway partners. The Gap Analysis seeks to provide documentation the various

knowledge and skills of a pathway are being covered within the Pathway's coursework at either the secondary or postsecondary level, and in some cases both.

As Pathway partners complete their Gap Analysis the following timeline outlines this year's submittal process.

- Friday, December 2, 2011, Postsecondary Faculty submit Gap Analysis information to OPI Specialists
- Friday, February 3, 2012, High Schools submit to Postsecondary Partner with High School CTE Teacher, Counselor, & Principal Review signature
- Friday, March 2, 2012, Postsecondary Partner submits to OPI Specialist with College Lead Faculty and Chief Academic Officer Review Signatures
- Friday, April 6, 2012 OPI Specialist submits to OCHE for review and approval
- Friday, May 4, 2012 Agreement form returned to Secondary and Postsecondary schools with OCHE Deputy Commissioner Review and Approval

The Approval for this year has been modified/updated from the form used last year so be sure to use the new form (dated October 2011). When submitting for approval this year, please include the following materials/documents: approval forms must be accompanied with the following materials:

- Completed Pathway Template if developing a new Pathway or revising/updating your approved Pathway from last year (if not developing a new or revising/updating last year's Pathway, then you will just need to submit last year's Pathway as is)
- Completed Gap Analysis
- 2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form

The [Request for Big Sky Pathway Approval form](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3) to be submitted can be downloaded from the Big Sky Pathways page of the CTE section of the OPI website:
http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3.

Montana Common Core Standards Professional Development

For all Montana Educators, Teachers, Administrators, Leaders, Professors, Directors, and other Mathematics and English Language Arts Colleagues—

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) invites you to participate in the Second Montana Common Core Standards Overview and Implementation Professional Development.

The professional development will be held December 1-2, 2011, at the Red Lion, Helena, Montana. The overview and implementation sessions will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011. The optional training session for those who want to be local/regional facilitators will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011.

A block of rooms under OPI Accreditation are being held at the Red Lion until October 31, 2011. Please call to make your reservation at 1 (800) 733-5466, e-mail colonialsales@redlion.com or, go to their website at RedLion.com.

Lunch will be provided for this event as well as reimbursement for a substitute teacher. OPI Renewal

units are also available.

The purpose of this Montana Common Core Standards Professional Development is threefold:

1. Thursday a.m. General Session
 - Overview of common core standards development, content, and assessment
2. Thursday a.m., p.m. Breakout Sessions
 - Mathematical Practices and Progressions
 - English Language Arts, Text Complexity and Literacy
 - District/School curriculum alignment process
3. Friday a.m. and p.m. Optional Session
 - Training to be a local/regional facilitator

Beginning **Tuesday, October 11**, visit the OPI [Common Core State Standards](#) page; see Current News to register for the December workshop. Registration for the December training will close Friday, November 18, 2011.

For more information, please contact Mathematics Curriculum Specialist Jean Howard, jhoward@mt.gov or English Language Arts Curriculum Specialist Cynthia Green, cgreen4@mt.gov.

2011-2012 Directory of Montana Schools

The 2011-2012 Directory of Montana Schools has been compiled.

A PDF of the printed version is available on the OPI website at the following link:

<http://opi.mt.gov/Resources/Directory/Index.html>

School Districts, Educational Associations, Board of Public Education, Post-Secondary Education, County Treasurers and Superintendents, other state agencies and the public can order printed copies of the directory directly from the printer at:

Allegra Printing
40 West Lawrence
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 449-2847
Fax: (406) 449-7860
Cost: \$18 per copy (Includes shipping and handling)

CTE Fall Data Collection (Perkins CTE Concentrators Reporting) Now Open—What is the Class of 2011 Doing Now?

The fall CTE data collection began October 1st and ends on December 31, 2011. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2010-2011 school year) must be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) data system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE data collection are located on the OPI Secondary CTE web page listed under 'Data Collections' located here: http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6 as well as the OPI AIM Web page.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 (toll-free) or e-mail opiamhelp@mt.gov Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail dfiedler@mt.gov.

Free Insurance Literacy Resources from InVEST

InVEST is offering a webinar for teachers to become familiar with the available insurance literacy resources.

InVEST is a non-profit insurance education and career awareness program supported by dozens of insurance carriers, agencies and other organizations. We provide you all the resources you need to implement insurance instruction in the classroom for absolutely no cost.

Are you interested in getting involved with InVEST but don't know where to start, or what exactly the program entails? Attend this free webinar November 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. EST (1:00 p.m. Montana time). [Click here to Register today!](#)

InVEST can provide you with:

- Textbooks and teacher guides (printed or electronic)
- Lesson plans and interactive games
- Online resource center
- Scholarship opportunities
- Guest speakers (in most areas)
- Knowledgeable staff and Teacher Task Force
- And more!

Insurance education is an integral part of personal finance and will be very useful to your students once they graduate. In addition, our program promotes the plentiful careers available today within the insurance industry, and provides the tools and resources to jump start their career in insurance. For more information, head to www.investprogram.org, email info@investprogram.org or call 1-800-221-7917.

Save the date for the FEFE 2012 National Training June 25-28, 2012 at the Omni Tucson National Resort!

The Family Economics & Financial Education Project's 2012 National Training will be June 25-28 at the [Omni Tucson National Resort](#). The FEFE National Training:

- Provides interactive workshops led by current *classroom educators*, our FEFE National Master Educator Team, modeling lesson plan activities.
- Creates *networking opportunities* for meaningful and relevant discussions about best practices within the financial literacy classroom.
- Invites participants to *connect with industry and university experts* as they discuss cutting edge research and trends.
- Offers an abundance of *ready-to-teach* curriculum materials *designed by educators*.
- Attracts educators nationwide creating a *diverse and comprehensive* experience.

Through generous support from Take Charge America, Inc., educators receive an extremely discounted registration rate. This inclusive registration package provides lodging, meals, and over \$550 in curriculum designed for you to return home and immediately implement FEFE into your educational environment. Registration costs to be announced by the end of the year.

On This Day in History . . .

Oktober 19

1985: "Take on Me" music video helps Norway's a-Ha reach the top the U.S. pop charts

1985: The first Blockbuster video-rental store opens, in Dallas, Texas

Oktober 20

1803: The U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France providing for the purchase of the territory of Louisiana, doubling the size of the United States

1973: Sydney Opera House opens; After 15 years of construction, the Sydney Opera House is dedicated by Queen Elizabeth II

1977: Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines and Cassie Gaines of Lynyrd Skynyrd were all killed along with manager Dean Kilpatrick when their rented plane ran out of fuel and crashed into a densely wooded thicket in the middle of a swamp in Gillsburg, Missouri

Oktober 21

1797: *USS Constitution*, a 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate built to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, is launched in Boston Harbor.

1959: On New York City's Fifth Avenue, new Guggenheim Museum opened

1997: Elton John's 'Candle In The Wind 97' was declared by the Guinness Book Of Records as the biggest selling single record of all time, with 31.8 million sales in less than 40 days

Oktober 22

1797: The first parachute jump of note is made by André-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris

1962: In a televised speech of extraordinary gravity, President John F. Kennedy announces that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba; thus marking the beginning of the Cuban Missile Crisis

1966: The Beach Boys 'Good Vibrations' made its debut on the US singles chart

Oktober 23

1890: Benjamin Harrison issues a proclamation that extends the northern boundary of Nebraska into the Dakota territory

1925: John William Carson, *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, is born in Corning, Iowa

1963: Bob Dylan recorded 'The Times They Are A-Changin'' at Columbia Recording Studios in New York City

Oktober 24

1951: President Harry Truman finally proclaims that the nation's war with Germany, begun in 1941, is officially over

1901: A 63-year-old schoolteacher named Annie Edson Taylor becomes the first person to take the plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel

1992: The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Atlanta Braves in the sixth game of the World Series to win the championship; marking the first time a Canadian team had ever won the trophy

1987: Michael Jackson started a two week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Bad'

Oktober 25

1881: Pablo Picasso, one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century, is born in Malaga, Spain

1980: Australian rock gods AC/DC earn their first Top 40 hit with "You Shook Me All Night Long"

DECA 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

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 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.

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

Montana BPA 2011 Trading Pin Design Contest Submissions Due October 26—Next Wednesday

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.

BPA's 31-Day Facebook Challenge

BPA's is having its first ever Facebook 31-Day Challenge.

For each day of October in 2011, starting with October 1, 2011, we'll have a different Facebook challenge for you to meet by posting on the [BPA Facebook Wall](#). Each day is a challenge to post something particular on the [Business Professionals of America Facebook page](#).

There has been GREAT participation and we encourage you to motivate your students to get involved.

Opportunities to Support Special Olympics at the 2012 NLC

This year, at the 2012 National Leadership Conference, students will have the opportunity to give back to our National Service Project, the Special Olympics.

At the general sessions, there will be donation bins for the members to Race to Fill Sears Tower to the Top (the tallest building in the United States which is located in Chicago). BPA will also have a Walk for Special Olympics which will take place from the Hyatt Regency to the Navy Pier where we will have our Special Event.

Business Professionals of America is very excited about incorporating the Special Olympics in our National Conference!

NLC Opens Events to be Held Via Online Format

Planning continues in advance of next April's NLC in Chicago. Through DLG (BPA's database partner), BPA will migrate the "Open Events" testing to an on-line format in Chicago. Only the "Open Events" will be migrated this year.

BPA tested the DLG system in Anaheim as the "Insurance Exam" was administered on-line only. It worked very well, but due to the challenges encountered in D.C. BPA was not able to implement the solution any further.

BPA believes the schedule and facilities in Chicago will accommodate the needs quite well in moving this initiative forward. DLG has been using its "Testing Platform" for several organizations over the past few years and it appears to be well tested, stable, trusted and robust.

Additionally, using a few of BPA partners (CIW, Certiport, etc.) there is a plan to have a "Certification Room" available in Chicago. Our students and teachers will have access to the "Certification Room" to test to gain certification on-site at this year's NLC.

November 1 is the Deadline to Register Your BPA Membership

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.registeryourchapter.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).

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