

## The Wednesday Reader

### November 2, 2011

*Remember to Fall Back this Saturday night November 5 . . . Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 6.*

#### WBEA Conference and Professional Development Institute (PDI) Application Link

Listen up business educators and mark your calendars. February 16-20 is the [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) conference in California. Early bird registration must be done by January 15.

Even more importantly, if you have not attended the Professional Development Institute (PDI), this is your chance to get some registration.

What is the Professional Development Institute? The health and relevancy of professional associations at the local, regional, and national level is the focus of the PDI. The involvement of teachers and administrators who will share their talents and time for the betterment of our profession. The PDI is a time to learn and reinvigorate the veterans is ongoing. In 1999-2000, the WBEA Board, under the leadership of President Mary Ann Lam, created the PDI as a professional development opportunity at the annual conference and support this endeavor by paying for ½ of the registration fee for teachers in the Territory, and Province (S/T/P). The S/T/Ps were encouraged to pay the other half of the fee. The first PDI was held at Vancouver, British Columbia, February 2000.

The PDI has traditionally met for five to six hours on Friday before the annual conference begins. The participants attend a presentation to see the regional board in action. Recently, they have been introduced and honored at a general function by sitting in a presentation and receiving a certification of completion by the PDI Director.

The original intent was to encourage new or veteran teachers who had not previously been involved in their professional associations to accept offices and committee assignments in their S/T/Ps. Some S/T/Ps have supported veteran teachers who are continuing to work in their colleges and want a "refresher" opportunity. Having a registration fee paid has also provided financial support for those teachers who do not have the funds for colleges.

The PDI application must be sent to MBEA President, Regina Wood, by December 1. Her email is [rswood@livingston.k12.nv.us](mailto:rswood@livingston.k12.nv.us) and <http://www.wbite.org/pdf/2012PDIAPPLICATION.pdf>.

Please don't miss out on this great leadership and professional development opportunity. There are already several Montana teachers attending the conference so let Regina know if you need a roommate to help with costs.

You can find out more information about the WBEA conference at <http://www.wbite.org/>.

We hope to see you in California (in February...think about it!).

#### 2012 WBEA Professional Improvement Scholarship

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) takes pleasure in announcing the annual [WBEA Professional Improvement Scholarship](#) for science educators.

The scholarship will be available for tuition and is offered and managed by the WBEA Executive Board through the WBEA Professional Improvement Fund. Funding for the scholarship will be through donations from individuals, companies, and other sources. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.

**Application Process:** Applicants must

1. Be a current member of an STP business education association and a member of WBEA/NBEA,
2. Be currently engaged in the business/computer education profession in the Western Region,
3. Register for and pass a credit class with a "C" or better, or
4. Register and complete a non-credit class, and

5. Send proof of payment and grade sheet or unofficial transcript upon completion of the class to the Professional

The [2012 WBEA Professional Improvement Scholarship](http://www.wbea.info/pdf/2012WBEAPISApplication.pdf) can be downloaded from the [WBEA website \(www.wbea.info\)](http://www.wbea.info) or <http://www.wbea.info/pdf/2012WBEAPISApplication.pdf>.

Completed applications must be submitted by January 1, 2012, to:

Eileen Wascisin, Director  
WBEA Professional Development Committee  
3815 Gala Loop  
Bellingham, WA 98226-7845

### 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 as reminder postsecondary partners, and dates for the upcoming workshops.

#### **Location**

Billings, Hilton Garden Inn  
Miles City, Miles CC **Lucas Hall, Rm 106**  
Missoula, Holiday Inn Park Side  
Helena, Holiday Inn  
Fairmont Hot Springs

#### **Participating Postsecondary Partners**

MSU-Billings College of Technology  
Miles Community College & Dawson Community College  
UM-Missoula College of Technology  
UM-Helena College of Technology  
Montana Tech College of Technology & Gallatin College Programs

### 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 one-week prior to the workshop*
- 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

Last month the first three of the eight Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops were held in Great Falls, Havre, and Kalispell by comparing the coursework of their Pathway courses with the Cluster- and Pathway-level Knowledge and Skills Statements ([www.careertech.org](http://www.careertech.org)).

The Gap Analysis is being completed by both the faculty of both the secondary and postsecondary Pathway partners. The documentation the various knowledge and skills of a pathway are being covered within the Pathway's coursework at either 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, Cou
Friday, March 2, 2012	Postsecondary Partner submits to OPI Specialist with College Lead Faculty and Ch

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 De

The Approval for this year has been modified/updated from the form used last year so be sure to use the new form (dated approval this year, please include the following materials/documents:

- Completed Pathway Template if developing a new Pathway or revising/updating your approved Pathway from last year (if 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](#) to be submitted can be downloaded from the Big Sky Pathways page of the OPI website at [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_3](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3).

### [Links to the Big Sky Pathways Gap Analysis Templates & Pathway Proposal Templates](#)

During the Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops attendees are provided with hard copies of the pathway-specific Gap Analysis and Big Sky Pathway Proposal Template.

Both of these items are also available in electronic format and can be downloaded for completion and submission.

The Gap Analysis worksheets can be found on OCHE's Workforce Development page at <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/GapAnalysisWorksheets> grouped by Career Cluster so please be sure to download the worksheet for your Pathway's program of study.

If you wish to submit a new Pathway, or revise one created last year, the Big Sky Pathway Proposal Templates can be found in the Secondary CTE section on the OPI website at [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#p7GPc1\\_3](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#p7GPc1_3).

If you are not sure which Gap Analysis worksheet(s) and/or Big Sky Pathway Proposal Template(s) to use, just give me a call.

### [FINAL State CTE Allocations are now Posted](#)

The FY2012 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd allocations) have been finalized and posted to the county treasurer on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

The Payment Report is posted both on the *Secondary CTE* and *Payments to Schools & Co-Ops* pages of the OPI web site. For more information on the FY2012 State VoEd Payment Report: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1\\_4](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4).

State VoEd allocations are based on a formula that factors:

1. Student 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 student membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures

The enrollment, extended contract and CTSO information comes from the 'Career and Technical Education Student Participation Report' submitted to the OPI office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Only CTE programs that meet the general guidelines in the Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education are eligible for enrollment factor. Enrollment calculations are based on Montana Accreditation Standard 10.55.906 which defines a credit

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of eligible expenses are: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies for an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and lease for an approved CTE program.

### NBEA Annual Convention First-Time Attendee Stipend

If you are a professional member of the National Business Education Association ([www.nbea.org](http://www.nbea.org)) and have never attended, 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 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) (<http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/documents/2012ConventionStipendApplicationForm.pdf>) sign, and return it 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>

### 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 business education. The 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 scholarship to address 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).

The [NBEA Scholarship Application](http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/documents/2012ScholarshipApplication.pdf) can be downloaded from the NBEA Website ([www.nbea.org](http://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.

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

### 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 (NASDCTEc) and the new URL is [www.careertech.org](http://www.careertech.org).

Information about Career Clusters can be found under the Career Cluster button. The [Career Cluster page \(http://www.ca](http://www.ca) 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 & 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 this fall.

### Montana Common Core Standards Professional Development

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

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

The professional development will be held December 1-2, 2011, at the Red Lion, Helena, Montana. The overview and implementation session will be held from 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011. The optional training session for those who want to be local/regional facilitators will be held on 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 [colonialesales@redlion.com](mailto:colonialesales@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 for this event.

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 training will close Friday, November 18, 2011.

For more information, please contact Mathematics Curriculum Specialist Jean Howard, [jhoward@mt.gov](mailto:jhoward@mt.gov) or English Language Specialist [cgreen4@mt.gov](mailto:cgreen4@mt.gov).

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

The fall CTE data collection began October 1st and ends on December 31, 2011. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to the 2010-2011 CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2010-2011 school year) must be contacted between October 1st and December 31, 2011 to determine their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) data system. Schools who receive funding from the Perkins 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 Collection' at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](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 [aimhelpdesk@opi.mt.gov](mailto:aimhelpdesk@opi.mt.gov). Questions regarding the Perkins program should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail [dfiedler@opi.mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@opi.mt.gov).

## 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](#)

- Provides interactive workshops led by current *classroom educators*, our FEFE National Master Educator Team, m
- Creates *networking opportunities* for meaningful and relevant discussions about best practices within the financ
- Invites participants to *connect with industry and university experts* as they discuss cutting edge research and tr
- 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. T lodging, meals, and over \$550 in curriculum designed for you to return home and immediately implement FEFE into your e to be announced by the end of the year.

## The 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology

This past week during the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute the dates for the 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technol will be June 18-22 at Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology.

Attendees will be able to participate on a day-by-day basis or register for the full week. Costs, topics, and registration info year.

## On This Day in History . . .

### **November 2**

- 1947: The Hughes Flying Boat "Spruce Goose"—the largest aircraft ever built—is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on it
- 1983: President Ronald Reagan signs the bill designating a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., to be observe
- 1985: Miami Vice soundtrack begins an 11-week run at #1

### **November 3**

- 1903: With the support of the U.S. government, Panama issues a declaration of independence from Colombia
- 1941: Combine Japanese Fleet receive Top-Secret Order No. 1: In 34 days time, Pearl Harbor is to be bombed, along with Philippines
- 1957: The Soviet Union launches the first animal into space—a dog name Laika—aboard the *Sputnik 2* spacecraft
- 1990: 'Ice Ice Baby', by Vanilla Ice became the first rap record to top the US singles chart
- 1998: Jesse "The Body" Ventura is elected governor of Minnesota

### **November 4**

- 1842: Then lawyer Abraham Lincoln marries Mary Anne Todd, a Kentucky native, in Springfield, Illinois
- 1922: British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discover a step leading to the tomb of King Tutankhamen (King
- 1980: Bob Marley was baptized at the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Kingston, converting to a Christian Rastafarian and taki

### **November 5**

- 1912: Democrat Woodrow Wilson is elected the 28th president of the United States by defeating Republican incumbent W
- 1940: Franklin Delano Roosevelt is re-elected for an unprecedented third term as president of the United States
- 1965: The Who release "My Generation"
- 1968: Richard Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey to become President by less than 500,000 votes
- 1994: 45-year-old George Foreman knocks out 26-year-old Michael Moorer and becomes the oldest heavyweight champ in

## **November 6**

1854: John Philip Sousa is born

1860: Abraham Lincoln is elected president of the United States, becoming the first Republican to win the presidency

1861: Jefferson Davis is elected president of the Confederacy

1917: The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia begins when the Bolshevik Party, led by Vladimir Lenin, launch a nearly bloodless Provisional Government

1970: Aerosmith performed their first ever gig when they played at Nipmuc Regional High School in Mendon, Massachusetts

## **November 7**

1916: Montana suffragist Jeannette Rankin is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She is the first woman in the federal Congress.

1940: The Tacoma Narrows Bridge collapses due to high winds; it was the third longest suspension bridge in the world at the time

1981: Hall and Oates started a two week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with 'Private Eyes'

## **November 8**

1887: Doc Holliday--gunslinger, gambler, and occasional dentist--dies from tuberculosis in Glenwood Springs, Colorado

1960: John Fitzgerald Kennedy becomes the youngest man elected president of the United States

1994 Sonny Bono is elected to the US House of Representatives by California's 44th Congressional District

## **Grow Your DECA Chapter & Earn Recognition**

Montana DECA advisors and members keep growing your chapter's membership and earn rewards!

Visit <http://www.deca.org/events/membershipcampaign> to learn what your chapter can earn.

The deadline is December 1, 2011.

## **Spread the DECA Word With a New Public Service Announcement**

Direct from the National office, DECA is pleased to share a new audio and video public service announcement that your chapter can use.

Many news outlets, such as radio stations, local television affiliates and local public access channels, provide opportunities to broadcast service announcements free of charge. In addition, you may wish to use these within your social media tools or broadcast channel.

Both a video and a radio spot are available. Download them at <http://www.deca.org/page/psa>.

## **Submit Your DECA Week Activities**

DECA Week was a success! Be sure to report your activities and earn recognition for your chapter – including free blazer patches!

The deadline to report is November 15. Visit <http://www.deca.org/events/decaweek> for all the high-flying details.

## **Global Entrepreneurship Week**

Sign up today for Global Entrepreneurship Week, which will be November 14-20, then complete DECA's reporting form and submit it to your advisor.

DECA members will join millions of young entrepreneurial people around the world to generate new ideas and to seek better ways to solve problems. As part of its annual celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week, DECA goes coast-to-coast this year encouraging its members to participate.

Participate in DECA's Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign by registering today as a partner with Global Entrepreneurs. Visit <http://www.deca.org/events/gew/>.

### **DECA Images ICDC T-Shirt Design Contest**

DECA Images is launching their second annual DECA ICDC T-Shirt Design Contest.

Visit <http://www.deca.org/shop> for more details.

### **Montana DECA ICDC Pin Design Contest**

The deadline for the ICDC Pin Design Contest is next week November 11 . . . only 9 days away.

Send your students'.jpeg file to [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com). The winner will receive \$50.

### **Montana DECA Program Cover Design Contest**

Entries for the Montana DECA State Career Development Conference Program Cover Design Contest are due next month.

Make sure to submit your students' cover designs by Friday, December 9 to [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com).

The theme is Las Vegas and the winner will receive \$50.

### **DECA Conference Registration**

If you are planning on attending any of the conferences across the country this fall (WRLC, DECA Innovations & Entrepreneurship, etc.), please make sure to check the DECA website now....conference registration deadlines are rapidly approaching!! Remember to register 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)

### **Deadline to Register Your BPA Membership**

The deadline for completing BPA membership registration was Tuesday, November 1.

If your chapter has not yet registered, please do so as quick as possible to be sure to receive any and all BPA communications.

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

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.

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

### **Just Four Weeks Away—December 1 is the Deadline for Montana BPA T-Shirt Design Contest Entries**

The [T-Shirt Design Contest](#) seeks Montana BPA members to create a graphic design to promote the Montana association of Business Professionals at the 2012 State Leadership Conference.

The winning design will be used as the official Montana BPA State Leadership Conference t-shirt to will be worn by members at the state leadership conference activities as well as during the 2012 National Leadership Conference and other events and locations. This design will essentially become a part of Montana BPA history.

All entries must meet the following guidelines:

#### **1. Theme**

The Montana BPA state officer team chose the theme "Unmask Your Future" for the 2012 Montana Business Professionals Association. Entries should express the theme and may also include ideals associated with BPA.

## 2. Specifications

All entries must adhere to the following guidelines

- Shirt Color: Identify the color of shirt to be used, all shirts will be one (1) solid color
- Screen Colors: Only three (3) print screen colors may be used
- Printing: Printing will only be on the front of the shirt, no artwork will appear on a sleeve or backside
- Slogan: Must include either the words "Business Professionals of America" or the "BPA" acronym
- Option: Design may include the year, 2012, but is not required
- Submittal: Only one entry per student allowed, entry will be submitted electronically as a PDF document

Entries in for the [T-Shirt Design contest](#) are judged on the basis of originality, appearance and neatness, appropriateness and value. The Montana BPA State Officer Team will select the winning design.

All [T-Shirt Design Contest entries](#) must be E-mailed on or before December 1, 2011. [T-Shirt Design Contest entries](#) should be sent to the State Officer Coordinator, [staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us](mailto:staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us).

## What's on the Cover? Montana BPA Members to Decide

The [State Leadership Conference Program Cover Design Contest](#) is a great way, and location, for Montana BPA's designers to showcase their competitive spirits. The winning graphic design will be used on the conference program and promotional materials.

All entries must meet the following guidelines:

### 1. Theme

The Montana BPA state officer team chose the theme "Unmask Your Future" for the 2012 Montana Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference. Entries should express the theme and may also include ideals associated with BPA.

### 2. Content

All entries should include the following information. Other information may be included if desired.

- Conference Name: "2012 Montana Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference"
- Conference Theme: "Unmask Your Future"
- Conference Dates: March 11-13, 2012
- Conference Location: Billings, Montana

### 3. Format

The design must fit vertically on a 5½x8½ sheet of paper exactly as it would appear on the final product. Full color design will need to be submitted in PDF format via E-mail.

Entries in the [Program Cover Design Contest](#) are judged on the basis of originality, appearance and neatness, appropriateness and promotional value. The Montana BPA State Officer Team will select the winning design.

The winner of the [Program Cover Design Contest](#) will receive \$25.00 and be recognized in the state leadership conference program.

All [Program Cover Design Contest](#) entries must be E-mailed on or before December 1, 2011. [Program Cover Design Contest](#) entries should be sent to the State Officer Coordinator, [staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us](mailto:staci.auck@hobson.k12.mt.us).

## Johnson & Wales University Continues to Offer Scholarships for Montana BPA Members

Montana BPA members can receive from \$1000 to over \$4500 in scholarships from Johnson & Wales University.

Members interested in attending Johnson & Wales University, [www.jwu.edu](http://www.jwu.edu), can be awarded \$1000 and up for being members of BPA depending the number of years they have been members and the various leadership positions they may have held within the organization.

A State officer for BPA usually receives \$4,000-\$4,500; if they have held office for more than one year they may receive more. The average BPA scholarship is \$3,300 a year; however, a state officer would receive more.

Scholarships will be awarded to the 1st place, \$1000, 2nd place, \$750, and 3rd place, \$500, winners in Global Marketing T Basic Programming, and Entrepreneurship at the 2012 State Leadership Conference.

These tuition scholarships may be applied to any full-time day school program offered at the university and are automatic four years of continuous enrollment, as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic progress.

To learn more about the programs and campuses of Johnson and Wales University, please visit their website at [www.jwu.edu](http://www.jwu.edu).

### **Montana BPA to Award Two (2) \$500.00 Scholarships at the 2012 State Leadership Conference**

The Montana association of Business Professionals of America will again awards two \$500 scholarships to Montana BPA members at the 2012 State Leadership Conference in Billings, March 11-13.

These one-year scholarships may be used at any postsecondary school in Montana and can be applied to the winner's major high school and have completed or applied for the Statesman Torch Award.

Scholarships are judged based upon the applicant's scholastic standing, membership and participation in Business Professionals of America, recommendation, expressed desire for further education, involvement in community activities, and responses to essay questions.

Applications for the 2012 State Leadership Scholarship can be downloaded from the State section of the [Advisor Manual](#) page in PDF or Word formats. Applications must be submitted/postmarked via postal mail to Montana BPA State Advisor Eric Swenson.

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