

The Wednesday Reader

November 9, 2011

Please note: With the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a Wednesday Reader for Wednesday, November 23.

2012 Montana Economics Challenge

Save the Date and Mark your Calendars for the 17th Annual Montana Economics Challenge to be held Monday, March 5, 2012, in Helena at the Great Northern Hotel.

The purpose of the Economics Challenge is to increase students' exposure to and interest in economics in an entertaining atmosphere. The Economics Challenge began in 1988 as a product of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis became involved in 1992 when it sponsored a playoff round for the winning schools from the state's various regional centers for economic education. The Helena Branch participated for the first time in 1996 when, along with the MCEE, it held the first Economics Challenge in Montana.

Teams are comprised of their coach and up to a maximum of four students, who compete individually and as a team. Essentially, each participant takes a 15-question, multiple choice test in each of the following three areas: Microeconomics, Macro-economics and International Trade and Economics. To determine team scores, the top three individuals' scores in each category are combined. The top two teams after the first three rounds will compete against each other in a buzzer round on Current Events to determine the final winner. Awards for top scores are given to individuals and to teams. Please keep in mind that each school may have more than one team and that it's not necessary for a school to offer a general economics class to compete in the Challenge.

More details will be available in the near future.

TCAI announces the Launch of the brand new Consumer Jungle Website!

Take Charge America Institute (TCAI) has officially transformed ConsumerJungle.org into a youth-oriented website designed to provide young adults with financial resources and ways to share stories and interact with their peers. This website has also been designed to be a resource for your classroom! Check out the top 10 ways to use *Consumer Jungle* in your classroom at http://fefc.arizona.edu/sites/fefc.arizona.edu/files/CJ_handout_2.pdf.

This new website hosts many different content articles, student-created articles from our Student Editors, interactive financial literacy games, many different contest opportunities, and much more! Your students can become involved in Consumer Jungle by becoming a Student Editor, commenting on different articles and games, and participating in contests (either individually or within your class).

If you have any questions regarding the Consumer Jungle website transition, please check out the Frequently Asked Questions page at <http://fefc.arizona.edu/consumer-jungle/questions> or contact Consumer Jungle directly at consumerjungle@cals.arizona.edu.

Want to learn more about Consumer Jungle? Visit <http://consumerjungle.org/about-consumer-jungle> or scan the QR code to the right.



Voting Begins for Your Favorite Student Created Video in the Give Yourself Some Credit Video Contest!

Out of 123 video proposals received during the *Give Yourself Some Credit* contest, the top 5 proposals were chosen. Cast your vote for your favorite student-created video about credit at <http://consumerjungle.org/contests/give-yourself-some-credit/vote>!

The *Give Yourself Some Credit* competition is designed to generate interesting and attention-grabbing videos about credit for young adult audiences across the nation. The videos will be shared on the new Consumer Jungle website www.consumerjungle.org where the public can vote for their favorite submission. The Consumer Jungle website is intended to motivate young adults to practice healthy money habits in a fresh and interactive way. Consumer Jungle is a program of the Take Charge America Institute for Consumer Financial Education and Research.

Vote once per day for your video of choice based on quality, creativity, educational value and accuracy of the message. The video with the most votes wins an additional \$1,500 and the mentor of the winning video will receive a free registration (in a shared room) and a travel stipend of up to \$300 to attend the [2012 FEFE National Training](#) in Tucson, Arizona.

Two videos from Montana students are in the Top 5: "Credit Promo" by Same Well and Coolidge from Billings West High School and North Star High School's "Credit Cleaners" by the Credit Cleaners.

Also, check out the creative credit videos submitted by the contest Runners-Up at <http://consumerjungle.org/contests/give-yourself-some-credit/runners-up!>

Hurry! Voting ends at 4:00 PM PST (5:00 PM MST) on Friday, November 18. The winner will be posted on the Consumer Jungle website by November 21.

For more information, visit <http://consumerjungle.org/contests/give-yourself-some-credit>.

Vote online at <http://consumerjungle.org/contests/give-yourself-some-credit/vote> or scan the QR code to the right.



[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 \(WBEA\) 2012 Conference](#) in Newport Beach, 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 scholarship money towards your WBEA registration.

What is the [Professional Development Institute](#)? The health and relevancy of professional associations at the local, regional, and national levels rely on the involvement of teachers and administrators who will share their talents and time for the betterment of our profession. The challenge to continually train new leaders and reinvigorate the veterans is ongoing. In 1999-2000, the WBEA Board, under the leadership of President Mary Ann Lammers voted to institute a professional development opportunity at the annual conference and support this endeavor by paying for 1/2 of the registration fee for two participants from each Western State, 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, Canada, in February 2000.

The [PDI](#) has traditionally met for five to six hours on Friday before the annual conference begins. The participants attend part of the WBEA Executive Board meeting to see the regional board in action. Recently, they have been introduced and honored at a general function by sitting in a reserved area and being awarded 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 gain the skills and confidence to accept offices and committee assignments in their S/T/Ps. Some S/T/Ps have supported veteran teachers who are continuing to provide inspiration to members and want a "refresher" opportunity. Having a registration fee paid has also provided financial support for those teachers who do not have the support of their districts or colleges

The PDI application must be sent to MBEA President, Regina Wood, by December 1. Her email is rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us. The link to the application is <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 business educators planning to attend 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.wbea.info>.

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 business and computer science educators.

The scholarship will be available for tuition and is offered and managed by the WBEA Executive Board through the WBEA Professional Development Committee. Funding for the scholarship will be through donations from individuals, companies, and other sources. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00.

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 Development Director.

The [2012 WBEA Professional Improvement Scholarship](#) can be downloaded from the [WBEA website \(www.wbea.info\)](#) or directly at <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 below are the locations, participating postsecondary partners, and dates for the upcoming workshops.

Location	Participating Postsecondary Partners	Dates
Miles City, Miles CC Lucas Hall, Rm 106	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 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

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

Last month the first three of the eight Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops were held in Great Falls, Havre, and Kalispell. 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:

- 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](#) 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.

[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 templates and copies of the new 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/BSPGap.asp>. The worksheets are grouped by Career Cluster so please be sure to download the worksheet for your Pathway's program of study.

Should wish to submit a new Pathway, or revise one created last year, the Big Sky Pathway Proposal Templates can be found on the [Big Sky Pathways page](#) of the Secondary CTE section on the OPI website at 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 holler.

[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/>) 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.

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

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 opiainhelp@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.

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 . . .

November 9

- 1967: The first issue of *Rolling Stone Magazine* was published in San Francisco featuring a photo of John Lennon on the cover
- 1974: Bachman Turner Overdrive went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet*, the group's only No.1
- 1989: East German officials today opened the Berlin Wall, allowing travel from East to West Berlin; the next day, celebrating Germans began to tear the wall down
- 1993: The Dave Matthews Band released their first album, *Remember Two Things* on the Bama Rags label

November 10

- 1775: During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress passes a resolution stating "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy. The resolution, created the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps

1979: The Eagles went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *Heartache Tonight*, the group's 5th and final US No.1

1969: *Sesame Street* makes its broadcast debut.

November 11

1918: World War I ends; at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends

1921: Exactly three years after the end of World War I, the Tomb of the Unknowns is dedicated at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia during an Armistice Day ceremony

1954: Bill Haley scored his first US Top ten single with *Shake Rattle And Roll'*

November 12

1799: First meteor shower recorded by Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer born in Vermont, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys

1954: Ellis Island, the gateway to America, shuts its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892

1988: U2 started a six-week run at No.1 on the US album chart with *Rattle And Hum*.

November 13

1850: Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Treasure Island* and *Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, is born in Scotland

1982: Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington after a march to its site by thousands of veterans of the conflict. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.

2000: The Beatles launched their first official website www.thebeatles.com. The site went live on the same day as the release of their retrospective *Compilation 1* album

November 14

1851: Harper & Brothers in New York publishes *Moby-Dick*, by Herman Melville

1960: Ray Charles went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *Georgia On My Mind*

1969: *Apollo 12*, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Charles Conrad, Jr.; Richard F. Gordon, Jr.; and Alan L. Bean aboard

November 15

1777: The Continental Congress, sitting in its temporary capital of York, Pennsylvania, agrees to adopt the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union on this day in 1777. Not until March 1, 1781, would the last of the 13 states, Maryland, ratify the agreement

1867: 1867, the first stock ticker is unveiled in New York City and ultimately revolutionized the stock market by making up-to-the-minute prices available to investors around the country; prior to this development, information from the New York Stock Exchange traveled by mail or messenger

1992: Ozzy Osbourne announced his retirement from touring after a gig in California, saying "Who wants to be touring at 46"

Montana BPA Calendar Updated

The [2011-2012 Montana BPA Calendar of Events](#) has been updated throughout the fall as dates for various meetings and activities have been set.

Please take a moment to visit the [Advisor Manual](#) page of the [Montana BPA](#) website (www.bpamt.org) and download the updated [Calendar of Events](#).

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 quickly as possible to be sure to receive any and all BPA communications, emails, and mailings.

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

Regionals May Not Be Tomorrow, But They Are Only a Day, or Two, Away

Montana BPA's regional leadership conferences start next month with Region 7 kicking things off December 5 in Baker. Below are the dates and locations for the eight regional leadership conference. If you have any questions, please contact your region's coordinator.

Region	Date	Location	Coordinator	E-mail
Region 1	January 9 2012	Kalispell	Ron Hanson, Ronan	ron.hanson@ronank12.edu
Region 2	January 9 2012	Missoula	Jamie Toivonen, Superior	jtoivonen@superior.k12.mt.us
Region 3	January 16 2012	Great Falls	Carolyn Stone, Moore	cstone@moore.k12.mt.us
Region 4	December 19, 2011	Helena	Kerri Cobb, Bozeman	kerri.cobb@bsd7.org
Region 5	January 9 2012	Livingston	Region Wood, Park	rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us
Region 6	December 19-20, 2011	Billings	Natalie Schaff, Roundup	rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us
Region 7	December 5, 2011	Baker	Julie O'Dell, Hardin	julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us
Region 8	January 18, 2012	Sidney	Bertha Kirschten, Circle	bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us

Remember, all students and advisors must be registered BPA members in order to compete at the regional, state, and national levels. Any non-registered student(s) will be disqualified and will not be able to compete at the state leadership conference.

The [2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference](#) will be March 11-13, 2012 in Billings.

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 of America and 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, advisors, and guest during state leadership conference activities as well as during the 2012 National Leadership Conference and other events and locations outside of BPA. The winning t-shirt 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 State Leadership Conference. 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 for the conference theme, and promotional 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 E-mailed to Staci Auck, State Officer Coordinator, 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 talents and creative 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 Association 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 designs are allowed and encouraged. The 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 for the conference theme, 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 E-mailed to Staci Auck, State Officer Coordinator, 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, can be awarded \$1000 and up for being members of Business Professionals of America depending the number of years they have been members and the various leadership positions they may have held within the local chapter.

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. All these scholarships are renewable up to four (4) years. 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 Team, Web Site Development Team, Visual 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 automatically renewable each academic year, up to 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.

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 award two \$500 scholarships to Montana BPA members during 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 of choice. Applicants must be a senior in 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 activities, letters of 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 on the [Montana BPA website](#) in either PDF or Word formats. Applications must be submitted/postmarked via postal mail to Montana BPA State Advisor Eric Swenson by Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

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 in your community.

Many news outlets, such as radio stations, local television affiliates and local public access channels, provide opportunities for non-profit organizations to run public service announcements free of charge. In addition, you may wish to use these within your social media tools or broadcast them within your school's closed-circuit 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 patch exchange certificates.

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 earn innovative rewards for your chapter.

DECA members will join millions of young entrepreneurial people around the world to generate new ideas and to seek better ways of accomplishing goals. Continuing its annual celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week, DECA goes coast-to-coast this year encouraging its members to unleash ideas.

Participate in DECA's Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign by registering today as a partner with Global Entrepreneurship Week at <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. 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.

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 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

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