

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### **March 7, 2012**

*Please note: There will not be a Wednesday Reader on March 14 due to the Montana BPA State Leadership Conference.*

*Remember to "Spring Forward" Saturday night.*

### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Being Collecting**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection begins March 1, 2012 and ends April 27, 2012. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2011-2012 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator.

CTE Concentrators are high school 12th graders who have earned three (3) or more credits in any CTE Area of Concentration. Courses that students are currently enrolled in count toward credits earned. Students meeting the CTE Concentrator definition must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus system. If the student has a child or shares parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6). Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov).

Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at 406.444.9019 or [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### **If You Have Not Done So Submit Your 2011-2012 Participation Reports & Course Descriptions Today**

Any high school district planning to apply for Carl D. Perkins and/or State VoEd funding for the 2012-13 school year must submit Participation Reports by all CTE teachers for all CTE programs at your high school. Please make sure that each CTE teacher has completed their report and electronically submitted it to the OPI as reports were due Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The 2011-2012 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Participation Report is still available for completion via an online link. The link is posted on the Secondary CTE web page and can also be access directly from the link below.

<http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/345142/1aa5/>

The data collected from these Participation Reports is used for Carl D. Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the State VoEd allocation. Therefore, it is imperative that the information submitted on these reports is complete and accurate. Incomplete, missing, or inaccurate data will affect your district's FY12 State VoEd/Perkins allocations. Remember to also upload a copy of your current course descriptions.

For more information or assistance with this on-line report, please contact Diana Fiedler, Accountability Specialist, at 406.444.9019 or by e-mail at: [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### **There is Still Time to Submit Big Sky Pathways**

This year, the necessary documents/materials needed for Big Sky Pathway/Gap Analysis review and approval are to be submitted electronically to each postsecondary partner's Big Sky Pathway Point of Contact. Below is the listing of the contact person and email address for each partnering postsecondary institution.

Postsecondary Partner	Big Sky Pathway Coordinator	E-mail Address
Dawson Community College	Jim Cargill, DCC President	<a href="mailto:jcargill@dawson.edu">jcargill@dawson.edu</a>
Flathead Valley Community College	Jeremy Fritz	<a href="mailto:jfritz@fvcc.edu">jfritz@fvcc.edu</a>
Fort Peck Community College	Craig Smith	<a href="mailto:csmith@fpcc.edu">csmith@fpcc.edu</a>
Gallatin College Programs	Nicole Berg	<a href="mailto:nicole.berg@montana.edu">nicole.berg@montana.edu</a>
Miles Community College	Shelly Weight	<a href="mailto:weights@milescc.edu">weights@milescc.edu</a>
MSU-Billings COT	Tammi Miller	<a href="mailto:tmiller@msubillings.edu">tmiller@msubillings.edu</a>
MSU-Great Falls COT	Heidi Pasek	<a href="mailto:hpasek@msugf.edu">hpasek@msugf.edu</a>
MSU-Northern	Larry Strizich	<a href="mailto:strizich@msun.edu">strizich@msun.edu</a>
Montana Tech COT	Denise Peterson-Elakovich	<a href="mailto:delakovich@mtech.edu">delakovich@mtech.edu</a>
UM-Helena COT	Jennifer Shade	<a href="mailto:jennifer.schade@umhelena.edu">jennifer.schade@umhelena.edu</a>
UM-Missoula COT	Kevin Brockbank	<a href="mailto:Kevin.Brockbank2@mso.umt.edu">Kevin.Brockbank2@mso.umt.edu</a>

When preparing to submit this year's work for approval, please be sure to have the following three (3) items completed:

- The 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)
  - If developing a new Pathway or revising the Pathway approved last year, please use the new [Big Sky Pathways Proposal Templates](#) which can be downloaded from the OPI website at [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_3](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3)
- The completed Gap Analysis spreadsheet with the data for the High School and Postsecondary courses  
*Remember: Gap Analysis spreadsheets must include the combined Postsecondary Gap Analysis data with your High School data*
- The [2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form](#)
  - The [2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form](#) can be download from the OPI website at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/BSP/12\\_13BSPApproval.pdf](http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/BSP/12_13BSPApproval.pdf)
  - Remember, the Approval/Agreement Form for this year has been modified/updated from the form used last year so be sure to use the new form (dated October 2011)

## On This Day in History . . .

### **March 7**

- 1876: 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention—the telephone . . . *can you hear me now?*
- 1923: *The New Republic* publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening"
- 1970: Simon and Garfunkel's album *Bridge Over Troubled Water* started a ten week run at No.1 on the US chart

### **March 8**

- 1917: In Russia, the February Revolution (known as such because of Russia's use of the Julian calendar) begins when riots and strikes over the scarcity of food erupt in Petrograd (now St. Petersburg) as most Russians had lost faith in the leadership ability of the czarist regime
- 1990: 1990, Cher won the worst dressed female and worst video awards for *If I Could Turn Back Time*
- 1993: The Music Television Network (MTV) airs the first episode of the animated series *Beavis and Butthead*, which will go on to become the network's highest-rated series up to that point

### **March 9**

- 1916: Several hundred Mexican guerrillas under the command of Francisco "Pancho" Villa cross the U.S.-Mexican border and attack the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico
- 1959: The first Barbie doll goes on display at the American Toy Fair in New York City

1985: REO Speedwagon started a three week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *Can't Fight This Feeling*

### **March 10**

- 1876: The first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone system when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you."  
1926: *Lolly Willowes, or The Loving Huntsman*, the first Book-of-the-Month Club selection, is published by Viking Press  
1973: The Pink Floyd album 'Dark Side Of The Moon' was released in America, it spent over 740 weeks on the chart over a 14-year period  
1979: Gloria Gaynor started a three week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *I Will Survive*

### **March 11**

- 1779: Congress establishes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help plan, design and prepare environmental and structural facilities for the U.S. Army  
1818: *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* is published; the book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel  
1990: Lithuania proclaims its independence from the USSR, the first Soviet republic to do so  
2008: John Mellencamp is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

### **March 12**

- 1903: The New York Highlanders are given the go-ahead by team owners to join baseball's American League after had recently moved from Baltimore (where they were the Orioles); called the "Yankees" by fans, the team officially changed its name to the New York Yankees in 1913  
1933: Eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address or "fireside chat," broadcast directly from the White House  
1947: In a dramatic speech to a joint session of Congress, President Harry S. Truman asks for U.S. assistance for Greece and Turkey to forestall communist domination of the two nations; historians have often cited Truman's address, which came to be known as the Truman Doctrine, as the official declaration of the Cold War  
1994: Swedish group Ace Of Base started a six week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *The Sign*

### **March 13**

- 1781: German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun.  
1956: RCA Records issued the first album and extended play releases by Elvis Presley  
1969: *The Love Bug*, a Walt Disney movie about the adventures of a Volkswagen Beetle named Herbie, opens in theaters across the United States

### **DECA ICDC Items Due March 16**

Don't forget . . . Registration AND Payment for ICDC are due to Erin no later than Friday, March 16.

All registration should be emailed to [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com) and payment should be mailed to P.O. Box 7261, Helena, MT 59604.

### **DECA State Officer Applications Due March 16**

2012-2013 State Officer Applications are due to the Montana DECA PO Box by Friday, March 16. Students who are interested in planning the 2013 State Conference, working with other students in DECA, helping to retain Montana DECA Membership and expanding their leadership skills are encouraged to apply!

Applications can be found on the Montana DECA website at [www.mtdeca.org](http://www.mtdeca.org) or by emailing Erin.

### Touring during DECA ICDC?

ICDC Tour information and ordering forms are now online at [www.deca.org/events/ICDC/](http://www.deca.org/events/ICDC/).

Please remember all tours must be purchased by the individual chapter.

### DECA 5K to Support MDA & DECA Scholarships

DECA will again be hosting a 5K Run/Walk at ICDC this year. More information can be found at [www.deca.org/events/5k](http://www.deca.org/events/5k).

Help support the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the DECA Scholarship Fund!!

### Deadline for DECA Blazers

If you need to purchase DECA Blazers prior to ICDC, orders must be received by March 30.

Blazers will then be available for pick up in Salt Lake.

### Information for Letters and Pride Points Bulletin

Please remember that Erin is working to put together Administrator letters and a Pride Points Bulletin outlining achievements from DECA chapters across Montana.

Please make sure to send her any pertinent information about your chapter activities and/or chapter members so she can put together these documents. All information can be emailed to Erin, [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com), and needs to be received by April 1.

### 2012 WRL in Seattle

If you're thinking of taking your students on an extra trip next year, consider the Western Region Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA.

The conference will be November 15-17, 2012. Erin has received information from Washington DECA if you are interested.

Dates for other conferences next year are also out and can be found at [www.deca.org/events](http://www.deca.org/events).

### Montana BPA SLC Fourth Update Available on the Website

The Fourth, and last, Update for the Montana BPA 2012 State Leadership Conference was E-mailed to chapter advisors yesterday, March 6, and has been posted on the [Advisor Manual page](#) of the Montana BPA website ([www.bpamt.org](http://www.bpamt.org)).

The [State Conference Fourth Update](#) (<http://bit.ly/Apqbdl>) contains details about view your chapter's competitive event schedule, SLC registration payments, competitive events, meetings and special sessions, MSU-Bozeman College of Business Scholarships, Chain of Love, as well as details and links to resources for the 2012 National Leadership Conference.

The Update can be downloaded directly at <http://bit.ly/Apqbdl>.

### Free Online Graduate Credit or Continuing Education Hours for BPA Advisors

This [Insurance Education Institute](#) (IEI) online course is open to all BPA Advisors. Ball State University and the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation are pleased to offer BPA Advisors the opportunity to participate in the online IEI course and receive graduate credit or continuing education hours at no cost. Space is limited.

Teachers can receive three graduate credits or continuing education hours. If you require graduate credit, you will need to submit the [Intent to Register form](#) along with a \$100 deposit to secure your position in the program.

In addition, you will need to apply and be admitted by Ball State University's Graduate School. Upon admission acceptance, each participant can register for the online IEI course. After completing the IEI course requirements, the deposit will be refunded to the student.

Each graduate student must be admitted and registered for the online IEI class by June 11, 2012. The deadline for all course work to be completed is July 20, 2012.

For more information, go to Ball State's Distance Education website [www.bsu.edu/distance/insurance](http://www.bsu.edu/distance/insurance) or call 1-800-872-0369 for more information and to register.

Here is the process to follow when teachers express interest in the IEI:

- Step 1: Complete the Intent to Register form, send check for \$100 to secure space, and mail to Krista Flynn (765-285-5679; [kflynn@bsu.edu](mailto:kflynn@bsu.edu))
- Step 2: Once Intent to Register form has been reviewed and approved, the teacher will receive directions from Krista on how to submit a Graduate Admissions Application
- Step 3: Once fully admitted to Ball State's Graduate School, the teacher will register for the graduate course

The directions on how to register for the IEI course are given at the same time of Intent to Register approval by Krista.

### National BPA Scholarship Applications

The [scholarship applications](#) are now posted on the National BPA website ([www.bpa.org/resources/Scholarships](http://www.bpa.org/resources/Scholarships)) to apply for the various scholarships available nationally from Business Professionals of America.

The National Officer team has been working very hard to receive donations so they can help students pay to further their education. The deadline for the application is March 30, 2012 so please encourage your students to apply.

### Is There a Future National Officer In Your Chapter?

Now available [online](#) is the handbook for running for National Officer. Please encourage your hardworking, motivated students to run. There are also 101 Tips for Running for Office posted to help students prepare for their campaign.

Both the handbook and the 101 Tips can be found at [www.bpa.org/resources/runforoffice](http://www.bpa.org/resources/runforoffice).

### Webinars For Members From the National Officers

The National Officer Team has put together two (2) sets of webinars for students and advisors. The first webinar, *A Student's Guide to Being a National Officer*, will be on March 7, and the second webinar, *A Student's Guide to Exploring Chicago*, will take place on March 21.

I encourage you and your students to participate.

### Download, Read, & Share the Montana BPA Spring Newsletter

The Montana BPA State Officer Team has published the [Spring 2012 Newsletter](#) and it is posted to the [Montana BPA Website](#) at [www.bpamt.org](http://www.bpamt.org). The Spring 2012 Newsletter can be downloaded at [http://www.bpamt.org/2012\\_spring\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.bpamt.org/2012_spring_newsletter.pdf).

Please download the newsletter and share it with your chapter members, administrators, and BPA parents. This is the last Montana BPA newsletter of the 2011-2012 membership year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's newsletters.

### [The National BPA Pre-Conference Publication is Now Posted](#)

The NLC Pre-Conference Publication (<http://bit.ly/yFfRjJ>) is a comprehensive guide to planning your trip to Chicago, Illinois, for the National Leadership Conference. The Pre-Conference Publication includes 2012 conference changes, session information, dress code policy, details on speakers, tours, sessions, elections, competitive events, deadlines, internships, leadership programs, the and the expo.

The publication also provides guidance on registration, the Conference Registration System, hotel reservations, transportation, logistics and details to remember at the conference.

Maps of Chicago and hotel floor plans are provided as well as a sample press release, schedule of events, necessary forms, and the Delegate Conduct policy.

The information in the Pre-Conference Publication is also available all over [the NLC section of our Web site](#).

[Click here to download the 2012 National Leadership Conference Pre-Conference Publication](#).

### [Ambassador Torch Awards & BPA Cares Program Awards Due March 15](#)

Thursday, March 15 is the deadline for submitting Ambassador Torch Award applications via the Torch Awards Online Resume System (<http://www.bpa.org/awards/torchsystem>) and all awards within the BPA Cares Program (formerly Special Recognition Awards).

This year, there are three categories of BPA Cares programs:

- [Service Learning Awards](#) - Includes Community Relief, Community Action, Special Olympics, Environmental Action/Awareness, Safety Awareness, and Service Learning Individual;
- [Special Recognition Awards](#) - Includes the BPA Marketing and PR, BPA Merit Scholar, Chapter Activities Award of Excellence, Entrepreneurship Exploration, Member Recruiter, and National Center Capital Improvements Campaign awards; and
- [Professional Awards](#) - Includes the Advisor of the Year, Emerging Advisor, Emerging Professional, Hall of Fame, Outstanding Service, and Professional Cup awards.

The complete [BPA Cares Handbook](#) and details on how to submit BPA Cares Program Awards can be found on the BPA Cares page at <http://www.bpa.org/awards/bpacares>.

*Past issues of the 2011-2012 school year's Wednesday Reader are now archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at [www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info). The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.*

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