

## The Wednesday Reader

### March 21, 2012

*Please note: There will not be a Wednesday Reader on April 4 as I will be at the 2012 National Business Education Association Annual Convention.*

### Receive \$3000 for Student Repayment through the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program

The Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program provides for the direct repayment of educational loans. The total loan repayment assistance may not exceed \$3,000 per year for up to four years. Qualified applicants will be ranked based on a scoring system that takes into account the impacted schools and academic areas.

Applicants must submit a completed application to the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program (MGSLP) no later than April 30, 2012. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The number of annual awards is limited and contingent upon legislative appropriations. Each applicant will be scored according to the endorsement area and school of the applicant. Not all qualified applicants are guaranteed loan assistance. MGSLP will notify all award recipients by July 30, 2012. A notice will not be sent to non-recipients.

### **Program Requirements**

To qualify for the program you must meet the following requirements:

- A full-time educator holding a valid educator license or a licensed professional providing services to students in a school district, an education cooperative, the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, the Montana Youth Challenge Program or a state youth correctional facility,
- Teaching in an impacted school. These are defined as more rural, have a higher percentage of economically disadvantaged students, and/or have greater challenges in closing the achievement gap
- Teaching in an [academic area impacted by critical educator shortages](#) (which includes all Career & Technical Education program areas)

[Click here to download the application and instructions](#) in PDF format.

### Registration for the 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Opens April 16

The 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology will again be held on the MSU-Great Falls College of Technology campus June 18-22. Registration for the 2012 MIET begins Monday, April 16.

Registration rates, renewal unit/college credit, and other MIET-related details can be found at [http://outreach.msugf.edu/MIET\\_web/index.html](http://outreach.msugf.edu/MIET_web/index.html).

### Register Today for the 2012 Family Economics & Financial Education National Training

Come to Tucson, Arizona, June 25-28, and be a part of this unforgettable, 4-day National Educator Training experience! By attending, you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend interactive workshops led by current classroom educators (the FEFE National Master Educator Team), modeling lesson plan activities
- Network with other educators from throughout the country on best practices within the financial literacy classroom
- Connect with industry and university experts as they discuss cutting edge research and trends, experience the FEFE ready-to-teach curriculum materials designed by educators
- Enjoy many different amenities provided by the Omni Tucson National Resort

Thanks to partner support from Take Charge America, Inc., the registration package (valued at over \$1,200) **starts at just \$200** (with basic registration package, no curriculum, and no lodging)! FEFE's all-inclusive registration package (includes curriculum and lodging in a shared room) is only **\$550!**

Registration is now open! Register before **April 20** to receive the early bird rate.

More details and registration materials can be found at <http://feff.arizona.edu/pro-dev/training/national-training>.

### **Have You Collected Your Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection began March 1 and will close 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).

### **2011-2012 Participation Reports & Course Descriptions Were Due February 29**

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).

### **On This Day in History . . .**

#### **March 21**

- 1963: Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closes down and transfers its last prisoners
- 1980: J.R. Ewing, the character millions love to hate on television's popular prime-time drama Dallas, is shot by an unknown assailant. Do you remember who shot J.R.?
- 1980: President Jimmy Carter informs a group of U.S. athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States will boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow; marking the first and only time the United States has boycotted the Olympics
- 2005: MTV airs the final episode of *The Osbournes* as the dysfunctional metal family gets paid a visit from TV guru Dr. Phil

## March 22

- 1765: In an effort to raise funds to pay off debts and defend the vast new American territories won from the French in the Seven Years' War (1756-1763), the British government passes the Stamp Act which levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice
- 1933: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Beer and Wine Revenue Act levying a federal tax on all alcoholic beverages to raise revenue for the federal government and gives individual states the option to further regulate the sale and distribution of beer and wine
- 1972: The Equal Rights Amendment is passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification
- 1974: The Eagles release their third album, *On the Border*
- 1975: Led Zeppelin's *Physical Graffiti* is No. 1 on the Billboard charts

## March 23

- 1806: Lewis and Clark depart Fort Clatsop near the Pacific Coast for the return trip east
- 1839: The initials "O.K." are first published in *The Boston Morning Post*; meant as an abbreviation for "oll correct," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans
- 1961: Elvis Presley records *Can't Help Falling In Love*
- 1963: The Beach Boys release *Surfin' USA*

## March 24

- 1985: Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army
- 1973: Pink Floyd release *Dark Side of the Moon*
- 1982: Iron Maiden release the album *The Number of the Beast*
- 1989: The worst oil spill in U.S. territory begins when the supertanker *Exxon Valdez*, owned and operated by the Exxon Corporation, runs aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in southern Alaska spilling an estimated 11 million gallons of oil
- 1996: U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid transfers to the Russian space station *Mir* from the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* for a planned five-month stay and becomes the first female U.S. astronaut to live in a space station

## March 25

- 1634: The first colonists to Maryland arrive at St. Clement's Island on Maryland's western shore and found the settlement of St. Mary's
- 1942: The Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin is born in Memphis, Tennessee
- 1957: France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg sign a treaty in Rome establishing the European Economic Community (EEC), also known as the Common Market, and would eventually evolve into the present-day European Union
- 1973: The mighty Van Halen release *Van Halen II*

## March 26

- 1832: The American Fur Company adopts the latest in transportation technology to its business, dispatching the company's new steamboat *Yellowstone* from St. Louis to pick up furs in Montana
- 1953: Dr. Jonas Salk announces he has successfully tested a vaccine for polio
- 2003: Green Day make their anti-war song *Life During Wartime* available online as an MP3
- 2008: Ford Motor Company announces the sale of its Jaguar and Land Rover divisions to the Tata Group, one of India's oldest and largest business conglomerates, for some \$2.3 billion—less than half of what Ford originally paid for the brands

## March 27

- 1939: March Madness is born as the University of Oregon defeats The Ohio State University 46–33 to win the first-ever NCAA men's basketball tournament
- 1964: The strongest earthquake in American history, measuring 8.4 on the Richter scale, slams southern Alaska, creating a deadly tsunami

- 1981: AC/DC release *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap*  
1984: Cyndi Lauper releases her future No. 1 *Time After Time*

### Unmasking the Results of the 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference

The Montana BPA 2012 State Leadership Conference was held in Billings March 11-13. The *Unmask Your Future* theme really came true for all the members, advisors, and guests attending and participating in this year's conference.

During the three-day event, Brandi Allerdings (Plevna) and Holly Capp (Great Falls) each received a \$500 Montana BPA State Leadership Scholarship and Catherine Cybulski (Custer) and Ryan Frank (Skyview) were awarded with a \$1000 scholarship from Montana State University-Bozeman College of Business. Additionally, 72 Montana BPA members earned their Statesman Torch Awards, Silver Star Awards for Chapter Development were presented to the Roberts, Shields Valley, and Sidney chapters and the Cascade chapter was presented with the 2012 Spirit of Professionalism.

At Monday evening's Second General Session, Montana BPA presented Special Olympics Montana a contribution of \$5785.61 raised through the Chain of Love program with three largest contributions coming from the Colstrip chapter (\$470), Roundup chapter (\$500), and the Shields Valley chapter (\$1733).

Tuesday morning, the members of the 2012-2013 State Officer Team were announced—

- President: Nicole Moore, Sidney
- Vice President: Ashley Kerkaert, Shields Valley
- Secretary: Hannah Bloomquist, Cascade
- Membership Director: Victoria Hill, Sidney
- Public Relations Director: Miranda McNeil, Park City
- Communications Director: MaKenna Seibenaler, Glacier

Lastly, Montana BPA would like to thank Mr. Garret Garrels for being this year's keynote and the members of the 2012 State Leadership Conference Committee: Molly Barta (Skyview), Becky DePuydt (Saco), Julie O'Dell (Hardin), and Elaine Stedman (Sidney).

### 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.

### **BPA 2012 National Leadership Conference Registration & Hotel Reservations Due Monday, March 26**

Monday, March 26 is the deadline for submitting registration, making hotel reservations, and pre-submitting contest materials via the online BPA WSAP Pre-Submission system (<http://www.bpa.org/judgecontests>).

All the necessary details and directions can be found on the National Leadership Conference website (<http://www.bpa.org/nlc/>) and in the 2012 NLC Pre-Conference Publication ([http://www.bpa.org/members/1/docs/nlc12\\_precon.pdf](http://www.bpa.org/members/1/docs/nlc12_precon.pdf)).

### **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).

*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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