

The Wednesday Reader

April 18, 2012

Please note: There will not be a Wednesday Reader on April 25 due to the 2012 BPA National Leadership Conference.

Good Luck at Nationals!

Good Luck to all students who will be competing at the 2012 Business Professional of America National Leadership Conference and the 2012 DECA International Career Development Conference. Nearly 500 of **Montana' business and marketing education students** will be attending and competing at their respective Career and Technical Student Organization's national conference over the next two weeks.

The 2012 BPA National Leadership Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois, April 25-29. From Montana, 337 members and guests, representing **52 of Montana's 90 BPA chapters, will "Reach New Heights"** by participating in a variety of leadership activities, competitive events showcasing their business and technological skills, educational tours, and life experiences while experiencing the 2012 BPA NLC.

This year, the 2012 DECA International Career Development Conference returns to the West and will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 28-May 1. This year, nine Montana DECA chapters and 125 students will **"Aspire Higher"** and compete in one of DECA's competitive events. In addition to the competitive events, many students and advisors participate in a variety of leadership and career advancing academies.

Congratulations to ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year Nominee

Last week, Shields Valley High School Business Educator Mrs. Mitzi Richards represented Montana's Business and Marketing Education professionals, as well as all of Montana's Career and Technical Education professionals, at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region V Conference as the Montana ACTE nominee for ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year.

Jackson, Wyoming, and Wyoming ACTE hosted the 2012 ACTE Region V Conference April 12-14. Mitzi was one of nine secondary CTE teachers from **Region V's 16 states and territories** vying to be named ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year. **During the 2011 Montana Fall Institute in Great Falls, Mitzi was named Montana ACTE's 2011 Teacher of the Year;** and, therefore, advanced to represent the Montana association at the regional level. Mitzi was also named the Montana Business Education Association's 2010 Teacher of the Year.

Although the ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year award went to a well-deserving Family and Consumer Sciences teacher from Provo, Utah, all who know Mitzi knows she is truly well deserving of the award and will always be our Teacher of the Year. **Congratulations Mitzi on your accomplishments, achievements, and for representing Montana's Career and Technical Education professionals so well.**

2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Registration is Now Open

Registration for the 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology opened Monday, April 16. MSU-Great Falls College of Technology again hosts the 2012 MIET June 18-22.

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

OPI Student Advisory Board Accepting Nominations

High school administrators, guidance counselors, teachers, and community members are invited to nominate high school students to serve on the Superintendent of Public Instruction's **Student Advisory Board for the 2012-2013 school year**. Students selected for this board interact directly with Superintendent Denise Juneau. They will attend two annual board meetings, network with state leaders and experience professional and leadership development.

Nomination Guidelines

The Student Advisory Board is looking for a Student Advisory Board comprised of students who:

- Are currently enrolled in a Montana public high school,
- Represent a mix of high schools in both urban and rural locations,
- Have overcome obstacles,
- Represent an even mix of gender, and
- Represent a mix of all high school grade levels.

All students who are nominated should be highly interested in the purpose of the Student Advisory Board and able to actively participate as a board member.

Each year about 2,000 students in our state drop out of high school. I believe that we can do better. Our two previous boards have included students who were valedictorians and highly engaged in school activities along with students who have struggled and contemplated dropping out. This year we are interested in students who have overcome obstacles so we can better understand the challenges Montana students face and how we can better support them. I take their advice and feedback very seriously and have incorporated their ideas into my initiatives and advocacy.

Nomination Timeline

- March 30 – Online Application Open for Nominator and Student
- May 1 – Online Application Closed for Nominator and Student
- Week of May 28 – Nominators and Students Notified

To nominate a student, please go <http://graduationmatters.mt.gov/> and click the "Apply to become a SAB member" button. **For the student's application to be complete they must** have an adult nominator who has completed the online nomination. Nominees will then be asked to fill out a brief application which should take about 30 minutes to complete.

Friday is the Deadline to Submit the State Voed & Perkins 'Intent to Apply'

Please check with your school administrators and/or district CTE & Perkins Coordinators to be sure your school's 'Intent to Apply' has been submitted. The combined Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND State Voed Funding application **deadline is this Friday, April 20, 2012.**

The Office of Public Instruction has combined both the federal Carl D. Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND the State Voed Funding application for school districts' convenience. You can apply for one or both of these funding programs using this one electronic form.

The online link to access and complete the combined Federal Perkins 'Intent to Apply;' and the State Voed Funding application is now available and listed below. It is also available on the Secondary CTE web page of the OPI website.

Authorized Representatives of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will use the online link to access and complete the Perkins 'Intent to Apply' electronic form and the State Voed Funding application for the 2012-2013 E-Grants cycle. All public high schools and K-12 districts with qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are eligible to apply for funding. Elementary districts are not eligible for Perkins or State Voed monies. **Districts will NOT receive a 2012-2013 Perkins allocation unless this electronic form is completed and submitted online at the OPI on or before the deadline.** These designations are binding and cannot be changed once allocations have been downloaded into the E-Grants system.

The online link is located here: <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/343718/124f/>.

If you have questions, please contact Diana Fiedler, Accountability Specialist, at dfiedler@mt.gov or by phone at 406.444.9019.

2012 Family Economics & Financial Education National Training Early-Bird Registration Ends Friday

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://fefe.arizona.edu/pro-dev/training/national-training>.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection Closes Next Week, April 27

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. Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or 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.

On This Day in History . . .

April 18

- 1775: Boston Patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes set out on horseback from Boston to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock British troops were march out of Boston on a mission to confiscate the Patriot arsenal at Concord and to capture the Patriot leaders Adams & Hancock, known to be hiding at Lexington
- 1906: The Great San Francisco Earthquake strikes at 5:13 a.m., an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale, killing hundreds of people as it topples numerous buildings
- 1984: Michael Jackson underwent surgery in a Los Angeles hospital to repair damage done after his hair caught fire during the filming of a Pepsi commercial
- 1989: Thousands of Chinese students continue to take to the streets in Beijing to protest government policies and issue a call for greater democracy in the communist People's Republic of China (PRC); the protests grew until the Chinese government ruthlessly suppressed them in June during what came to be known as the Tiananmen Square Massacre

April 19

- 1775: The American Revolution begins at about 5 a.m. when 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington to find 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker waiting for them on the town's common green. British Major John Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun..
- 1861: The first blood of the American Civil War is shed when a secessionist mob in Baltimore attacks Massachusetts troops bound for Washington, D.C.; four soldiers and 12 rioters were killed
- 1897: John J. McDermott of New York won the first Boston Marathon with a time of 2:55:10
- 1980: Blondie went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *Call Me*
- 1980: R.E.M. played their first gig as R.E.M. at the 11:11 Koffee Club, Athens, Georgia to 150 people

1995: Just after 9 a.m., a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; the blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, instantly killing more than 100 people and trapping dozens more in the rubble.

April 20

- 1898: President William McKinley asks Congress to declare war on Spain; thus beginning the four-month Spanish-American War
- 1926: Western Electric, the manufacturing arm of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T), and the Warner Brothers film studio officially introduce Vitaphone, a new process that will enable the addition of sound to film
- 1957: Elvis Presley started an eight week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *All Shook Up*; it went on to be the biggest single of 1957 selling over 2 million copies
- 1968: Deep Purple made their live debut in Tastrup, Denmark
- 1999: Two teenage gunmen kill 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, when at about 11:20 a.m., Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, dressed in long trench coats, began shooting students outside the school before moving inside to continue their rampage

April 21

- 1865: A train carrying the coffin of assassinated President Abraham Lincoln leaves Washington, D.C. on its way to Springfield, Illinois, where he would be buried on May 4
- 1973: Tony Orlando & Dawn started a four week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree*; it became the biggest seller of 1973, selling over 6 million copies
- 1989: Chinese students begin protests at Tiananmen Square six days after the death of Hu Yaobang, the deposed reform-minded leader of the Chinese Communist Party, some 100,000 students gather at Beijing's Tiananmen Square to commemorate Hu and voice their discontent with China's authoritative communist government

April 22

- 1889: The Oklahoma land rush begins at precisely high noon as thousands of would-be settlers make a mad dash into the newly opened Oklahoma Territory to claim cheap land
- 1945: Adolf Hitler admits defeat after learning from one of his generals that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at Eberswalde, and admits to all in his underground bunker the war is lost and suicide is his only recourse
- 1966: *Wild Thing* by The Troggs (who were originally called The Troglodytes) was released in the U.S. on both the Atco and Fontana labels; the song went on to reach No.1
- 1970: Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time
- 1978: The Blues Brothers (John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd) make their world premiere on *Saturday Night Live*

April 23

- 1564: Historians believe Shakespeare was born on this day in 1564, the same day he died in 1616
- 1954: **Hank Aaron knocks out the first home run of his Major League Baseball career off St. Louis Cardinals' pitcher Vic Raschi**
- 1983: Dexy's Midnight Runners went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *Come On Eileen*

April 24

- 1800: President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress
- 1916: Around noon on Easter Monday of 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists—members of the Irish Volunteers—launch the so-called Easter Rising in Dublin, seizing a number of official buildings and calling on all Irish patriots to resist the bonds of British control; it would be another five years before Ireland would regain its independence from the UK
- 1989: Tom Petty releases his first solo album, *Full Moon Fever*

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