

The Wednesday Reader

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2012 New Career & Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop

Workshop Details

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists invite all new Montana Career & Technical Education professionals to join them in Billings for a **FREE** one-day professional development experience.

The New CTE Professionals Workshop offers those new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, the ability to develop the essential knowledge and skills to be successful in both the classroom and the Career & Technical Education teaching profession while learning about the leadership and professional growth opportunities available for themselves and their students.

Workshop Topics

Montana's CTE Specialists have designed the workshop to include information on the current issues and trends in Career & Technical Education at the federal and state levels, professional organizations, curriculum resources, program standards and guidelines, and Career and Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop begins with Career & Technical Education topics followed by CTE area-specific items in the morning session. After lunch, the focus shifts to Career and Technical Student Organizations and offers attendees training and resources for starting a CTSO chapter or advising/co-advicing an established chapter.

Morning Schedule

- 8-8:30 am Registration
- 8:30-8:45 am Introductions and Welcome by the OPI Career & Technical Education Specialists and Staff
- 8:45-9:30 am Joint Session #1: Carl Perkins and State Career & Technical Education Money
- Establishing and working with local advisory boards
 - The importance of membership in professional organizations
 - Timeline of state, regional, and national career and technical education-related events and due dates
- 9:30-10 am Joint Session #2: Big Sky Pathways
- Big Sky Pathways Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study
- 10:15-Noon Breakout Session #1: CTE-Area Breakout Sessions
- Business/Marketing: National Standards for Business Education, State Leadership Network, Professional Organizations, and Professional Development Opportunities
 - Family & Consumer Sciences: National & Program Standards and Family & Consumer Sciences Resources
 - Industrial Trades & Technology: Update on Program Standards

Lunch

An informal networking lunch will be provided for the morning's attendees from Noon to 1 pm. This is a great time to meet the other attendees, discuss the topics covered, and share ideas. The lunch will be catered so please indicate on the registration form any special dietary restrictions and/or food allergies.

Afternoon Schedule

- 1-1:30 pm Joint Session #3: CTSO New Advisor Training
- Introduction of Montana CTSOs, State Advisors, and Leadership Teams
- 1:30-2:30 pm Breakout Session #2: CTSO New Advisor Breakouts
- BPA: Organizational Structure & Governance, Calendar of Events, and Chapter Resources
 - FCCLA: The Basics of the FCCLA Organization and Calendar of Events
 - SkillsUSA: Establishing a SkillsUSA Chapter and State Conference Information
- 2:45-3:45 pm Breakout Session #3: CTSO New Advisor Breakouts, cont.
- BPA: Competitive Events, State & National Programs, Scholarship Opportunities, and State Officer Candidacy Process
 - FCCLA: Chapter Development, Mentoring, and Resources
 - SkillsUSA: Montana SkillsUSA Website 101 and Introduction to TSA
- 3:45-4 pm Wrap-Up and Evaluations

Registration

To attend the **free** 2012 New CTE Professionals Workshop, please complete the registration at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FKDN7ZH and **submit by October 8**. Up to six (6) OPI Renewal Units will be available. The MSU-Billings Downtown Center is located at 214 North Broadway. Questions? Contact Business Education Special Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov or 406.444.7991.

Come for the New CTE Professionals Workshop and stay for the 2012 Montana ACTE Institute.

Survey Regarding Required Business, Marketing, & Computer Applications Courses

Beth Huguet, Hellgate High School, is gathering information on behalf of the Missoula County School District to see what business courses are being required for high school graduation around the state.

To assist in her quests for details, please take a couple of minutes to complete a short online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XY82C9J>. Please complete the survey by Friday, September 21.

After the results are compiled, the data will be shared with you.

Teacher in Need of CCNA Materials

Christy Hendricks, Augusta, is looking for Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) textbooks, study guides or any materials you may not be using.

She is teaching Network Fundamentals this year and will be doing Routing Protocols and Concepts next year. Currently all CCNA materials are on back order.

If you can offer and assistance, please contact Christy at montanagirl30@yahoo.com.

Professional Development Opportunities for 2012-2013

Below is a listing of various professional development opportunities for this school year. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Montana Council on Economic Education's Economics Education Summit—Election Economics

September 28; Helena

2012 New CTE Professionals Workshop

October 17; Billings

2012 MBEA Fall Conference/Montana ACTE Institute

October 18-19; Billings

2012 ACTE CareerTech Vision (formerly ACTE Annual Convention & CareerTech Expo)

November 28-December 1; Atlanta

2013 Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Conference

February 15-17; Ogden, Utah

2013 Montana DECA State Career Development Conference

February 3-5; Helena

2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference

March 10-12; Billings

2013 National Business Education Association Annual Convention

April 16-20; Atlanta

2013 DECA International Career Development Conference

April 24-27; Anaheim

2013 BPA National Leadership Conference

May 8-12; Orlando

2013 National Career Clusters Institute

June 10-12; Austin, Texas

National Business Education Association Announces Fall Webinars

NBEA webinars are a great way to connect with other business educators from around the world. Webinars are designed to be interactive, allowing the presenter and participants to actively exchange information.

Registration will open two weeks prior the webinar and close the day before the scheduled webinar. Registration will be made available on NBEAconnect: nbeaconnect.ning.com/page/webinar-registration

All webinars will begin at 7 pm EST. Please make sure you plan for your time zone.

Webinars will be recorded and made available for viewing. Information will be made available via NBEAconnect at <http://nbeaconnect.ning.com/page/webinar-recordings>

Additional webinars may be added during the semester. Information will be made available via NBEAconnect.

If you are not a member of NBEAconnect, please be sure to join this community to receive webinar information. NBEAconnect is available at <http://nbeaconnect.ning.com/>

Questions about the webinars should be sent to Ann Kieser, alkieser@gmail.com

2012 Fall Webinar Schedule

- Thursday, September 13: Wikis, Webs, and Winning Strategies
- Thursday, October 11: Cloud Computing-Why? Why Not?
- Thursday, October 25: Livebinders
- Thursday, November 1: Differentiated Instruction in the Personal Finance Classroom
- Thursday, November 15: One Note—It's There, But What Can I Use It For?
- Thursday, December 6: Enhancing 21st Century Skills with iPads
- Thursday, December 13: Video Game Design with SCRATCH

Tag My Doc – Assign QR Codes to Your Documents

Looking for a way to integrate Smart Phones or for letting students know their cell phones are more than just cameras and texting devices? Try [Tag My Doc](#).

There are a lot of tools out there for creating QR (Quick Response) codes for webpages (including public Google Docs) but if you want to assign a QR code to a document that isn't online, that can be a little trickier unless you use [Tag My Doc](#) (www.tagmydoc.com).

[Tag My Doc](#) is a new service that allows you to assign and print a QR code on your documents. The process is very simple. Just upload your document and let Tag My Doc generate a QR code for it. You can then print out your document with a QR code on it. The free version of the service allows you to store up to 1GB of documents on your Tag My Doc account, password protect your documents, and choose the placement of the QR code on your document.

Visit www.tagmydoc.com today to learn more about using Tag My Doc.

High School Business Challenge and Stock Market Game Training Webinars

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#), in partnership with the Montana State University-Bozeman College of Business, is gearing up for this fall's High School Business Challenge and Stock Market Game simulations. Beginning next week, webinars will be hosted to provide training and updates for this fall's High School Business Challenge and Stock Market Games.

The [High School Business Challenge](#) webinar for new participants will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19 from 4:30-6 pm. New teachers wishing to participate in this fall's High School Business Challenge must participate in both days.

A “refresher” webinar for returning [High School Business Challenge](#) participants will be held Tuesday, September 25, also from 4:30-6pm.

A training webinar for this fall’s [Stock Market Game](#) will take place Wednesday, September 26 from 4:30-6 pm.

For more details about the High School Business Challenge and Stock Market Games, please visit www.econedmontana.edu or contact the Montana Council on Economic Education at mcee@montana.edu.

2012 MBEA/Montana ACTE Institute – Big Sky Vision 2012

Montana’s premier professional development opportunity for Career and Technical Education professionals and Montana’s business and marketing educators will be held in Billings October 18-19.

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) in conjunction with the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education (Montana ACTE) invite you to Billings for the [2012 Montana ACTE Institute](#). This year’s institute will be held at the Billings Crowne Plaza with Friday’s breakouts taking place at Huntley Project High School in Worden.

The Institute will feature more than 16 breakout sessions, more than 15 exhibitors, the Montana ACTE silent and live auction, the 2011 Montana ACTE Awards Program, and a networking social.

The Institute’s [registration form](#) can be downloaded from the [Montana ACTE website \(www.montanaacte.org\)](http://www.montanaacte.org) or directly with the following link: <http://www.montanaacte.org/documents/registration.pdf>. Registration confirmations/receipts will be sent via email.

Early-Bird Registration ends October 1, so don’t delay, register today.

Be sure to make your Billings Crowne Plaza hotel reservations early as well. Reservations can be made by calling the Billings Crowne Plaza at 406.252.7400. The **Montana ACTE room block ends September 20**—don’t delay, book today.

Nominations Sought for Montana Business Educator Awards Program

We all know and respect the innovative and wonderful things our colleagues are doing every day. Why not recognize them?! The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is seeking nominations for its 2012 Awards Program. Please consider nominating an awesome business educator for recognition in October during the Montana ACTE Fall Institute in Billings.

Categories include Rookie Business Teacher of the Year (1-3 years), Young Business Teacher of the Year (5 years or less), and Secondary Business Teacher of the Year. Both the Young Business Teacher and Secondary Business Teacher of the Year this winner will compete to move on to the ACTE Region V awards competition.

Letters of nomination can be sent to Regina Wood, MBEA Past President, at rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us. Please submit all nominations by September 21, 2012.

Montana ACTE Fall Newsletter Ready for Your Viewing

The Fall 2012 edition of the Montana ACTE Newsletter is awaiting your reading.

The Newsletter can be download from the [Montana ACTE](http://www.montanaacte.org) website (www.montanaacte.org) are directly from the following link—www.montanaacte.org/documents/newsletter_sept2012.pdf.

Be sure to get your copy today.

Free Microsoft Office Materials

Della Anderson, Lodge Grass High School, has instructional materials for Microsoft Office 2007 free for the taking; just pay for the shipping.

Della has 18-20 Learning Microsoft Office Deluxe 2007 textbooks & with data CD's, a test binder, as well as solutions, visual aids, etc. for IBM PC's. The materials are from Pearson Publishing.

If you are interested, please contact Della at danderson@lodgegrass.k12.mt.us.

Election Economic Workshop Sponsored by MCEE

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](http://www.econedmontana.org) (www.econedmontana.org) is excited to announce the development of a new series of classroom-ready materials—[Election Economics](#).

A great workshop on the economics of elections will be held September 28 in Helena, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Instructors will include one of your peers, Montana State University professors, and others involved in campaigns and elections. The workshop will be held in in one of the hearing rooms at the Capitol and lunch will be in the Rotunda. Seminar, materials, sub and OPI renewal unit are provided by MCEE at no cost to teachers.

[Registration](#) and workshop details can be found on the [Montana Council on Economic Education](http://www.econedmontana.org) website at www.econedmontana.org. Seating will be limited, so early registration is encouraged.

CareerTech VISION 2012-ACTE Prepares for the Atlanta, Georgia Events

This November, career and technical education professionals from across the country and around the world will gather in Atlanta at the [Georgia World Congress Center](#) November 28-December 1 for the most exciting and talked-about CTE event of the year—[CareerTech VISION 2012!](#)

[CareerTech VISION 2012](#) is the perfect place for attendees who are interested in learning or sharing best practices in CTE and exchanging experiences that can help bring CTE to the next level in your state and around the nation. At VISION 2012, you will learn how to use valuable tools and strategies for new techniques, as well as keep up to date with the latest school technologies that can be implemented in your classroom and school.

At VISION 2012, attendees will have the opportunity to choose from more than 200 [groundbreaking sessions](#) that are designed to showcase how schools are implementing their CTE curricula around the nation, the impact CTE has had in the nation's economy, and how CTE will impact the future of students, teachers and the nation as a whole. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to connect with more than 4,000 CTE professionals, take advantage of a wide range of international partnerships and develop powerful business and industry connections. See a full list of [accepted sessions](#) on the [CareerTech VISION 2012 website](#).

At CareerTech VISION 2012, you will—

- **Connect** with business and industry.
- **Interact** with the latest innovations in education.
- **Network** with your colleagues and today's CTE leaders.
- **Achieve** by using what you learn to positively impact your students' success.
- **Get your blood pumping!** ACTE has joined forces with its long-time partner, the U.S. Army, to offer VISION 2012 attendees an invigorating way to start the day. The soldiers will conduct some light exercises that will help you get energized and ready to learn!

In addition, CareerTech VISION 2012 features sessions presented by NOCTI, the National Association of State Directors of CTE Consortium, the National Association of Agriculture Educators, the Association for Career and Technical Education Research, the National Coalition of Certification Centers, Tools for Schools, International Vocational Education and Training Association, Cengage Learning and MBAResearch.

[CareerTech VISION 2012](#) is your one location to achieve all your individual and institutional objectives. Don't miss the best CTE professional development event of the year. [Register today!](#)

Did You Know . . .

11% of people are left handed

An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries

Reindeer like bananas and rabbits like licorice

Dreamt is the only word that ends in “mt”

Fall Marks the Start of Montana DECA Events

The Montana DECA Fall Advisor/Officer meeting will be Sunday, September 30, in Helena. Additional details on times, location, etc. will be sent out soon. We have a lot of changes coming this year, so please plan on attending the meeting.

If you start registering students for membership prior to the September 30 meeting, please note that membership numbers will carry over for your students from last year. You will only need to renew their membership and will NOT have to enter in their names again. If you have to make changes to any of their information, but the system will not allow it, please contact DECA, Inc. Membership for more help.

For students interested in competing in the Stock Market Game, it starts on September 4. Please see the website (deca.smgww.org) or your DECA guide for more details.

For those advisors interested in taking their students to conferences this fall, there are several options. The [Western Region Leadership Conference](#) will be held in Seattle, November 15-17. Registration will be capped at the first 2800 students to register and registration is due no later than October 15. After attending the SAM Conference this summer and listening to the Washington State Advisors talk about the conference, it should be fantastic and one you won't want to miss!!

The [Innovations and Entrepreneurship Conference](#) is November 8-10 in Chicago.

The [New York Experience](#) will have two options; November 28-December 2 and December 5-9.

While advisors talked about a possible alternative to the 2013 State Conference, we will be keeping it in Helena on February 3-5. Unfortunately, we ran into a few road blocks so will leave it as is this year. We can talk further at the Fall Meeting to discuss alternatives for the upcoming years.

Best of luck as you start out the year and I will look forward to seeing you on September 30 in Helena!!

Montana BPA Design Contest Guidelines Available at www.bpamt.org

Entries are now being accepted for Montana BPA's three design contests—[Trading Pin](#), [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#), and [State T-Shirt](#).

These three contests allow Montana BPA members the opportunities to share the design skills with other Montana BPA members as well as with BPA members across the country. The winning [Trading Pin](#) design will be the pin Montana BPA can take with them and trade at the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Orlando. The [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) design contest allows a member to design the cover of the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference program. The [State T-Shirt](#) contest seeks designs for the official 2013 Montana BPA t-shirt which will be a members' ticket to the State Leadership Conference dance and can be worn at the 2013 National Leadership Conference as well.

Thursday, October 25 is the deadline to submit entries for the [Trading Pin](#) design contest and all entries for the [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#), and [State T-Shirt](#) must be submitted by December 1.

Please visit the [Advisor Manual](#) section of the [Montana BPA](#) website for additional details and specifics for all three contests.

Registration Deadline Approaching for 4th Annual BPA-Be a Business Major Day @ Rocky

Rocky Mountain College will be hosting the Fourth Annual "BPA - Be a Business Major Day" on Monday, October 8, 2012.

Rocky Mountain College would like to invite you and your students to explore Montana's first and finest institution of higher education. At RMC we are committed to providing learning opportunities and experiences that prepare our students to be outstanding leaders in business industries, as well as their communities.

Rocky Mountain College feels students should be able to make life-changing decisions with their eyes wide open and experience a college classroom first-hand. That being said, RMC would like to invite your BPA Chapter to Rocky Mountain College's Fourth Annual BPA - Be A Business Major Day on Monday, October 8, 2012.

Registration for this event is now open. Chapter Advisors are welcome to register their chapter and student participants. Juniors and seniors only, please. No registrations will be accepted after September 30, 2012. [Register Now!](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 406.657.1026 or email at admissions@rocky.edu. We look forward to seeing you on campus.

For more information, please visit gold.rocky.edu/admissions/BusinessDay.php.

BPA Unveils the New National Website Today!

The new BPA.org is a highly interactive and customizable version of BPA.org to serve the organization and its members and advisors far better than ever before.

Note that any member or advisor or state advisor can now "log in" at the top right of any page, using your Membership Registration System username and password. At that point, your state/chapter will be automatically selected and saved for you. You'll be able to access Torch Awards, the MRS, etc, from links in the top right after logging in.

You'll also be able to edit pages and news specific to your chapter or state. Use the top right links or other links you'll see in appropriate places around the site to start your chapter's custom site or to edit its news and pages.

For example, if you never created your chapter's custom site, then after you log in, you should see a link in the red menu bar referencing your chapter ID and asking you to create the site. Once you do, your students can log in and see pages and news from you instantly, and you can edit all of it on the fly.

Students can use this system too, if, in the Membership Registration System, advisors mark a student as "Chapter Webmaster."

There are many bugs to work out, especially in The SOURCE, which is being integrated with the new site. It will take a few days to get the SOURCE back to normal, so please be patient. You may notice there's no "resources" tab; that's because all chapter and classroom resources will be in the SOURCE (and students can access those specific resources there as well by logging in). Over the next few days I'll re-add the missing resources at the SOURCE and will even add some convenient links on the main page so you'll be able to find them all.

Otherwise, please explore and enjoy the new BPA.org. I hope it is just one more way we at the National Center can help your chapter run smoothly and be active.

Feel free to e-mail Joe Ellis with any feedback at jellis@bpa.org. Visit the new BPA.org today.

2012 Montana BPA Fall Advisor Meetings

Below are the currently scheduled regional fall meetings for local chapter advisors. If you have any questions, please contact your regional coordinator.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
1	TBD	Flathead Valley CC	Ron Hanson	ron.hanson@ronank12.edu
2	October 1	Missoula	Jamie Toivonen	jtoivonen@superior.k12.mt.us
3	October 4	Great Falls	Carolyn Stone	cstone@moore.k12.mt.us
4	September 27	Bozeman	Kerri Cobb	kerri.cobb@bsd7.org
5	October 3	Big Timber	Regina Wood	rswood@livingston.k12.mt.us
6	October 3	Billings	Natalie Schaff	natalieschaff@yahoo.com
7	TBD	TBD	Julie O'Dell	Julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us
8	October 3	Glasgow	Bertha Kirschten	bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us

National Organization for Youth Safety Design Contest for BPA Members

The National Organization for Youth Safety (NOYS) is offering an exciting opportunity to BPA students to produce a logo and tagline for prescription drug abuse prevention that will be placed on the NOYS website (www.noys.org).

NOYS is in the process of developing resources for prescription drug abuse campaigns and programs for the 2012-2013 school year, and the resources need to include a creative, engaging, and effective design that spreads awareness to youth about the issue. In the past, youth have designed logos and taglines for NOYS youth health and safety topics which have been proven to be a successful way of getting NOYS messages out to youth around the nation.

BPA students can use creative design skill including different colors, fonts, and shapes and create their own unique message. The designs must be original and cannot include any trademark materials or designs. **Final submissions will need to be sent in jpg. format**

The student(s) that create the chosen logo/tagline will receive recognition on the NOYS Substance Abuse Prevention section of the website via picture and short biography, in the Notable NOYS Newsletter, and will receive a certificate of appreciation for volunteering for a national nonprofit youth health and safety coalition.

Timeline of Project:

- **September 10 - 21, 2012:** BPA students will submit de-signs during this two week period. Deadline of submission is September 21
- **September 24 - 28, 2012:** NOYS youth will choose winning design
- **October 2, 2012** – Winner will be announced and high-lighted in newsletter and on website.

For more details, please download the complete description at www.bpa.org/members/28/docs/NOYSRX.pdf.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at www.mbea.info. The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.

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