

The Wednesday Reader

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Due to the New CTE Professionals Workshop and the MBEA/Montana ACTE Institute next week, there will not be a Wednesday Reader October 17.

SERVICE LEARNING & TEEN DRIVER SAFETY: PROJECT IGNITION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2012-201313 GRANTS

The National Youth Leadership Council® and State Farm® are pleased to announce the availability of \$2,000 [Project Ignition grants](#)! Public high schools may apply for the grants to address teen driver safety through service-learning. **Applications are due November 15, 2012.**

Car crashes remain the number one cause of death for adolescents. Project Ignition is bringing together students, teachers and communities to create change. And they're saving lives.

Public high schools in the United States and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick are eligible to apply. Twenty-five schools will be chosen to receive \$2,000 grants in January 2013 and implement their campaigns from January to April. The ten best campaigns will be selected to receive up to an additional \$7,500 to continue their project in the following school year and participate in the National Service-Learning Conference® in 2014.

Ready to apply? Gather your team, [learn more and apply now!](#) Applications are due November 15, 2012.

For more information or questions please contact Patti Borneman, Traffic Education Program Specialist, at 406.)444.4432 or pborneman@mt.gov.

Registration Open for the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference

This Utah Business and Computer Education Association is hosting the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference. This 2013 WBEA Conference will take place February 15-18 in Ogden, Utah.

Registration for the conference is now open and can be completed at on the WBEA website (www.wbea.info) or directly on the 2013 Conference page at www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html.

Also on the WBEA 2013 Regional Conference page you can also download a copy of the Call for Presentations, the conference informational flyer, and details about tours, lodging, and computer workshops.

Remember, professional development is an allowable expense for Perkins and state CTE funds.

Registration for the 9th Annual Entrepreneur Day at MSU College of Business Due Next Week

The Montana State University College of Business has a very exciting 9th annual Entrepreneur Day planned for Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the MSU campus in Bozeman.

This event is geared towards students interested in entrepreneurship and business but it is also a great opportunity to visit a land grant university and learn more about higher education. Our business school with option areas in Accounting, Finance, Management and Marketing, is accredited by AACSB; only 15% of all business schools hold this distinction.

This year we have the owner of Red Ants Pants (<http://www.redantspants.com/>) and the brains behind the Red Ants Pants Music Festival (<http://redantspantsmusicfestival.com/>), Sarah Calhoun, as our keynote speaker. Each session is designed to be motivating and educational. We invite you to inform your students of this great event and encourage them to attend.

Entrepreneurship Day is free and does include lunch for students. The event is sponsored in part by funding from Boeing.

The tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Overview & Glimpse into the Entrepreneur Program
10:20 a.m.	Interactive Workshop with College of Business faculty and students
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Advisors/Teachers meeting with Jobs Entrepreneurship Center Director
~12:00 p.m.	Student workshop presentations
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Keynote, Q&A
2:00 p.m.	College of Business student (clubs) led interactive workshop/activity
3:00 p.m.	Adjournment – Optional campus tours

While MSU College of Business encourages students to stay for the entire event, they understand some may have conflicting schedules, so all are invited to come as they are able. Advisors/Teachers are asked to accompany the students if possible.

To accommodate proper set up, handouts and food preparation, an RSVP is requested on/before October 19. However, due to space limitations, it is recommended you reserve your seats as soon as possible. Please confirm attendance and number of attendees with Audrey Lee via email at audrey.lee@montana.edu.

Please let the College of Business know if your school is interested in a campus tour or an informational meeting with the Associate Dean of the College of Business, which can be provided either before or after the event.

Please feel free to contact Audrey Lee, audrey.lee@montana.edu, if you have any questions or concerns.

FY13 Perkins Rural Reserve Grant Now Available

The FY13 Perkins Rural Reserve Grant structured to Strengthen the Big Sky Pathways Initiative is now available.

All details are included in the body of the grant Request for Proposal (RFP) located at <http://www.mus.edu/bigskypathways>.

The Request for Proposal must be received by the OCHE offices electronically no later than 5:00 PM, **Friday, October 26, 2012**.

For questions and more information, please post for public comment at: bsp@montana.edu.

CTE Fall Data Collection is now OPEN

The fall CTE data collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2012. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection.

Students identified last year as CTE Concentrators and who also graduated in the spring of 2012 must be contacted between October 1 and December 31. After contacting them, their current post-graduation status must be entered into the AIM Infinite Campus data system. All high schools that receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up data collection.

Instructions for completing the fall CTE data collection are located on the OPI [Secondary CTE](#) web page under the 'Data Collections' tab and located at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6.

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2012, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators.

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.

U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program

High school juniors and seniors who meet the eligibility criteria listed below are encouraged to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program for 2012-2013.

Two Montana students will be selected to participate in the Annual Senate Youth Scholarship Program. The top two Montana students will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and a one-week paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 9-16, 2013.

Applicants must:

- be a junior or graduating senior in a Montana high school;
- be elected to a student government office or have been a Boys/Girls State Delegate for the 2012-13 school year;
- be actively involved in the school and community;
- be a permanent resident of the United States; and
- be a Montana resident.

Interested students should see their high school counselors to sign up for the qualifying political exam. Potential awardees compete for this scholarship by taking a 50-point exam on current politics, American History and the U.S. Constitution. The top scorers are then required to record responses to a set of questions provided by the Office of Public Instruction, U.S. Senate Youth Program staff. Two delegates and two alternates are chosen from the semifinalists. The result of this competition will be forwarded and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation will announce the two winners in December.

For more information click on scholarships on the web page:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/index.html?qpm=1_11#qpm1_10.

For more information, contact [Carol Gneckow](mailto:cgneckow@mt.gov) at the Office of Public Instruction at cgneckow@mt.gov or 406.444.2417.

Create-A-Greeting Card & Earn a Scholarship for \$10,000

The 6th annual national competition to Create-A-Greeting Card offers a \$10,000 cash scholarship to the winning student and \$1,000 to the student's school. The scholarship contest is unique, simple and easy for students in high school or college to enter. And, the winner's entry will be produced and sold as a real greeting card.

For details visit <http://gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>.

For more information, contact [Gallery Collection](mailto:scholarshipadmin@gallerycollection.com) at scholarshipadmin@gallerycollection.com or 201.647.7900.

AICPA Launches Project Innovation – Winning Teams Earn \$Scholar\$hip\$

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) is excited to announce the launch of a new project designed specifically for high school students. It's called Project Innovation and it launches on October 15.

Lights. Camera. Action. is a contest for high school students ages 14-19 to participate with a faculty advisor in teams of 2-4 students to create an idea for a TV show spotlighting accounting and CPAs.

The winning teams will receive scholarships for themselves and funding for their schools.

- **First place:** \$4,000 scholarship and \$3,000 for your school
- **Second place:** \$3,000 scholarship and \$2,000 for your school
- **Third place:** \$2,000 scholarship and \$1,000 for your school

You can find complete details at <http://www.startheregoplaces.com/projectinnovation>.

\$Scholarship Opportunity of Your \$Students

The 2012-13 Virtual Business Scholarship application is now available online. The application is accessible at: www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships.

Business, marketing and personal finance students currently enrolled in their junior and senior years of high school throughout the United States are eligible for the scholarship. The applications will be judged nationally and the winner will receive \$2,000. Applications are due by April 1, 2013.

[Knowledge Matters](http://www.KnowledgeMatters.com) believes that rich visual simulation-based learning will be the dominant education trend of the next quarter century. This method is more appealing to students, easier for teachers, cheaper to deliver, and more effective in achieving useful skill development. The company is currently expanding its offerings to serve the college and university market.

To learn more about [Knowledge Matters](http://www.KnowledgeMatters.com) and the resources available visit www.KnowledgeMatters.com.

Did you know . . .

the first MTV video played was 'Video killed the radio star' by the Buggles on August 1, 1981

in 1878 the first telephone book made contained only 50 names

in a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache

the most commonly forgotten item for travelers is their toothbrush

apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee

an octopus pupil is rectangular

'Bookkeeper' and 'bookkeeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters

Registration for Seattle WRLC Due October 15

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.

Two More DECA Challenges Begin this Month – Are you up to the Challenge?

Monday, October 22 marks the beginning of Round 1 of the DECA H&R Block Dollars & Sense Challenge and the DECA Virtual Business Challenge. New this year to the Virtual Business Challenge is the Restaurant option.

For students who work with Virtual Business events, there is a new scholarship through Knowledge Matters. Students who are Juniors or Seniors are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Please visit www.knowledgematters.com/scholarships for more info.

Montana BPA Advisor Manual Updates

This last week the 2012-2013 Montana Business Professionals of America Calendar and Events at a Glance were updated on the Montana BPA Website, www.mtbpa.org.

Both files are posted on the [Advisor Manual](#) page (www.bpamt.org/advisor_manual.html) with the Montana BPA Calendar under Tab 1 References and the new Events at a Glance located under Tab 3 State.

Be sure to check out the Calendar as there are two important deadlines coming up in the next few weeks—October 25 is the deadline for submitting entries for the [Montana BPA Trading Pin Design Contest](#) and chapter memberships must be submitted by November 1.

BPA Membership Due in 3 Weeks

November 1 is the deadline to register your Business Professionals of America chapter membership.

Register your chapter members today and prepare to *Uncover Your Magic* with BPA during the 2012-2013 school year as we all look forward to the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Orlando this coming May.

To access the online membership registration system please go to <http://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/> and enter your username and password.

Directions for utilizing the BPA online membership registration can be found in your Montana Advisor Manual as well as on the [Advisor Manual](#) page Montana BPA website (www.mtbpa.org) under Tab 2 Local Chapter, item #2.

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

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](http://www.mtbpa.org) website for additional details and specifics for all three contests.

2012-2013 BPA Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines Updates

Be sure to check out the [2012-2013 edition of the Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines](#) as updates have been made either this week. A complete list of updates can be found in the WSAP.

The WSAP can be downloaded from the WSAP Download Center at <http://www.bpa.org/compete/downloadcenter>. Advisors can log into the WSAP Download Center using the same user name and password as the membership registration system.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2012-2013 Workplace Skills Assessment Program please contact Dave Coffman, Director of Educational Services, at dcoffman@bpa.org or via phone at 800.334.2007, Ext. 305.

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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