

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### ***Rocktober 24, 2012***

#### **Montana Business Educator Named Teacher of the Year**

Shelly Stanton, business educator and BPA chapter advisor at Billings West High School, was named 2012 Teacher of the Year by the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education.

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education held the 2012 Montana ACTE Institute in Billings, October 18-19, at the Billings Crowne Plaza and Huntley Project High School. During the Awards Luncheon Thursday afternoon, Montana ACTE honored last year's retirees and presented this year's awards program.

Shelly competed against other teachers from Montana's career and technical education program areas and will now advance to represent Montana at the ACTE Region 5 conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April 2013.

In addition to Shelly as the Montana Business Education Association nominee for Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year, Park City business educator Doug Andersen was also an award nominee for Montana ACTE New Teacher of the Year.

Congratulation to both Doug and Shelly and thank you for your contributions to the classroom and the business education profession.

#### **Montana Business Educators Awarded during MBEA Business Meeting**

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) held its annual business meeting Thursday, October 18 as part of the 2012 Montana ACTE Institute in Billings.

MBEA Past President Regina Wood, Park High School, recognized MBEA members who retired at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, Glenn Strader from Wolf Point High School, and also presented MBEA awards to two outstanding professionals.

The first award presented was for Outstanding Young (New) Teacher. This year, the award was presented to Nicole (Schultz) Bogunovich from Billings Senior High School where she also serves as the Business Professionals of America chapter advisor. In addition to her Billings Senior teaching and BPA chapter advising duties, Nicole as teaches computer applications courses at Montana State University-Billings' Garfield Community Resource Center.

The 2012 MBEA Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year award was presented to DeAnne Weeks of Culbertson High School. DeAnne has taught at both the elementary and high school levels for the Culbertson School District and also advises the Culbertson BPA chapter.

Thank you MBEA retirees for your years of dedication, inspiration, leadership, and professionalism and congratulations to our two truly-deserving award winners.

The 2013 Montana ACTE Institute will be held in Bozeman, October 17-18, at the Best Western GranTree.

## **Leadership Team for Montana's Business Education Professionals Selected for 2013**

The new officer team for the Montana Business Education Association was selected during the 2012 MBEA Business Meeting during last week's 2012 Montana ACTE Institute. The 2013 MBEA officers include

- President: Elaine Stedman, Sidney
- President Elect: Doug Andersen, Park City
- Vice President: Brad Mehr, Ennis
- Secretary: Beth Lawrence, Garfield County District High School (Jordan)
- Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten, Circle
- Membership Director: Linda Cotton, Cascade
- Past President: Scott Anderson, Baker

## **Preliminary State CTE/Vocational Funding Allocations Posted on OPI Website**

Preliminary State Career and Technical Education (CTE) allocations have been determined for approved CTE high school programs. A report has been posted on the Career Technical Education ***Secondary CTE AND Payments to Schools & Co-Ops*** pages of the OPI web site. A direct link to the allocations is included at the end of this message.

Please find your district in the report and check the information for accuracy. If you find irregularities or have any questions regarding your district's allocation, contact the CTE division staff by **Friday, October 26 at 5:00 pm**. The posted allocations are preliminary.

We can make corrections, if needed, before the final allocations are run but NOT after the October 26 deadline. NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER THE FINAL ALLOCATIONS ARE RUN.

Your state allocation is based on a formula that factors:

1. Student enrollment in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chapters and membership; and
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment, extended contract and CTSSO chapter information comes from the "Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports" your district submits to our office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

The preliminary allocations are posted alphabetically by district at: <http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html> or [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_13](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_13).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your preliminary allocation.

## **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](http://www.wbea.info)) or directly on the 2013 Conference page at [www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html](http://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.

### **Perkins Rural Reserve Grants Due this Friday, October 26**

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](mailto:bsp@montana.edu).

### **Have You Found & Reported the Status of Your 2011-2012 CTE Concentrators?**

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](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 [opiaimhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiaimhelp@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](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### **Did you know . . .**

a group of frogs is called an army

a group of owls is called a parliament

Monopoly is the most played board game in the world

instant coffee was invented in 1901

the dot on top of the letter 'i' is called a tittle

a crocodile can't stick out its tongue

rubber bands last longer when kept refrigerated

### **Montana BPA Trading Pin Design Contest Entries Due Tomorrow**

Thursday, October 25 is the deadline to submit entries for the [Montana BPA Trading Pin Design Contest](#). Entries must be submitted to Montana BPA State Officer Coordinator Staci Auck. 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.

All entries must adhere to the [Montana BPA Trading Pin Design Contest](#) guidelines; entries not following the guidelines will be disqualified.

Entries for the Montana BPA [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) are due December 1.

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

### **BPA Membership Registration Due Next Thursday**

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.registernychapter.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](http://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.

### **DECA Month Kicks Off Next Week**

It's hard to believe, but October is rapidly coming to a close! Don't forget November is DECA Month...a time for your chapter to concentrate on membership recruitment and setting the tone for the entire year.

Check out <http://www.deca.org/events/decamonth/> for more information on how you can promote your DECA Chapter for a week during November or for the entire month!

As you celebrate DECA Month in November, make sure to check out these great links for more information on the Membership Campaigns:

- DECA Membership Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/membershipcampaign/>
- Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/gew/>
- DECA Community Service Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/service/>
- DECA Advocacy Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/ctemonth/>

### **The NEW DECA Idea Challenge is Right Around the Corner**

Get ready to show off your entrepreneurial spirit! The DECA Idea Challenge 2012 is a fast-paced competition that challenges secondary and college student teams to find new use for a common, everyday item while creating the most value possible.

The 2012 item will remain a mystery until November 7, when DECA will announce the item and officially launch the competition. Visit <http://www.gewusa.org/challenge> for more information.

### **If You Have a School-Based Enterprise – Check This Out!**

Encourage your students to submit a thirty-second video for the SBE Video Challenge!

Show off your school-based enterprise to win awards from DECA Images and Otis Spunkmeyer. Check out the guidelines at [www.deca.org/sbe](http://www.deca.org/sbe) for more information. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube by **Friday October 26, 2012**.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are 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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