

## **The Wednesday Reader**

**November 14, 2012**

Please note with the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a Wednesday Reader Wednesday, November 21. Additionally, I will be on vacation all next week, November 19-23. Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Break.

### **Scholarships & Resources Available from the Elks National Foundation**

The [Elks National Foundation](http://www.elks.org/enf/) ([www.elks.org/enf/](http://www.elks.org/enf/)) provides more than \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs: [Most Valuable Student Scholarships](#), [Legacy Awards](#), and [Emergency Educational Grants](#).

The application process and deadlines vary for each program. All applications must go through a local Elks Lodge before reaching the Elks National Foundation office. Tools for finding your local Elks Lodge can be found on the [Elks National Foundation](#) website as well.

The [Elks National Foundation](#) also offers a [Scholar Resource Center](#) which offers links and a free online database to find other scholarships available to students.

### **2013 Western Business Education Association Conference Early-Bird Registration End Nov. 30**

The 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference will be hosted by the Utah Business and Computer Education Association February 15-18 in Ogden, Utah.

November 30 is the deadline to register with the early-bird registration rate of \$195.00 for NBEA/WBEA members; after November 30 the registration rate increases to \$210.00.

The 2013 WBEA Conference committee has recently created website at [wbea2013.weebly.com/index.html](http://wbea2013.weebly.com/index.html) with all conference-related details and resources including links to register, a conference schedule, and details about workshops and tours.

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

### **Western Business Education Association Educational Opportunity Scholarship**

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Educational Opportunity Scholarship is provided to help offset tuition costs for educators who are pursuing an advanced degree to support teaching in the area of Business Education. The amount of the yearly scholarship is determined each year according to availability of funds. The application is attached to this e-mail.

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- be a current member of an S/T/P and a member of WBEA/NBEA
- be currently engaged in the business/computer education profession in the Western Region
- register for and pass a credit class with a "C" grade or better, or register for and complete a non-credit class.
- provide proof of payment and a grade sheet or unofficial transcript upon completion of the class to the Professional Development Director

The WBEA Educational Opportunity Scholarship application and submission details can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/eos.html>.

## **2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute**

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) and the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) are pleased to announce the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will be held February 15, 2012 in Ogden, Utah.

The responsibility of nurturing business educators by providing leadership training opportunities is an integral part of the Strategic Plans of the National Business Education Association (NBEA), WBEA, and your States, Territories, & Province (S/T/P) associations. With this goal in mind, WBEA has provided the Professional Development Institute (PDI) at the regional conference for the past thirteen years. Each S/T/P may nominate two candidates to participate in PDI. The candidates selected should be willing to accept a future leadership role in the S/T/P and/or WBEA. The candidates **SHOULD NOT BE** a current S/T/P president or president elect as they will be busy with other activities during the training.

WBEA will reimburse one-half of the WBEA Conference registration fee for two candidates from each S/T/P provided they are members of NBEA/WBEA. The reimbursement will be paid directly to the participants after the training is completed. The other one half of the WBEA Conference registration fee MAY BE paid by the participant's S/T/P. Additional representatives from the S/T/Ps may attend the Institute, but WBEA will reimburse the partial registration for only two.

Montana business educators interested in participating in the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will need to complete the application and submit to MBEA President Scott Anderson by December 1, 2013. The application can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html>. The completed application must be submitted via E-mail to Scott at [andersons@baker.k12.mt.us](mailto:andersons@baker.k12.mt.us).

While your basic WBEA Conference registration fee will be reimbursed, other expenses related to attending the 2013 WBEA Conference are the responsibility of the attendee. These expenses are allowable and permissible uses of your Perkins and State CTE funds.

## **MCEE Learning, Earning, and Investing for a New Generation Workshop in Lewistown**

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) announces a Learning, Earning and Investing (LEI) workshop preceded by the High School Business Challenge Training to be held in Lewistown on January 31-February 1.

Registration and more details are available at [http://econedmontana.org/LEI/LEI\\_Registration.html](http://econedmontana.org/LEI/LEI_Registration.html).

The workshop will begin with a hosted lunch on Thursday noon, January 31, with sessions until 5:00, and dinner on your own. The workshop resumes with a hosted breakfast Friday morning at 7:30, and sessions will conclude at noon. The LEI workshop will be filed for eight OPI units.

Attendees will receive a book containing 21 lesson plans, resources by the presenters, reimbursement for substitute teachers (2 days max), shared motel rooms, and meals as indicated.

For those interested, a four-hour training on the High School Business Challenge will precede the LEI workshop on Thursday, January 31 from 8am-12pm (five minimum pre-registrants by January 11 required). The High School Business Challenge training will be filed for four OPI units.

For more details about the Learning, Earning and Investing workshop or the High School Business Challenge, please visit the [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) website at [www.econedmontana.edu](http://www.econedmontana.edu).

### **Professional Development Stipend for First Time Attendees to the NBEA 2013 Annual Convention**

If you are a professional member of the National Business Education Association (NBEA) and have never attended the annual national convention, you are eligible to apply for a professional development stipend. Selected recipients will receive a \$200 stipend at the NBEA Awards Luncheon.

The Professional Development Stipend for First-Time Attendees encourages, and supports, NBEA members to participate in the NBEA annual convention. The 2013 NBEA Annual Convention will be April 16-20 in Atlanta.

To access complete details and the application form, [click here](#). The deadline for applications is January 2, 2013.

For complete details about the 2013 NBEA Annual Convention please visit [www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html](http://www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html).

### **National Business Education Association Scholarships to be Awarded**

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year to individuals pursuing continuing education or graduate study in business education. The scholarships will recognize and support educators who have given evidence of leadership and scholarship potential in the field of business education.

The NBEA Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to outstanding individuals for the purpose of continuing their study and professional development in business education. To be eligible for an NBEA scholarship, an applicant must

- Be enrolled in a college or university post-baccalaureate or graduate-level program and submit proof of enrollment.
- Be enrolled in a business education program and/or other related areas in business.
- Submit proof of completion of at least two graduate courses (six semester hours).
- Submit a one-page letter describing (a) past contributions to the field of business education, (b) plans to utilize the degree in the future, (c) two or three significant issues in business education, and (d) why the applicant should be the recipient of the award.
- Submit a current resume.
- Submit two letters of recommendation attesting to the scholarship/leadership potential of the applicant.
- Be currently teaching and plan to continue to teach in the field of business education.
- Be a current professional member of NBEA at the time of application (a minimum of one full year of NBEA membership is required).

Additional copies of the application form are available from NABTE institutions or from NBEA headquarters. Application forms should be completed and sent to the NBEA office, postmarked no later than **December 1, 2012**. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the NBEA website at <http://bit.ly/UwDYir>.

An anonymous selection committee, made up of representatives from each of NBEA's five regions, will evaluate the applications and identify the winners. Scholarship winners will be introduced during the NBEA awards luncheon on Friday, April 19, at the NBEA 2013 Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **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 [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto: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](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

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

more people die from falling coconuts than from shark attacks

the original design of Monopoly was circular

the word 'underground' is the only word that begins and ends with the letters 'und'

56% of typing is completed by your left hand

emus can't walk backwards

America's top selling ice cream flavor is vanilla

the doorbell was invented in 1831

### **Celebrate DECA Month this Month**

November is DECA Month!! This is the time to let your chapter shine and concentrate on recruiting new members to your DECA Chapter. It's also a great chance to share DECA with school administrators and board members. There are lots of great resources on how you can get your chapter jump started during DECA Month by visiting <http://www.deca.org/events/decamonth>

### **Business Services Operations Research Event Lesson Plans Sponsored by PostNet**

The Business Operations Research Project Lesson plan from PostNet is available. Check it out at <http://www.deca.org/page/borplans/>.

### **Apply Now for DECA Scholarships**

DECA Student Scholarships are now open online. You can get more info on all the scholarships, as well as application forms by visiting [www.deca.org/scholarships](http://www.deca.org/scholarships).

### **Entries Being Accepted for the DECA Images T-shirt Contest**

The 3rd Annual DECA Images T-shirt contest is under way. Let your students design the next ICDC T-shirt for everyone in the county to wear!

Visit [www.deca.org/shop](http://www.deca.org/shop) for more information.

### **Software Requirements for Advanced Desktop Publishing**

Last week Business Professionals of America announced the software requirements in order for students to compete in Advanced Desktop Publishing.

Members participating in Advanced Desktop Publishing will be required to use Adobe Illustrator in order to complete the jobs within the contest at the Regional, State, and National Leadership Conferences.

Advanced Desktop Publishing is a new contest being piloted this year, with Montana one of the piloting states, and is being offered in partnership with Adobe. Through the partnership agreement, Adobe is authoring the Regional, State, and National level contests.

The Adobe Illustrator CS6 page (<http://www.adobe.com/products/illustrator.edu.html>) contains a number of Illustrator resources and a link to download a trial version of the software.

### **Updates to the 2013 WSAP Guidelines**

Ever since the initial posting of BPA's 2013 Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines in September there have been periodic updates made to the 2013 WSAP and uploaded to the BPA Website.

According to the National Center staff, another updated WSAP will be posted prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please be sure to review the "Changes & Updates" page within the introductory pages of the WSAP for a list of all changes and updates made since the initial posting in September.

### **BPA and Men's Wearhouse Announce Partnership, Discount for BPA Members**

In the 2012-2013 school year, Men's Wearhouse will provide to BPA chapters our classroom seminar program on ***How to Dress for Success, First impressions are everything***. Men's Wearhouse's goal is to conduct seminars in the first half of the 2012-2013 school year to assist in preparing BPA students for their upcoming competitive events.

[Advisors can click here for more information about the partnership, and to inquire about the having the seminar at their school.](#)

Also, all BPA members and advisors have been generously given an in-store discount by Men's Wearhouse. You can only get the coupons by logging into the SOURCE (both members and advisors). [Click here to redeem your discount.](#)

Business Professionals of America is grateful to Men's Wearhouse for supporting our students and advisors with the discount, and especially with their program regarding professional dress. Check out the classroom seminar and in-store discounts to give your students an edge in presenting and networking professionally.

## **Entries for Montana BPA Program Cover & T-Shirt Design Contests Due December 1**

December 1 is the due date for all entries for the Montana BPA [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) contests.

All entries must adhere to the [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) guidelines; entries not following the guidelines will be disqualified.

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

## **Regional Leadership Conferences Kick Off Next Month**

In just over four weeks, the 2012-2013 Montana BPA Regional Leadership Conference Season begins as Region 7 kicks things off on Monday, December 3.

The following is a listing of Regional Leadership Conference dates, locations, and contacts.

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Date</b>      | <b>Location</b>    | <b>Contact</b>   | <b>E-mail</b>  |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Region 1      | January 14       | Flathead Valley CC | Ron Hanson       | <a href="mailto:ron.hanson@ronank12.edu">ron.hanson@ronank12.edu</a>                       |
| Region 2      | January 9        | Missoula           | Jamie Toivonen   | <a href="mailto:jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us">jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us</a>                       |
| Region 3      | January 21       | Great Falls        | Carolyn Stone    | <a href="mailto:cstone@moore.k12.mt.us">cstone@moore.k12.mt.us</a>                         |
| Region 4      | December 17      | Helena             | Kerri Cobb       | <a href="mailto:kerri.cobb@bsd7.org">kerri.cobb@bsd7.org</a>                               |
| Region 5      | January 7        | Livingston         | Regina Wood      | <a href="mailto:regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us">regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us</a>     |
| Region 6      | December 18 & 19 | Billings           | Natalie Schaff   | <a href="mailto:natalieschaff@yahoo.com">natalieschaff@yahoo.com</a>                       |
| Region 7      | December 3       | Baker              | Julie O'Dell     | <a href="mailto:julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us">julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us</a>             |
| Region 8      | January 23       | Sidney             | Bertha Kirschten | <a href="mailto:bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us">bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us</a> |

If you have any questions regarding your region's leadership conference, please contact your region's coordinator at the E-mail address noted above.

Be sure to have your BPA membership submitted to ensure you receive all the details and contacts relating to your region's leadership conference.

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

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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