

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### **March 20, 2013**

Please Note: I will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, March 21 & 22, and Monday & Tuesday, March 25 & 26.

### **Federal Carl D. Perkins and State Voed Funding 'Intent to Apply' Applications Now Available**

The Office of Public Instruction has again this year 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 funding programs using this one electronic form. Please note these applications should be completed by the *Authorized Representatives* of your school/district. Authorized Representatives are typically the district Superintendent or someone given authority by the district regarding money.

The online link to access and complete the combined Federal and State Funding application is now available and listed below. It is also available on the Secondary CTE web page of the OPI website inside the *Perkins Federal Funding* tab.

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 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 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 at <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/343718/10f4>

The combined Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND State Voed Funding application deadline is April 19, 2013.

If you have questions, please contact Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist, at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov) or by phone at 406.444.9019.

### **2013 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Schedule & Registration Now Available**

The course schedules and registration are now available for the 10th annual Montana Institute on Educational Technology. The 2013 Montana Institute on Educational Technology will be held June 18-21 at Great Falls College Montana State University.

All the details, fees, course schedules and descriptions, and registration can be found at [http://outreach.gfcmsu.edu/MIET\\_web/index.html](http://outreach.gfcmsu.edu/MIET_web/index.html). Early-bird registration ends May 17.

### **Be Sure to Identify and Submit Your District's CTE Concentrators for Perkins Funding**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collections began March 1, 2013, and ends April 26, 2013. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2012-2013 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 in any combination. Currently enrolled courses count towards 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 data system. If the student has a child or shares the 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 [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://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 emailing [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto: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 emailing [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### **Click the Link & Apply for the CenturyLink Innovative Technology Grants**

CenturyLink has allocated \$35,000 to the Montana Association for Career & Technical Education (Montana ACTE) through an education grant to be awarded to Montana K-12 educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom.

The funds will be disbursed to local school districts on a competitive basis. All current K-12 Montana teachers who reside in the service area of CenturyLink are eligible to apply with the exception of any members who are on the selection committee or are previous grant recipients. Applicants do not need to be customers of CenturyLink.

A teacher may receive a maximum of one grant award but there is no limit to the number of awards given to different teachers at any particular school.

The funds may be used to purchase the following for use in the classroom: supplies and materials, software and hardware, or professional development activities. Any supplies and materials, software and hardware purchased become the property of the school should the teacher leave the school.

The grant application can be found at [www.montanaacte.org](http://www.montanaacte.org). The funds will be available June 2013 and must be spent during the 2013-2014 academic school year. **The application is due April 26, 2013.**

### **Professional Development Opportunities Available for Various Technology Topics**

Lindy Hockenbary, former Business Educator and BPA advisor at Stanford High School, is offering various technology workshops in Bozeman, Manhattan, Townsend, and Helena this spring.

Available through the Montana Region IV Educational Service Agency (RESA4U), the workshops are technology-specific and OPI renewal units are provided for every workshop; college credit is not available.

Details about workshop topics, dates, locations, costs, and renewal units available can be found on the RESA4U website at <http://www.resa4u.org/Page/190>.

For questions, please contact RESA4U Technology Integration Specialist Lindy Hochenbary at [lhockenbary@resa4u.org](mailto:lhockenbary@resa4u.org).

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

Coca Cola was founded by Joseph A Biedenharn

the first US coast to coast airplane flight occurred in 1911 and took 49 days

before 1863 the Postal Service in the US was free

Pez was invented in 1927

your brain weighs 2% of your body weight though uses 20% of all oxygen you breathe and 15% of the body's blood supply

the hardest substance in the human body is enamel

trees do not have life expectancies (most can grow indefinitely)

### **2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference Evaluation**

The evaluation for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference is being conducted via SurveyMonkey. All Montana BPA chapter advisors are encouraged to complete the evaluation at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QS6Q2HY>.

Evaluations must be completed by Friday, March 29.

### **Order Your Montana BPA Trading Pins for the National Leadership Conference Today**

The deadline for ordering your 2013 Montana BPA trading pins is Friday, April 12. Trading pins can be ordered using the order form at [http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor\\_manual/tab\\_3\\_state/trading\\_pin\\_order\\_form\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor_manual/tab_3_state/trading_pin_order_form_2013.pdf).

All orders must include payment in full.

### **Montana BPA Special Event – A Day at Daytona Beach with Bubba Gump**

Enjoy the Florida sunshine, the Atlantic coast's sandy beaches, and the history and entertainment of Forrest Gump as Montana BPA hosts a day trip to Daytona Beach with lunch at Bubba Gump's on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Reservations are \$45.00 per person and includes transportation to Daytona Beach and lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company.

Chapters may complete and submit the 2013 NLC Montana BPA Special Event reservation form at [www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor\\_manual/tab\\_3\\_state/montanabpa\\_nlc\\_special\\_event\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor_manual/tab_3_state/montanabpa_nlc_special_event_2013.pdf).

Reservations and payment in full must be submitted to Montana BPA Executive Secretary Anza Ketterman by Friday, April 12. Include a list of attendees when you submit your reservation and payment. Refunds will not be offered after Friday, April 12.

Please be sure to check the National Leadership Conference schedule within the 2013 NLC Pre-Conference Publication as some competitive events and meetings are scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, May 8.

### **Everything You Need to Know about 2013 BPA National Leadership Conference**

Visit [www.bpa.org/nlc](http://www.bpa.org/nlc) to discover everything you need to know about the Business Professionals of America 2013 National Leadership Conference.

On the [www.bpa.org/nlc](http://www.bpa.org/nlc) page you will find links to the NLC [Deadlines and Registration Fees](#), [Pre-Conference Publication](#), the NLC Special Event—[BPA Beach Party: Dreams Come True](#) as well as [NLC Tours](#) and the [NLC Certification Lab](#).

Registration for the 2013 National Leadership Conference must be completed on or before Monday, April 1.

### **Certifications--MOS, MTA, IC3 – at National BPA**

In addition to continuing to offer the Certification Lab for 2013 National Leadership Conference attendees, this year, BPA will integrate three globally-recognized computer certification programs into select competitive events.

The certifications which will be a part of the competitive events include

- [Microsoft Office Specialist \(MOS\)](#),
- [Microsoft Technology Associate \(MTA\)](#), and
- [Internet Computing and Core Certification \(IC3\)](#).

For each of the affected Competitive Events listed above, BPA NLC competitors will be required to take both the standard BPA assessment and the industry certification offered by Certiport. The BPA standard assessment will make up 75% of the final score and the industry certification will make up 25% of the final score.

For a complete listing of the events with a certification component please visit [www.certiport.com/bpa](http://www.certiport.com/bpa).

The [www.certiport.com/bpa](http://www.certiport.com/bpa) site also provides details about exclusive certification offers for BPA chapters, including practice tests and study materials.

All 2013 National Leadership Conference registered advisors are eligible to test in the Certification Lab on Friday. Simply sign up for a test and time when you register for the conference. Remember certifications are only \$5.

### **AP Testing and the 2013 BPA National Leadership Conference**

The 2013 National Leadership Conference falls during the week of many AP tests. This year, BPA is not coordinating to officer AP testing at NLC.

Schools should review the AP Testing Late Testing Policy dates and consider alternative dates for attendees.

### **Application for Florida Tax Exemption**

Schools interested in applying for exemption of the Florida state sales tax for 2013 National Leadership Conference hotel reservations should download and complete the Application for Consumer's Certification of Exemption at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/forms/2003/dr5.pdf>.

Please be sure to direct all questions related to the application to the phone number listed on page 1 of the application.

### **Group Discounts Available for Disney World & Universal Studios**

Elaine Stedman at Sidney shared the following information regarding group tickets for Disney World and Universal Studios theme parks—

I found a great contact through Disney called Disney Youth Program which offers discounted Disney tickets for school groups. For instance, my chapter is doing the two-day park hopper which allows access to all four Disney parks for two days and they can jump back and forth at will on those two days. We have also added on the water park upgrade. The tickets for all of this are only \$154 per person. We are also getting two free chaperone tickets with the same upgrades. The number to call is 888-779-1757, Option 2. You might want to check it out. Additional details, including group qualification requirements, can be found at <http://www.disneyyouth.com/>.

Universal Studios also has a discounted group rate for students. We are taking our own bus to Universal on Saturday if anyone would like to join us. I think the discounted tickets and your share of the bus would be cheaper than the BPA tour rate as the bus would only be about \$10 per person and the tickets are \$59, so you would save \$30 per person. Details and eligibility requirements can be found at [www.uogroupsales.com](http://www.uogroupsales.com). Please contact Elaine directly ([estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us](mailto:estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us)) if you are interested in sharing the Sidney chapter's bus to Universal Studios.

### **BPA NLC Info for Both Advisors and Members**

The National Officer Team is offering two webinars. The first will take place on March 20 on tips for running for national officer and the second will take place on March 25 which will explore Orlando and all it has to offer! To register for the webinars click these links: [Running for National Officer](#) or [Explore Orlando](#).

The National Officer for a Day Program is a unique program that we offer middle level students. Many students have taken advantage of this program and had the opportunity to see what it is like to be a national officer. Please encourage your students to apply. [Applications](#) can be found on the website in the WSAP at the bottom of the middle level events section and are due by April 1. Please send all completed applications to [lrobinson@bpa.org](mailto:lrobinson@bpa.org).

This year, BPA is continuing the Walk for Special Olympics in Orlando. Some students may not be able to participate due to other commitments so we are kicking off a virtual walk as well. There will be incentives for both the virtual and actual walkers. The virtual team that raises the most money will be sponsored by BPA for a bowling party with Special Olympians from their state. Students who raise more than \$150 for the Special Olympics will receive a complimentary after 4 pm pass to the Disney Parks. Students who raise more than \$300 will receive two complimentary after 4 pm passes. All students who participate in the walk will receive a "Magic Pass" for the special event.

### **National BPA Scholarship Applications**

The [scholarship applications](#) are now posted on the National BPA website ([www.bpa.org/resources/Scholarships](http://www.bpa.org/resources/Scholarships)) to apply for the various scholarships available nationally from Business Professionals of America.

The National Officer team has been working very hard to receive donations so they can help students pay to further their education. The deadline for the application is March 29, 2013 so please encourage your students to apply.

### **Montana DECA ICDC Materials & Information Due Date Next Week**

The deadline has been extended! All ICDC Registration, Housing Forms and Payments are due by Wednesday, March 13.

Please make sure to complete the registration online at the DECA, Inc. Membership site, email Erin the housing forms and send all payment to PO Box 7261, Helena, MT 59604.

Registration is \$110/person and includes pins and insurance.

Thank you to everyone for helping make the hotel rooms work at ICDC. I know it was a tough year trying to squeeze everyone in. I appreciate your help, patience and willingness to consolidate.

### **ICDC Tours are now Open**

You can now purchase attraction tickets for the DECA International Career Development Conference through the online tour order. The deadline to pre-order is Friday, April 19, 2013, at noon EST.

Please visit <https://www.decaregistration.com/tours/default.asp> for more info.

Included in the tours this year is the 3rd Annual DECA Dash for the Diamonds 5K race. The deadline to register is Friday, April 19 at 4:30 PM, EST. The cost is \$30/person.

### **Piper Jaffray/DECA Teen Survey Now Available**

If you haven't done so already, please consider participating in the Piper Jaffray/DECA Teen Survey.

The survey is a great independent learning activity that reinforces your classroom teaching of marketing research. The spring [survey](#) is now available online until Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Please visit <http://www.decadirect.org/March-2013/Piper-Jaffray-DECA-Teen-Survey/> for more info and to take the survey!

### **In Need of DECA Blazers fir ICDC?**

If you need additional blazers for ICDC, the deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 27, 2013, to ensure delivery to your school by Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Another option is to prepay for your blazers and pick them up at ICDC. All payments must be received at DECA Images by close of business March 27, 2013.

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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