

The Wednesday Reader

May 15, 2013

Wednesday Reader Going on Summer Break

This will be the last *Wednesday Reader* for the 2012-2013 school year.

Thank you to all who have contributed informational items during the year and thank you to all for reading.

The Wednesday Reader will begin the 2013-2014 school year on Wednesday, September 4.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

~ Eric

Add these Events and Dates to Your 2013-2014 Calendars

New Career & Technical Education Professionals Workshop: October 16, Bozeman

Montana Business Education Association/Montana ACTE Institute: October 17-18, Bozeman

2013 DECA Western Regional Conference: November 14-17, Phoenix

ACTE 2014 CareerTech VISION Conference: December 4-7, Las Vegas

Montana DECA 2014 State Career Development Conference: February 9-11, Great Falls

2014 Western Business Education Association Conference: February 13-17, Portland

Montana BPA 2014 State Leadership Conference: March 9-11, Billings

National Business Education Association 2014 Annual Convention & Trade Show: April 15-19, Los Angeles

ACTE Region V 2014 Conference: April 23-26, Bismarck

Business Professionals of America 2014 National Leadership Conference: April 30-May 4, Indianapolis

DECA 2014 International Career Development Conference: May 3-6, Atlanta

2014 Career Clusters Institute: June 16-18, Phoenix

Seeking Nominations for 2013-2014 Superintendent's Student Advisory Board

The nomination process is now open for the 2013-2014 State Superintendents' Student Advisory Board.

There are two steps to the nomination process. First, an adult (high school administrator, guidance counselor, teacher, or community member) must nominate a student. Nominators can nominate up to two students. Second, the nominee must fill out an application.

The nominator's application and the student's application must be submitted to OPI by Friday, May 17, 2013.

We are looking for a Student Advisory Board comprised of students who:

1. Are currently enrolled in a Montana public high school
2. Represent a mix of high schools in both urban and rural locations,
3. Have overcome obstacles,
4. Represent an even mix of gender, and
5. Represent a mix of all high school grade levels.

To nominate a student to serve on the SAB, [please click here](#). If you are a student who has been nominated, [please click here](#). Questions: contact Abby Coburn at 406-444-5643 or acoburn2@mt.gov.

Perkins Rural Reserve GRANT AVAILABLE for Special Populations

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is requesting applications for the development and implementation of short-term industry-recognized certification programs that will prepare special populations who are enrolled in career and technical education programs for immediate employment opportunities.

Applicants should identify specific workforce needs through the Montana Department of Labor and Industry and match the regional need to the proposed program.

Perkins-eligible high schools and two-year postsecondary institutions are eligible to apply.

See the full Request for Proposal (RFP) at http://www.mus.edu/wd/grant_apps.asp.

To apply, electronic applications must be submitted no later than midnight, Friday, June 7, 2013, to Kali Wicks, OCHE Perkins Coordinator at kwicks@montana.edu.

For more information and answers to questions about this RFP, contact Kali Wicks, OCHE Perkins Coordinator, at 406.444.0313 or email her at kwicks@montana.edu.

New US Department of Education Website with Resources For & About CTE

The [National Center for Innovation in Career and Technical Education \(NCICTE\)](#) performs scientifically based research and evaluation to expand the understanding, increase the effectiveness, and improve the delivery of career and technical education (CTE). Center work is directed toward exploring the contribution that CTE can make to raising student engagement and achievement, and improving student transitions from secondary to postsecondary education and work.

Career & Technical Education professionals are encouraged to use this website to learn more about [NCICTE's research](#) or to find related studies in the [CTE resources](#) section. Ultimately, NCICTE believes that research is only useful when it is applied. To support educators in translating research into action, NCICTE is creating a series of online [training modules](#) that offer practical guidance for how you can translate Center studies for use in your own college, district or school.

For more information and to check out the resources available, please visit <http://ctecenter.ed.gov/>.

Friday is Final Day for Montana Institute on Education Technology Early-Bird Registration

This Friday, May 17, is the deadline to receive the early-bird discount for your MIET registration, so if you have not signed up or someone you know is planning on signing up for classes, now is the time. Some classes are filling up so sign up soon so you don't miss out on a class you plan to attend.

For those who have already signed up, registration confirmations will be sent to everyone a couple of weeks prior to the event so you will be able to confirm your choices and make any changes at that time.

Also, remember to mark the boxes for lunches if you plan to attend the catered MIET luncheons. There are extra fees as well, so be sure to include that amount when you figure your fees.

The 2013 Montana Institute on Education Technology will be held June 18-21 at Great Falls College (formerly MSU Great Falls College of Technology).

For complete details, including sessions and registration, please visit http://outreach.gfcmsu.edu/MIET_web/index.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Richardson at dricherson@gfcmsu.edu.

Get Pre-Approval to Receive OPI Renewal Units for Summer Workshops and Conferences

If you are planning to attend a professional development event, workshop, or conference this over the summer either in-state or out-of-state and they are not offering OPI Renewal Units, be sure to get OPI Renewal Units for these events.

The Educator Licensure division of the Office of Public Instruction will grant renewal units for certificate renewal when a Montana educator wishes to receive renewal units for attending an event not either delivered by an approved OPI provider or approved by OPI as a single event. To gain the renewal units, you must complete the [Educator's Application for Prior Approval of Professional Development Activities for Renewal Units](#) form.

The fillable PDF [Pre-Approval form](#) can be downloaded from the [Renewal Applications—Educators page](#) of the [Educator Licensure section](#) of the OPI website, www.opi.mt.gov. The completed form and a copy of the documentation, brochure, or promotional materials about the event need to be mailed to the address indicated on the form and be received at least seven (7) days prior to the event's start.

After you download the form, complete the required educator information and information about the course, conference, workshop, event or seminar. To determine the number of number of renewal units requested, most event documentation states the number of contact hours, the number of credits granted (1 semester credit = 15 hours/units and 1 quarter credit = 10 hours/units); or the number of credit hours granted by another education-related agency. Remember, units are awarded in whole hours—1 hour = 1 unit; 1.5 hours = 1 unit; 1.75 hours = 2 units.

When the event is completed, submit documentation of your participation (most likely a certificate of completion including the number of contact hours) and a copy of your approval letter from the OPI and OPI will send you an official certificate. The certificate should be filed with your renewal unit certificates and college transcripts to be used as evidence when you apply for renewal of your Educator License.

Please keep in mind, if you have applied to receive college credit for the event, you cannot request approval for renewal units.

Should you have questions about the preapproval process, you may call or contact the Educator Licensure office at 406.444.3150.

Registration for MCEE's ECNS 594 in Bozeman ends May 24

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) is pleased to announce the next annual ECNS 594 will be held June 19-21, 2013, at the Museum of the Rockies board room in Bozeman.

This year's ECNS 594 will be discussing some of the Economic Learning Modules and various current topics from an economic perspective...all thought provoking materials for you to take back to the classroom. MCEE is delighted that Dr. Terry Anderson has again graciously agreed to provide attendees with his knowledge and expertise of the Madison Buffalo Jump for an enjoyable field trip, and information that will be very useful for your "Indian Education for All" lessons.

If you are a teacher new to teaching economics, or have not attended MCEE our workshops previously, you will find this session extremely beneficial.

Space is limited; so be sure to send your \$50 registration fee in right away with the [registration form](#) to secure your spot. Registration is due May 24.

Provided to you is the seminar and its materials, campus lodging and parking and most meals.

ECNS 594 will start bright and early on Wednesday morning, and conclude Friday noon, with evenings also used to fill the 22 CEUs and requirements for the one 500-level credit from MSU for those who elect that option.

Please contact the Montana Council on Economic Education if you have any questions at mcee@montana.edu and visit the ECNS 594 website at www.econedmontana.org/ecns594/ecns594_registration.html for details about this year's event.

Did you know . . .

the expression to 'knuckle down' originated from playing marbles--players used to put their knuckles to the ground for their best shots

there are only 3 sets of letters on a keyboard which are in alphabetical order (f-g-h, j-k-l, and o-p)

the fastest insect is the Australian dragon fly; its top speed is 35 mph

the world's first paved streets were laid in Rome in 170 B.C.

rainbows can only be seen in the morning or late afternoon—the sun needs to be less than 40° above the horizon

onions are part of the lily family

the game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920

the word denim comes from 'de Nimes' or from Nimes which is a town in France

Montana BPA Members “Uncover their Magic” at 2013 National Leadership Conference

Members from 52 Montana BPA secondary chapters attended the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, May 8-12. In total, Montana BPA was represented by 365 students, advisors, and guests.

During the conference, many Montana BPA attendees took part in the Montana BPA Day at Daytona Beach with Bubba Gump activity which offered Montana BPA members the chance to spend a day at Daytona Beach and lunch at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Company.

In addition to competitive events, leadership workshops, and tours, attendees were also able to complete a series of industry certifications from Certiport for \$5 each through the Certification Lab. This year, certifications were available for Adobe Certified Associate, Microsoft Office Specialist, and Microsoft Technology Associate.

Cut Bank High School member Kelsey Madler was the highest scoring student in the Microsoft Office Specialists' Word 2013 Core exam. As a result of this accomplishment, Kelsey has earned a spot in the [2013 Microsoft Office Specialist Worldwide Challenge](#) in Washington, DC, as Business Professionals of America's Word representative.

In competitive events, a large number of Montana BPA students placed in the Top 10 in both individual and team events with the following being recognized with plaques and medals for their Top 3 finish:

- Kelsie Harriman, Park High School: 3rd Place, Administrative Support Research Project-Individual
- Kelsey Madler, Cut Bank High School: 1st Place, Advanced Word Processing Skills
- Marcus Twichel, Laurel High School: 1st Place, Fundamental Desktop Publishing
- Kelsie Harriman, Park High School: 3rd Place, Human Resource Management
- Cali Ruth, Melstone High School: 2nd Place, Interview Skills
- Rylee Hoyem, Shields Valley High School: 2nd Place, Medical Office Procedures
- Sam Noble, Park High School: 3rd Place, Marketing/Management/Human Resources Concepts

Overall, 34 individuals and/or teams were called to the stage during the awards ceremony for placing in the Top 10 or for being a Finalist in their respective events.

In non-competitive event awards, five Montana chapters were recognized as Quality Chapters (Colstrip, Melstone, Shields Valley, Sidney, and White Sulphur Springs) and 75 Montana members received their national-level Ambassador Torch Award.

The 2014 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, *Accelerate Your Future*, will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30-May 4. Mark your calendars.

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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