

The Wednesday Reader

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With next week's New CTE Professionals Workshop and the MBEA/Montana ACTE Fall Institute, there will not be a Wednesday Reader for Wednesday, October 16.

Twin Bridges Business Educator Receives Innovative Educators Sponsorship Award

Twin Bridges Business Educator Jody Sandru was one of six teachers nationwide to receive sponsorship to attend the national Jump\$tart conference.

Visa Inc.'s Practical Money Skills is pleased to announce six recipients of the sponsorship to attend the Jump\$tart Coalition National Educator Conference in Washington D.C., on November 1-3, 2013. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

William Anderson

Sussex County Technical School
Sparta, NJ

Joy Munsey

Holston High School
Abingdon, VA

Patricia Page

East Greenwich High School
East Greenwich, RI

David Sandlin

Walton-Verona High School
Walton, KY

Jody Sandru

Twin Bridges High School
Twin Bridges, MT

Alice Stocks

Granby High School
Norfolk, VA

Hundreds of submissions were received detailing years of experience and innovative teaching methods. Congratulations to the six educators who will be sponsored to attend this important conference, and deserve special accolade for their efforts in promoting financial literacy education.

To help consumers and students of all ages learn the essentials of personal finance, Visa has partnered with leading consumer advocates, [educators](#), and financial institutions to develop the Practical Money Skills program. At practicalmoneyskills.com and whatsmyscore.org, consumers, educators, parents, students and policymakers can access free educational resources, including personal finance articles, games and lesson plans.

Practical Money Skills for Life is educator-developed and educator-approved, and the program has reached millions of students across the nation. Visa also works with state and national governments to co-sponsor

community-based events such as statewide Financial Football rollouts and the annual Financial Literacy and Education Summit. In addition, Visa donates computer labs and Practical Money Skills curricula to schools in high-need areas.

For more information about Practical Money Skills for Life visit <http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/>.

Samsung \$2 Million Technology Contest

Samsung announces the [Solve for Tomorrow](#) contest, a nationwide competition which aims to raise interest in STEM subjects by awarding schools with a share of over \$2 million in technology.

From now until October 31st, Samsung is accepting applications from teachers in all disciplines representing grades 6-12, and there's no limit to the number of teachers that can enter from each school. Prizes will be awarded at each stage of the competition, from the 255 State Finalists to the final Five National Winners.

Entrants must answer a few, simple questions about their school and STEM education at www.samsung.com/solve. One school per state will win a technology kit to produce a video addressing the challenge, "Show how STEM can be applied to help improve your local community."

In addition to the video kit, each state will have one winner that will receive at least a \$20,000 technology package for their school. National Winners will receive \$140,000 in technology and prizes, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for a celebratory event.

For more details and to apply please visit www.samsung.com/solve.

Fall 2013 CTE Data Collection is now OPEN – Time to Report on 2013 Graduates

The Fall 2013 CTE Data Collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2013. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as Perkins CTE Concentrators last year (2012-2013) and graduated in the spring of 2013 should be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and asked their current post-graduation status.

After contact, the appropriate post-graduation status code must be entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system for each CTE Concentrator. All high schools that received funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program in 2012-2013 are required to complete this fall follow up collection to maintain their eligibility to receive Perkins funding.

Instructions for completing the Fall CTE Data Collection—called the '*Quick Reference Guide*' for the Fall CTE Data Collection—are located in two places on the OPI website: on the AIM web page listed in Reports and Data and also on the **Secondary CTE** web page under the '*Data Collections*' tab located at this link:

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, 2013, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators for your school.

Technical AIM questions regarding the Fall CTE Data Collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or email opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email dfiedler@mt.gov.

Scholarship Opportunity for Montana K-12 Financial Literacy Teachers to attend the Jump\$Start National Educator Conference

Experian is pleased to offer 20 scholarships for PreK-12th grade classroom teachers to attend the Jump\$Start National Educator Conference in Washington, DC, November 1-3, 2013.

The scholarship covers your registration fee of \$395, which includes full participation in the conference, all conference meals and receptions, and two nights in a private room at the JW Marriott. [Visit Jump\\$Start's website for more information about the conference and what you get with registration.](#)

Please note that teachers (or their schools) are responsible for transportation, incidental, and optional costs.

How to Apply

- Send an e-mail to: experianscholarship@jumpstart.org.
- Subject line: "Experian Scholarship Request"
- E-mail may not exceed 500 words total and may not contain attachments.
- Include the following information:
 - Teacher's full name.
 - Employer's (school or school district) full name and address.
 - A sentence stating that you (or your school or district) will be fully responsible for all transportation and incidental costs and will refund the scholarship if you fail to attend.
 - A short description of the course, unit, activities, etc. in which you teach personal finance or your specific plan to introduce it.
- Please, no phone calls.*
- Jump\$Start will administer the requests on behalf of Experian.

Criteria

Applicants must be:

- Full-time, licensed/certified, PreK-12 teachers, currently employed by a school or school district.
- First-time attendees of the Jump\$Start National Educator Conference.
- Teaching personal finance (as a course or integrated into other subject matter) currently or must have a specific plan to introduce it.

Priority will be given to:

- DC-area teachers.
- Teachers from areas under-represented in conference registration as of October 4.

Apply right away! There is no deadline, but scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the criteria and priorities shown above.

Notification

- Scholarship recipients will be notified by Jump\$tart and given instructions for registration.
- All applicants will be notified by e-mail when the program closes or by October 18.

Thank you for understanding that Jump\$tart will be unable to take phone calls, give status updates, or entertain requests for exceptions.

Early Bird Gets the *Rose*—Registration for 2014 WBEA Due November 15

The site for the 2014 [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) Conference is the Rose City of Portland, Oregon. Plan to join fellow western region business education professions February 13-17, 2014, for this dynamic and informative professional development event.

Early Bird registration for the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) ends Friday, November 15. Registration information, conference schedule, tour details, and hotel information can be found on the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) page of the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2014/2014conference.html>.

For those interested, college credit is also available from Oregon State University. Credit requirements can also be found on the [2014 WBEA Conference](#). If you are not interested in the credit, you can apply with the Office of Public Instruction for pre-approval and earn Renewal Units. Just complete the [Pre-Approval Form](#) and submit all necessary documentation at least two weeks prior to the conference.

Be Sure Your Seniors are Signed Up for College Application Week to Apply for Free

The Office of Public Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education are inviting high schools to participate in Montana College Application Week on November 11-15, 2013.

College Application Week provides high school seniors the opportunity to learn about Montana colleges and universities and complete a college application during the school day. As part of College Application Week, many of our two-year and four-year colleges have offered to waive their application fee for the week!

We know that most of the jobs of today and tomorrow are going to require additional training or education after high school. Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau is committed to working with our public schools, Montana students and families, and the Montana University System to help break down the barriers students face when considering whether to enroll in postsecondary education.

If you are interested in participating in College Application Week, please sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/mcaw2013.

If you have any additional questions, you can contact Montana GEAR UP's College Application Week Project Manager, Veronica Willeto, at 406-281-4411 or vwilleto@montana.edu.

Apply Today for 2014 WBEA Educational Improvement Scholarship Application

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) announces the annual WBEA Educational Improvement Scholarship for business and computer science educators. This 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. It is available for tuition and is offered and managed by the WBEA Executive Board through the

WBEA Professional Development Committee. Funding for the scholarship will be through donations from individuals, companies, and other sources.

The scholarship is for \$500 and to apply, applicants must

1. Be a current member of an S/T/P (State/Territory/Province Business Education Association and a member of NBEA/WBEA,
2. Be currently engaged as an instructor in business/computer education
3. Be currently accepted in a business/computer education degree (Proof of an unofficial transcript and/or grade sheet showing completion of at least one class) must be submitted with application),
4. Additional information submitted as stated on application.

For additional details and to complete the application, please visit the WBEA Scholarship page of the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/eos.html>.

Scholarship for Graduate Study in Business Education

Each year, NBEA awards two \$1,000 scholarships to individuals pursuing continuing education or graduate study in business education. The scholarships recognize and support educators who give 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, or plan to teach upon completion of the program, in the field of business education;
- Be a current professional member of NBEA at the time of application.

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 announced during the Awards Luncheon at the NBEA 2014 Annual Convention in Los Angeles, California, on Friday, April 18.

To qualify for this year's [Scholarship Program](#), the [Scholarship Application Form](#) must be postmarked no later than December 1 and returned to NBEA headquarters.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Fishtail is named for either a Mr. Fishtail who lived in the area or as the area Indians prefer for some of the peaks in the nearby Beartooth Mountain Range which look like the tail of a fish.

The Yaak community (45 miles east of Eureka and 70 miles north of Libby) is the most northwestern settlement in the state.

Montana has the largest grizzly bear population in the lower 48 states.

Near the Pines Recreation Area (on Fort Peck Lake south of Glasgow) as many as 100 sage grouse perform their extraordinary spring mating rituals.

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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