

The Wednesday Reader

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Montana Seeking Applications for WBEA Professional Development Institute

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is seeking applications for Montana business education professionals who are interested in attending the 2014 Western Business Education Association's Professional Development Institute. The [Professional Development Institute](#) will be held during the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) in Portland, Oregon.

MBEA will reimburse half of the basic [2014 WBEA conference](#) registration fee for two (2) Montana business education professionals to attend the [2014 Professional Development Institute](#). Those interested in attending the 2014 Professional Development must complete the [2014 Professional Development Application](#) and submit to MBEA President Elaine Stedman at estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us by Friday, November 1, 2014.

The selected two representatives will be notified of their approval in time to complete the early bird registration by the November 15 deadline. Selected individuals will be responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses, which can be paid by Perkins or State CTE funds.

Additional details about the [2014 Professional Development Institute](#) can be found at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html> and [2014 WBEA Conference](#) information is available at <http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2014/2014conference.html>.

For questions about the 2014 Professional Development Institute or the application, please contact MBEA President Elaine Stedman at estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us.

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Now Available

CenturyLink Foundation has allocated \$20,000 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.

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 funds will be available May, 2014 and must be spent during the 2014-2015 academic school year. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2015.

The complete CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant application is available on the Montana ACTE website at www.montanacte.org. The deadline for applications is January 10, 2014.

The grant application process will be administered by a partnership of Montana ACTE and CenturyLink.

Montana Business Educators Honor During MBEA Business Meeting

During the 2014 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting Thursday, October 17 in Bozeman, MBEA presented honored two business education professionals and one local business for their contributions to the field and students of business education.

MBEA Past President Scott Anderson (Baker High School, Baker) presided over the awards presentation. Past President Anderson first present the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education to Bank of Baker. The Bank of Baker has been a strong support of both local and statewide Career and Technical Student Organizations including their sponsorship of various Baker BPA chapter activities and projects as well as being a Gold-level sponsor for Business Professionals of America, Montana association through Montana BPA's corporate sponsor program.

Beth Lawrence, Garfield County District High School in Jordon, was awarded the 2013 MBEA Outstanding Young Teacher. Ms. Lawrence is the business teacher and BPA advisors at GCDHS and also serves at the secretary for Montana Business Education Association.

The 2014 MBEA Teacher of the Year award was presented to Sidney High School business educator Elaine Stedman. Among all of her various duties and leadership roles, Elaine is currently the MBEA President, is a member of the Montana ACTE Board of Directors, is the Chair of the Montana BPA State Executive of Directors, is the Montana BPA secondary division representative on the national-level Classroom Educators Advisory Council, and is one of Montana's two representatives on the Western Business Education Association Board.

The 2014 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting was held in conjunctions with the 2014 Montana ACTE Institute.

[You're invited to go on a Virtual Field Trip with AICPA](#)

[StartHereGoPlaces.com](#) invites you to join them for their second online educational excursion for students. This Virtual Field Trip lets you visit the wonderful world of accounting without ever leaving the classroom.

About This Trip

What: A peak inside the Internal Audit Department of Hilton Worldwide.

Where: Your computer (Yay for free webcasts!)

Who: Real-life CPA, Christopher Ekimoff

When: November 5 at 1pm EST (11 am Montana time)

Why: Because forensic accounting is pretty cool.

No permission slips required

This trip is going to be a good one—it's all about money laundering, fraud, theft, and interviewing suspects and victims. Sound like an episode of CSI? Well, it's not. It's just a day in the life of a forensic accountant. Pretty cool, right? Want to learn more? Then pack your lunch box, gather some of your fellow accounting enthusiasts and join us for a Virtual Field Trip into the world of Christopher Ekimoff, Investigations & Forensics Manager in the Internal Audit Department of Hilton Worldwide.

Learn more about forensic accounting and what it's like to be Chris with this free webcast. And just like with any field trip—come prepared with questions for our CPA. Space is limited, so register soon.

[Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

Adobe Textbooks Looking for a Good Home

Sharon Mattix at Hamilton High School (mattixs@hsd3.org) has 17 copies of *Web Collection Revealed--for CS4 Flash, Dreamweaver and Photoshop* if anyone can use them.

For more information about the textbooks and how they can become part of your program's curriculum, please contact Sharon at mattixs@hsd3.org.

2013-2014 Perkins Grant Approval Reminder

To All High School Districts Applying For Perkins Federal Funding

If your PERKINS E-Grant Application has already been approved by the OPI for 2013-2014, please disregard this reminder.

The CTE Division of the OPI is providing this brief, but friendly reminder to all districts intending to submit a 2013-2014 Perkins grant application to please obtain final OPI approval of your Perkins application through the E-Grants system no later than **Tuesday, December 31, 2013**.

Only the initial/original application is subject to this deadline. Amendments to your approved Perkins application can occur after the December date. If you have questions regarding the status of your Perkins grant application, please contact one of the following CTE Division staff:

Brad King: phone: 406.444.4451; email: bking2@mt.gov

Renee Harris: phone: 406.994.6986; email: rharris3@mt.gov

Diana Fiedler: phone: 406.444.9019; email: dfiedler@mt.gov

Preliminary State CTE (Voed) Allocations Now Posted

Preliminary State Career and Technical Education (CTE) allocations also known as State VoEd allocations have been determined for approved CTE high school programs. A report has been posted on the *Payments to Schools & Co-Ops* and [Secondary CTE](#) 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 **12:00 PM (Noon), Tuesday, October 29**. The posted allocations at this point are preliminary; corrections can be made, if needed, before the final allocations are run but NOT after the October 29 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 first three factors come 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.

Contact one of the following people if you have questions regarding these preliminary allocations:

Agriculture Education: Brad King, 406.444.4451

Business Education: Eric Swenson, 406.444.7991

Family and Consumer Sciences Education: Megan Vincent, 406.444.3599

Health Science Education: Renee Harris, 406.994.6986

Industrial, Trades & Technology Education: Don Michalsky, 406.444.4452

Accountability Specialist: Diana Fiedler, 406.444.9019

The PRELIMINARY allocations are posted alphabetically by district at

<http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html> and http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_13

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.

Early Bird Gets the *Rose* – Registration for 2014 WBEA Due Soon, 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.

Fun Facts and Trivia

The first luge run in North America was built at Lolo Hot Springs on Lolo Pass in 1965.

Combination, Comet, Keystone, Black Pine, and Pony are names of Montana ghost towns.

Virginia City was founded in 1863 and is considered to be the most complete original town of its kind in the United States.

The density of the state of Montana is six people per square mile

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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