

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### *Oktoberfest 1, 2014*

### **College Application Week**

High schools still have time to sign up for College Application Week. The deadline is Friday, October 3.

High school seniors are encouraged to fill out an application to a Montana college during the week of November 3-7, 2014. Many 2-year and 4-year colleges have offered to defer their application fee during the week and most will waive the fee based on income eligibility.

To sign up for College Application Week, fill out the brief survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LMKWLBW>

### **Dual Enrollment Webinar**

High school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers who would like to know how to start or expand a successful dual enrollment program can participate in a live webinar on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

You will learn about:

- Montana's dual credit incentive program
- How to establish partnerships with local colleges
- Ways to ensure student success

There will also be time for you to ask questions of the presenters from OPI, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and EdNorthwest.

Please click on the link to register for the webinar:

<https://educationnorthwest.webex.com/educationnorthwest/onstage/g.php?d=291787860&t=a>.

### **Fall 2014 CTE Data Collection Begins – Time to Find your 2014 Graduates**

The Fall 2014 CTE Data Collection begins on October 1 and ends December 31, 2014.

The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2013-2014) and graduated in the spring of 2014 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 2013-2014 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.

**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, 2014, 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 [opiaimhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiaimhelp@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](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

For more information, contact [Diana Fiedler](#), 406.444.9019.

### **Study Abroad This Summer**

Take advantage of a great opportunity. Two Montana educators and 20 Montana high school students will travel to Thailand in the summer of 2015 to compare and contrast food security, climate change, and culture between Southeast Asia and the US. No advance knowledge of these issues is required, though demonstrated interest is preferred.

The travel expenses for the trip are paid through the Mansfield Center.

The deadline to apply is November 2, 2014 for educators and, November 9, 2014 for students.

For information on how to apply, please visit

<http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/internationalprograms/aylpthailand/default.php>.

### **2014 Montana ACTE Institute Early-Bird Registration Ends Today, October 1**

Today, October 1, is the [Early-Bird Registration](#) deadline for the [2014 Montana ACTE Institute](#).

This year's Institute, *The Common Core Advantage 2.0: Strategies That Work in CTE*, will be held at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, October 16-17. The complete [2014 Montana ACTE Institute Registration Packet](#) can be downloaded from the [Professional Development](#) page of the [Montana ACTE](#) website at <http://www.montanaacte.org/prodevel.shtml>.

The Montana ACTE Institute is Montana's premier professional development opportunity for Career and Technical Education professionals and Montana's business and marketing educators.

### **Monday, October 6 is Deadline to Register for the 2014 New CTE Professionals Workshop Registration**

for the [2014 New CTE Professionals Workshop](#) closes on Monday, October 6.

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 15, in Missoula at the Holiday Inn Downtown, prior to the start of the 2014 Montana ACTE Fall Institute. The New CTE Professionals Workshop is a **FREE** professional development opportunity designed specifically for Career & Technical Education professionals in their first, second, or third year in the classroom.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development,
- Professional organizations,
- Montana's Big Sky Pathways Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop will be held at the Missoula Holiday Inn Downtown (200 South Pattee Street) from 8 am to 4 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six (6) OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Workshop, including a schedule of events, are currently posted on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website (<http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html>) under the **In The News** heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/14OctNewProfessionalsWrkshp.pdf>.

Registration for the 2014 New CTE Professionals Workshop can be completed and submitted online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FKDN7ZH>. The deadline to register is Monday, October 6.

### **2014-2015 Grant Approval Reminder to High School Districts Who Apply For Perkins Funding**

The CTE Division of the OPI is sending this reminder to all districts intending to submit a 2014-2015 Perkins grant application to please obtain final OPI approval of your initial Perkins application through the E-Grants system no later than **Friday, October 31, 2014**.

Only the initial/original application is subject to this deadline. Amendments to your approved Perkins application can occur after the October 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](mailto:bking2@mt.gov)  
Renee Harris: phone: 406.994.6986; email: [rharris3@mt.gov](mailto:rharris3@mt.gov)  
Diana Fiedler: phone: 406.444.9019; email: [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov)

### **Help Us Recognize Montana's Safest Workplaces! WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award**

The [WorkSafeMT](#) Governor's Safety Achievement Award recognizes Montana employers that are committed to safety in the workplace. Through their commitment to safety, these employers are not only creating a safe place to work; they are reducing their workers' comp rate making them leaders in their industry.

The [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Awards](#) recognize and celebrate Montana employers for safety excellence and leadership. These employers model workplace safety practices and procedures that help keep employees safe from workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths. They are role models for other Montana employers.

We encourage you to nominate a Montana employer for this award.

Basic eligibility requirements include:

- Better than (industry) average e-mod and/or evidence of total recordable incident rate below industry average for the last 3 years if employer does not have an e-mod.
- Demonstration of excellence in implementing the Montana Safety Culture Act (MSCA; <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/safety-health/montana-safety-culture-act/montana-safety-culture-act>).
- Electronic submission of a completed [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award Nomination form](#); and narratives describing implementation of Montana Safety Culture Act and other application documentation/materials in PDF format.

Deadline for submitting nominations for the next round of awards is October 31, 2014.

The nomination [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award Nomination form](#) can be download at <http://www.worksafemt.com/safety/safety-achievement-awards/>.

A selection committee will review all nomination forms and select the WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award recipient(s).

In order to be considered for the awards at the upcoming [SafetyFestMT](#) in Kalispell, Montana (January 12-15) applications must be received by the deadline of October 31, 2014.

Email application documents in PDF format to [exdir@worksafemt.com](mailto:exdir@worksafemt.com).

### **Fun Facts and Trivia**

Over 2500 left handed people a year are killed from using products made for right handed people.

There are more than 10 million bricks in the Empire State Building.

A crocodile always grows new teeth to replace the old teeth.

The sun is 330,330 times larger than the earth.

Clinophobia is the fear of beds.

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

Porcupines float in water.

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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