

## **The Wednesday Reader**

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### **Montana Business Educators Honor During MBEA Business Meeting**

During the 2014 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting Thursday, October 16 in Missoula, MBEA presented honored two business education professionals and one 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 Quality Transportation of Baker. For the past few years, Quality Transportation as been a strong supporter of Career and Technical Student Organizations including their sponsorship of various Baker BPA chapter projects as well as sponsoring the meal served during the BPA Region 7 Leadership Conference each year.

Chad Eichenlaub, St. Regis High School, was awarded the 2014 MBEA Rookie Teacher of the Year. In his third year of teaching, Chad is the business teacher and BPA advisor St. Regis and was also elected the secretary for Montana Business Education Association for 2015.

Kerri Cobb, Bozeman High School, was named the 2014 MBEA Teacher of the Year award. In addition to teaching a variety of business courses at Bozeman High School, Kerri is a past Regional Coordinator for Business Professionals of America, Montana Association's Region 4 and served on the Montana BPA State Executive Board. Most recently, Kerri has been actively involved in the CodeMontana Project and has been working to provide Montana teachers with resources and materials for teaching coding.

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

### **Montana Business Education Association Elects New Leadership**

During the 2014 MBEA Business Meeting during last week's 2014 Montana ACTE Institute, the MBEA membership elected a new slate of officers for 2015. The 2015 MBEA officers include

- President: Doug Andersen, Billings
- President Elect: Brad Mehr, Ennis
- Vice President: Beth Lawrence, Jordan
- Secretary: Chad Eichenlaub, St. Regis
- Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten, Circle
- Membership Director: Linda Cotton, Cascade
- Past President: Elaine Stedman, Sidney

### **Preliminary State CTE (VoEd) Allocations Now Posted**

Preliminary State Career and Technical (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 below.

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 Monday, October 27, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. The posted allocations at this point are preliminary. We can make corrections, if needed, before the

final allocations are run but not after the October 27 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 which have paid state and national membership dues 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 & Consumer Sciences Education: Megan Vincent, 406.444.3599

Health Sciences 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://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1\\_4](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4) or at

[http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_14](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_14).

### **Teaching Computer Coding, Computer Programming, & Robotics**

Kerri Cobb with the Bozeman High School Business Education Department is working with CodeMontana to get free curriculum materials for teachers and needs some information. Kerri needs to know what schools in the state are teaching computer coding, computer programming, and/or robotics.

If you, or another teacher in your school district, are teaching computer coding, computer programming, and/or robotics please complete the following survey by Friday, October 31.

Survey link: <http://goo.gl/forms/FQ88eHgGcH>.

For questions or additional information, please contact Kerri at [kerri.cobb@bsd7.org](mailto:kerri.cobb@bsd7.org).

### **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 2015 and must be spent during the 2015-2016 academic school year. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2016.

The complete CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant application is available on the Montana ACTE website at [www.montanacte.org](http://www.montanacte.org). The deadline for applications is January 2, 2015.

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

### **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>.

The application deadline is December 1, 2014.

### **Fall 2014 CTE Data Collection – 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 [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto: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](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

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

### **Next Week is Deadline for 2014-2015 Perkins Grants is Next Week**

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)

### **Fun Facts and Trivia**

The electric chair was invented by a dentist

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enables it to see all four feet at all times

Human teeth are almost as hard as rocks

A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside

A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, a dime has one less groove

The average American will eat about 11.9 pounds of cereal per year

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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