

The Wednesday Reader

November 4, 2015

With Veteran's Day falling on Wednesday, November 11, next week's Wednesday Reader will be sent out on Tuesday, November 10.

WBEA Awards – Now is the Time to Nominate

The [Western Business Education Association \(WBEA\)](#) is now accepting nominations for the 2016 WBEA Awards Program. The 2016 WBEA awards will be presented during the [2016 WBEA Conference](#) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

It is so easy for you to nominate a well-deserving colleague for a [WBEA award](#). There is no more printing, writing, wasting paper, and having to go to the post office. All award nomination forms are fillable forms and all submissions are done via e-mail.

Award categories include

- Distinguished Service Award for a Company
- Distinguished Service Award for an Individual
- Outstanding Business Educator, Middle or Junior High School
- Outstanding Business Educator, High School
- Outstanding Business Educator, University
- Outstanding Business Educator, Post-Secondary
- Outstanding Career & Technical Student Organization Advisor
- Communication Award

The deadline for all award nominations is December 1, 2015. Complete award details can be found on the WBEA website at <http://wbea.info/new/awards/awards.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact WBEA Awards Director Kristina Yamada at 801.725.2500 or at kyamadaut@comcast.net.

Register Today for the 2015 Hour of Code

The [Hour of Code](#) has previously been announced to the United States and last week, the official announcement for the 2015 campaign was sent out worldwide.

Here's an exciting update: every [Hour of Code](#) organizer worldwide will receive a gift card to iTunes, Amazon or the Windows Store as a thank you gift—as long as you are registered.

Are you in? Together with your help, [Hour of Code](#) wants to reach 100,000 classrooms during December 7-13. So far, over 48,000 organizers have signed up. Visit <https://hourofcode.com/us> today to sign up.

If you don't sign up, you'll miss out on

1. Your thank-you gift
2. Exciting new tutorials, coming in a few weeks
3. The new volunteer match—Hour of Code is recruiting experts in your area who want to help you with your Hour of Code

In just one hour you can empower students to keep learning.

Every student today deserves the opportunity to learn foundational 21st-century skills.

Are you in? Sign up for the Hour of Code 2015 today at <https://hourofcode.com/us>.

Google for Education Online Computational Thinking Course

Google for Education (www.google.com/edu) is relaunching their free, online course on computational thinking (CT) where educators can explore and learn more about what CT is and how it can be integrated into a variety of subject areas that they teach, whether it be computer science, humanities, math, or science. Note: if you previously took this course, but did not have the chance to finish, you can register and take it again.

For more information or to sign up, visit g.co/computationalthinking. The course runs until December 20 and can be completed at your own pace, taking between 15-30 hours to complete.

To check out lessons and projects created by educators who have already started to think about integrating CT into their work, visit <https://goo.gl/11L3Wc>.

To join in the discussion about CT and learn from other educators from around the world, visit <https://goo.gl/tf1t7o>.

For additional resources on CT, including classroom-ready lesson plans, videos on how Google uses CT to do some amazing things, and more, visit g.co/exploringCT.

Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources Available for Download

Over the course of the summer and fall, copies of the Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binder have been distributed to Montana's business education professionals during various professional development events and at meetings for Montana BPA and Montana DECA.

The Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binder contains materials relating to the teaching of business education as well as the latest edition of the OPI TEAMS School Staffing System's K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions manual. The K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions manual is used by local Montana school districts when reporting data and the data from the TEAMS School Staffing System is now used to complete CTE Student Enrollment Participation Reports. The binder also includes a calendar of events related to business education, career & technical education, BPA, and DECA as well as a worksheet classroom teachers can use to provide information to local TEAMS authorized representatives to ensure the data submitted is complete and correct.

All of the documentation included in the Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binder can be downloaded from the following box.com folder: <https://app.box.com/s/v2c6vq53wjz3pzz3ctk370qjffh5iu>. The folder contains the following resources

- Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binder cover and spine (formatted for 1" binders)
- Montana Business Education Planning Calendar for the 2015-2016 School Year
- Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binder information sheet describing the contents of the binder
- Framework for Business Education Montana, Updated Spring 2015
- Updated crosswalks for BPA and DECA competitive events for the 2015-2016 membership year (for those who already have a copy of the Framework for Business Education)
- The complete Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions for use for the 2015-2016 school year; the manual was updated October 2, 2015
- National Standards for Business Education, 2013 edition from the National Business Education Association
- Common Career Technical Core
- Draft copy of the Montana CTE Guidelines for Business and Marketing Education Programs and Cooperative Work Experience

If you have problems accessing the files via the link above, please let me know and I can send you files directly. I do have limited copies of complete Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binders and I can mail a copy to you upon request.

December 1 is Deadline to Register for WBEA 2016: Lōkahi – United on the Journey to Success

The 2016 [Western Business Education Association \(WBEA\)](#) Conference will be held February 12-15, 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Waikiki Beach Marriott.

The [2016 WBEA Conference](#) will features computer workshops, breakout sessions, professional tours, exhibits, and many Hawaiian-themed events. A description of computer workshops is available at <http://bit.ly/wbea2016cw>. Below is a brief outline of the conference's schedule.

Thursday, February 11

- WBEA Executive Committee Meeting (afternoon/evening)

Friday, February 12

- Professional Development Day Tours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Computer Workshops (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- WBEA Presidents-Elect/Membership/PDI Training
- WBEA Executive Board Meeting (12:30-5 p.m.)
- Conference General Opening Session (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Exhibitors' Reception (7:30-9 p.m.)

Saturday, February 13

- Computer Workshops (8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Breakout Sessions (8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.)
- Conference General Session, Lunch (11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- Cultural Experience & Hawaiian Laua (optional fee) (4-9:30 p.m.)

Sunday, February 14

-Breakout Sessions (8:30 a.m.-Noon)

-Awards Dinner and Conference General Closing Session (5:45-8:15 p.m.)

The Early-Bird NBEA member registration rate is \$230 if submitted/postmarked by December 1, 2015. Links to both the online registration and printable registration form can be found on the 2016 WBEA Conference website at hbea.org/WBEA2016.html.

The 2016 WBEA Conference hotel rates at the Waikiki Beach Marriott are \$229 plus tax. Hotel reservations can be made directly at hbea.org/WBEA2016_hotel.html. The WBEA 2016 room block ends January 8, 2016. The room rate will be available for three days before and after the conference dates.

Apply Today for the NBEA Convention's First-Time Attendee Stipend

The 2016 National Business Education Association Annual Convention will be held in Las Vegas at The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas March 22-26, 2016. If you are a professional member of NBEA and have never attended the annual national convention, you are eligible for a professional development stipend.

The \$200 stipends will be presented at the NBEA awards luncheon on Friday, March 25, 2016.

Recipients must purchase a ticket and attend the luncheon where they will receive the stipend from NBEA President Robert B. Blair. Applicants must be current NBEA professional members at the time of application.

Recipients will be notified by February 5, 2016. To apply for a stipend, the application form can be downloaded from the NBEA 2016 Annual Convention page at www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html.

Applications must be received at NBEA headquarters by January 2, 2016. No exceptions will be made.

Save the Date – 21st Annual Montana Economics Challenge on March 7, 2016

The 21st Annual Montana Economics Challenge will be held at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena on March 7, 2016.

The purpose of the Economics Challenge is to increase students' exposure to and interest in economics in an entertaining atmosphere. The Economics Challenge began in 1988 as a product of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis became involved in 1992 when it sponsored a playoff round for the winning schools from the state's various regional centers for economic education. The Helena Branch, along with the MCEE, participated for the first time in 1996 when it held the first Economics Challenge in Montana.

Teams are comprised of three or four students who compete individually and as a team. Participants take a multiple-choice test in each of the following three areas: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and International Trade and Economics. Team scores are determined by combining the top three individuals' scores in each category. The top two teams after the first three rounds will compete in a buzzer round on local, state, and national economics, as well as economic-related current events.

Awards are given to individuals and to teams. Each school may bring more than one team and it is not necessary for a school to offer a general economics class to compete.

State winners will compete in a regional semi-final round. The top four regional teams will compete at the National Finals in New York City.

Please contact Rhonda Krieger at 800.823.4333, ext. 447-3864 or at Helena.MTChallenge@mpls.frb.org with any questions.

Start Here, Go Places Releases New Website for the 2015-2016 School Year

The new [Teacher Edition of Start Here, Go Places](#) is ready, willing and able to help you inspire the next generation of accounting all-stars. Don't you just love that new site smell? Start Here, Go Places does, too.

What's different? Pretty much everything. The site is more user-friendly and now it's the ultimate inspirational resource for you and your class. The new Teacher Edition is filled with great activities, exercises and videos you can sort through with the help of tags and filters.

Save all your favorite things in your very own "My Stuff" folder and while you're at it, do a little shopping. Yes, shopping. Order free copies of *Start Here* Magazine, boards to play the Start Here, Go Places. version of BINGO, S-H-G-P-O, career guides and those very cool updated Futurizer wheels to share with your class.

While you're busy inspiring tomorrow's CPAs, find a little inspiration for yourself in the new professional development section. There are plenty of helpful articles and advice to help you take your skills as an educator to the next level.

So, what are you waiting for? Go now! See the new site at <http://www.startheregoplaces.com/teacher/>.

Apply Today for an NBEA Scholarship

This year, the [National Business Education Association](http://www.nbea.org) (www.nbea.org) will award two \$1,500 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.

Are you enrolled in a college or university post- baccalaureate or graduate-level program? Can you submit proof of enrollment?

Are you enrolled in a business education program and/or other related area in business?

Can you submit proof of completion of at least two graduate courses (six semester hours)?

Are you currently teaching and will continue to teach in the field of business education?

Are you a current professional member of NBEA and been a member for least one full year?

If you answered 'yes' to all of these questions, then you need to apply for the [NBEA Scholarship](#)! Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded at the [NBEA 2016 Annual Convention](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-26, 2016. Scholarship recipients will be introduced and accept their awards at the NBEA Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 25.

To access a complete list of the eligibility requirements and the scholarship application please visit nbea.org/newsite/opportunities/scholarships.html. The deadline to apply is December 1.

For information regarding the [NBEA 2016 Annual Convention](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-26, 2016, please visit nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html.

New STEM Course from EverFi

[EverFi](http://www.everfi.com) (www.everfi.com) has a new STEM course now available.

This course, sponsored by the National Hockey League/NHLPA and available to schools at no-cost, brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts to life through the exciting, fast-paced game of hockey. Using immersive hockey simulations, content enables 4th - 7th grade students to explore real-life applications of fundamental STEM concepts.

This online learning course combines the power of cutting-edge instructional design, standards based alignment, and game-based simulations to build student's confidence, mastery, and excitement around critical STEM topics. To learn more, please see an overview of the course [here](#) and a video overview [here](#).

For further information, contact Mick Karls of EverFi, in Helena, at 204-1148 or at mick@everfi.com.

New Self-Paced Turtle Programming Course from NCLab

The [NCLab](#) Team (nclab.com) has just released a new self-paced online visual computer programming course, Turtle Tina. This course fits between NCLab's Karel Programming and Python Programming courses, and it is a great appetizer for the self-paced 3D Modeling course.

Students learn basics of Python programming by drawing lines, arcs, and patterns. They can extrude their creations to 3D and print them on a 3D printer if your school has one. This makes learning computer programming so much more fun! And, you have another reason to request a 3D printer.

Visit the course web page at <http://nclab.com/turtle> to learn more. Disregard the payment button which is there for homeschoolers. As a teacher, you can apply for 10 student accounts that are donated to every K-12 school. Just visit <http://nclab.com>, fill out a simple online form, and you and your students will get unrestricted access to all self-paced computer programming and 3D modeling courses in NCLab.

You, as an administrator, will be able to track your students' progress and manage their accounts using the My School app located on your NCLab Desktop.

All courses have built in feedback.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Orange Crush was first introduced in 1916 as Ward's Orange Crush.

The word "crush" was added to the name to refer to the process of extracting oils from oranges.

Originally, Orange Crush included orange pulp in the bottles, giving it a "fresh squeezed" illusion even though the pulp was added rather than remaining from squeezed oranges.

There have been nearly 50 different Crush flavors available worldwide, including Crush Bubblegum, Crush Berry Pomegranate, and Crush Pineapple.

Crush joins Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Inc. in 2010 and debuts Crush Cherry, the first pure cherry flavored soda to enter the market in four years.

The Orange Crush Defense was the 3–4 defense of the Denver Broncos during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The song "Orange Crush" was released as the first single from REM's sixth studio album, *Green*, in 1988.

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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"You don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." ~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh