



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE September 1, 2018

2018-2019 CALENDARS Posted on the Secondary CTE Web page

The **CTE Calendar of Events** and the **CTE DUE DATES and DEADLINES** calendars have been posted to the CTE web page located at this link:

<http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education>

The calendars are located under the CTE Updates tab. Please feel free to print and post both of these important calendars for your reference throughout the year. For questions about either calendar, please contact Christy Hendricks at 406.444.9019 or email her at: chendricks@mt.gov.

The 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop—Professional Development Specifically for those New to the CTE Classroom

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 17, in Billings, prior to the start of the 2018 Montana ACTE Institute.

After completing a redesign of the event, this year's New CTE Professionals Workshop focuses on early-career professionals—specifically Career & Technical Education professionals within the first five (5) years in a Montana Career & Technical Education classroom. Additionally, Montana CTE professionals who have participated in the past are invited to attend to enhance their classroom skills and knowledge of Career & Technical Education.

This **FREE** professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with five (5) years or less of experience, with information on a variety of roundtable and breakout sessions essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development organizations,
- Instructional strategies for the CTE classroom,
- Work-Based Learning
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and



--Career & Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop will be held at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center ([1223 Mullaney Lane](#)) from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six (6) OPI Renewal Units will be offered. Attendees are responsible for their own travel and substitutes.

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/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education>) under the [CTE Updates](#) heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=laiBYFs7zxo%3d&portalid=182>

Registration for the 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop can be completed and submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3SQ6YVN>. The deadline to register is Monday, October 1.

Please note, registration for the 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop does not also include the Montana ACTE Institute. Registration for the Montana ACTE Institute must be submitted separately. Montana ACTE Fall Institute registration details can be found at <http://montanaacte.org/prodevel.shtml>.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Where did summer go? I know that many of you spent countless hours honing your teaching and technical skills in summer updates, training courses and just working on your own farms and ranches and in your agricultural programs. I hope that you also were able to spend some quality time enjoying friends, family and the things you love to do. I saw some great pictures of camping, hiking and fishing from many of you and am glad you were able to recharge your batteries. As you know we have so many fresh new faces joining our Montana Agricultural Education Family, please take a moment or two and reach out to these new teachers or new to Montana teachers and make them feel welcomed. We do have two programs currently without teachers, St. Regis and Harlem, if you know anyone who might want to join the ranks of Ag Teacher, we sure would like to have them and help fill these positions.

Speaking of inviting people to join our ranks, the **National Teach Ag Day is September 20th**, I hope you are thinking of some fun way to celebrate and encouraging your students to think about becoming teachers. Explore the teaching profession as a whole, not just that of Agricultural Education. It truly is a great profession filled with many great people and rewarding experiences! This year due to our District Leadership Schools (DLS) we will be holding our **Montana Tagged to Teach Ag event on September 13th** at Montana State University. This will be our second annual event and this year we are



incorporating both formal and non-formal education, we have reached out to include students from Extension. This will allow us to broaden our scope and make Agricultural Education more inclusive. We are excited to see what these changes bring to program. We will have 30 spots available this year to Juniors and Seniors who have expressed an interests in Agricultural Education.

As I am gearing up to head out to our eight DLS meetings around Montana, I look forward to seeing our teachers and program in action. I will be talking in depth about some upcoming professional development opportunities this fall and answer questions about Montana Career Pathways, data collections and funding that you may have. Please keep some specific dates open on your calendar this year to join us for professional development; **October 17th the New Professional's Workshop and October 18-19th Montana ACTE Conference in Billings.** I am excited for both conferences and think that the format and content are both things our Agriculture teachers will enjoy!



We are making great strides within Montana Agricultural Education and Career and Technical Education. Thank you for your part, let us keep looking forward and striving to bring the best to our Montana students everyday. Keep up the great work, do not hesitate to contact me and keep smiling friends!

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FFA



As the summer fun comes to a close and the school year begins, we begin to set our sights on new and exciting activities for Montana FFA. Welcome to the new teachers and students who will continue to help make Montana FFA the exceptional organization that it is.

The state officers and I will be visiting (or have visited) different areas of Montana during the first and third weeks of September. During our first week on the road we will be conducting district leadership schools beginning in Culbertson, followed by visits to Ekalaka, Colstrip and Absarokee. The second week will find us in Livingston, Missoula, Fairfield, and wrapping up in Malta. During our time at these locations, I will be meeting with the area's Agriculture Education instructors while the officers will be meeting with all the members who are in attendance. Additionally, we will have a representative from Montana State University's Ag Education Department, the Montana FFA Alumni Association and the Office of Public Instruction.



The Montana FFA State Officer Team: Morgan Weidow, President from Corvallis, Nathan Wildeboer, 1st Vice President from Missoula, Andrea Rutledge, 2nd Vice President from Big Sandy, Mamie Hertel, Secretary from Moore, Jacob Martin, Treasurer from Culbertson, Courtnee Clairmont, Reporter from Mission Valley, Karli Blanchard, Sentinel from Colstrip, Laine Hill, Parliamentarian from Broadwater, as well as two members of the Kalispell FFA Agronomy Team, consisting of Maria Bay and Erin Taylor, recently participated in Montana FFA's annual commodity tour of the west coast. The group was also joined by Montana FFA State Advisor, Jim Rose, Montana FFA Alumni member and member of the National FFA Agronomy Committee, Tom Peterson from Wilsall, and Kalispell FFA Advisor Tucker Hankinson.

Some of the trip's highlights included a tour of Stemilt, the world-famous fruit packaging facility in Wenatchee, Washington where participants saw massive amounts of apples and cherries being processed, the group visited the Ocean Spray Cranberry facility in Aberdeen, Washington, where we saw their trademark Craisins being produced and packaged (and tasted them too!), and had the incredible opportunity to visit the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland, Oregon. While at the Wheat Marketing Center participants learned about the economics of wheat and the properties of gluten, made crackers and tortillas and experimented in their labs. In addition to these tours, our group had the pleasure to stop at Stutzman's Farm, where we picked fresh peaches, as well as learned about the farming of grapes, pears, and apples, Hatton Farm's where we learned about cranberry bogs, and toured TEMPCO Grain Export terminal, and Pearl Bakery.

Other activities that our group had the opportunity to engage in, included a visit to Multnomah Falls, Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery, Pikes Market, Columbia Tower, Voo-Doo Donuts, the original Nike Factory Store, and the beautiful Columbia Gorge Hotel. Overall, the trip was full of laughter, experience, learning, and over 2,000 miles of bonding in a van. The Montana FFA Association and the Kalispell FFA Chapter would like to thank the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee and Columbia Grain for being the main sponsors of this tour as well as the many other sponsors that generously donated to make this trip available to our Montana State Officer Team and one of Montana's Agronomy Teams.

Some important fall dates that you should be aware of are as follows:

- September 14th – FFA Foundation Golf Tournament
- September 25th -- Ruby Valley Invitational Livestock, Range and Forestry contest in Sheridan, Montana
- October 15th – NILE in Billings
- October 24th – 28th – National FFA Convention in Indianapolis
- November 15th – 17th – John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman

Good luck to all students, teachers, advisers and parents for a successful school year. The State FFA Officers and I look forward to seeing what can be accomplished throughout 2018-19.



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Business Education

Montana Business Educators Attend Summer Professional Development Updates

During the summer, three regional professional development workshops were held for Montana' secondary and post-secondary business education professionals.

The Montana Business Education Summer Update provided opportunities for Montana business educators to gain hands-on training, instructional resources for the classroom, and to network with colleagues and new business educators from across the state of Montana. The updates were held at Skyview High School in Billings, Capital High School in Helena, and Glacier High School in Kalispell.

Each update focused on instructional materials for teaching forensic accounting and incorporating college and career readiness resources throughout the curriculum through materials and information presented by Reach Higher Montana. All three sessions were facilitated by Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson along with regional advisors from Reacher Higher Montana.

Additionally, all attendees were provided with an update on Montana business education and career & technical education programming, including the Montana Career Pathways and funding.

The 2018 Montana Business Education Summer Update was offered at no cost to attendees. The Montana Business Education Summer Update will again be held in Summer 2019 with locations and topics to be announced this next spring.

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Montana Business Professionals of America



September 2018 Update WATCH US GROW...

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018 BPA Montana State Officer Team is ready for the 4TH year of Montana BPA Fall Leadership Conference for all of the chapter advisors and their officer teams. This conference will provide members to get ahead of the game this year. The conference will be held at Fairmont Hot Springs on October 7-8. This is a great opportunity to find out "what's new this year in BPA". Leadership training will be provided to the students by the Montana State Officer Team. National PS Vice President, Conner Morrison, will be in attendance. Workshops will be offered for advisors and student attendees during the two-day gathering. The Biz Bowl competition and Shark Tank BPA Edition will be back this year! BPA Montana will provide dinner on Sunday and Continental breakfast on Monday, Morning. BPA Montana will also be providing hotel rooms on Sunday evening at Fairmont. 6 renewal credits are available to advisors. Rooms will be based on 4 students/room (which could involve sharing rooms with students from other schools and 2 advisors/room. Advisors who wish to occupy a single room will be responsible for paying for their own room. If you wish you may add 4 more individuals to a wait list and if space is available, we will include them as well. **REGISTRATION FEE THIS YEAR IS \$50.00 per person. DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017. Registration will take place via SurveyMonkey.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/95CRXQ6>

Regional advisor meetings (this is an opportunity to learn what is happening in BPA) are scheduled for the next few weeks. The dates are: Region 2 September 26 in Missoula; Region 3 September 26 or 27 in Great Falls; Region 5 September 19 in Big Timber; Region 7 September 17 in Forsythe; Region 6 September 18 at MSUB; Region 1, Region 4, and Region 8 meeting dates are yet to be determined. More information of starting times and locations will be sent out by regional executive board members.

BPA QUARTERLY REPORTS--QUARTER 4. This is the final report for 2017-18. If your chapter participated in any activities from May 15- August 15, will you please complete and submit report. Simply copy and paste the URL below. Link for Quarter 4 Reports <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DGL76V>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The Local Advisor Certification Series begins on Monday, September 24th, and the Student Certification Series begins on Thursday, October 4th. More details to come!

REGISTRATION 2018-19. The online membership registration system will open August 27th for the start of the 2018-2019 membership year. Please remember to have your username and password accessible in order to enter your chapter's online registration portal. You will be able to add new members, as well as import members from last year's membership. You can access the membership registration system online at: <https://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/>



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Montana DECA



Greetings from Montana DECA! The State Officers have been hard at work, launching "Ready for It", our 2018-2019 conference theme.

Life moves pretty fast – one day you're a freshman just beginning your high school journey and the next thing you know you're standing in line waiting to receive your diploma and walk across that stage. Are you Ready for It?

Are you ready for college? Deciding what major to pursue, working on group projects and delivering presentations to your professors and peers?

Are you ready for your career? Knowing what career paths interest you the most, going on interviews and networking with business professionals?

Are you ready for the rest of your life? Judging assignments, leading teams and making tough decisions every day that impact those around you?

Thanks to DECA, you're READY FOR IT!

You're ready to pursue the major you know you'll enjoy because you've already experienced industries like marketing, finance, business administration and hospitality. You're ready to get your dream job because after a DECA role-play, a job interview is a walk in the park. You're ready to lead a team to success because you've already been a chapter or association leader. You're ready to take on any challenge life throws your way because you were a DECA member.

If you want to prepare yourself for a future filled with opportunities and achievements, then you're ready to join DECA!

So the question is....are YOU READY FOR IT?

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Montana DECA is pleased to announce our 2018-2019 Calendar of Activities, and Conference Registration Kits. Join us on MTDECA.COM, and on @Montana_DECA social media channels for the latest deadlines and information!

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

September 2018

Family & Consumer Sciences

This summer, Family & Consumer Sciences professionals have taken part in numerous professional development opportunities from the local level to the national level including Culinary Arts at Missoula College, National ProStart Institutes, the AAFCS Annual Convention, and the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Approximately 60 FCS educators also attended the day long Montana FCS Regional Updates offered by Megan Vincent from OPI around the state in August. Teachers have new tools and tips to start the new school year off right!

New FCS teachers (between 0 and 5 years) are encouraged to attend the upcoming New CTE Professionals Training in Billings, MT on Wednesday, October 17 and then stay to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute October 18-19.

Please welcome our new Montana FCCLA Executive Director, Terrence Gotz! Terrence took over the leadership of our organization in mid-August. He's based from a home office in Bozeman; his email address is tgotz@mtfcla.org and his phone number is 406-624-6333. Terrence brings a background of relationship management, board development, fundraising development and youth organization management to the table.

Montana ProStart has also had some changes over the summer, and it's exciting to share with you all that Monica Miller has joined their team as the Executive Director of the Montana Restaurant Association Education Foundation and as the Montana ProStart Coordinator! Monica has worked with the ProStart program for 20 years. She managed ProStart in Wyoming, South Carolina and New York before joining NRAEF in 2013. If you have any questions about Montana ProStart, please contact Monica at 406-206-7510 or at monica.miller@mtretail.com.

Montana State University in Bozeman has the only Family & Consumer Sciences Education preparation program in the state. OPI, MSU and FCCLA work in partnership continually to ensure we provide support to our secondary FCS programs and continue



a pipeline of future FCS teachers. Nicole Wanago, is the FCS Teacher Educator, and she can be reached at nicole.wanago@montana.edu. [Say Yes to FCS](#) is a nationwide campaign, and MSU is a part of this work. If you have potential future FCS teachers, please reach out to Nicole!

There's only ONE WEEK left for regular registration for the **Montana Farm to School Summit: Cultivating Connections**, held on September 13-14, 2018 at University of Montana in Missoula. **Regular registration closes September 6** and space is limited. Some of the preconference tours are full or are very close, so register today! This conference is an excellent opportunity to learn and share how schools and programs are cultivating connections across Montana through the core elements of farm to school--serving local foods, school gardens, and providing nutrition, agriculture, and food education. Presenters from across Montana and the country will lead tours, workshops, and networking opportunities that will provide inspiration, ideas, and resources. Whether you are new to farm to school or a seasoned pro, this conference will provide you with new connections and ideas. You can register for the sessions a la carte: Thursday [preconference tours and short courses](#), Thursday night [keynote address](#) (free and open to public), and the [main conference](#) (Friday). Continuing education units will be available through Early Childhood Project, OPI Teacher, and OPI School Nutrition Programs. Get more information and register today at: <http://www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/summit.html>. [For a list of workshop presenters, please check out this list:](#) http://www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/documents/summit18/F2SSummit18_AgendaWorkshopSessionSchedule.pdf. Also, please share this summit with those in your community as the target audience for this conference is large, and we'd like some help with a last minute push to reach more potential attendees! The target audience for the summit includes all stakeholders involved and interested in farm to school: school and summer food service personnel, teachers, school administration, childcare providers, parents, students, food producers and vendors, farm to school practitioners including FoodCorps service members, groups that support farm to school efforts, and more.

Montana FCCLA

Montana FCCLA's State Outreach Project this year is Vision Zero. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Montana Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) are partnering together to promote traffic safety by awarding grants to chapters who plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers make informed, responsible decisions. For more information and to start making plans to participate, please visit our website: <http://mtfccla.org/vision-zero/>

The annual Leadership Rally is taking place in Bozeman, Montana September 30 – October 2 on the Montana State University campus. Start making plans to attend now as we get ready to 'Rock the Red' for the year with Montana FCCLA! Conference information is available here: <http://mtfccla.org/conferences/leadership-rally/>



2018-19 State Executive Council:

- President: Kaitlyn Logan, Powell County; Adviser - Kacie Perkins
- 1st Vice President: Jocelyn Ott, Reed Point; Adviser – Shaye Skovgaard
- VP of Community Outreach: Alyssa West, Ennis; Adviser – Jamie Diehl
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- VP of Programs: Elle Buhl, Conrad; Adviser – Stacy Aaberg
- VP of Public Relations: Ben Costin, Malta; Adviser – Becky Bruce

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Health Sciences Education

Welcome back colleagues!

This summer was rather exciting for our career & technical education program area. I had the opportunity to share your wonderful work with the Montana Hospital Association, the Montana Health Network, and the Montana Healthcare Workforce Advisory Council. These organizations can help us by spreading the word on how to start a health science program with their community partners.

Our newest program is a high school/hospital partnership! Students were interviewed by the hospital staff for acceptance into this yearlong internship program. The high school is responsible for monitoring student participation and grading assignments while the medical staff developed learner outcomes for each rotation. I am thrilled to let you know that two grants will support this pilot program.

We have a large cohort of science teachers in our OPI Learning Hub online course, “Understanding Healthcare: Teaching Health Science as a Career Pathway”. The class is always free of charge and took place Aug. 13-Aug. 24th.



Last July I presented the idea of a new Class 4 Endorsement for EMT and Fire Services to the Board of Public Education. If this is approved, this endorsement will allow teachers that are certified to teach EMT to teach this as an industry recognized credential. The course was so successful at the Billings Career Center that we have asked the instructor to develop a training manual specifically for working with high school students in a yearlong cohort. Fergus High School and their partner Central Montana Medical Center, will be piloting the idea this coming year.

I had the privilege of attending the HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Officer Training in the mountains above Paradise Valley. What a stellar group of officers!

Health Science teachers have a National Health Science Curriculum Conference coming up Sept. 26-28, 2018 in Denver, Colorado. I'll be there, and I hope to see some of you!

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Montana HOSA



“Training Tomorrow’s HOSA Superheroes” is the fall theme for Montana HOSA: Future Health Professionals. State Officers, Kara Holmlund, Simonne Clay, Emma Field, Trenton Wolfe, and Olivia Jenkinson, gathered at American Explorers Base Camp, in Emigrant, MT, August 20-22, to design the 2018-'19 program of work and participate in leadership training. MT HOSA 2018-'19 projects include the national HOSA service project, the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and Montana HOSA chapters will work on coordination of a Vape/JUUL Prevention Campaign.

Fall Leadership Conference will be hosted October 2, at Montana Tech, in Butte.

We welcome advisors for our new chapters: Bill Stockton at Arlee HS; Nicole Kirschten at Colstrip HS; Melissa Vansickle at North Middle School in Great Falls; Jean Hagler at Savage HS. We are happy to welcome new advisors at existing chapters: Kari Hinkle at



Cut Bank HS; Amber Lloyd at Great Falls HS; Alex Sobin and Lindsay Manzo at Sentinel HS.

New Board Members were elected at the July meeting: Kali Wicks, Senior Manager Government Relations, BlueCross BlueShield of Montana; Delilah Friedlander, Quality Control Specialist, GlaxoSmithKline; Wendi Fawns, Education Coordinator, Valley Oak; Claire Oakley, PhD, Program Director, Riverstone Health; Charles Smith, Administrator Region VIII, SAMHSA.

Three State Officers will attend Washington Leadership Academy, in Washington, D.C., Sept. 15-18 where they will receive training, participate in D.C. industry tours, network with state officers from across the nation, and meet with our Montana representative and senators.

From left: Simonne Clay, Billings; Olivia Jenkinson, Missoula; Kara Holmlund, Ronan; Trenton Wolfe, Anaconda; Emma Field, Butte



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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

Industrial Trades and Technology Instructors,

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry Safety Fest will be held in Bozeman on November 5-8, 2018.

More sessions will be added to the available list, as well as the time and day the training will take place.

Please feel free to pick and choose the areas that will benefit your program.



SafetyFestMT Returns to Bozeman!

SafetyFest is coming back to Bozeman and has more to offer the second time around. In addition to adding another day to the agenda, there are more than 40 topics to choose from.

Back by popular demand, Wylie Davidson will kick off the Bozeman SafetyFest with his "**Safe4 the Right Reasons**" Keynote presentation on Tuesday November 5, 2018. He will follow that up with a **Safe4 Culture Changer Workshop** later that afternoon. Safe 4 the Right Reasons is a proven message that is improving the safety culture at companies all across the country. It breaks down our basic human nature and delivers a personal motivation to each employee to value their safety. This message also addresses how we must watch out for each other and be our brother's keeper. The best part of this message is that it is personal for every employee, and can be incorporated into all of your safety messages and trainings. It serves as the foundation of your safety culture for years to come.

Topics at the Bozeman SafetyFest include, but aren't limited to:

- HAZWOPER 40-Hour Training
- HAZWOPER 8-Hour Refresher
- OSHA 30-Hour Construction
- OSHA 30-Hour General Industry
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction
- OSHA 10-Hour General Industry
- First Aid/CPR/AED Training
- Managing Excavation Hazards OSHA 7410
- Fall Protection in Construction OSHA 7405
- Marketing Tips, Resources & Grants to Help Your Business Grow
- How to Lower Your Work Comp Costs
- Safety Leadership Fosters Trust
- Fire Extinguisher Safety
- Domestic Violence Spilling into the Workplace
- Job Safety Awareness
- 3 Powerful Principles for Boosting Employee Accountability
- Independent Contractor Exemptions in Montana
- Defensive Driving
- Winter Driving
- Ag/ATV Safety
- Arc Flash
- Active Shooter
- Forklift Safety

And so much more!



You can see the full agenda by visiting the [Bozeman event page](#) on the [SafetyFest website](#).

For those of you traveling, there is a block of rooms available at the Grantree Inn at a special rate. Just mention SafetyFest when making your registration.

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SkillsUSA



In May U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the 54th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 high school seniors for their accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields.

"I want to congratulate this year's class of Presidential Scholars on their achievement and also thank their parents, teachers and other academic advisors who have helped guide them along the way," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. "These students have pushed themselves to be the best they can be, and I am certain that devotion will serve them well as they continue their individual learning journeys."

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

The 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored almost 7,500 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during the annual ceremony in Washington. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The 2018 ceremony will be held June 24, when each honoree will receive a Presidential Scholar Medallion.



SkillsUSA Montana is pleased to announce one of the 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education is Tyler Noyes, SkillsUSA member from Broadwater High School. Congratulations to Tyler, his family and his advisor, Mr. Clint Watson.

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos was in Louisville on June 28, touring the SkillsUSA Championships with Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton.

SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence hosted the walking tour of the national competition for the trio, who also met with students and business partners participating in the conference at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

“I know all of you in red blazers appreciate this gathering as an opportunity to share ideas, compete on the floor, take part in leadership workshops, network with peers and discuss ways to prepare all students for today’s and tomorrow’s careers,” said Secretary DeVos.

The 2018 conference included 102 contests to showcase a wide range of technical, service and health skills such as welding, culinary arts, cosmetology and nursing. The SkillsUSA Championships is the nation’s largest workforce development event for middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students enrolled in public career and technical education programs. With an estimated \$36 million total value of industry-donated time, equipment, materials and prizes, the event is one of the largest single days of corporate volunteerism in America.

To hear the secretary’s reaction to seeing the SkillsUSA Championships, use the link below

<https://youtu.be/AlpapkJofYs>

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Montana TSA



Greetings from Montana TSA.

Back to school is here and TSA is gearing up for another great year! Many advisors have started school, and some are still waiting for the “first day” for students. We have an exciting year ahead are looking forward to new faces, new events and new students. As always, we hope that our students will learn to be leaders in their areas and that they will gain skills and knowledge to become good citizens in our world.

New Events:

This year TSA hopes to focus on the craftsmanship aspect of our area in Montana. We plan on introducing new events in our Spring 2019 Leadership Conference that allow teachers and students to showcase some of the “other” areas that are not represented equally in our high-tech world. The 2 areas of woodworking and metalworking are going to have events that show what students from all aspects of Tech Ed can do. These events are being finalized as we wait for the National TSA to release the new themes and problems for the 2019 conference.

Food for thought:

Below are 9 things from an article from the website *The Art of Manliness* by Brett and Kate Mckay. These areas are from the *Measure Twice, Cut Once: Applying the Ethos of the Craftsman to Our Everyday Lives* and are great reminders to perfect what you are doing in the everyday life. Read the article and think it through!

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/measure-twice-cut-once-applying-the-ethos-of-the-crafts-man-to-our-everyday-lives/>

1. *Do Things Well for the Sake of Doing Them Well*
2. *Plan (But Not Too Much)*
3. *Measure Twice, Cut Once*
4. *Work With What You Got*
5. *Cultivate Patience*
6. *Let Go of Your Ego*
7. *Develop Your Practical Wisdom*
8. *Mastery Brings Meaning*
9. *Find Your Workshop*



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