



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE November 1, 2018

Montana's New Educators Attend 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop in Bozeman

The OPI's Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff presented the 2018 New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

Secondary career and technical education pre-professionals, classroom teachers, and school administrators, as well as Career and Technical Student Organization state directors and local chapter advisors, from around the state attended the free one-day workshop to gain information on the many hot topics of career and technical education at the state and national levels. The 70 professionals in attendance represented various career and technical education areas including agriculture education, business education, family and consumer sciences education, health science education, and industrial trades & technology education.

Attendees participated in two roundtable-style sessions in the morning focusing on Perkins funding, State CTE funding, CTE advisory boards, professional development organizations, instructional strategies for the CTE classroom, relationship building with school and community, safety and liability in the CTE classroom, and work-based learning.

While the morning sessions focused on the fundamentals of Career and Technical Education and the CTE classroom, the afternoon focused on resources, tips, and tools for advising and managing Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) and CTE program area-specific breakout sessions. The CTE program area-specific breakouts covered professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management.

The workshop was a great success with quality information being passed on to the classroom teachers and with quality discussions during the sessions. The workshop also provided an excellent venue for new career and technical education professionals to network and build professional relationships they can draw upon as they continue their careers within the career and technical education professional.



2018-2019 Perkins Grant Approval Reminder

The CTE Division of the OPI reminds all districts intending to submit a 2018-2019 Perkins grant application to please obtain **final OPI approval** of your initial Perkins application through the E-Grants system no later than **Wednesday, October 31, 2018**.

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 any of the following CTE Division staff:

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Fall 2018 CTE Data Collection BEGINS

The Fall 2018 CTE Data Collection begins on October 1 and ends December 31, 2018. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2017-2018) and graduated in the spring of 2018 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 2017-2018 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 under the AIM User Guides button and also on the **CTE** web page under the '**Data Collections**' button.

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, 2018**, 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 1.877.424.6881 (toll-free) or email opiainhelp@mt.gov.

Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Christy Hendricks, CTE/Perkins Data Control Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email chendricks@mt.gov.



State CTE/VoEd Funding final allocation based on last year's CTE Participation Reports collected from TEAMS

The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocation has been generated based on the data entered into TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) for the prior 2017-2018 school year. The CTE tab in TEAMS was made available last April and districts were asked to complete a few additional items on the tab and review the details carefully to make sure the data was accurate.

The 2018-2019 State CTE/VoEd Funding allocations will be distributed to districts **by November 1**.

The State CTE/VoEd Funding final allocations can be found on our CTE page under the **Funding tab**.

The direct link to the final allocations can be found here:

[2018-2019 State CTE/VoEd Funding Final Allocations](#)

If you have any questions about your data, please contact one of the CTE Specialists.

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Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

The crisp coolness of fall is in the air, what a great time of the year, as we celebrated the accomplishments of our FFA member in Indianapolis, Indiana last week! It fun seeing the enthusiasm and excitement of teachers, members and guests. The 91st National FFA Convention was definitely one for the books! An amazing concert, workshops, retiring remarks from our National Officers and even having the President of the United States of America there to address our members. Delightful to see our agricultural education students performing in the national choir and band, competing in competitions and engaging in leadership and service opportunities. Congratulations to those members who competed and represented Montana very well.

As a profession we were able to engage in conversations at the MACTE conference. Our teachers are to be commend on their diligence in updating their course codes and helping to keep Montana Ag Ed headed up the right path. As Mark Sansborn once said, "Your success in life isn't based on your ability to simply change. It is based on your ability to change faster than your competition, customers and business." We are all in the business of education and our customer's (students) needs are constantly changing, pushing us to meet them where they are at. It is exciting that we are able to advocate for our teachers, programs and students, looking for ways to successfully meet their needs. I hope that we continue to work together to keep pushing our Montana Agricultural Education Programs forward.

November, will find many of you traveling to Bozeman for the John Deere Ag Expo Days, preparing students for competition and digging deep into the semester. While we will get to spend some time with our FFA and Ag family, sharing fun stories from the year so far and recounting stories from years gone by, I hope that you find some time to spend with your families and some much needed time to recharge your batteries. Thank you for all that you do, for our agriculture students in Montana. Without your time, dedication and sacrifice they would not have the opportunities that you provide. Thanks friends and keep smiling!

Shannon Boswell



FFA



Montana FFA Members recently returned from participation at the National FFA Convention and Expo held in Indianapolis, IN. Approximately four hundred and fifty Montana students attended the convention where they engaged in competitions, leadership workshops, tours and educational seminars. This annual event attracted almost 70,000 members from across the nation.

Congratulations to the Broadwater FFA Chapter from Townsend for placing 3rd at the National FFA Livestock Judging Competition and to the Ruby Valley FFA Chapter from Sheridan who placed 6th in the National FFA Agriculture Mechanics contest. These were the only teams from Montana placing in the top ten. The following are the results of how the other chapters fared during this year's national convention. Floriculture – Missoula – Silver, Marketing plan – Electric City – Bronze, Conduct of meetings – Shepherd – Silver, Parliamentary Procedure – Kalispell – Silver, Environmental and Natural Resource Management – Big Timber – Bronze, Creed – Hinsdale – Bronze, Extemporaneous Speaking – Electric City – Bronze, Employment skills – Corvallis – Bronze, Prepared Speaking – Victor – Bronze, Forestry – Missoula – Silver, Agronomy – Choteau – Silver, Ag Issues – Electric City – Bronze, Farm Business Management – Missoula – Silver, Food Science – Forsyth – Bronze, Ag Sales – Cascade – Bronze, Vet Science – Kalispell – Gold, Meats – Kalispell – Bronze, Ag Comm – Electric City – Bronze and Horse – Kalispell – Bronze. In addition to the contest placings, 35 members received the American FFA Degree. This degree is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon a member and represents at least five years of dedicated participation in the FFA organization. *Note – Gold, Silver and Bronze ratings represent roughly the top, the middle, and the lower third of teams participating.

The State FFA Officers have been actively attending FFA activities across the state. They have judged, presented, scored tests, served as group leaders and conducted workshops at the Ruby Valley Invitational in Sheridan, the NILE in Billings, the Glacier District Greenhand Seminar in Choteau, and the Young Ag Leaders Conference in Billings.

The next event for Montana's FFA Members will be the Montana John Deere Ag Expo, a regional activity set for Nov. 15th – 17th. At the expo, hundreds of high school students from throughout the Northwest will gather on the MSU campus in Bozeman. Organized by the Montana FFA Foundation, the John Deere Ag Expo features a variety of contests and opportunities for youth to learn about agriculture in Montana. This is the second largest FFA gathering to occur each year.

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Business Education

Montana Business Educator Cheryl Graham Receives 2018 David Strong Award

During the [Montana ACTE](#) 2018 Fall Institute held in Billings, October 18-19, retired Montana Business Educator Cheryl Graham (Bainville High School) was recognized for her contributions and leadership in career and technical education with the 2018 David Strong Award.

At the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute, a resolution was brought forward from Montana ACTE to recognize the life accomplishments of David Strong in the form of an award or scholarship program.

David Strong grew up in Helena and Stevensville loving to fish and hunt. David graduated from Stevensville in 1984 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After completing his first enlistment, David attended The University of Montana Western. He completed his Master's Degree at South Dakota Black Hills College. He moved back to Montana to teach in Whitefish in the field of Industrial Technology.

In 1999, David took a position at the Office of Public Instruction as the Industrial Technology Specialist. During this time, he served the field of Industrial Arts and Technology Education with great enthusiasm and competence. He made many friends in the CTE world and he was regarded by colleagues and associates as one in a million. After two years, David took a position at the C. R. Anderson middle school teaching Industrial Technology Education. After two years at the middle school, and the completion of his doctorate in administration, OPI offered him a position within the CTE field as specialist for Veteran's Education and Assistant Division Administrator for Career, Technical and Adult Education.

In 2008, David accepted a position with Helena Public Schools as workforce development administrator. He pioneered innovative programs for high school drop outs that enabled them to earn their high school diploma as well as college credit.

He was highly regarded in the CTE community for his leadership, intelligence, and high standards. What an amazing amount of education, accomplishment, and professionalism, David packed into these years. He touched many lives with his personality, poise, and passion for Career and Technical Education.

Cheryl has been very active within the Career & Technical Education and Business Education profession. In addition to having taught a variety of business courses at Bainville High School, Cheryl is both a MBEA and Montana ACTE Past President and has represented both MBEA and Montana ACTE on the regional and national levels. Cheryl was named the Montana Business Education Association Teacher of the Year in 2015, the Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year in 2016, and was a finalist for ACTE's Region V Teacher of the Year in 2017.

A graduate of the University of Montana, Cheryl began her teaching career at St. Regis High School, served as the OPI Business & Marketing Education Specialist and state advisor for both Montana BPA and Montana DECA, and was the Montana BPA Region 8 Coordinator.



Cheryl served as a member of the Montana Career & Technical Education/Business and Marketing Education Guidelines committee and serves as a member of the Framework for Business Education in Montana committee.

In addition to Cheryl, Montana OPI Industrial Trades and Technology Education Specialist Don Michalsky was also a 2018 David Strong Award recipient.

Montana Business Education Association Recognizes Two During 2018 MBEA Business Meeting

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) held its annual business meeting Thursday, October 18 as part of the Montana ACTE 2018 Fall Institute in Billings.

Molly Barta, a MBEA Past President from Skyview High School, presided over the awards presentations and recognized Montana Business Educators who retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year— Darla Austin, Frenchtown High School; Sheri Campbell, Sweet Grass County High School; Marty Cochran, Hays-Lodge Pole High School; Karey Conn, Capital High School; Linda Cotton, Cascade High School; Leslie Fickler, Drummond High School; Kathleen Goosen, Frazer High School; Karen Jacobson, Linderman Education Center, Kalispell; Kay Jorgenson, North Star High School; Dave Perius, Gardiner High School; and Kathy Ramage, Billings Senior High School—and also presented MBEA awards to two outstanding Montana business education professionals.

The 2018 MBEA Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year award was presented to Nicole Bogunovich of Billings West High School. While currently serving as the MBEA President, Nicole teaches a variety of business and finance courses, including dual credit courses, at Billings West, and advises the Billings West High School BPA chapter. Nicole has participated in a number of national-level professional development opportunities related to the teaching of financial literacy and personal finance and has served three years on the Western Business Education Association's Executive Board.

The 2018 Montana Business Education Association Young Teacher of the Year award was presented to Jordan Hasquet, also of Billings West High School. A graduate of (Missoula) Sentinel High School and the University of Montana, Jordan shares his experiences having lived and played professional basketball in Europe with his students. In his third year of teaching, Jordan began his teaching career at Stevensville High School where he revived the schools Business Professionals of America chapter and took the chapter's leadership team to the 2017 Montana BPA Fall Leadership Conference. At Billings West, Jordan serves as co-advisor for the Billings West BPA chapter in addition to his teaching duties.

Thank you MBEA retirees for your years of dedication, inspiration, leadership, and professionalism and congratulations to MBEA's truly-deserving award winners.

The Montana ACTE 2019 Fall Institute will be held in Great Falls, October 17-18, at the Heritage Inn.



Montana Business Educators Elected to Lead MBEA and Montana ACTE

Members of the [Montana Business Education Association \(MBEA\)](http://www.mbea.info) (www.mbea.info) elected a new slate of officers for 2019 during the 2018 MBEA Business Meeting. The 2018 MBEA Business Meeting was held in Billings on Thursday, October 18 during the Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

The 2019 MBEA officers include

- President: Calie Wineinger, Froid
- President Elect: Casey Donahue, Polson
- Vice President: Mandy Wichman, Hobson
- Secretary: Laurie Koeplin, Dutton/Brady
- Treasurer: Terri Norman, Capital (Helena)
- Membership: Director: Jeanette Barreto, Colstrip
- Past President: Nicole Bogunovich, Billings West

At the Montana ACTE Business Meeting held on Friday, October 19, during the Montana ACTE 2018 Fall Institute, two Montana Business Educators were elected to leadership roles with the [Montana ACTE](#)—Simms High School’s Jennifer Rohrer was elected Montana ACTE President-Elect and Casey Donahue, Polson High School, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of Montana ACTE for the 2019 membership year.

In addition to Jennifer as President-Elect and Casey as Secretary/Treasurer, the other Montana ACTE officers for 2019 include President Carla Leligdowicz (Agriculture Education at Custer High School), Vice President Eric Croft (Industrial Trades & Technology Education at Capital High School, Helena), and Past President Becky Bruce (Family & Consumer Sciences Education at Malta High School).

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WATCH US GROW...

On October 7th and 8th 325 individuals (of which 248 were students and 56 were advisors) attended the Montana BPA Fall Leadership Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs. The state officers were excited to present important BPA topics as well as involve chapter members in leadership activities. State officers prepared activities for Saturday evening and Sunday morning to ensure that everyone would have a great time and come away with new ideas! FLC kicked off on Sunday afternoon with a B.E.M.E Presentation by Idaho BPA representative, Brenda Jacobson and Dona Or. National BPA Post-Secondary Vice President welcomed everyone to FLC and encouraged them to prepare for NLC 2019 in Anaheim, CA. Advisors were educated by EverFi. After leadership training, there was a dinner, followed by this year's Quiz Bowl. Teams got to compete and answer BPA and other trivia questions for a chance to win a bracket and the Biz Bowl. All teams did great and enjoyed getting a moment of glory, buzzing in correct answers, especially the winning team from Great Falls High School. Members finished day one with free time to enjoy the pool, slide, and hot tub and getting to know members of other BPA chapters. Monday morning, students and advisors participated in workshops to help better BPA and improve their chapters. Monday morning workshops were highlighted with Social Media 500. The 2018 Fall Leadership Conference concluded with our annual event: Shark Tank BPA MT Style students from Capital, Columbus, Culbertson, Simms, Broadwater, Powder River, Rapelje, Stevensville and Twin Bridges, White Sulphur Springs presented their innovations to the Shark Team. Overall, we heard positive feedback about the conference again this year and will take the ideas and build on next year's conference. It was a great learning experience for students and advisors, especially those new to BPA. Mark your calendar for October 13-14, 2019 for next year's conference.

SAVE THE DATES FOR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS. Region 1: FVCC December 19; Region 2: TBD; Region 3: Great Falls January 21; Region 4: Bozeman December 17; Region 5: Livingston December 4; Region 6: MSUB December 17 and 18; Region 7: Baker December 7; Region 8: Lambert January 16. More information about when registration opens will be sent out by the regional coordinators.

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No Update at this time.

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

- No Update at this time.

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Health Sciences Education

Health Science Update-



Health Science teachers/HOSA Chapter Advisors took part in a day-long professional development October 2nd at MT Tech in Butte. Our PD focused on how to implement a rigorous program of study, including work-based learning, dual credit coursework, and industry-recognized credentials. Twenty-three teachers learned about the new One-Two-Free Initiative and which dual credit options were available to their students. Madeline Boehm, from the Dept of Labor discussed registered apprenticeship options in health care fields, and Shani Rich, director of NC Area Health Education Center, talked about the online courses available for credentials.

I have invited pre-med advisors from our four-year colleges to live-stream a workshop for students and teachers to discuss what it takes to prepare for Medical School. This exciting session is set for November or December pending the results of a teacher preference survey.

As your Health Science specialist, I remain committed to participating in the development of our state's Perkins V state plan as well as our transition plan. I will continue networking with other states on new developments in the healthcare sector to share throughout the year.

To your health!

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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



SkillsUSA's Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) recognizes your achievement in integrating the SkillsUSA Framework in chapter activities related to the program of work. As a chapter's yearly action plan, the SkillsUSA program of work is at the heart of student learning and employability development. By using our framework as a guide, chapters have a blueprint for creating relevant activities that encourage participation and help students understand what they're learning.



The SkillsUSA Framework's focus on intentional learning turns the program of work into more than just a planning tool. Using the framework, the program of work becomes the vital conduit that links students to the application of **personal, workplace** and **technical skills** demanded by industry — the SkillsUSA trifecta for student success.

Within the personal, workplace and technical skills areas, there are specific Essential Elements tied to each. The Essential Elements are high-demand employability skills as defined by industry, and the benchmark for measuring student success during an activity. For example, if students learn the Essential Element of responsibility during a personal skills activity, the SkillsUSA Framework requires that a chapter be specific regarding the how and why students learned responsibility. This conscientious approach gives added meaning to the valuable experience students gain in while planning, organizing and implementing activities. Most importantly, this approach actualizes SkillsUSA's mission to "empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens" on the chapter level.

Every chapter is encouraged to participate in CEP, and there are three award levels to recognize program involvement. The first two levels are acknowledged by a chapter's state SkillsUSA association, and the third level is recognized nationally through Models of Excellence. Each level is designed to give chapters a benchmark for success and future improvement, leading to stronger chapters and better prepared students. The more a chapter applies the SkillsUSA Framework, the greater the chance for CEP honors.

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Montana TSA



Greetings from Montana TSA

October got away from us at TSA and so we will combine out last 2 months together.

October saw a flurry of activity as we prepared for MEA and ACTE. Jesse was able to make it to Billings for the MEA sectionals where events for the conference we finalize. We are adding several new events to our program for our advisors to choose from.



MEA/ACTE:

The MEA conference was a great success as we had a large number of participants from all disciplines come to our workshops. For many it was the first time they had set foot in a shop and some the first time working with materials and tools. We had over **45 teachers** in the woodshop making sawdust and learning!

We had many workshops including a presentation from the Billings Career Center on their contributions to NASA, Sublimation printing, Mircobit Coding, and good old “woodshop”! Each participant pictured above was able to make a Montana outline plaque that they could take home.

Events

Events for our state competitions are changing some this year. We are dropping some of the old events and adding some new and exciting activities to allow students and advisors more room for diversity in their programs.

The following are being added to the TSA events:

1. 2x4 Furniture making competition - Build a piece of furniture out of a limited 2x4
2. Welding sculpture competition - Weld a Montana Native Fish Sculpture
3. Architecture - “Tiny House with a Twist”
4. Fashion design - Cosplay (National superhero theme)
5. Photography - “Landscape of the Seasons” theme

Many more will stay the same as we progress and move TSA into new areas.



Finally a thank you to Dwight Freeman for attending ACTE and the new teacher workshop. His continued support is always appreciated - even into his retirement!

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