



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE September 1, 2017

## 2017-2018 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](mailto:chendricks@mt.gov).

## NEW CTE Professionals Workshop—October 18 in Fairmont!

### **Professional Development Designed 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 18, at Fairmont Hot Springs, prior to the start of the 2017 Montana ACTE 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 or for those teachers new to Career & Technical Education in Montana.

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 Career Pathways Initiative and the Development of Statewide Pathways
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations.



The workshop will be held at Fairmont Hot Springs ([1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda](#)) 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. 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 CTE page of the OPI website under the **CTE Updates** heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

[http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Career%20%26%20Technical%20Education/Docs/2017\\_new\\_cte\\_professionals\\_workshop\\_flyer.pdf](http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Career%20%26%20Technical%20Education/Docs/2017_new_cte_professionals_workshop_flyer.pdf)

Registration for the 2017 New CTE Professionals Workshop can be completed and submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B92N6VV>. The deadline to register is Monday, October 2.

Please note, registration for the 2017 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>.

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## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

Greetings,

I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself, I am the Agricultural Education Specialist here at the Office of Public Instruction. I come to Montana, from the rolling hills of West Virginia, where I taught agriculture for thirteen years in a comprehensive high school. My transition to Montana, has been a little smoky but a welcomed adventure. I have been busy this summer meeting our agriculture teachers at the Ag. Update in Bozeman this past June. We recently pulled together Team Ag Ed, a group of teachers, agricultural industry and organizations, the state FFA Advisor, FFA Foundation and FFA Alumni along with the staff at MSU; this group did some amazing work helping to develop a strategic plan for Montana's Agricultural Education Programs.



As we here at OPI are getting ready to roll out the work we have been doing on our Career and Technical Education Pathways, I am excited in the direction we are headed. I look forward to September, I will be traveling with Jim Rose, the State FFA Advisor as well as FFA State Officers, FFA Alumni, FFA Foundation and MSU staff to all across the state to the District Leadership Seminars where we will get to meet with teachers and students and delivers great programs directly to them. From there we will be hosting the Inaugural Tagged to Teach Ag Day at MSU on September 21, 2017. The day will be full of campus tours, Ag lessons the students can take back to teach, and some fun guest appearances. We have limited space for 15 high school seniors interested in Agricultural Education.

Following TAG Day, we will be gearing up to host an Early Career Teachers Program. This program will be geared to teachers in their first to fifth year of teaching. It is a rather large group this year, we are hoping to see twenty-six teachers that day. We have some terrific professional development lined up for them as well as gearing them up for a mentoring program and getting them involved in our profession. We will be encouraging them to attend our follow up at the MACTE conference. I hope to see all of our wonderful agriculture teachers at the MACTE conference at Fairmont Hot Springs in October! We will be debuting the new Career and Technical Education Pathways for all of Montana's CTE programs. There will be some one on one time to discuss the pathways and what it means for your agricultural programs.

From there I will be doing some program visits to some of our newest teachers and programs and taking in the Ruby Valley Invitational. Then across the state for a Farm to School meeting, looking for ways for our agricultural programs to get involved with the local food movement. I recently had an great meeting with the Montana Department of Agriculture and Department of Livestock Directors and we are excited to look for ways to work together on some upcoming ventures.

As you can see September is shaping up to be a very exciting time for Agricultural Education here in Montana and I am thrilled to be here and be a part of it. As always, I am proud of our agricultural teachers and the hard work and dedication that you all give to your students, programs, communities and the profession. Keep up the great work, do not hesitate to contact me and keep smiling!

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## **FFA**



WOW! Another school year is here already! What a great opportunity lies ahead for all of us to make the FFA chapters in your local communities the best they can be. Whether you are a member, an advisor, an alumni member or a community member you can all play an important role in insuring the success of your local chapter. Volunteering and becoming involved with FFA related activities is perhaps the best way for you to enjoy what the FFA has to offer individuals of every age.

The state officers and myself will be visiting different areas of Montana during the first two weeks of September. During our first week on the road we will be conducting district leadership schools beginning in Culbertson, followed by visits to Broadus, Huntley and Laurel. The second week will find us in Missoula, Chester, Hobson and wrapping up in Livingston. 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 representatives from Montana State University's Ag Education Department, Montana FFA Foundation, Montana FFA Alumni as well as Shannon Boswell, who has recently taken the position as Montana's new Agriculture Education Specialist will make comments during these meetings.

One of the many highlights of the State FFA Officer's summer activities was their participation in the West Coast Commodity Tour. This tour is designed to give officers a perspective of the commodities that are produced in the Northwest as well as the marketing and shipping of these products. Stops on this tour included the following: Stemilt Fruit Processing Plant, Stutzman's Farm, Ocean Spray Processing Plant, Hatton's Cranberry Farm, Wheat Marketing Center, TEMPCO Export Terminal, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Pearl Bakery, Bonneville Dam, as well as many other points of interest in the Wenatchee, Seattle and Portland area. Thanks to the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee and Columbia Grain for providing this fantastic learning opportunity.

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

September 15<sup>th</sup> – FFA Foundation Golf Tournament

September 26<sup>th</sup> -- Ruby Valley Invitational Livestock, Range and Forestry contest in Sheridan

October 16<sup>th</sup> – NILE in Billings

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – National FFA Convention in Indianapolis

November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman

The officers and myself are looking forward to another great year! Thanks for all you do to help Montana FFA Members excel and become advocates for Montana Agriculture!

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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 all across the state of Montana. The updates were held at Glacier High School in Kalispell, Skyview High School in Billings, and Capital High School in Helena.

Each update focused on instructional materials for teaching financial literacy/personal finance via Hands on Banking®, computer science enrichment and extension programming resources utilizing CS Unplugged, and training on the National Security Administration's NSA Day of Cyber and the Cyber Teacher Certification program. All three sessions were led by Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson.

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

The 2017 Montana Business Education Summer Update was offered at no cost to attendees along with an option to obtain graduate-level credit in partnership with Montana State University Billings. The Montana Business Education Summer Update will again be held in Summer 2018 with locations and topics to be announced this next spring.

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# Montana Business Professionals of America

## September 2017 Update

**FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2017.** BPA Montana State Officer Team is ready for the third 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 8-9. . 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. There will be new element to this years’ FLC. The conference will kick-off with keynote speaker, Gus Chancy. Workshops will be offered for advisors and student attendees during the two day gathering. The Biz Bowl competition will take place and this year students will have an opportunity to participate in Shark Tank-BPA Edition. 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 2 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.** Silver Bow TBID, Altria and OneMontana are all sponsors of the 2017 FLC. Registration forms must be submitted to Lisa Parker, State BPA Director, Montana Association at [lparkermtbpa@gmail.com](mailto:lparkermtbpa@gmail.com).

**Certified Local Advisor Program** is set to begin on Monday, September 18th. This is a six weekly training webinar. You can participate in courses individually, but you must complete all courses and assignments in order to satisfy the requirements for the Local Advisor Certification Designee. Log in at BPA.org, select membership tab, certifications and certified advisor to join in the webinars or link to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2651744253613243649> Advisors who complete the training will assist Montana BPA in meeting the goals of the House Bill 86 funding grant. Professional Development Credit through Idaho State University is available. \$50.00 for 1 credit.

**Regional advisor meetings** are scheduled for the next few weeks. The dates are: September 15: Region 4, September 18: Region 7; September 19: Region 6; September 20: Region 5; September 26: Regions 3; September 27: Region 2; Region 1 and Regional 8 meeting dates are yet to be determined. More information of starting times and locations will be sent out by regional executive board members.

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## **Montana DECA**



Welcome back to another great year of DECA! Montana DECA is pleased to announce that "Limitless" will be the 2017-2018 theme.

The DECA experience isn't just for one kind of member with one specific set of goals. The DECA experience is about exploring your options, discovering new paths and experiencing opportunities you never knew existed. With DECA, the possibilities for success are **#limitless**.

From DECA's [competitive events](#) and [leadership opportunities](#), to [career pathway conferences](#) and [chapter programs](#), there is a unique event, program, conference and campaign for every member to participate in. Being a DECA member allows you to discover your true ambition, realize your college and career goals and begin a journey of self-discovery.

When you utilize DECA's endless resources, there is no limit to what you can achieve. So ignore your fear and push aside your uncertainty, because you're about to embark on an incredible journey.

With DECA, your knowledge, skills, achievements and experiences will truly be **limitless**. For more information on DECA programs, events, and calendar deadlines please visit us online at [www.mtdeca.com](http://www.mtdeca.com).

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# **Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

September 2017

## **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 85 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!

The updated National Standards for Family & Consumer Sciences (version 3.0) were revealed this past June; the standards are published for use at [www.nasafacs.org](http://www.nasafacs.org).

New FCS teachers are encouraged to attend the upcoming New CTE Professionals Training at Fairmont Hot Springs in Anaconda, MT on Wednesday, October 18 and then stay to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute October 19-20.

Megan Vincent, OPI FCS Education Specialist, finished her three-year term on the Executive Board of the National Association of State Administrators of Family & Consumer Sciences on June 30, 2017. During this time, she held positions of Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past President. This opportunity provided professional growth and national connections within the FCS realm.

## **Montana FCCLA**

Montana FCCLA's State Outreach Project this year is Vision Zero. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Ford Driving Skills 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 October 1 – 3 on the Montana State University campus. Start making plans to attend now as we get 'InspiRED to Launch' for the year with Montana FCCLA! Conference information is available here: <http://mtfccla.org/conferences/leadership-rally/>

## **2017-18 State Executive Council:**

- President: Hali Kapperud, North Star; Adviser – Margie Chinadle
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kaleb Starr, Powell County; Adviser – Kacie Perkins
- VP of Community Outreach: Teresa Twichel, Laurel; Adviser – Haley Barker
- VP of Competitive Events: Mickey Bidwell, Forsyth; Adviser – Kim Knoche
- VP of Finance: Isaac Bendon, Sheridan ; Adviser – Roxane Shammel



- VP of Membership: Rachel Billingsley, Glasgow; Adviser – Karleen Fossum
- VP of Parliamentary Law: Kendra Murion, Grass Range; Adviser – Penny Linhart
- VP of Programs: Dakota Reis, Garfield County; Adviser – Barb Clark
- VP of Public Relations: Hayley Reis, Conrad; Adviser – Stacy Aaberg

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**Health Sciences Education**

Health Science Update

This summer eight teachers participated in “Understanding Healthcare: An Introduction to Teaching Health Science”, with the goal of starting health science programs in their schools! This is a free online course offered through the OPI Learning Hub. Welcome to these new health science teachers! **We will also be offering another course Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, if you were not able to participate in the summer. Call me for more information!**

Two of our health science colleagues (Manny Garza and Angela Hammang) revised the current Health Science course available on the MT Digital Academy(MTDA), and wrote a second course for Human Body Systems to round out our career offerings on MTDA. While Health Science will be offered this fall semester, the revised/new courses will be rolled out Fall 2018. These courses are being “cross-walked” with new Allied Health Common Core that will soon be available.



I have been working on determining regional needs for implementing Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) in healthcare. I am working with a grantee to look at funding teacher training and/or direct student credentialing in rural communities across the state. (Sorry, Billings, Great Falls and Missoula- you are too “urban” to qualify!) This is exciting as it will add to the success of our new Statewide Health Professions Pathway.

I look forward to the new school year with an amazing group of teachers throughout the state that reinforce the message of our “culture of caring”.  
To your health!

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## **Montana HOSA**



State Officers (left photo) Kyer Fredrickson, Emily Vincent, Kara Holmlund, and Joyce Liu, attended an orientation June 29-30, in Missoula, to participate in team building activities, plan the 2017-'18 program of work, and develop the state project. The team will meet again, August 25, for an In Service, at Montana Tech.

Montana HOSA welcomes new Board of Director members: Amber Walter, Advisor, Butte High School; Joseph Schmier, North Valley Hospital Sr. Director of HR; and Amber Benes and Courtney Green, Marketing Coordinator and Administrative Asst. with Anaconda Community Hospital. We welcome new chapters at Augusta High School and Custer County High School.



Seven Montana HOSA student delegates will be attending Washington Leadership Academy, in Washington, D.C., September 16-19. On September 19, delegates, chaperones, and the state director will meet on the hill with Montana congressmen to share information about Montana HOSA and our work to support the next generation of Montana's healthcare workforce.

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

The Montana Automobile Dealers Association continues their support of secondary and postsecondary Automotive Technology Programs.

Recently, MTADA discussed implementing an apprenticeship model as early as the second semester of the 2017-2018 academic year (January) in each of the hubs throughout the state.

A rough outline of the model (from start to finish in an associate degree producing program) is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Semester: The apprenticeship sponsor (the dealership) gets recommendations from educators based on the first year of academic performance. The students apply for the apprenticeship and the employer screens the applicants.

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: The student works part time at the dealership while they gain formal classroom education. We are envisioning full time employment opportunities for the summer.

3<sup>rd</sup> Semester: Mirrors the second semester and the student begins to obtain specialty industry certificates.

4<sup>th</sup> Semester: By the end of this semester, the student will have over 2000 OJT hours, industry certificates, DOL certificate, and an associate's degree

More specifics should be available after their planned October meeting.

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## SkillsUSA



In today's world, it's not enough for students to have technical skills. If they want to advance their career potential and compete in today's job market, they need to stand out, be distinct and be a step ahead. That's a tall order. As an instructor, how can you ensure your students are career-ready?

Here's how. We are excited to announce the **SkillsUSA Career Essentials** suite. These products ensure your students have the foundational skills, attitudes and values to distinguish them from other applicants in the skilled labor marketplace. Once on the job, your students will be productive and promotable. The SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite is the solution to your needs in producing career-ready graduates who are prepared to face the 21st-century demands of employers.



- **SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Foundations** (formerly called Career Readiness Curriculum [CRC])
- **SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Experiences** (replaces Professional Development Program [PDP])
- **SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Assessments** (formerly called Workforce Ready System Skill Connect Assessments)

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## Montana TSA



Montana TSA continues to evolve with changes in leadership and continued support from past members and state directors. TSA would like to thank Dwight Freeman for his support this past year at state conference in Billings and our Update at Montana State in Bozeman.



We would like to recognize Dr. Kalonde at MSU Bozeman for his support at our update conference for teachers. This summer we were able to bring in Sparkfun Electronics for a 3 day workshop on programming for teachers and industry. Sparkfun did an excellent job of making computer programming relevant to the classroom and all teacher took away a, arduino-based kit with the ideas and support necessary to implement computer programming into their classroom. Participants included teachers, industry professionals, and museum personnel.

With change comes new student leaders to TSA. This past June these students attended the national conference in Orlando, Florida. Here the leaders of TSA brought back new ideas for state conference and to make Montana TSA stronger. They also learned that Florida is much different from Montana as hot and humid were previously not in their vocabulary. Caleb Gillium from Billings



Skyview is our state president, Hunter Gray from Harlem High is our Vice President, Corina Normandeau is our Secretary and Shelby Lampi is our Treasurer, both are from Polson.

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