



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE February 1, 2018

February is National Career and Technical Education Month



What is CTE?

Career and technical education, or CTE, is education that directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management and many more, as described in the national **Career Clusters®** and ACTE's **What is CTE?** page and **Sector Sheets**. CTE encompasses many different types of education, from classroom learning to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside the classroom.

What is CTE Month?

Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

What can I do during CTE Month?

Host a school visit and invite members of your local community to learn about your school's strong CTE programs firsthand

Communicate with policymakers from mayors to Congress to inform them of the importance of CTE

Reach out to the media to encourage them to attend events and advise them of the benefits of CTE, or use **social media** to do the same

Work with Business and Industry Leaders to ensure they understand the role CTE plays in readying their future workforce

Share the winning videos from our CTE Month **Video PSA Contest**

Purchase pens, pencils, lanyards and other **CTE Month Merchandise** to use at events or at your school

Download our CTE Month Logo for use with any print or digital outreach.

For more information and a comprehensive list of CTE Month activities, visit <http://www.acteonline.org/ctemonth>

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

CTE Spring Data Collection BEGINS March 1

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection begins March 1, 2018 and ends April 30, 2018. This AIM collection asks schools to identify all 12th grade high school students who were enrolled at any point during the current 2017-2018 school year who meet the definition of a CTE Concentrator. CTE Concentrators are 12th graders who have earned three (3) or more credits in any CTE program in any combination during their years of high school. Currently enrolled CTE courses count toward credits earned. CTE Concentrators must have the '*CTE Concentrator*' box checked and an '*Area of Concentration*' entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system. If the student has a child or shares the parenting of a child, the '*Single Parent*' box should also be marked. High schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found on the AIM webpage located at this [link](#). You can also find the AIM Collection Schedule here: <http://opi.mt.gov/Leadership/Data-Reporting/AIM-Achievement-in-Montana>

Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or send an email to: opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Christy Hendricks.

CTE Report Cards NOW AVAILABLE

The Career and Technical Education Department has been working on new ways to keep Montana's schools updated and one of the latest ways we are doing so is by creating Report Cards for our Montana schools.

This Report Cards tab allows schools to view their individual 'Report Card' for one year and 3 years as well as 'Report Cards' by Class Size and CIP. Schools can also view the Montana State Report Card. The Report Cards are created from data collected from AIM.

The direct link to the Report Cards can be found under the Report Cards button on the Career and Technical Education page, which is located here:

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

The Perkins Core Indicators as well as explanations and Threshold Targets for each indicator are available.

The state goals for each core indicator are determined by the United States Department of Education.

Schools receiving Carl D. Perkins funding, are required to meet at least 90 percent of the state adjusted level of performance for any of the core indicators of performance.

Proficiency levels for ACT scores were not established for SY 2016-2017 and therefore are not included on the report cards this year.

If you have any questions about the report cards, please contact Christy Hendricks, CTE/Perkins Data Control Specialist, at 406.444.9019 or email her at: chendricks@mt.gov.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

February Agriculture Education CTE Update:

It is hard to believe that we are almost a month into 2018. January has been busy, loaded with meetings, as teachers are swinging into second semester; we are preparing for spring data collection as well as looking ahead to summer professional development opportunities and trying to schedule program visits and Perkins reviews.

Some of my January meetings included Team Ag Ed, FFA Foundation, FFA Alumni and MAAE, where we discussed the importance of a five-year plan for professional development. A survey will be going out to all agriculture teachers across Montana to assess their needs. Our Team Ag Ed will be considering the teacher's needs and the future of our industries needs as we develop this plan. It is exciting to see our industry leader's step up to the plate to help with this important piece to Career and Technical Education. Along with business partners, there has been discussion with our educational partners to look at new dual credit opportunities, pathways and even professional development. These partnerships will foster more opportunities for our CTE and Agricultural Education students.

February always proves to be an exciting month in our CTE circles, as we prepare to celebrate National CTE month. This month also is a hallmark in FFA chapters across the country as the 7,859 programs prepare to celebrate National FFA week February 17-24, 2018. I look forward to seeing what our 95 Montana FFA Chapters have planned to celebrate. I hope that your Agricultural Education Programs have the opportunity to highlight not only your students but also their supporters during this time.

Happy CTE Month!

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FFA



Montana FFA News

Congratulations to the FFA Chapter from Missoula for being the first chapter to qualify a team for participation at the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The Missoula chapter earned first place honors at the MAGIE/KMON state meats competition held January 20th in Great Falls. The chapters from Kalispell and Lewistown placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. In addition to the meats competition, sales and service, agronomy and livestock contests also took place during this event. While not recognized as national qualifying events, Belgrade earned first place honors in sales, Choteau placed first in agronomy and Missoula took home top honors in livestock.

About fifty-five teachers from across Montana attended the winter MAAE (Montana Association of Agriculture Educators) meeting which was held January 27th in Lewistown. Discussion topics included legislative work, Region I conference in Utah, CDE days schedule in Big Timber and the upcoming State FFA Convention which will be held in Billings, April 4-7. In conjunction with the winter meeting, the Lewistown FFA Alumni hosted their annual mechanics competition. There were about 150 students competing for awards with the students from Joliet besting the rest of the field and earned first place team honors. The next competitions will be Melstone Mechanics on Feb 5th, Conrad Alumni Seminars on March 3rd and a host of district competitions taking place throughout the next two months.

The state officers are beginning work on state convention planning. We are excited to have Dr. Steve Brown – the National FFA Advisor, Breanna Holbert – the National FFA President and Dave Roeber – noted motivational speaker participate in our convention. Approximately thirteen hundred students and three hundred parents will attend the annual convention.

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Business Education

Montana Business Educator Selected to be Teacher Feature for Teaching Prescription Drug Safety

Colstrip High School Business Education teacher Jeannette Barreto was recently honored with a [Teacher Feature](#) for her implementation of EVERFI's [Prescription Drug Safety for High School](#) curriculum this past fall.

Prescription drug abuse and misuse is a growing issue, with opioid abuse now the leading cause of accidental deaths in the U.S. Reversing this trend will require a focused, population-wide approach. With one in five high school seniors reporting that they have misused prescription drugs, reaching students early is now more important than ever.

EVERFI's [Prescription Drug Safety](#) is an innovative digital course that arms high school students with the knowledge and tools to make healthy, informed decisions when it comes to prescription medications. Through interactive scenarios and self-guided activities, students learn the facts about drugs, how to properly use and dispose of them,

and how to step in when faced with a situation involving misuse.

Jeannette's complete Teacher Feature can be viewed at everfi.com/teacher-feature-prescription-drug-safety-classroom.

Complete details about EVERFI's [Prescription Drug Safety](http://everfi.com/k-12/prescription-drug-abuse-prevention) curriculum can be found at everfi.com/k-12/prescription-drug-abuse-prevention.

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Montana Business Professionals of America February 2018 Update

THINK BIG. BPA MT is gearing up for 2018 BPA State Leadership Conference. This year's conference will be held in Billings on March 11-13. The registration window for state conference is open until February 5, 2018. You can find all the details to this year's conference at www.bpamt.org

QUARTERLY REPORTS. Second quarter service reports are due on **February 15**. To submit reports go to SURVEY MONKEY. The log: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LMWFCC> Copy this link and you will go straight to survey. Last quarter was a great quarter for submissions, let's do it again. Your input is mandatory and valuable to our reporting to OPI for our HB86 Grant Monies. Thanks so much in advance.

MT BPA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: I am excited to announce that BPA Montana has increased their scholarship opportunities thanks to generous donations. Three (3) \$500 award (s) on behalf of Montana BPA and The Phyllis and Dennis Washington Foundation and one (1) \$250 award on behalf of Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) will be given to outstanding Montana Business Professional of America members who plan to further their postsecondary education. Applicants must be a senior in high school and have completed or applied for the Statesman Torch Award. Attached you will find the application form, please pass on to your seniors! **Deadline to apply is February 15, 2018.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Montana BPA Member Recruiter Applications due on January 31, 2018
BPA Advisor of the Year Nominations due on January 31, 2018
Competitive events Presubmission for SLC is February 5, 2018
Judged events Presubmission for SLC is February 5, 2018.
Statesman Torch Award Online resumes to be submitted by February 5, 2018
Applications for 2017-18 State Officer Candidates is February 5, 2018
Internship applications for SLC are due February 5, 2018
BPA Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2018
Montana Silver Star Awards due on February 19, 2018

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Montana DECA



Montana DECA has been hard at work preparing for the annual State Career Development Conference. A premier contributor to Career and Technical Education month, Montana DECA celebrates CTE month by recognizing exceptional chapters through the following achievement campaigns:

Membership Campaign:

Just like in business, continued growth is one of the keys to success. DECA's membership campaign is designed to help chapters grow by making the DECA experience available to more student members, keeping alumni involved and engaging professional members such as administrators, teachers, parents and business partners.

Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign:

Chapters complete this campaign by celebrating Global Entrepreneurship Week, November 14-20. Chapters are asked to submit three alumni entrepreneur stories, and are required to conduct three documented school or community outreach activities.

Promotional Campaign:

This campaign provides chapter members an opportunity to share with their school and community what DECA is all about and how their chapter is making a positive impact on its members and community. Members are asked to conduct three community outreach activities and share three alumni success stories.

Community Service Campaign:

DECA members are always finding unique ways to serve their communities. This campaign gives recognition to those efforts. Members are asked to document one or more community service activities with 75% of the chapter involved, and are asked to create one form of publicity or promotion for the activity.

Advocacy Campaign:

During CTE Month (February), schools are asked to complete three school outreach activities, three public policymaker outreach activities and three community outreach activities. Through their efforts, they actively and efficiently promote CTSO's and the importance of Career and Technical Organizations.

Montana is happy to recognize 80% of active chapters in CTE Month Achievement Campaigns.

For more information on Montana DECA, or to view the achievement campaign submissions, please visit us at www.mtdeca.com!

February is home to the State Career Development Conference. This year's theme "Limitless" will engage over 1,200 students, school administrators, advisors, judges and business professionals. 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 know existed. With DECA, the possibilities for success are #LIMITLESS. To connect with our state conference, or engage with our membership, visit us online at mtdeca.com.

Have a great CTE Month, and thank you for allowing us to be a part of the Montana CTSO community.

For more information on DECA programs and events, or to start a chapter, visit us online at www.mtdeca.com. Have a great October.....see you all in November!

For more information, please contact John Stiles, DECA State Director, at decavpjohn@gmail.com

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Family and Consumer Sciences & Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Update

Montana Harvest of the Month Taste Test Competition Now Open!

Ready, set, taste test! Montana K-12 students can now enter the [Montana Harvest of the Month](#) (HOM) Taste Test Competition! The HOM Taste Test Competition is open to all Montana students enrolled in K-12 school, Montana K-12 schools, and Montana student clubs including, but not limited to: FCCLA, FFA, etc.

To participate students will take a leadership role in researching, preparing and/or serving a HOM taste test with Montana grown or raised foods from the HOM calendar in January through April 2018. Students are encouraged to conduct a taste test each month during the contest period. One entry per school or club per month can be submitted by the deadline May 4, 2018. Three entries will be selected to receive \$100 for their school or student club.

This competition provides students an opportunity to lead their school or student club in eating healthy foods and promoting Montana agriculture. The Montana Harvest of the Month program showcases Montana grown foods in Montana schools and communities. For more information, contest rules, and to enter, go to: www.montana.edu/mtharvestofthemonth or contact Aubree Roth, Montana Team Nutrition Program, aubree.roth@montana.edu, (406) 994-5996.

Plans are in motion for the upcoming Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Spring Conference in Ennis from April 18 – 20; more information will be out soon!

National FCCLA Week will take place February 12 - 16, 2018 and will feature the following themes for each day:

Monday, February 12

FCCLA Promo Day - Promote FCCLA in your school in new and exciting ways to kick off FCCLA Week and inspire others to Go For the Red! Host an informational meeting to recruit new members. #PromoteFCCLA

Tuesday, February 13

Careers in Action - Host a career fair in your school and share all of the exciting opportunities offered through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). Show others how FCS has inspired you on your career path! #FCCLACareers

[Family and Consumer Sciences Educator Day](#) - #FCSEdDay

The logo for "Say Yes to FCS" features the words "Say" and "Yes" in a blue, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. To the right of "Yes" is the text "to FCS" in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Wednesday, February 14

Say Thanks - Valentines Day is a great opportunity to take time to show your appreciation for those who have been an inspiration and support during your FCCLA journey. Send notes of appreciation to thank them. #FCCLAisThankful

Thursday, February 15

Make an Impact - Be an inspiration to those in your community by finding a need and making a difference in the lives of others! Plan a service event or a Lead2Feed project with your chapter. #FCCLAImpact

Friday, February 16

Unite in Red - Be Inspired by other members as we Unite in Red to show our FCCLA pride! Share what FCCLA red means to you and how it has provided you the confidence to succeed. #FCCLAUnites



Montana FCCLA's Board of Directors and State Executive Council met in Bozeman January 28-29. The Board will be searching for two current chapter advisers to join the Board in March.

Montana FCCLA is now preparing for our State Leadership Conference in Billings, Montana March 18 – 20, 2018. This conference will include competitive events, leadership training, educational workshops, the college & career readiness fair and more! Conference registration is taking place now, and local chapters have started their preparations to attend. We are recruiting for volunteer judges for our competitive events on Monday, March 19. If you know potential judges in the Billings area, please encourage them to sign up here: <http://mtfccla.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference/competitive-event-evaluator/>. Montana FCCLA is also looking for exhibitors for the College & Career Readiness Fair; for more information, please visit our website: <https://mtfccla.org/conferences/partner-program/>

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Health Sciences Education

Health Science Update:

No Update at this time.

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Montana HOSA



MONTANA HOSA CTE REPORT FEBRUARY, 2018

Montana HOSA: Future Health Professionals will host their 14th Annual State Leadership Conference, in Helena, March 12-13. This year, we are honored to have keynote



speaker, Maddie Collins, RN, addressing our students. Maddie works as a nurse at VA Montana, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, and like her husband, the new mayor of Helena, is a native of Liberia.

The conference will also feature 4 off-site workshops: CNA; EMT; CERT; and Active Shooter Resistance training, as well as 15 on-site symposia including: Search & Rescue scuba; psychiatric nursing, meditation, Pharmacy, geriatric simulation, and more.

Competitive events will be hosted Monday afternoon, March 12, and Tuesday morning, March 13. Those interested in judging events, may register by using the link on the home page, www.montanahosa.org.

Meanwhile HOSA chapter members continue to deliver health science presentations to middle school students utilizing the AHEC In-A-Box curriculum trunks. Recently, Capital, taught the student of C.R. Anderson about the Bones & Muscles. Education shouldn't be this much fun!



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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

ASE Education Foundation

A Test Drive of the New Program Portal

Join them for an introduction webinar beginning on Feb 01, 2018 at 8:00 AM EST.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8560400998429564675>

We will be opening our new accreditation and student management portal next week. To assist you with understanding how to log in and all the new portal and functions, we are hosting these webinars. They will help you, school administrators and our instructors understand the new system, what the accreditation process will look like and other online convenient features. We encourage you to join us to get the most up-to-date information for when the portal goes live.

Please note that there are two events scheduled for this day. The first session runs from 8 am - 9 am EST (5 am - 6 am PT) and the second session runs from 11 am - 12 pm EST (8 am - 9 am PT). All you need to do is register once and you'll be eligible to attend the session that's most convenient for you.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Welding skills classes and educator professional development seminars begin in January and are scheduled periodically during the year in the new [Lincoln Electric Welding Technology & Training Center](#) in Cleveland, OH. If you are interested in one of our [Welding Educator Workshops and Beyond the Booth classes](#) for instructors, prepping for [AWS Certified Welding Inspector](#) exams or just want to brush up skills with [a week of](#)

[GMAW, GTAW or SMAW welding](#), the new school can help you with your educator professional development goals. Or, if you are planning to build a career in welding, consider part or all of the 20 week [Comprehensive Welding Series](#). Register online NOW for any 2018 class.

The Helena School District is in the process of establishing a Carpentry Pre-Apprentice Program, which will lead into a Montana Registered Apprenticeship. Although the process is still in the early stages, so far there has been great cooperation between the school district, employers, and the Regional Council of Carpenters and their Apprentice Program.

On January 25, 2018, The United Brotherhood of Carpenters held an “Open House” at their Helena training Facility. The event was open to all Montana high schools who are interested in Carpentry programs. The event was well attended and surpassed the expected audience numbers. Students and teachers were introduced to a variety of career options for males and females within the trade areas, presentations from regional representatives, as well as being treated to lunch. The event fits in well with the exposing high school students to the Carpentry Pre-Apprentice Program.

During the past several years, postsecondary Welding Programs have really stepped up to the plate in offering summer Welding workshops at their facilities, some even offering the possibility of AWS Certification. It has been several years since a Carpentry related workshop has been offered for Montana teachers. We are currently in preliminary discussion with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, exploring the possibility of offering update training for teachers at their facility. More information will be shared as plans are formulated and confirmed.

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Since your opinions will help other consumers make informed purchase decisions, we'd like to learn a little more about you. That way we will include you in offers that are appealing to you and where your opinion will be most useful to

others. Providing complete information will increase your chances of being included in an offer, so click below to register today.

Hurry! Registration closes on Friday, February 2, 2018.

[Register today!](#)

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SkillsUSA



SkillsUSA Week

Skills USA in celebration of National CTE Month encourages its chapters to celebrate SkillsUSA Week Feb. 4-10 by encouraging student members and advisors to host events that include administrators, business leaders and legislators. Chapters can participate in SkillsUSA Week lots of different ways: hold an open house, invite local news media to tour their programs, conduct a community service project, work with area businesses to build more meaningful partnerships, or engage with policymakers to talk about the value of technical education.

One of America's most respected workwear brands, Carhartt Inc., is the official sponsor of SkillsUSA Week and supports these efforts to showcase SkillsUSA and career and technical education.

Chapters can follow the calendar of events below and go to: www.skillsusa.org/events-training/skillsusa-week for additional resources.

Appreciation Day — Monday, Feb. 5

Plan an event that will celebrate and honor the support of advisors, teachers and administrators.

Advocacy Day — Tuesday, Feb. 6

Target state and local public relations activities including presentations to legislators, school board members, administrators and community group leaders.

Member Outreach Day — Wednesday, Feb. 7

Involve members in the recruitment of middle and elementary school students, and plan appreciation activities that honor current members.

SkillsUSA Serves Day — Thursday, Feb. 8

Rally around your community by focusing on a day of giving through service projects and fundraisers.

SkillsUSA Day — Friday, Feb. 9

Celebrate SkillsUSA by wearing your favorite SkillsUSA shirt, planning a celebration and posting the event to social media.

Just a reminder the Registration for the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference opens January 30.

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Montana TSA



Greetings from Montana TSA.

The excitement is building as we look forward to bringing students and teachers together for the April 9th and 10th 2018 Montana TSA State Leadership conference in Billings. The next couple of weeks will be the culmination of skills and ideas being made into something tangible that students can look back and say "I did that"! Looking at what technology teachers do across the State of Montana makes us proud to say we are educators and specialists in various areas; from 3D CAD to robots, from graphics and photography to woodworking and application of science to technology. The skills represented by our teachers is mind blowing. It is the teachers that we want to thank for continuing to inspire students to be future leaders in whatever they choose to do with

their lives. It is the simple successes and the hard learners that bring us back year after year to computer labs, welding shops, woodworking and technical labs to design, build, create, and inspire students.

Our students are the ones that often inspire us as teachers to be better at what we do. To that end, the TSA directors what to thank the state student leaders for breathing new life into the organization and allowing all of us to teach you and many times inspiring us to be better at our craft and artistry of education. It is here, with the young student leaders where we find hope and inspiration. The “kids are our future” is a bit of a cliché but it is true! The student leaders of TSA have taken us in a new direction and if they are any indicator, the future is going to be unbelievable.

This month TSA also continues its commitment to building the Technology teaching profession by working on our annual Update Conference for teachers in June. This Professional development is held at Bozeman High School in Bozeman Montana in conjunction with Montana State University’s Technology Education Department. The past few years we have focused in the area of coding and programming with a host of teachers attending and taking away new ideas and equipment to apply in the classroom. This year as our old guard starts to retire we hope to get our hands dirty - make some sawdust or sparks and get into the shops and learn they master ways to teach skills and techniques to students from the master teachers. Passing along the years of knowledge to younger teachers has become a priority for TSA to ensure our students get the best education we can provide. To these teachers who have served in the trenches for 20 or more years we thank you!

Lastly to the people of Montana and those in the National organization, thank you! Montana TSA is committed to serving the needs of the people of Montana and contributing to the students who have been entrusted to us. Learning to live in a technical world is more than the TSA motto - it is what we hope to pass on to our students and leave for younger teachers to follow.

For information please visit our
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