



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE November 1, 2016

## **2016-2017 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 Secondary CTE web page located at this link: [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_5](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_5). 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).

## **FY2017 State CTE/VoEd Final Allocations POSTED**

The FY2017 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd Allocations) have been finalized and will be automatically deposited with your county treasurer by November 10, 2016.

The Payment Report is posted both on the Payments to Schools and Co-Ops AND Secondary CTE pages of the OPI web site. The following link will take you directly to the FY2017 State VoEd Payment Report:

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1\\_4#p7GPc1\\_4](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4#p7GPc1_4)

A larger than normal number of corrections and additions have been made since the Preliminary allocations were posted on August 26, 2016. You will likely see a change in your final allocation due to these corrections. State CTE (VoEd) allocations are based on a formula that factors:

1. High School student enrollment averages in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for properly endorsed career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) high school chapters and student membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment and extended contract information comes from the 'Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports' your district submits to our office each February. CTSO information comes from National Membership lists provided to the CTE Division each spring. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Only CTE programs that meet the general guidelines in the Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education are included in the CTE enrollment factor. Enrollment calculations are based on Montana Accreditation Standards.

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of approved use of state CTE funds include: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies and/or instructional equipment used in an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and leasing of instructional equipment for an approved CTE program.



### **Montana's New Educators Attend 2016 New CTE Professionals Workshop in Bozeman**

The OPI's Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff presented a New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop in Billings at the Best Western GranTree Inn on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

Secondary career and technical education pre-professionals and classroom teachers, 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 43 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 joint morning sessions addressing Carl Perkins and state funding and the Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways, and introduced the new state directors for Montana's Career and Technical Student Organizations and provided details regarding House Bill 86 and House Bill 356. The morning joint sessions were followed by CTE program area-specific breakout session covering professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management. The afternoon focused on career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and providing new advisors with tips, tricks, and resources for developing a local chapter and implementing a successful program of activities.

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 provide 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.

The 2017 New CTE Professionals Workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 18.

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

### **FFA**



The National FFA Convention took place in Indianapolis from October 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This 89<sup>th</sup> annual convention is one of the longest running conventions in the U.S. and attracted over 64,000 people.

Nearly five hundred students from Montana attended the convention.

Speakers for the event included Governor Mike Pence, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Diana Nyad – author and long distance swimmer, Jason Brown – former NFL player and farmer, and Colin Ryan – noted storyteller and financial expert. Leadership workshops were held throughout the week and sponsors and exhibitors from across the U.S. participated in the trade show. Additionally, national winners were determined in a number of career development events (CDE's) or more commonly referred to as contests.

Montana's career development event teams represented a good portion of the state. From Richey to Kalispell, students competed in nineteen different events. Leading the way for Montana was the Agricultural Sales team from Missoula who placed fourth and the Cascade FFA Agricultural Communications team with a fifth-place finish. The sales team members from Missoula were Saralyn Standley, Nathan Wildeboer - 2<sup>nd</sup> high individual, Megan Christensen, and Kyla Andres who placed 6<sup>th</sup> individually. Cascade's communication team was Cassy Lafromboise, Trent Cox - 9<sup>th</sup> place individual and Josh Pepos. These two teams as well as all the other Montana teams competed for the national title against the state winning teams from the forty-nine other states in their respective events.



Final CDE results are as follows:

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Agriculture Issues	Cascade	Silver
Agriculture Mechanics	Missoula	10 <sup>th</sup> place
Agronomy	Clarksfork	Silver
Farm Business Management	Kalispell	Silver
Floriculture	Park City	Bronze
Food Science	Richey	Bronze
Horse evaluation	Kalispell	Gold
Livestock evaluation	Laurel	Silver
Marketing Plan	Cascade	Silver
Meats	Kalispell	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Kalispell	Silver
Veterinary Science	Fergus of Lewistown	Silver

#### \*INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Job interview	Albert Koenig/Belgrade	Silver
Creed Speaking	Anna Slivka/Winifred	Bronze
Extemporaneous Speaking	Ashley Koenig/Belgrade	Bronze
Prepared Speaking	CJ Stevenson/Moore	Bronze

\*The Gold, Silver and Bronze ratings represent approximately the top third, the middle third and the lower third respectively of all teams/individuals competing at the national level.

Other FFA members participating at the national convention were Ruger Andres from Missoula and James Kramer from Dillon who were members of the national FFA band, McKenna Kirschten from Belgrade who served with the national chorus, Yu-Wei Tsao from Judith Gap who competed in the national talent contest and Brandon Bergum from Moore who competed in the national agriscience competition. Finally, Todd Lackman from Forsyth competed in the national proficiency award area and Neela Andres from Missoula represented Montana in her bid for a national FFA officer position.

The next activity for Montana FFA members is the John Deere Agriculture Exposition which will be held at Montana State University in Bozeman on November 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

FFA information submitted by Montana FFA State Director, Jim Rose, phone: (406) 994-7050; Email: [jrose@metnet.mt.gov](mailto:jrose@metnet.mt.gov).

## Business Education

### BUSINESS ED NEWS FOR UPDATE

#### Montana Business Educators Recognized During MBEA Awards Presentation

During the 2016 Montana Business Education Association's ([www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info)) Annual Business Meeting Thursday, October 20 in Bozeman, MBEA presented honored two business education professionals and one business for their contributions to the field and students of business education.

MBEA Past President Doug Andersen (Billings Senior High School) presided over the awards presentation. Past President Andersen first present the New Teacher of the Year Award to Casey Donahue, Ennis High School. Casey is in her third year of teaching and her second at Ennis High School. Casey serves in a variety of roles at Ennis High School including advisor of the Ennis Business Professionals of America chapter, yearbook staff advisor, and technology coordinator for the district. Casey is also active in professional development



organizations and provides leadership and personal and professional growth opportunities for her students.

Molly Barta, Billings Skyview High School, was named the 2016 MBEA Teacher of the Year award. In addition to teaching a variety of business courses at Skyview High School, Molly is a MBEA Past President and has represented MBEA on the regional and national levels. Along with co-advisor Janelle Berry, Molly advises the largest Business Professionals of America in Montana. She also serves on the state level of Montana BPA as a member of the state leadership conference coordinating committee as the judge recruiter.

#### **Montana Business Educator Named the Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year**

Bainville High School's Cheryl Graham was awarded the [2016 Montana Association for Career and Technical Education](#)'s Teacher of the Year during the 2016 Montana ACTE Awards Luncheon. The 2016 Montana ACTE Awards Luncheon was held in Bozeman on Thursday, October 20 during the 2016 Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

In addition to teaching 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.

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

Cheryl will now advance to be the Montana ACTE candidate for the ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year. The 2017 ACTE Region V conference will be held in April in Rapid City, South Dakota.

#### **New Leadership Team Elected for Montana Business Education Association**

Members of the [Montana Business Education Association \(MBEA\)](#) ([www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info)) elected a new slate of officers for 2017 during the 2016 MBEA Business Meeting. The 2016 MBEA Business Meeting was held in Bozeman on Thursday, October 20 during the Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

The 2017 MBEA officers include

- President: Chad Eichenlaub, St. Regis
- President Elect: Nicole Bogunovich, Billings West
- Vice President: Calie Wineinger, Froid
- Secretary: Beth Lawrence, Garfield County District High School, Jordan
- Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten, Plevna
- Membership Director: Jeanette Barreto, Colstrip
- Past President: Brad Mehr, Bozeman

Submitted by

#### **Eric Swenson**

Business Education Specialist  
Office of Public Instruction  
Phone: (406) 444-7991 Fax: (406) 444-1373  
E-mail: [eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov)





## Montana Business Professionals of America November 2016 Update

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 220 students and 62 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 Saturday evening and Sunday morning to ensure that everyone would have a great time and come away with new ideas! 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 which included BPA members from Lavina, Broadview and Roundup. 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. Members for chapters from Billings West, Skyview, Billings Senior, Lambert, Roundup shared with those in attendance how they have had success in competitive events. The 2016 Fall Leadership Conference concluded with a presentation for National BPA President, Drew Mammel. 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 1-2, 2017 this is the tentative date for next year's conference.

Regional Leadership Conferences are scheduled for the December and January. The dates are: Region 7--December 5; Region 4— December 14; Region 6—December 19-20; Region 1—January 9; Region 5— January 10; Region 2—January 16; Region 3—January 16 and Region 8—January 18. More information for when registration opens will be sent out by regional executive board members.

Like us on Facebook-  **Business Professionals of America-Montana Association**

Follow us on Instagram  **BPAMT**

Tweet us on Twitter  **@Montana BPA**

Submitted by  
Lisa Parker, State Director  
Montana Association  
Business Professionals of America  
(406) 579-3697  
[lparkermtbpa@gmail.com](mailto:lparkermtbpa@gmail.com)

### Montana DECA



Montana DECA is hard at work planning the State Career Development Conference, centered around the theme of "Be Legendary" This year, members are "being Legendary" through Montana DECA's premier competitive events program, attendance at Montana DECA's educational and conference programs, as well as through the dedicated community service efforts that our chapters deploy. More on the State Career Development Conference can be found at [www.mtdeca.com](http://www.mtdeca.com).



Denise Juneau, Superintendent  
Montana Office of Public Instruction  
[www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)

The Montana DECA State Officer team will attend the Western Region Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA November 17-21, where they will enhance leadership skills, acquire planning strategies, and grow as a leadership team.

November launches DECA Month, and the celebration of nationwide Career and Technical Education. As a premier partner of Global Entrepreneurship week, DECA is pleased to return the DECA idea challenge to classrooms across the United States.

The DECA Idea Challenge is a fast-paced learning activity that challenges student teams around the globe to find an innovative new use for a commonplace item in eight days. Student teams of three to five members are asked to pitch their invention in a creative, 3-minute YouTube video presentation. The item to be used in the challenge will remain a mystery until announced by DECA Inc. on November 10, 2016. The competition is a fun and exciting way for students to be imaginative and resourceful while learning about the entrepreneurial process. The exercise easily fits into most curricula as a formal class assignment or an extra credit activity. The challenge is open to any student interested in the entrepreneurial process. DECA membership is not a requirement. This activity reinforces the 21st Century Skills concepts of collaborative problem-solving and learning in digital networks. As an experiential learning exercise, the DECA Idea Challenge promotes idea generation utilizing entrepreneurial thinking skills such as:

- Challenging assumptions
- Creating value
- Defining and communicating results
- Forming and working in teams
- Leveraging limited resources

More on the DECA idea challenge can be found by visiting [www.deca.org](http://www.deca.org).

Submitted by John Stiles, DECA State Director.

## **John Stiles**

State Director

Montana DECA

Direct: 406.209.4490

Office: 406.404.1500

Email: [jstiles@mtdeca.com](mailto:jstiles@mtdeca.com)

Website: [www.mtdeca.com](http://www.mtdeca.com)



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

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

### **Family & Consumer Sciences**

Bridger High School completed their Scout Service Day 2.0 on Wednesday, October 12. This day was organized by Vicki Kaufman, FCS Teacher/FCCLA Chapter Adviser. Check out the news story on this community activity: <http://www.kulr8.com/story/33377466/students-lend-helping-hands-to-multiple-community-services>

On Wednesday, October 19, nine Family & Consumer Sciences teachers attended the OPI New CTE Professionals Workshop in Bozeman. The day was spent discussing state level CTE programming along with specific FCS education and FCCLA chapter development. This training was followed by the annual Montana ACTE Fall Institute on October 20-21. Approximately 45 Family & Consumer Sciences professionals attended the conference, and a great time was had by all! They attended useful and relevant presentations by Cathe Felz, Lee Johnson, Teresa Slye, and LUXE Cupcake Food Truck, heard a very knowledgeable keynote speaker Joe Walkuski speak about current trends in the textile industry, and enjoyed networking at its best throughout the conference. Kimberli McCullough was elected as the new President Elect for the FCS Division (MAFCSE). Awards were given to the following individuals from the FCS division of Montana ACTE (MAFCSE): FCS New Teacher of the Year Stacy Aaberg (Conrad HS) and FCS Teacher of the Year Judy Bryant (Butte HS). Montana ACTE awarded Vicki Kaufman the ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award, Shaye Skovgaard the New Teacher of the Year Award, and Sandy Woldstad the Counselor of the Year. Vicki, Shaye and Sandy will represent Montana at the Region V Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota in April for this award.



October 24 was Montana CrunchTime to celebrate National Farm to School Month. Numerous schools participated, and some FCS teachers and FCCLA chapters were instrumental in getting their schools involved including but not limited to Beaverhead County High School and Park City Schools. Thanks for participating and getting your schools and students involved!

### **Montana Family, Career & Community Leaders of America**

In October, Montana FCCLA focused on student and adviser professional development to empower chapter members and advisers.

### **Leadership Rally**

October 2-4, 2016 Montana FCCLA Conducted their annual Leadership Rally in Bozeman, MT in conjunction with Montana State University. Forty-eight Montana FCCLA chapters were in attendance each bringing up to two chapter leaders, two chapter officers and district officers. This year's theme was "Agents of Change" focusing on the Unlimited Possibilities FCCLA offers members to be not only develop their individual Leadership Skills but also to be an agent of change in their community.

The Rally was hosted by the 2016 Montana FCCLA State Executive Council providing informative round-tables and facilitating general sessions to create awareness about member opportunities. The Keynote Speaker was Latrell Armstrong from Focus Training featuring how our life can be changed by an interaction with one person. Students also attended workshops on Risk Taking by Cody Boyce and Cinema Drive by Kenneth Bain. Students also explored FCS Careers with the Say Yes to FCS campaign, tours of the Montana State University Campus and attended workshops conducted by MSU FCS students about topics that impact the well-being of young adults.

Simultaneously, advisers attended professional development sessions featuring "Best Practices" in fundraising, chapter management, integrating FCCLA into the FCS curriculum and competitive events. Advisers in attendance also received a printed Resource Guide to assist them in navigating FCCLA.



In partnership with the Montana Department of Transportation, chapters were encouraged to plan and develop peer-led programs that help them and their peers make informed, responsible decisions about traffic safety. To support chapters in this effort, MDOT generously sponsored the National FCCLA National Program "Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety" curriculum to help educate and inspire chapters in their work.

Each chapter participated in chapter planning time to create a plan of action for both leadership and service projects to take home and implement locally.

### **New Teacher Training**

On October 19, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher and FCCLA advisers from throughout Montana in their first three years of teaching attended the new teacher training. The morning featured FCS curriculum development including career pathways and funding. The afternoon focused upon FCCLA featuring membership strategies, what to expect at conferences, competitive events and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan A. Vincent, FCS Specialist, Office of Public Instruction  
Nicole Wanago, FCCLA Director, Montana FCCLA

### **Megan A. Vincent**

Family & Consumer Sciences Education Specialist  
FCCLA State Adviser  
Montana Office of Public Instruction  
Phone: (406) 444-3599 Fax: (406) 444-1373  
E-mail: [mvincent2@mt.gov](mailto:mvincent2@mt.gov)

### **Nicole Wanago**

Montana FCCLA State Director  
PO Box 11409  
Bozeman, MT 59719  
[Nicole.wanago@mtfccla.org](mailto:Nicole.wanago@mtfccla.org)

## **Health Sciences Education**

### **Health Science Division**

#### **Health Science**

Five Montana health science teachers attended the National Health Science Curriculum Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, sponsored by the National Consortium for Health Science Education.

The materials from this conference will be posted the OPI Learning Hub for anyone interested. The teachers that participated tell me it is one of their favorite conferences, with lots of ready-to-use lesson plans and innovative teaching strategies presented over three days.

A team of eight colleagues representing OPI, OCHE and MT employers gave a grant presentation in Washington DC, in the hopes of being selected as one of ten states to receive almost \$2 million for CTE programs over the next three years. The funders will announce awardees in December. This will expand rural school programs in health science, information technology and advanced manufacturing.

TO your health!



Renee Erlandsen,  
Health Science Education Specialist  
(406) 994-6986  
[Rharris3@mt.gov](mailto:Rharris3@mt.gov)

## **Montana HOSA**



No update at this time as Martha is in France.

Submitted by  
**Martha Robertson**  
Program Coordinator  
Montana HOSA Director  
W: 406-243-4746 C: 406-830-5408  
32 Campus Dr., Skaggs #173  
Missoula, MT 59812

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

At the request of the Office of Public Instruction, and the Montana Council of Deans of Education, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) is in the process of facilitating test reviews for Praxis Subject Assessments for teacher education programs in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture Education, Industrial Trades and Technology Education, along with a few non CTE areas.

The purpose of a test review is to have expert content area panels of practitioners examine materials and make decisions as to whether qualifying subject area scores are set appropriately for Montana teacher education candidates.

Each of the panels will consist of subject specific teachers and educator preparation faculty with at least three years of experience in the named content field.

Prior to the convening of the expert panels, each practitioner will take the online Praxis Subject Assessment practice test in their subject area of expertise.

Submitted by

**Don Michalsky**  
Industrial, Trades and Technology Education Specialist  
Office of Public Instruction  
Phone: (406) 444-4452 Fax (406) 444-1373  
E-mail: [dmichalsky@mt.gov](mailto:dmichalsky@mt.gov)



## **SkillsUSA**



It was exciting to see everyone at the New Professionals Workshop and the Montana ACTE Conference. We gained great information on promoting CTE in our schools and through our CTSOs.

Throughout the school year SkillsUSA Montana will be using Google Forms to obtain information that will be helpful in promoting our CTSO and being more accountable in our reporting of HB86 funds. Thank you to those advisors who completed the "*Beginning The New SkillsUSA Year*" survey.

Our chapters are busy holding their first chapter meetings of the year and electing their new chapter officers. They will be working on their *Plan of Work* using the SkillsUSA Framework as their guide.

**SkillsUSA information submitted by Montana SkillsUSA State Director, Cassie Huntley, cell phone: (406) 461-5016; Email: [chuntley@skillsusamontana.org](mailto:chuntley@skillsusamontana.org)**

## **Montana TSA**



### Montana TSA News

The teachers and organization of TSA in Montana would like to recognize Dwight Freeman for all his hard work and tireless enthusiasm for the students and organization of TSA. Dwight has decided to officially retire from teaching after more than 35 years where he served the students and teachers of our state. He spent the lion's share of his years in Saco Montana teaching and being involved in the community. Dwight will continue as a consultant to the TSA organization where he will continue his love of Technology Education helping seasoned and new teachers to grow the students' organization, but also share his expertise in projects, teaching and leadership for our CTSO's. We wish Dwight all the best, especially in his fishing expeditions which are sure to come.



TSA would also like to recognize Craig Todd for his continued commitment to teaching in Harlem Montana. Craig recently returned from the *F1 in Schools* World championship in Texas with his team Harlem United.  
<http://www.harlemunitedmt.com/>

The Harlem United is the first Native American team to qualify for the World Championships. They represented Montana and the TSA organization in a most unique and honoring way. The team won Chair of Judges Recognition of Achievement Award which is the only award the United States was given according to the Great Falls news.

The teacher's of TSA are very proud of Craig, his love of working with students and the team for making such an impact.

<http://www.krtv.com/story/33498325/harlem-united-f-1-team-wins-world-award>



#### TSA State Advisors

Craig B. Todd  
PO Box 1004  
Harlem, MT 59526  
Cell: 406-690-2524  
E-mail: [craig@crystalcnc.com](mailto:craig@crystalcnc.com)

Kirk Woosley  
Skyview High School  
Technology Education  
Billings, MT  
Cell: 406-281-5288  
E-mail: [woosleyk@billingssschools.org](mailto:woosleyk@billingssschools.org)

