



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE October 1, 2018

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

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

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

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



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

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

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Workshop, including a schedule of events, are currently posted on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website (<http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education>) under the [CTE Updates](#) heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

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

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

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

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.

Please verify your Data in TEAMS – November 1 Deadline

Schools are currently entering data into OPI's TEAMS System (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule). Data from TEAMS pertaining to Career and Technical Education courses, student enrollments, and teacher certification is used for Carl Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the State CTE (State VoEd) allocations. Additionally, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the data will be used to verify and approve Montana Career Pathways.

Therefore, it is imperative that the information submitted is complete and accurate. Any high school district planning to apply for Carl Perkins and/or State CTE (State VoEd) funding for next year (2019-2020) should submit the additional data in TEAMS for all current CTE programs at their high school.

When reviewing the data for your courses within the TEAMS System, please verify the following information is correct—

- Name of teacher(s) for courses
- All current courses being taught for the 2018-2019 school year are listed and the correct course title is listed under for the District Course Title
- All courses listed are aligned to the correct Course Code & Title
- Number of students enrolled and breakdown of males and females
- Term Type for courses (Semester, Full Year, Quarter, etc.)
- Class Minutes (the minutes of instruction for each individual course per the term type)
- If an extended contract is identified along with the number of days of the contract

If you need a listing of the current OPI Course Codes and Descriptions, a **Current Listing of All Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions** can be downloaded from the Reports page of the OPI website at <https://apps3.opi.mt.gov/TEAMS/default.aspx>



All data should be reviewed, verified, and corrected by November 1. After this date, TEAMS will close for new data entries.

Technical TEAMS questions should be directed to OPITEAMS@mt.gov. Questions regarding the Perkins Federal Grant Program data requirements or CTE-related questions should be directed at Christy Hendricks, CTE/Perkins Data Specialist, by phone at 406.444.9019 or send her an email at: 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

October 2018 CTE Update

With the start of fall, we find ourselves ready for the hustle of fall. September proved to be a busy month with District Leadership Schools, our 2nd Annual Tagged to Teach Ag Day, FFA Foundation Golf Tournament and some meetings shoved in between. It seems October will be no less busy. I would like to thank those of you who were able to share your wonderful juniors and seniors interested in Agricultural Education with us for our 2nd Annual Tagged to Teach Ag Day at MSU. There were 19 students from all across the state who participated, some who are interested in formal teaching at the secondary level, others who expressed an interest in non-formal teaching and a few interested in the communications side of our profession. This was a great collaborative effort from MSU College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Education Department, MSU Extension, MAAE, and the OPI. We look forward to continuing this program and promoting our profession. Please reach out to those students who participated and ask them about their day, invite them to teach a lesson and continue to encourage them



In a few short weeks many of you will be headed to Billings for the NILE, I hope that many of you will also be there later in the week for MACTE Fall Conference <https://goo.gl/C5pvFU>. Again, this year the CTE specialists are presenting a New Professionals Workshop the day before conference, we currently have 11 teachers who are in their first five years of teaching, signed up to attend. This day will be jammed packed with loads of information on Perkins, funding, CTSO's and many other valuable topics. MACTE conference is shaping up to be an exciting Professional Development Opportunity as well. For those of you headed to Indianapolis don't forget to take a few minutes and enjoy the many teacher workshops that are held during convention. You can take in some STEM workshops, Livestock coaching, Safety, Suicide Prevention, Global Agriculture and even see our very own Dr. Dusty Perry present on Tractor Rollover Safety. <https://goo.gl/Vgosity>

We have so many newcomers to our Montana Agricultural Education family, please take the time to welcome them and offer your assistance. Several new programs and many more on the horizon, it is because of the great work that each and every one of you are doing every day to support our Agricultural Education students in Montana. Thank you for your continued hard work and efforts! As always please feel free to reach out if I can be of any assistance to you.

Keep smiling friends,

Shannon Boswell



FFA



The Montana FFA Association recently completed its annual District Leadership Schools (DLS). These schools are held in each of the state's eight FFA districts and help educate students about student-based projects, degrees, awards and the opportunities that abound in today's FFA. Throughout the two-week program, state officers met with over 1025 students. District leadership schools were offered in Culbertson, Ekalaka, Colstrip, Absarokee, Livingston, Missoula, Fairfield and Malta. Additionally, the district's Ag Teachers receive updates from foundation and association staff.

The National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis beginning October 24th and concluding October 27th. Montana will have twenty-one different teams competing for national titles during the four-day convention. Also, thirty-five Montana members will be awarded the American FFA Degree which is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an individual. This degree is based on the development of an outstanding student-based project as well as their involvement during their five years of FFA membership. What promises to be one of the highlights of the convention is a concert by Garth Brooks. Approximately, sixty-five thousand FFA members from across the U.S. will attend the annual convention.

Montana FFA welcomes ten new Ag teachers into the profession and would like to recognize the following four schools for starting brand new programs: Hot Springs, Glendive, Dodson and Broadview. There are currently two schools still looking for an Agriculture Education Instructor – they are St. Regis and Harlem. Good luck to these new teachers and programs!

Upcoming activities are:

October 15th – NILE in Billings

October 24th – 28th – National FFA Convention in Indianapolis

November 15th – 17th – John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman

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

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Business Education

Updated Framework for Business Education in Montana & OPI TEAMS K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education Available

The [Framework for Business Education in Montana](#) has been updated for the 2018-2019 school year. Within the Framework, updates have been made to the competitive event crosswalks for Business Professionals of America and DECA. The updated crosswalks reflect updates and changes to the competitive event programs at the national level effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Framework for Business Education in Montana provides teachers with common guidance for curriculum development and course content development. Review and update work for the Framework for Business Education in Montana was by a committee Montana business education professionals representing all classifications of Montana High School as well as business education teacher program coordinators from the University of Montana and University of Montana Western and the State Directors for Business Professionals of America, Montana Association and Montana DECA.

The course information within the Framework is organized by Career Clusters with the Common Career Technical Core as the standards for each cluster. Additionally, course content is aligned to the *National Standards for Business Education* and is crosswalked to the *National Standards for Business Education* and to the competitive event programs for Business Professionals of America and DECA.

A complete PDF version of the Framework can be downloaded from the Business Education section of the Montana OPI website at opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education/Business-Education. If you would like to just download the BPA and DECA competitive event crosswalks, they can be downloaded at from the Business Education section of the Montana OPI website as well or directly at <https://goo.gl/keh7c>.

While on the [Business Education section](#) of the Montana OPI website, be sure to download the [Montana Business Education 2018-2019 Planning Calendar](#).

Also updated for the 2018-2019 school year is the [OPI TEAMS Current Listing of All Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education](#). The Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions are used for the reporting of course taught in all schools and at all grade levels via the OPI TEAMS school staffing system. Updates to this year's manual include the removal of duplicated courses to help streamline course identification and the removal of "other" courses and codes. Additionally, the manual includes a complete listing of Montana teacher licensure course codes.

Within TEAMS, all courses taught are identified and aligned to a national SCED Code



with the local school course title listed as well as term type, enrollment numbers, and length of instruction. For Montana's Career & Technical Education programs, the TEAMS data is also used to generate the Montana CTE Student Participation Reports which are used to determine State CTE/VoEd funding allocations.

The [OPI TEAMS Current Listing of All Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education](http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nwtyFY35Kjc%3d&portalid=182) can be download at <http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nwtyFY35Kjc%3d&portalid=182>.

To assist teachers and administrators with mapping district courses to the OPI/SCED codes before the data is entered into TEAMS, a [TEAMS Participation Report Worksheet for Course Codes](#) worksheet is also available on the [Business Education section](#) of the Montana OPI website.

Additional information about the Framework for Business Education in Montana and the OPI TEAMS Current Listing of All Montana K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education will be presented during the [2018 Business Professionals of America, Montana Association Fall Leadership Conference](#), the [2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop](#) and the [2018 Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#).

If you have problems accessing any of the documents noted above, please contact Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov.

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Montana Business Professionals of America October 2018 Update WATCH US GROW...



LOCAL ADVISOR CERTIFICATION. Are you a new advisor? Do you want to learn more about BPA and become further involved in the organization? Then the Local Advisor Certification series is for you! The LAC is a six-part webinar series that gives advisors, new and experienced alike, an in-depth look at BPA, as well as helpful tips on what it takes to be a more involved chapter advisor. Those who complete the series will receive an award and recognition at the 2019 National Leadership Conference. To learn more about the series and to register, visit <http://www.bpa.org/membership/Certify>. The series begins on Monday, October 1st.



STUDENT CERTIFICATION SERIES. Students also have the opportunity to learn more and get further involved in BPA! Join the National Officer Team as they embark on a six-part webinar series designed for student members, with topics ranging from membership recruitment to chapter funding. To learn more about the Student Certification Series, visit <http://www.bpa.org/membership/StudentCert>. The series begins on Thursday, October 4th

STATE OFFICER VISITS. One of the goals of our state officers is to be available to all of their members. If any of you would like to have one or two of them come visit with your chapter, skype during a local meeting, be present at your regional competitions, whatever your needs are. Please let me know.

REGISTER YOUR CHAPTER. Go to <https://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/> State Dues are \$10.00 National Dues \$14.00 TOTAL DUES \$24.00 Early registration deadline is November 1, 2018. Final Deadline is February 15, 2019.

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Montana DECA



Get your school-based enterprise #ReadyForIt, because **#DECASBEWeek (School Based Enterprise) 2018** is coming!



DECA is pleased to announce that this year's #DECASBEWeek will take place **Monday, October 1 – Friday, October 5.**

Each day of #DECASBEWeek will have a social media theme that is unique to the DECA's school-based enterprise program, and you are encouraged to share photos or videos of your own SBE that correspond to the daily theme.

Be sure to include **#DECASBEWeek** when you post your photos on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. This way, your photos will be available for thousands of DECA members to see and you may even help an SBE get a new idea for the epic year ahead!

If your SBE is looking for great inspiration for the year ahead, checking out all the posts during #DECASBEWeek is a terrific idea.

Here are the daily themes for #DECASBEWeek 2018:

Monday, October 1 – Best Display or Promotion

We want to see your best display case, promotional sign or ads, or whatever you use to get the word out in your school about your incredible SBE.

Tuesday, October 2 – SBE Staff in Action

We want to see how you keep your SBE running! Whether it's staff members ringing up customers, arranging a new display or stocking the shelves, show us how your SBE staff in action.

Wednesday, October 3 – SBEs Give Back

Does your SBE donate portions of your proceeds to a special local charity? Or do you run a special promotion to benefit your school or town? We can't wait to see how your SBE supports your local community.

Thursday, October 4 – Customer Appreciation Day

We know you your SBE customers, so show DECA how you show your appreciation to them! Is it a special discount day or awesome promotion? What about a frequent buyer card? Or just share a photo of your best customers keeping your SBE running.

Friday, October 5 – SBE Staff Photo

To end an amazing #DECASBEWeek, share a group photo of your SBE staff to celebrate your incredible hard work!

To help you spread the word about #DECASBEWeek in your SBE and school, here are some social media graphics you can download and share on your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

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



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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

- No Update at this time.

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Health Sciences Education

Health Science Update-

Health Science programs had a great start to the new school year with new health science and/or HOSA-Future Health Professionals programs at Arlee, Colstrip, Cut Bank, North Middle School (GF), Noxon, Savage and Whitehall high schools! I am continually in awe of the dedication of our CTE teachers across the state!

Teachers from Charles M Russell, Great Falls High, Fort Benton, Hamilton, and Butte Central joined me in Denver, Colorado for the National Health Science Curriculum Conference sponsored by the National Consortium for Health Science Education. We debriefed each night to share thoughts and ideas on the information we learned throughout the day to share with our colleagues through extended learning.

While I am in the throes of reviewing and approving Carl D Perkins applications, my colleague Martha Robertson (HOSA State Director), and our HOSA State Officers



planned a fantastic Fall Leadership Conference for October 2nd at MT Tech. This year's event will include day-long professional development in work-based learning, apprenticeship, certifications and end with an Electronic Health Records activity.

To your health!

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Montana HOSA



Montana HOSA: Future Health Professionals hosted their Fall Leadership Conference, Oct. 2, at MT Tech. The guest speaker for the Fall Leadership conference was MacKenzie Peterson, Youth Engagement Specialist with the MT DPHHS Tobacco Use Prevention Program and Kris Minard with the Butte office. Dr. Shauna Yates, MD, Family Medicine Specialist, represented the Montana Medical Association and spoke on both tobacco prevention and I-185. Teacher-advisors attended separate workshops focused on healthcare apprenticeships, online CNA training, Health Information Technology, and health science dual credits.



State Officers prep for Fall Leadership Conference (from left): Olivia Jenkinson, Sentinel; Trenton Wolfe, Anaconda; Kara Holmlund, Ronan; Emma Field, Butte; Simonne Clay, Billings.

Three State Officers attended National HOSA Washington Leadership Academy, in Washington, D.C., in September. In addition to training, officers had private meetings with Senators Daines and Tester where they addressed Montana healthcare issues and



spoke about the 2018-19 National Community Service Project - The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and Montana HOSA's Vape/JUUL Prevention Campaign.



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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

Don't miss the opportunity to attend either Helena College's Transportation Tuesday—October 30 or FABrication Friday—November 2.

Use the following link to register:

http://helenacollege.edu/admissions_enrollment/seminars_workshops.aspx

Please note: Enrollment will be limited to 30 students. Therefore, students may not register for both. However, these Career Exploration Events will be repeated Spring Semester.

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Industrial Trades and Technology Instructors,

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

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

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

SafetyFestMT Returns to Bozeman!

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

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

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

- HAZWOPER 40-Hour Training
- HAZWOPER 8-Hour Refresher
- OSHA 30-Hour Construction
- OSHA 30-Hour General Industry
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction
- OSHA 10-Hour General Industry
- First Aid/CPR/AED Training



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

And so much more!

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

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

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SkillsUSA



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

"I want to congratulate this year's class of Presidential Scholars on their achievement and also thank their parents, teachers and other academic advisors who have helped guide them along the way," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. "These



students have pushed themselves to be the best they can be, and I am certain that devotion will serve them well as they continue their individual learning journeys."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

<https://youtu.be/AlpapkJofYs>

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Montana TSA



Greetings from Montana TSA.

We have an exciting year ahead and are looking forward to new faces, new events and new students. As always, we hope that our students will learn to be leaders in their areas and that they will gain skills and knowledge to become good citizens in our world.

New Events:

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

Food for thought:

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

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

1. *Do Things Well for the Sake of Doing Them Well*
2. *Plan (But Not Too Much)*



3. *Measure Twice, Cut Once*
4. *Work With What You Got*
5. *Cultivate Patience*
6. *Let Go of Your Ego*
7. *Develop Your Practical Wisdom*
8. *Mastery Brings Meaning*
9. *Find Your Workshop*

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