



# M-NEWS

*Climbing the Peaks of Success and Exploring the Valleys of Opportunity*

Montana Business Education Association Newsletter

Fall 2010

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## COME PREPARED TO THE FALL INSTITUTE

The Montana Big Sky Pathways Institute will be held October 21-22, 2010, at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena. All business and marketing teachers are being asked to come prepared for great workshops, many of which require a laptop and a download prior to making the trip to Helena.

MBEA workshops are being planned for both Thursday and Friday. We will be using computer labs at the Front Street Learning Center, located within two blocks of the hotel.

Tentative topics include

- **Alice 2.2** An innovative 3D programming environment that makes it easy to create an animation; download at [www.alice.org](http://www.alice.org);
- **Googology** Google is so much more than a search engine; take Googling to the next level;
- **MetNet** Online social networking site which requires a download of First Class Client at <http://www.firstclass.com/ClientDownloads> or [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov) (see related article);

[www.firstclass.com/ClientDownloads](http://www.firstclass.com/ClientDownloads) or [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov) (see related article);

- capturing **audio** and linking to a SmartBoard to record a daily lesson for later review;
- using **Moodle** or **WordPress** for web pages and blogs; and
- **free curriculum** for teaching business.

If you haven't worked on the Perkins

grant, you should be aware that your school's local Perkins allocation was increased by 10 percent for professional development. However, the increase in local school allocations caused the funding for the Montana ACTE Institute to be eliminated. Because of this the registration fee had to be increased—the **good news** is that professional development dollars are available through Perkins to cover this cost. Please contact your department chair and/or

school administrator about using your professional development dollars for dues and/or conference registration.

The Big Sky Pathways Institute registration form, which also includes the Great Northern Hotel lodging information, can be found in this newsletter and can be downloaded from the Montana ACTE website, [www.montanaacte.org](http://www.montanaacte.org).

Please join business teachers from across the State of Montana at this great professional development opportunity!

As you prepare for the opening of the new school year, please update your ACTE/Montana ACTE/and MBEA member record at [www.montanaacte.org](http://www.montanaacte.org).

I hope to see you in Helena in October.

Contributed by  
*Janie McFarland*  
MBEA President  
Conrad High School

## NEW BUSINESS EDUCATION SPECIALIST MOVES INTO HELENA

The Career, Technical and Adult Education Division of the Montana Office of Public Instruction would like to announce the hiring of Eric Swenson as the new Business Education Specialist. Eric comes to OPI after 13 years teaching business education courses and advising the Denton High School's BPA chapter.

During his time in Denton, Eric served on numerous curriculum committees, attended a variety of state, regional, and national business education and career & technical education-related

conventions, and has held many leadership positions within the Montana Business Education Association, the Western Business Education Association, the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education, and with Business Professionals of America on the state and national levels.

As Montana's new specialist, Eric looks forward to working with local educators on developing their Big Sky Pathways and Programs of Study, providing professional development and curriculum support, and assisting in the continued growth of Montana BPA

and Montana DECA. Along with becoming the new specialist, Eric will also serve as state advisor of the Montana association of Business Professionals of America.

During the 2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute, Eric will hold a session Friday morning for all business and marketing educators to share some of his goals and plans for business education in Montana.

Eric may be contacted at OPI by phone at 406.444.7991 or via email, [eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov).

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An Association of Marketing Students

## MONTANA ACTE ESTABLISHES A METNET COMMUNITY

Montana ACTE now has an online social networking site through MetNet using the FirstClass Software environment. This environment will allow members to store, share and view documents, and communicate through email and chat capabilities.

To get started on MetNet, you will need to download the FirstClass software from the OPI website.

Instructions are as follows:

1. Go to OPI website [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)
2. Select resources menu (drop down) and MetNet (second option)
3. Download FirstClass software
4. Follow the instructions from this point (put icon on desktop is recommended)
5. When installation is complete, restart your computer
6. Double click FirstClass icon on your desktop
7. Register and log in to FirstClass
  - a. Create a user name and password of your choice
  - b. The address will say home.fc
  - c. Change it to fc.metnet.mt.gov

- d. You should be asked to fill in a registration form
- e. You should be able to log in following registration
8. When you have finished this process, email Cheryl Graham, [cgraham@nemont.net](mailto:cgraham@nemont.net), and you will be added to the Montana ACTE community.

For technical assistance, contact Steve Meredith via the OPI website.



## BUSINESS EDUCATORS INVITED TO THE SOUND & GULF IN 2011

The Western Business Education Association conference will be held February 17-21, 2011 in Tukwila, Washington.

The conference location is one mile from Sea-Tac Airport at the Doubletree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila.

Over 50 workshops related to business education will be offered. Talk to your school administrator

about funding—your local Perkins dollars may be allocated for this professional development opportunity.

If you are interested in presenting during the WBEA Conference, please fill out

the Call for Presentations form found within this newsletter and submit it by the end of October.

Contact Eric Swenson, Janie McFarland, Jenny Rohrer, and/or Julie O'Dell if you have questions about the quality of this conference.

Leadership development opportunities are available during a half-day session and a partial stipend for registration is given to individuals from each S/T/P who attend PDI (Professional Development Institute).

In addition, four \$500 scholarships are available; to apply, submit the Professional Development Improvement scholarship application available at

[www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info) prior to January 1, 2011.

Click on the Conference link. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Lammers at [malammers@gmail.com](mailto:malammers@gmail.com).

NBEA will hold the 2011 National Business Education Association Annual Convention in the spring, April 20-23, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

More details will be released by NBEA in the fall. Please visit [www.nbea.org](http://www.nbea.org) for more information.

NBEA also offers a scholarship for first-time attendees to the convention. Details about the scholarship's requirements and the application can be found on NBEA's website.



## MBEA BUDGET CONCERNS—YOUR INPUT IS CRUCIAL

Because of the decrease of funding for the Montana ACTE conference by the Montana Commissioner of Higher Education's state office, MBEA's funding has also been cut.

In years past MBEA has received up to \$2,000 per year as part of a Perkins grant for CTE professional development (reserve funds of Perkins, Title II, authorized via a memorandum of understanding between the Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Montana Commissioner of Higher Education.) The mini-grant

covered MBEA summer update expenditures and fall conference costs, including supplies, computer lab use fees, and speaker fees.

Until and unless this funding is reinstated, MBEA will need to be self-sustaining. There will need to be decisions made at the MBEA Annual Business Meeting regarding major reductions in our budget.

The decision to eliminate our funding has an extremely adverse statewide impact for the field of Career and Technical Education and will no doubt affect fall professional development planning

for teachers.

I encourage you to continue to be an active member of Montana Business Education Association as we work through these challenges.

Your input on our future and our budget is crucial. Please attend the annual meeting Thursday morning, October 21, at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena.

Janie McFarland  
MBEA President & Montana ACTE  
Secretary  
Conrad High School

## WBEA PARTNERS WITH S/T/PS TO PROVIDE TRAINING

What do 12 years of training and networking, pineapple pulls, free registrations, silent auctions, and 83 colleagues have in common—they are all integral pieces of WBEA's Professional Development Institute!

Look around—they have become state and regional presidents, served as officers in state organizations, won awards as outstanding teachers, gained personal leadership skills, and have been role models for their students, just to name a few of their accomplishments.

How would you like to join this elite group and get a half-price or free registration for WBEA's conference in Tukwila, Washington, in February 2011? Business education will be "Climbing to New Heights" in the beautiful Doubletree Hotel in Tukwila, where colleagues will gather for their mid-winter professional development opportunities. Networking will be the theme of the weekend as members gather from the far reaches of our Western Region.

**What?** The twelfth annual **Professional Development Institute** will be held in conjunction with the 2011 WBEA Conference (February 17-21, 2011) and led by Mary Ann Lammers and Eileen Wascisin, PDI Co-Directors. Mary Ann has served as WBEA and NBEA president; Eileen has just finished her term as WBEA President.

**Who?** Two WBEA members from each state or province can be selected to attend the institute and the conference for half the registration price. Your state or province may also elect to pay the other half of the registration fee. (You will save \$200!)

**Why** do you want to be involved? You have the opportunity to network with other business educators, learn new leadership skills, and find out how to become more involved in your professional associations! Besides having fun, you can take home ideas for your classes on Monday morning.

**Where** do you find out more? Contact your state or provincial president Janie McFarland, [janiehmcfarland@yahoo.com](mailto:janiehmcfarland@yahoo.com), or Jackie Floetke, 2010 WBEA president, at [jfloetke@wilsoncreek.org](mailto:jfloetke@wilsoncreek.org); Mary Ann Lammers, co-director of the Professional Development Institute, at [malammers@gmail.com](mailto:malammers@gmail.com); or Eileen Wascisin, co-director of the Professional Development Institute, at [eileen.wascisin@comcast.net](mailto:eileen.wascisin@comcast.net).

**When?** The deadline for this program is **December 1, 2010**. Share this opportunity with your administrator and get your registration and travel arranged. Find out today how you can experience "Climbing to New Heights" by attending a first-class professional development opportunity in Tukwila, Washington!

## THE LATEST OF WHAT'S BUZZIN' IN BUSINESS ED

This summer has been a busy time with a lot of changes and activity within business education in Montana. On July 1, I started my first day as **Montana's Business Education Specialist**. While in the past this position was titled Business and Marketing Education Specialist, the two area titles have been infused into one all-encompassing curriculum area, business education. This also helps to bring the Office of Public Instruction in-line with our professional organizations (National Business Education Association, Western Business Education Association, and Montana Business Education Association). On the local level, the Office of Public Instruction will continue to acknowledge, endorse, and fund business education and marketing education programs as has been done in the past.

In regards to our two **Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)**, Erin Weisgerber will continue as Montana DECA's State Advisor and I will be the state advisor for Montana BPA. In beginning the leadership role for

Montana BPA, I would like to thank Becky DePuydt and Sheila Crosmer for their dedication and leadership during our times of transition the past two years.

In making the move to OPI late in the spring, there was not adequate time to establish a process for filling our Classroom Educators Advisory Council (CEAC) secondary representative position for the summer CEAC meeting; however, Brenda Rudolph was there as Montana's postsecondary representative and did an excellent on behalf of all of Montana BPA's members.

The **Montana BPA Executive Board** met the end of July in Lewistown and had a very productive meeting. Some of the main items covered during the meeting include the reappointment of our state conference committee of Julie O'Dell, Competitive Events Coordinator, Elaine Stedman, Judged Events Coordinator, and Molly Barta, Judge Recruiter.

The Board also selected Becky DePuydt to serve as State Leadership Conference Registration Coordinator. Becky spent countless

hours refining and enhancing the registration process for the state conference last year and the Board greatly appreciates her time and efforts. For this year's conference, registration will continue to be handled by Becky and she will also work on slating administrator/proctor/grader assignments for chapter advisors and she and I will coordinate the "Bump-Up List" for the National Leadership Conference together.

The Board also discussed the **secondary CEAC representative vacancy**. During the regional advisor meetings, the regional coordinators will have a job description to distribute to all local chapter advisors detailing the duties and responsibilities of a CEAC representative. Interested local advisors will be able to apply for consideration and a committee will conduct interviews during State Leadership Conference to select a new representative. More specific details will be available in the fall and they will also be posted on Montana BPA's website ([bpamt.org](http://bpamt.org)).

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## NEWSLETTER NOTES

### Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Fall Issue: August 1  
Winter Issue: December 1  
Spring Issue: April 1

Please submit news and  
photos to  
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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THOSE NEW TO CLASSROOM

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 20, in Helena, prior to the beginning of the 2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute.

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

- ✓ Career Clusters,
- ✓ Big Sky Pathways and

- Programs of Study,
- ✓ Statewide ARTiculation (START) agreements,
- ✓ Perkins funding,
- ✓ State CTE funding,
- ✓ Advisory boards,
- ✓ Professional development,
- ✓ Professional organizations,
- ✓ CTE and program area standards and guidelines, and
- ✓ Career & Technical Student Organizations (both BPA & DECA).

The workshop will be held at the UM-Helena College of Technology's main campus across from Helena High School (1115 North Roberts Street) from 8 am to 5 pm.

The training will be free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to eight OPI Renewal Units will be offered. More details and the registration form will be on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website ([www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)).

Come to Helena for this free professional development and networking opportunity and stay for the 2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute.

For more information, please contact Eric Swenson, Business Education Specialist, at [eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov) or 406.444.7991.

## BUSINESS ED: MAKING PROGRESS, PLANS, AND POSSIBILITIES

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For your calendars, the 2011 State Leadership Conference will be in Billings March 13-15 and the National Leadership Conference will be May 3-8, 2011 in Washington, DC.

The **Montana DECA Board** and chapter advisors will be having their fall meeting in Helena on Sunday, September 19. Montana DECA State Advisor Eric Weisgerber will be sending out specifics soon. Part of the meeting will include planning for the State CDC which will be in Helena at the Red Lion Colonial Inn February 13-15 and the DECA ICDC April 30-May 3 in Orlando.

The CTE specialists are continuing to work on plans for the regional **Big Sky Pathways** workgroup meetings. In doing so, a Tool Kit of curriculum resources is being put together to aid in the development of Programs of Study and to build relationships between content standards and guidelines and the knowledge and skills statements of the Career Clusters.

Members of the committees working on **Statewide ARTiculations (referred to as START)** for accounting and computer applications met in mid-August to review the results from last school year's implementations and to work on additional offerings.

In the **accounting** area, committee members reviewed the results from schools offering the NOCTI assessment and discussed the

overall process. The feedback was very positive and hopefully more schools will offer the assessment this year. The committee also continued the investigation of the possibility of offering articulation for Accounting II/Accounting 102 in the near future.

In the area of **computer applications**, a NOCTI assessment was approved for implementation on a trial basis for use with the CAPP (Computer Applications) 120: Introduction to Computers articulation. Other courses in works for articulation include CAPP 154: Word and CAPP 156: Excel.

The wheels of articulation are rolling along and I will keep you informed of the progress.

As a way to help disseminate and explain all this new information to our new business and marketing professionals, the CTE Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 20, in Helena, prior to the beginning of the 2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute. 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 Carl Perkins and State CTE funding, Career Clusters and Montana's Big Sky Pathways, Statewide ARTiculation (START) agreements, CTE and program standards and guidelines, membership and participation in professional organizations, and

information on division-specific Career and Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop will be held at the UM-Helena College of Technology's main campus across from Helena High School (1115 North Roberts Street) from 8 am to 5 pm. The training will be free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to eight OPI Renewal Units will be offered. More details will be available soon, and the registration form will be on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website ([www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)).

As the school year kicks off, please let me know of any assistance I can offer; below is my OPI contact information.

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After the Labor Day weekend, I will begin sending out a weekly update to all business and marketing teachers with information pertaining to upcoming events, reminders of important dates, and resources for curriculum and CTSO development.

Best wishes to all on a great school year.



# Big Sky Pathway Institute Registration

## "Coming Together Across the Pathways"

October 21-22, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Division Affiliation: MAAE  MAFCSE  MBEA

Telephone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ MHSEA  MITEA  ADMIN

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ ACTE Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTE REGISTRATION					Amount
REGISTRATION FEES (If you become a member of Montana ACTE or you are renewing your membership, please complete the attached membership form and pay the reduced member registration fees.)	Early Bird/thru Oct 1		After Oct 1 thru Onsite		
	Both Days	Thur. Only	Both Days	Thur. Only	
Montana ACTE/ACTE Member	\$125	\$100	\$160	\$125	
Non-Member Montana ACTE/ACTE	\$185	\$160	\$230	\$180	
Student Registration (Cannot be combined with First-Time Attendee)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> First-Time Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> First-Time Educator Attendee (Check appropriate box)					-\$35

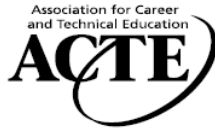
Registration Includes Thursday and Friday Luncheons and Breaks		
Thursday Montana ACTE Luncheon (Check appropriate box if attending)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending	
Guest Thursday Montana ACTE Luncheon Ticket		\$15
Friday Montana ACTE Business Luncheon (Check appropriate box if attending)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending	
Guest Friday - Montana ACTE Business Luncheon Ticket		\$15

Membership Dues: Circle One (Complete Attached Membership Form)		
MBEA (Business & Marketing) \$120	MITEA (Industrial/Technology) \$120	MAAE (Agriculture) \$205
MAFCSE (Family & Consumer Sciences) \$130	MHSEA (Health Sciences) \$115	ADMIN (Administration) \$115

Total Registration and Fees (Make checks payable to Montana ACTE - Confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of registration)	\$
Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Check                        Credit Card Type <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order                        Credit Number _____                        Expiration Date _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you wish to have your name released to vendor                        Name on Credit Card _____                        Security Code _____ CC Billing Address _____ City, ST, Zip _____ Signature _____	
List any special needs (accessibility, meal, etc.)	

<b>Mail Registration to:</b> Nicole Wanago 2889 North 27th Unit 1 Bozeman, MT 59718 H: 406.219.3920 chinadle@email.arizona.edu	<b>Hotel Reservations:</b> Best Western Great Northern 835 Great Northern Blvd. Helena, MT 59624 406.457.5500  <b>Room block ends September 20, 2010</b>
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**Cancellation Policy:** A full refund will be provided until October 1. A maximum of 50% refund after October 1 may occur at the discretion of the board. Requests must be in writing within two weeks after the institute with the reason identified.



## 2010–2011 Membership Application

Mail to: P.O. Box 758621, Baltimore, MD 21275-8621

Fax: 703-683-7424 (only if paying by credit card)

Apply online at [www.acteonline.org/join.aspx](http://www.acteonline.org/join.aspx)

Last updated on 7/15/10

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### A. Personal Profile

Member  Renewal

ACTE ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_ School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Region \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of SSN<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required)<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to opt out of the mail list?  Yes  No

From time to time ACTE makes its lists available to organizations that offer products and services valuable to career and technical educators. At no time will ACTE provide your e-mail address to a third party. E-mail addresses are for ACTE use in communicating with members. If you wish to exclude your name from the mail list, indicate above.

Position Type (indicate only one)

- Administrator/Supervisor (A)
- Teacher Supervisor (E)
- Teacher (T)
- Student (S)
- Counselor (K)
- Teacher Educator (X)
- Retired (R)
- Other (O)

Institution Type (indicate only one)

- Junior High/Middle School (H)
- Comprehensive High School (S)
- Secondary Career/Technical School (V)
- Two Year Postsecondary Institution (J)
- Four Year College or University (C)
- Federal, State, Local Education Agency (D)
- Correctional Institution (X)
- Other (F)

### B. ACTE Division Membership

Your ACTE membership includes membership in one Division. Completely fill in the bubble for your primary Division. Additional Divisions may be added for \$10.00 each. Mark additional Divisions with an X.

- Administration (ADM)
- Adult Workforce Development (AWD)
- Agricultural Education (AGR)
- Business Education (BUS)
- Career Academy (CAR) (National only)
- Engineering and Technology Education (TGY)
- Family & Consumer Sciences Education (FAM)
- Guidance and Career Development (GUI)
- Health Science Education (HEA)
- Marketing Education (MAR)
- Areas of Interest (Optional):
  - Co-operative Education
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Hospitality & Tourism
  - Internships
  - Management
  - National Academy Foundation Programs
  - Sports & Entertainment
  - Student Store Operations
- Special Populations (SPE)
- Trade and Industrial Education (TRA)
- \* New and Related Services (NRS)

\* If you selected the New and Related Services Division as a primary or additional Division, please select one section within that Division below. Additional sections may be added for \$10.00 each.

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- Information Technology (S)
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- Integration of Academics and Career & Technical Education (F)
- International (I)
- Makers of Policy (H)
- Professional Development (D)
- Public Information (E)
- Research (G)
- ROTC (R)
- Safe Schools (P)
- School-to-Work/Careers (N)
- Support Staff (J)
- Teacher Educators (O)
- Tech Prep (M)
- Other (K)

### C. ACTE Membership Categories<sup>3</sup>

Please choose one. For loyalty retired dues and requirements, call 800-826-9972.

- Regular (\$80.00)
- International (\$60.00) *all electronic communications*

### D. Dues Summary

ACTE Dues \_\_\_\_\_  
 (See part C)

#### Additional ACTE Divisions

ACTE membership includes dues for one Division. Each additional Division costs \$10.00 each.

#### CTE Support Fund

This fund supports public awareness campaigns and the development of research-based materials dedicated to advancing CTE. ACTE is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

#### NCAC (Optional) \$100

State Association Dues<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Division Dues<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 Montana ACTE Dues: \$25  
 and  
 MBEA Dues: \$15

#### Total Dues

Comprehensive insurance is no longer available through ACTE membership. You may contact Forrest T. Jones at [www.fhj.com/epi2009](http://www.fhj.com/epi2009) or 800-821-7303 for ACTE discounts on a variety of insurances, including professional liability coverage.

Refer By: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

### E. Payment Information<sup>5</sup>

- Check enclosed (payable to ACTE)
- Credit card  Visa  MC  Discover  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes

1. You are not obligated to provide this information; however, ACTE uses this information internally to serve as a unique identifier for members. At no time would ACTE make this information available to a third party.
2. ACTE uses e-mail to communicate with its membership. At no time would ACTE make e-mail addresses available to non-ACTE entities.
3. \$33 of your membership fee covers your subscription to *Techniques*.
4. If your state and state division dues are not attached, please call ACTE at 800-826-9972 or go to [www.acteonline.org/join](http://www.acteonline.org/join). Membership in your state or territory association is required along with your ACTE Membership for the following states: AR, CA, CO, DC, GA, KS, KY, MS, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX, UT, WV and the Bahamas chapter.
5. ACTE does not accept purchase orders for memberships.
6. The security code for Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards is the last three digits of the number printed on the signature panel on the back of the card. The security code for American Express cards is a small four-digit number printed on the front of the card above and to the right of the credit card number.

Dues subject to change. ACTE dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for U.S. Federal Income Tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense.

**WESTERN BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
2011 WBEA PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 1, 2011**

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) takes pleasure in announcing the second annual WBEA Professional Improvement Scholarship for business and computer science educators. The scholarship will be available for tuition and offered and managed by the WBEA Executive Board through the WBEA Professional Development Committee. Funding for the scholarship will be through donations from individuals, companies, and other sources.

**Amount: \$500**

**Application process:** Applicant must:

1. Be a current member of an STP business education association and a member of WBEA/NBEA,
2. Be currently engaged in the business/computer education profession in the Western Region,
3. Register for and pass a credit class with a "C" or better, or
4. Register for and complete a non-credit class, and
5. Send proof of payment and grade sheet or unofficial transcript upon completion of the class to the Professional Development Director.


Please mail the completed application form by **January 1, 2011**, to:

Mary Ann Lammers  
WBEA PDI Director  
7925 NW Oxbow Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97330

**Deadline Dates:** All applications must be postmarked by the published deadline date, January 1, 2011. The scholarship winner will be informed of his/her receiving the scholarship no later than January 15, 2011. The recipient will be recognized in the WBEA Newsletter. Reimbursement will be made by the WBEA Treasurer by June 30, 2011, upon completion of the class and receipt of the unofficial transcript or grade sheet and proof of payment.

**Handling of Funds:** All funds for the scholarship will be administered by the Professional Development Committee and the WBEA Treasurer.

**Contributions to the Fund.** Contributions to the Professional Improvement Scholarship fund can be made in any amount payable to the Western Business Education Association (WBEA). The contributions can be made to honor a business/computer educator who is retiring, a business educator/administrator who is involved in teaching/administration, or a deceased member.

 <p><b>MEMBER SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publications             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Education Forum, NBEA's Journal</li> <li>• Keying In, NBEA's Newsletter</li> <li>• NBEA Yearbook</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Publications and Promotional Items</li> <li>• Curriculum Standards and Resources</li> <li>• \$250,000 Professional Liability Insurance</li> <li>• Annual National Convention</li> <li>• Regional Association Membership</li> <li>• Regional Conventions</li> <li>• Legislative Advocacy</li> <li>• Business-Industry Link</li> <li>• Professional Awards Program</li> <li>• International Society for Business Education (ISBE)</li> <li>• MasterCard Program</li> </ul>	<p><b>NATIONAL BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b></p> <p><b>Join Today and Increase Your Professional Expertise!</b></p> <p>IMPORTANT... Please list both home and business addresses and telephone numbers Indicate mailing preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Name _____</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Title _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Organization _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Business Address _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City _____</td> <td>State _____ Zip _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Phone (Include Area Code) _____</td> <td>E-Mail _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home Address _____</td> <td>Home Phone (Include Area Code) _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City _____</td> <td>State _____ Zip _____</td> </tr> </table> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check Payable to NBEA _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master Card # _____</p> <p>Expiration Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Signature required for all credit card charges</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional ..... \$80</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional/ISBE (International Society for Business Education) ..... \$110</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Membership dues include a \$20 subscription to Business Education Forum. Subscriptions are not available to nonmembers. NBEA dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, however, they may be deducted as a business expense under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	Name _____	Title _____	Organization _____		Business Address _____		City _____	State _____ Zip _____	Business Phone (Include Area Code) _____	E-Mail _____	Home Address _____	Home Phone (Include Area Code) _____	City _____	State _____ Zip _____	<p><b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check Payable to NBEA _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master Card # _____</p> <p>Expiration Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Signature required for all credit card charges</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional ..... \$80</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional/ISBE (International Society for Business Education) ..... \$110</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Membership dues include a \$20 subscription to Business Education Forum. Subscriptions are not available to nonmembers. NBEA dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, however, they may be deducted as a business expense under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>
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**WBEA PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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In the space below (or as needed), describe the following:

- a. Current position and professional activities (can include a resume)
- b. Reason for requesting funding

I have read the application and certify that the information is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## MONTANA BPA “SHOOTS FOR SUCCESS” AT ANAHEIM NLC

Montana's BPA students did extremely well this year at Nationals, held May 5-9, 2010, at the Anaheim Hilton. Twenty-eight individuals/teams placed in the top 10 of an event. Last year 23 individuals/teams placed in the top 10, and we hope to continue the improvement next year! Over 300 members and advisors participated in the



Montana special event—a trip to Huntington Beach. The national special event was held at Knottsberry Farm. Congratulations to Derek Livermont and Tommy Flanagan. Derek was selected as National BPA Vice President. State Officer Tommy Flanagan also ran for National office, and he made the top 10 in the primary

election. Next year's state conference will be held March 13-15 in Billings. The national conference will be May 4-8, 2011, in Washington D.C. and Montana's delegation will be staying at the Hilton Washington.

*Contributed by  
Becky DePuydt  
2009-2010 Montana BPA State  
Advisor  
Saco, Montana*

## MONTANA DECA ENJOYS A GREAT SCDC IN QUEEN CITY

Montana DECA had a fabulous 2009-2010 year and we're looking forward to another one this coming year. The 2010 State Conference was held in Helena at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. There were approximately 350 participants from 13 schools. In April, over 100 students traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the DECA International Career Development Conference. Montana DECA was very successful in



the national competition. Sydney Gillette, from Whitefish High School, finished first in her competition. Cody Pedro, from CMR High School, finished third in his competition and Dylan Cole and Evan Reely, from Sentinel High School, had a Top 20 finish in their team event. Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Student Board of Directors. The President is Aaron Folsom from Helena High School, the Vice President is Chad Wulf from Sentinel High School, the Administrative Director is

Jeremy Stiles from Bozeman High School and the Communications Director is Michael Weber from Helena High School. The 2011 State Conference will again be held in Helena, February 13-15. The theme for this conference is "Hollywood: Be A Star with DECA". The national conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, at the end of April.

*Contributed by  
Erin Weisgerber  
Montana DECA State Advisor  
Helena, Montana*

## ON YOUR MARK, GET PACKED, GO

**2010 Big Sky Pathways Institute**  
Helena, MT  
October 22-24, 2010



**ACTE 2010 Convention & Career Tech Expo**  
Las Vegas, NV  
December 2-4, 2010

**2011 Montana DECA SCDC**  
Helena, MT  
February 13-15, 2011

**2011 WBEA Conference**  
Tukwila, WA  
February 17-21, 2011



**2011 Montana BPA SLC**  
Billings, MT  
March 13-15, 2011

**ACTE Region V Conference**  
Rapid City, SD  
April 5-9, 2011

**NBEA 2011 Annual Convention**  
New Orleans, LA  
April 20-23, 2011

**2011 DECA ICDC**  
Orlando, FL  
April 30-May 3, 2011

**2011 BPA NLC**  
Washington, DC  
May 4-8, 2011



**ACTE 2011 Convention & Career Tech Expo**  
St. Louis, MO  
November 17-19, 2011

**2012 WBEA Conference**  
Newport Beach, CA  
February 16-19, 2012

**2012 NBEA Annual Convention**  
Boston, MA  
April 3-7, 2012



**2012 DECA ICDC**  
Salt Lake City, UT  
April 21-24, 2012

**2012 BPA NLC**  
Chicago, IL  
April 25-29, 2012

### WBEA PDI (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE) An Opportunity to Network, Energize, and Develop Leadership Skills Sponsored by WBEA and your state association

The health and relevancy of professional associations at the local, regional, and national levels rely on the involvement of teachers and administrators who will share their talents and time for the betterment of our profession. The challenge to continually train new leaders and reinvigorate the veterans is ongoing. In 1999-2000 the WBEA Board voted to institute a professional development opportunity at the annual conference and support this endeavor by paying for 1/2 of the registration fee for two participants from each S/T/P. The S/T/Ps were encouraged to pay the other half of the fee. The first conference was held at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in February 2000.

The PDI has traditionally met for five to six hours on Friday before the annual conference begins. The participants attend part of the WBEA Executive Board meeting to see the regional board in action. Recently, they have been introduced and honored at a general function by sitting in a reserved area and being awarded a certification of completion by the PDI Director.

The original intent was to encourage new or veteran teachers who had not previously been involved in their professional associations to gain the skills and confidence to accept offices and committee assignments in their S/T/Ps. Some S/T/Ps have supported veteran teachers who are continuing to provide inspiration to members and want a "refresher" opportunity. Having a registration fee paid has also provided financial support for those teachers who do not have the support of their districts or colleges.

#### Agenda Topics

The agenda has included leadership qualities, communication styles, organizational structures of the regional and national Executive Boards, Programs of Work, Bylaws, team building, goal setting, meeting management, convention planning, personal visits from regional and national officers, etc.

The backgrounds of the participants have varied widely from new professionals to veterans who are returning to glean leadership activities for their students or S/T/Ps or just to rejuvenate themselves. Because of the wide range of interests and needs and the relatively short time frame, the topics are covered at a cursory level. However, feedback has been positive that everyone received something of value for their time spent.

#### How to Apply

If you are interested in taking advantage of this professional development opportunity, visit the Web site at [www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info) and apply today. Look under the Conference and Professional Development link. Your S/T/P will notify you of your acceptance. Hope to see you in Tukwila, Washington, where "Climbing to New Heights" convenes on February 18, 2010!



# Call for Presentations

**WBEA Conference 2011**

**Doubletree Guest Suites**  
 16500 Southcenter Parkway  
 Seattle, WA 98188-3388  
 1-206-575-8220  
 Room Reservations

Do you have the knowledge and skill to climb out of your comfort zone; soar to new heights; and share your expertise, knowledge, methods, and special ideas with other educators? Would you like the opportunity to present your organization's products or services to business teachers from around the Western Region of the United States? Whether you are a business professional or a business educator, don't miss this opportunity to present your ideas and strategies for improving education at the [Western Business Education Association Conference](#) in Seattle, WA, February 18-21, 2011.

If you would like to present a session at the WBEA Conference, please complete this form and e-mail it to Pam Weigand (see e-mail address at bottom of page) by October 31, 2010.

Name: _____	Home Address: _____
School/Organization: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Position/Title: _____	Home Phone: _____
Address: _____	E-mail: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	Work E-mail: _____
Work Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

**Name of Proposed Workshop/Breakout Session:**

**Please give a brief description of proposed session (include intended audience).**

If this session requires the use of equipment for hands-on training or other, please specify (*i.e. computers, Internet connection, etc.*):

Please e-mail completed form to Pam Weigand, [docpamw@mindspring.com](mailto:docpamw@mindspring.com).  
 Download form from [www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info) or [www.wsbea.org](http://www.wsbea.org).

**Montana Business Education Association Awards Program**  
**Nominate an Advisor, Colleague, Mentor, or Supervisor**  
**Nominations Due September 25, 2010**  
*Awards Presented During the MBEA Business Meeting, October 21, 2010*

Please indicate the award category for which you are nominating this person. The nominee for a teaching award must be a MBEA member.

**Teaching Awards**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rookie Business Teacher of the Year (1 Year of Teaching)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Business Teacher of the Year (5 Years of Teaching or Less)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Business Teacher of the Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Post-Secondary Business Teacher of the Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate Business Teacher of the Year

**Distinguished Service Awards**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by an Administrator of Business Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by an individual associated with an institution involved in Business Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee for WBITE Distinguished Service Award

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach an explanation of why you feel your nominee deserves the award.**

**Send this form to and any attachments to:**

*Jennifer Rohrer  
 MBEA Past President  
 Simms Schools  
 Box 380  
 Simms, MT 59477  
 jrohrer1234@gmail.com*

**Nominations Deadline: September 25, 2010**

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Best Western Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana  
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