

The Wednesday Reader

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Friday, February 15 is Deadline for Montana ACTE-Member Rate for the 2019 ACTE Region V Conference in Bozeman

The [Montana Association for the Career & Technical Education](#) (Montana ACTE) is excited to announce [registration](#) is now open for the 2019 ACTE Region V Conference—*CTE Roundup Under the Big Sky*—in Bozeman, April 10-13, at the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn.

ACTE members from all across the western US and throughout the Pacific Islands will be taking part in the [2019 Region V Leadership Conference](#) in Bozeman. Montana ACTE members are able to register at a discounted rate of \$350, a \$75 savings off the \$425 Early-Bird rate. The deadline to register with the Montana ACTE member rate will be February 15, 2019.

The room rate at the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn is \$94 plus taxes. Reservations can be booked directly with the GranTree Inn by calling 406.587.5261 and using group code *MACTE*.

Details about the 2019 ACTE Region V Leadership Conference, including a tentative schedule, keynote speakers, tour options—including a pre-conference tour to Big Sky and West Yellowstone—and dinner & entertainment details can be found in the ACTE Region V Conference Registration Packet at <http://acte.informz.net/ACTE/data/images/2019%20Region%20V%20Final.pdf>.

Attention First Time Region V Leadership Conference Attendees

If the 2019 conference in Bozeman, Montana, will be the first time you have attended a Region V Conference, be sure to apply for one of the stipends that are available. Up to ten \$500 stipends will be awarded for the 2019 Conference in Bozeman and the 2020 Conference in Lake Tahoe.

The stipend will be paid over two years with \$250 paid upon attending each conference. Awards will be made at the conference.

Applications can be found on the [Region V website](#). Deadline for submission is **March 15**.

Applicants will be notified by April 1 if receiving the stipend.

Attending ACTE Region V Conference in April? Earn a Graduate-Level College Credit for Only \$99.

The [ACTE Region V's 2019 Conference](#) will be held in Bozeman, Montana, April 10-13, and Montana ACTE is excited to provide attendees with an added benefit. Attendees of the ACTE Region V 2019 Conference will be able to earn graduate-level college credit from Montana State University Billings. The cost for the credit is \$99.00.

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education has partnered with Montana State University Billings to provide ACTE Region V 2019 Leadership Conference participants with the option to earn one (1) graduate-level credit from MSU Billings' Extended Campus. Registration and payment for the credit can be completed at <https://goo.gl/7k4WRi>.

The credit, EDCI 589-400, is not applicable to a Master's degree offered by MSU Billings; however, the credit may be used to fulfill K-12 licensure requirements, "lane changes," or other continuing education requirements for professionals.

[ACTE Region V 2019 Leadership Conference](#) attendees who wish to earn the graduate credit will be required to provide proof of registration and attendance (such as a copy of registration receipt and nametag), a provide a written agenda/synopsis listing all the conference sessions and all the conference-related activities attended (including workshops, tours, networking sessions, etc.), and create a lesson plan in which materials and/or resources gained from the ACTE Region V 2019 Leadership Conference are implemented. All materials will need to be submitted by May 3, 2019.

For complete details about the credit offering, including a syllabus, a template for the lesson plan, directions for utilizing the lesson plan template, and a copy of the rubric which will be used to evaluate the lesson plan and lesson materials can be found on the ACTE Region V website at www.acteonline.org/region-page/region-v-events along with other details regarding the 2019 event in Bozeman.

Questions regarding the graduate credit offering can be sent to Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov. See you in Bozeman.

Stock Market Game Registration is Now Open for Spring 2019—Competition Begins Next Tuesday, February 19

Want to facilitate learning that is exciting and fun for both you and your students? Those teachers that have participated know about the benefits of involving their classes in The Stock Market Game™ sponsored by the Montana Council for Economic Education.

The program is easy to administer, and teaches and reinforces these essential skills and concepts: Critical Thinking, Decision-making, Cooperation and Communication, Primary Research, and Saving and investing. Students use real internet research and news updates, making the simulation an even better mirror of the real marketplace. While the competitive gameplay creates student excitement, the educational experience delivers the biggest impact.

Cash prizes are also awarded for the top three teams. Participation fees are \$15 per team (5 students maximum per team) and scholarships are available if funds are limited.

Registering Teams for the Stock Market Game: Competition begins on February 19, and runs for 10 weeks, with April 26 being the final trading day. To find out more information and register teams for competition, go to www.stockmarketgame.org, and click on the registration link in the center of the screen.

What students gain from The Stock Market Game™ program is a remarkable experience—and even more important, an education for life.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Alzheimer at timalz@montana.edu, or by telephone, 406.994.2263.

Save the Date--MIET Tech Days 2019 will be held Wednesday, June 12 in Great Falls

The 2019 edition of the Montana Institute on Educational Technology (MIET) Tech Days will be held on Wednesday, June 12 in Great Falls.

This will be the final year for MIET.

MIET Tech Days 2019 will only be a one-day event this year and will feature a keynote by Dr. Jason Ohler, author of *Four Big Ideas for the Future and Digital Community*.

Registration for MIET Tech Days 2019 will be \$50.

More information can be found at mietechedays.weebly.com.

Gallatin College Seeking New Program Director for Business Administration Program

Gallatin College is hiring a new program director for their one-year Business Administration certificates, this includes the Certificate of Applied Science in Bookkeeping and the Business Management Professional Certificate academic programs.

This is a nine month contract, tenure-track position.

Complete details—including salary, duties and responsibilities, and qualifications—regarding the position can be found at jobs.montana.edu/postings/15117.

Special Details for the 2019 Edition of the Montana Business Education Summer Update

This coming summer, three special events will take place for Montana's Business Education professionals—the [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) training (June 24-26), the updating of the Montana Career & Technical Education Standards/Workplace Competencies (July 24-26), and standards revisions for Computer Science, Technology, and Library Media (July 31-August 2).

Therefore, instead of the three (3) regional workshops usually held the end of July/first of August, the *FREE* [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) training in Helena at Helena College will serve as the 2019 Montana Business Education Summer Update.

The registration for the [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) can be completed at [startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting](#). In addition to training materials, breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

The AICPA is working to secure discounted lodging for attendees. Costs associated with participating in the [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) training can be covered via Perkins and/or State CTE/VoEd funding.

A word from a 2018 trainee:

“By having a high school teacher, who currently teaches the course, a college professor, who is a CPA and author of the text, and a representative from AICPA teach the Advanced Accounting material, this workshop bridged teaching strategies to be used with high school students with generating a stronger understanding of the content for the classroom teacher. This in-depth, fast-paced workshop left me wanting to attend it again!” – Beth Huguet, Hellgate High School in Missoula, MT.

Graduate-level college credit from Montana State University Billings will be available as well as up to 22 OPI renewal units. Details and a link to register for the MSU Billings credit will be available shortly. The cost for the credit will be \$99.00 and will require the submission of a lesson plan utilizing materials gained from the training.

Information regarding the revision of the Montana Career & Technical Education Standards/Workplace Competencies and Computer Science, Technology, and Library Media standards can be found on the OPI website at opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/K-12-Content-Standards-Revision.

Teacher Learning Hub Looking for Course Designers

The Office of Public Instruction is looking for Social Studies, CTE, and Computer Science educators to help us expand the OPI’s Teacher Learning Hub offerings.

Compensation varies based on the length of the course. [Fill out this form to apply](#). Contact Jessica Bryant (jbryant3@mt.gov) or Cari Russell (cari.russell@mt.gov) with questions.

Requirements:

- Expertise in 1 of the 3 content areas
- A little free time
- Comfort with technology
- Completion of required Hub designer training
- LLC, Independent Contractor's License, or willing to obtain either

Summer Computer Science Course Offerings from University of Montana

The University of Montana will be offering professional development opportunities in both Joy and Beauty of Computing and Mobile Computer Science Principles during the summer of 2019. Both classes are geared towards high school teachers who would like to offer these curriculums in their local schools.

Professional development will run from June 24-28, 2019, at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, Montana.

Limited stipends and travel money is available for accepted participants.

For details, please visit <http://hs.umt.edu/cs/research/reimer/NSF%20CS10K%20Project/Professional%20Development/default.php>.

Update Regarding Montana Content Standards Development for Career & Technical Education and Computer Science

The Montana Office of Public Instruction is currently under the Research and Review stage related to the update and development of Montana Content Standards for Career and Technical Education, Computer Science, Library Media, Social Studies, and Technology.

Following the close of the Research and Review stage, revision and writing teams will be assembled and will meet in Helena in July 2019.

As part of the Research and Review stage, the Office of Public Instruction is currently gathering analysis and feedback on

- [Computer Science](#)
- [Career and Vocational/Technical Education and Workplace Competencies](#)
- [Technology and Library Media-Information Literacy](#)
- [Social Studies](#)

The Revision stage will take place May-October 2019, which includes the development of Content Standards Revision Teams.

The Office of Public Instruction is seeking applicants/nominations for participants in the revision of content standards. Applications should be submitted via the following Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJNDghtR9Q_9h6CBx9RTZyDp5iIHLQ23aTNi-WECWP4Clqw/viewform. If you require an alternate version of the form, please contact Colet Bartow, cbartow@mt.gov.

The deadline for applications is Friday, May 3, 2019. Successful applicants will be notified via email before June 1, 2019.

The selection criteria for participants include:

- representation from PK-20 teacher experts in each of the content areas
- geographic distribution
- large/small district representation
- cultural diversity and special populations' representation
- at least one administrator

For additional information, see Content Standards Revision Guidelines

<https://sites.google.com/opiconnect.org/mtstandardsrevision/standards-revision-guidelines>

Individuals seeking to be a member of a Content Standards Revision Team are required to complete the [Montana Content Standards 101](#) course via the [OPI Teacher Learning Hub](#) (<https://learninghub.mrooms.net>). After completing the Montana Content Standards 101 course, you will receive a Certificate of Renewal Units for one (1) unit.

All writing team members MUST be available to attend the scheduled work sessions in July 2019. Additional online work sessions may be scheduled by the individual teams between August and November 2019.

In order to participate on a revision committee, you must be available to travel to Helena during the dates below.

- July 24-26, 2019: Career and Technical Education/Workplace Competencies; Social Studies,
- July 31-August 2, 2019: Computer Science; Technology; Library Media

More information about the standards revision process can be found on the [K-12 Content Standards and Revision page](#) of the OPI website.

[NBEA 2019 Convention—Chicago, April 16-20—Now Ready for You](#)

The [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA), nbea.org, is excited to share with you the tremendous educational sessions that will be offered at the [NBEA 2019 Annual Convention](#), which will be held April 16-20, in Chicago, Illinois. The NBEA Convention is consistently rated as the most valuable conference for business educators.

With over 90 educational sessions, you will find new and creative ways to enhance your classrooms and business education programs. Access a complete listing of all concurrent sessions by [clicking here](#) for the convention program brochure and the convention registration form.

The Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile will be the host site for the [NBEA 2019 Annual Convention](#). Conference room rates are \$165 Single; \$165 Double; each additional person in room is \$20. Online reservations can be completed at <https://book.passkey.com/e/49816955>.

Please note the following dates & times as you plan to attend the NBEA 2019 Convention:

--Technology workshops begin on Tuesday, April 16, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Friday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m.

--The Business Education Research Conference will hold a Wine & Cheese Expo on Tuesday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m. Sessions (including more than 20 "My Favorite Assignment" sessions) begin on Wednesday, April 17, at 8:00 a.m. and conclude on Friday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m.

--A full array of concurrent sessions begin on Wednesday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m. and conclude on Friday, April 19, at 4:45 p.m.

--A workshop with the culinary team at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile takes place on Wednesday, April 17, from 9-11:30 a.m.

--The W!SE Certification for Personal Finance will be held on the morning of Friday, April 19.

Please review the program carefully before making your hotel and travel arrangements to Chicago, so you can take full advantage of the educational and networking opportunities. The Opening General Session take place on Wednesday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m. and the Closing General Session will be on Saturday morning, April 20.

Do not miss this dynamic convention dedicated to business education. NBEA looks forward to seeing you in Chicago.

FREE 2019 AICPA Advanced Accounting Trainings—Including Helena, June 24-26, 2019; Registration Now Open

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Career & Technical Education division of the Montana Office of Public Instruction are excited to announce a FREE three-day training for the [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) (formerly known as Accounting Pilot & Bridge Project).

The registration for the [APBP: Accounting Program for Building the Profession](#) training to be held in Helena at Helena College is now open. The Helena training will be held June 24-26, 2019.

As in past years, the AICPA has partnered with state CPA societies and/or state departments of education throughout the country to bring you training sessions to equip you with higher order accounting curriculum that will increase your students' engagement.

Becoming a part of APBP will enable you to level up your accounting class with more engaging, advanced content. Even better, registration is provided for FREE, courtesy of the AICPA Foundation.

Exclusively for high school accounting teachers, those that complete the full program will also receive:

- Daily lesson plans and assignments
- Pre-written exams with answer keys
- A textbook, including teacher's notes and PowerPoint presentations
- Refresher videos and webcasts
- Continuous support from APBP trainers

Graduate-level college credits and OPI renewal units will be available.

More than 1,000 high school teachers in 42 states have attended the training, received their free materials and been provided ongoing support. Are you interested? Head over to the APBP website (startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting) to register for the Helena training. To see the topics to be covered in the training, download a [PDF of the sample rubric](#).

Fun Facts and Trivia

Vladivostok is the city in southeastern Russia, administrative center of Primorye Territory, located on Bukhta Zolotoy Rog (Golden Horn Bay) of the Sea of Japan.

Vladivostok is the terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, Russia's major Pacific seaport, and the main base of its Pacific fleet.

The Trans-Siberian Railway is a network of railways connecting Moscow with the Vladivostok in the Russian Far East and with a length of over 5,700 miles, it is the longest railway line in the world.

Vladivostok is 466 miles away from Seoul, 830 miles away from Beijing, and a little over 620 miles away from Tokyo.

Vladivostok was first built in 1860 when Russia expanded eastwards over and beyond the River Amur.

During World War I, the Allies used Vladivostok as a major supply depot, and after the Russian Revolution of 1917, it was occupied by the Allies.

While most of the Allied forces in Vladivostok were Japanese, there were also about 7,500 Americans and contingents of British, Italian, and French troops.

Between 1958 and 1991—during the Cold War—Vladivostok was a closed city with only Soviet citizens were able to live in and visit the city.

During this same time, most of Vladivostok's inhabitants were prevented from traveling; however, Vladivostok is an open, friendly and attractive city to visit today.

Vladivostok is home to 12 colleges and universities, including Far Eastern Federal University which is the oldest, largest, and highest-ranking university in eastern Russia and was established in 1899 during the Russian Empire era, by a special order of Tsar Nicholas II.

The city of Vladivostok has its own local holiday—Tiger Day, which is celebrated on the last weekend of September when the weather is nice and warm.

Tiger Day seeks to educate participants about nature conservation and to raise awareness about wildlife preservation.

The tiger became a Vladivostok's mascot, with the Vladivostok code of arms featuring an image of a tiger, and in the city, there are Tiger Hill and Tiger Street.

The bridge connecting Vladivostok with Russky Island is the biggest cable-stayed bridge in the world.

Located on Russky Island, the Primorsky Aquarium is one of the world's largest scientific and educational complexes.

The official opening of the Scientific and Educational Complex *Primorsky Aquarium* took place on September 3, 2016.

The Primorsky Aquarium, being the third largest in the world has total interior space exceeding 120,000 square feet.

About five football fields could be placed in the Aquarium's building designed to resemble a slightly open white mollusk shell.

Actor Yul Brynner was born in Vladivostok.

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"You don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." ~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh