

The Wednesday Reader

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2019 Next Gen Personal Finance Summit: Calling All Change Makers

Who You Are: You understand the importance and value of personal finance education. You acknowledge that students must learn to manage money, create budgets, and build good credit habits to become financially secure adults in the 'real world'. You are committed to improving financial education in your community.

Who We Are: [Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF), a non-profit, is a passionate team of educators delivering free personal finance curriculum, professional development, and advocacy support to over 12,000 teachers nationwide. Our mission is simple: To revolutionize the teaching of personal finance in all schools and to improve the financial lives of the next generation of Americans.

Together We Will: Transform the financial future of your community.

Sound good? Then perhaps the 2019 NGPF Summit is for you

When: Starting at 5 pm on Friday, March 15 and concluding at 3pm on Sunday, March 17, 2019

Where: JW Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, California

Cost: Roundtrip transportation to San Francisco ONLY. The rest of the weekend, including accommodation and meals, will be underwritten by NGPF. (Partial travel scholarships available)

To apply, complete the Google Form at <https://goo.gl/TT2ACR>.

The application deadline is Friday, November 16, 2018. [View Summit 2019 eligibility requirements](#).

Tomorrow, November 1, is DEADLINE to Check/Verify/Correct Course & Enrollment Info in TEAMS

Thursday, November 1 is the deadline for schools to enter data in 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, as of the 2017-2018 school year, the data is also used to verify and approve Montana Career Pathways (formerly Big Sky Pathways).

Therefore, it is imperative 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 OPI Course Codes and Descriptions, a [Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education](#) can be downloaded from the Business Education page of the OPI website at opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education/Business-Education.

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

If you have questions about your data in TEAMS or if you cannot get access to your data, please let me know (eswenson@mt.gov). If your school/district will not let you look at your data, let me know and I can send you a screenshot or the data in an Excel file.

CTE U.S. Presidential Scholars Program—Nominate Your Seniors by November 16

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts.

In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

All high school seniors that are CTE Concentrators (3 Credits or more of CTE) and graduating between January and June of 2018, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.

The candidates will go through the application process, and as in the past, the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a ceremony in their honor in Washington, DC.

Nominations of Montana CTE students for the 2018 CTE U.S. Presidential Scholars Program are due November 16, 2018.

Details about the [CTE U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#) can be found on the OPI website at <http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education/US-Presidential-Scholars-Program>, along with the [Selection Timeline](#) and [Presidential Scholar Nomination form](#).

The nominations forms are to be sent to via electronic format the appropriate OPI CTE Specialist

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--Business Education: Eric Swenson, ESwenson@mt.gov

--Family & Consumer Sciences Education: Megan Vincent, MVincent2@mt.gov

--Health Science Education: Renee Erlandsen, RErlandsen@mt.gov

--Industrial Trades & Technology Education: Don Michalsky, DMichalsky@mt.gov

November 5 is Deadline for 2019 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing Applications

For a number of years, the NCWIT ([National Center for Women and Information Technology](#)) has given national awards to high school girls. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (aspirations.org/participate/high-school) is for young women with aspirations and achievements in technology and computing.

This year will be the seventh year that there also will be a Montana contest for Montana girls. The time to submit applications is September 1-November 5 and the application is found at www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school.

In a global economy, gender diversity in IT means a larger and more competitive workforce; in a world dependent on innovation, it means the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves. We and our partners believe that diversity in innovation benefits all and are committed to doing our part to encourage young women in our area to choose careers in computing and IT.

By generating visibility for capable technical young women, the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing encourages their continued interest in computing, attracts the attention and support of educational and corporate institutions, and emphasizes at a personal level the importance of women's participation in computing.

There are many qualified high school girls that would apply if they just had a little push from a leader like you.

Any interested female high school student would need to fill in the on-line application, and get a parent and a school official to approve it to be entered into both the national and Montana contests.

The Montana contest has had winners from high schools in Absarokee, Anaconda, Arlee, Beaverhead, Bozeman, Bozeman Petra, Broadwater, Butte, Cascade, Cut Bank, Great Falls High, Helena Capital, Helena High, Jefferson High, Libby, Missoula Big Sky, Missoula Hellgate, Missoula Sentinel, Noxon, Park County, Seeley-Swan, Simms, and Whitefish High Schools.

We hope your school will be represented on the winners list this year, but girls have to apply.

We are looking forward to recognizing Montana's talent, and hope that you would encourage the young women that you know to apply. Sometimes all they need is a little encouragement and you are the person to provide that.

For questions, please contact Steve Harper and Ted Wendt at Carroll College at 406.447.4466 or at sharper@carroll.edu.

P.S. There also is a Montana educator award—**with \$1000 for professional development**—given each year. Do you know a good teacher that you should encourage to apply (maybe you?)? Encourage them to go to www.aspirations.org/content/encourage-educator.

Need help applying? Complete application details, including an [application guide](#), [parent approval guide](#), and [endorsement guide](#) at www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school.

Fall 2018 CTE Data Collection—Time to Report Post-Graduation Status of CTE Concentrators for Perkins

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 listed in AIM User Guides and also on the CTE web page under the '*Data Collections*' tab.

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 1.877.424.6681 (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.

NGPF PAYBACK Challenge: A Scholarship Opportunity for All High School Students

[Next Gen Personal Finance](http://nextgenpersonalfinance.org) (nextgenpersonalfinance.org) announces a scholarship opportunity for your students. The **NGPF PAYBACK Challenge** seeks to give your students the opportunity to earn scholarships while you simultaneously teach them to make better money decisions about college.

For details, please watch the NGPF PAYBACK Challenge 90-second video at <https://youtu.be/ACNRSTDehb0>.

How to participate in the PAYBACK Challenge

STEP 1: Teachers Register Intent—Once you've filled out this [Intent to Participate form](#), you will receive the Essay Template for your students as well as next steps.

STEP 2: Students Play [PAYBACK](#). *Do you have ELL students? [PAYBACK can also be played in Spanish](#).*

STEP 3: Students Write A Short Essay—Students choose between TWO prompts and write a 250-word essay. This serves as a great on-the-fly lesson plan or extra credit activity. ELL students are more than welcome to also submit their essay *en español, Tambien*.

STEP 4: Teacher Nominates and Submits ONE (1) student essay—You will receive an email with instructions on how and where to send in nominations AFTER you register (see STEP 1). Check out NGPF [blog post](#) for all the PAYBACK Challenge Rules & Regulations.

Prizes include 10 National Grand Prize Winners at \$5,000 each and 10 Honorable Mention Award winners at \$500 each.

Each state will be represented on the podium—that's right—NGPF is aiming to award scholarships to students from every state.

The deadline for submissions is the end of the day on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Leave the Snow and Head to the Sun—WBEA 2019 Conference in Tucson, AZ, February 14-18

The Arizona Business Education Association invites you to Tucson, February 14-18, for the [2019 Western Business Education Association Conference](#).

The [2019 Conference](#), *Lasso Your Legacy*, will be held at the [El Conquistador Resort](#) with room rates at \$159 plus tax. Reservations can be made by contacting the El Conquistador at 800.325.7832 and using the group code WBEA to get the conference rate.

Registration is now open and can be completed online at [wbeaconference2019.org](#). The early-bird rate of \$275 is good thru December 7.

For more information about the [2019 WBEA Conference](#), including planned conference tours, please visit [wbeaconference2019.org](#).

Department of Defense (DoD) SMART Scholarship Program—Full Tuition + More

The [Department of Defense \(DoD\) SMART Scholarship Program](#) (smartscholarshipprod.service-now.com/smart?id=smart_index) is an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in STEM disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed by the Department of Defense upon degree completion.

SMART Scholars will receive:

- A full tuition scholarship while in school
- An annual stipend
- Summer research internships
- A job after graduating in their STEM field at a cutting edge Department of Defense Facility

Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and 18 years of age or older
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Be pursuing a technical undergraduate or graduate degree in one of the [21 specified STEM disciplines](#)

For more information, visit [smartscholarship.org](#) to learn more and for your students to apply.

A [poster](#) and [brochure](#) can be downloaded to make sharing with students easier.

The deadline to apply is December 1, 2018.

ACTE Region V 2019 Conference in Bozeman—Details for Your Calendars and Funding Budgets

This coming spring, the [Montana Association for the Career & Technical Education](#) (Montana ACTE) will be hosting the [Association for Career and Technical Education's](#) western-region conference in Bozeman.

April 10-13, ACTE member from all across the western US and throughout the Pacific Islands will be taking part in the [2019 Region V Leadership Conference](#) in Bozeman. The conference, *CTE Roundup Under the Big Sky*, will be held at the GranTree Inn.

Montana ACTE members will be 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, include a tentative schedule, can be found at www.acteonline.org/state_region/region-v. A pre-conference tour to Big Sky and West Yellowstone will be held on Wednesday, April 10 with business/industry tours throughout the Gallatin Valley on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12.

If interested in being a part of the conference's program, the [Call for Presentations](#) is now open and can be completed online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbsul0vQzz1sfNgCZf8M335X2QLrSTdWrUPOxCT9a18uzbeQ/viewform>. Breakout sessions will be held Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Istanbul is the largest and most populous city in Turkey.

Recent evidence suggests that people have lived in Istanbul for 8500 years.

Istanbul was called Byzantium by Megarian colonists in 660 BC, then when the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great made it the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, it took the name of Constantinople. In 1930, it was officially renamed Istanbul, but as the people continued to call it Constantinople, the Turkish post office didn't deliver any mail addressed to Constantinople for many years just to ensure that people use the new name.

When Roman Emperor Constantine the Great made the city the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire in 330 AD, he decided to build it on seven hills just like Rome

Istanbul is the only city in the world that's half in Asia and half in Europe; the Bosphorus strait which divides the two continents passes through Istanbul and is the link between Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea.

Leonardo da Vinci envisioned a bridge over the Bosphorus, 471 years before the first one was built.

At the moment there are two suspension bridges on the Bosphorus Strait connecting Europe to Asia. The third one is under construction.

Istanbul currently has three international airports—one on the Europe side and one on the Asia side—with a third which just opened October 29, 2018.

Istanbul's newest airport, named Istanbul Airport, is the world's biggest airport and will employ 1.5 million people and serve 200 million passengers yearly when fully operational.

Despite being the capital of many great ancient empires—Byzantine, Roman, and Ottoman—Istanbul is not the modern day capital of Turkey. The capital of Turkey is Ankara.

The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul stands as a great historical museum now, but it was built as an Orthodox cathedral in 537 CE and converted to a mosque under the Ottoman rule after 1453. The Hagia Sophia is the second most visited museum in Turkey and attracts over 3 million tourists every year.

Another interesting fact about Hagia Sophia is that it was the largest church in the world for about 900 years until the Seville Cathedral of Spain was completed in 1520.

In operation since 1461, the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul is one of the oldest and largest shielded markets in the world and is a shopper's paradise with over 5,000 shops, 60 streets, and attracts over 300,000 visitors daily.

You may think that tulips originated from Netherlands, but the first tulip bulbs were sent from the Ottoman Empire in Istanbul to Vienna in 1554, and they were further distributed to Netherlands.

Built in 1875, Istanbul has the third oldest subway system in the world; only the London tube (1863) and New York subway system (1868) are older.

While the rest of Europe had none, Istanbul had 1400 toilets across the city during the times of Ottoman Empire.

Agatha Christie wrote the famous murder mystery novel "Murder on the Orient Express" in Pera Palas Hotel in Istanbul. The Orient Express train used to travel between Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul) from 1883 to 1977.

Princes' Islands, located just off the coast of Istanbul are a chain of nine small islands that run on horses and carts only as all motorized vehicles are banned on the islands.

Tea has become a national drink only recently; before that, it was Turkish coffee but when it became expensive and tea leaves could be grown in the Black Sea region, tea took its place.

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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