

## The Wednesday Reader

### November 20, 2019

Please note, there will not be a Wednesday Reader next week, November 27, as I will be out of the office for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 25-29. Additionally, I will be out December 1-11 for the ACTE CareerTech VISION and NICE K-12 Cybersecurity Education conferences. Enjoy your turkey and leftovers.

### **2020 NGPF Summit—Calling All Changemakers to San Francisco—Applications Due Friday, November 22**

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) announces the opening of applications for the [2020 NGPF Summit](#).

Are you passionate about increasing access to personal finance education? Motivated to affect change in your class, school, district or community? [Apply for NGPF's Summit today](#).

**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 and providing your students with the [Gold Standard](#) in personal finance education.

**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 24,000 teachers nationwide. Our [Mission: 2030](#) is simple: that by the year 2030, ALL high school students will take a one-semester personal finance course before graduating.

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

NGPF Summit Details:

**When:** Starting at 5 pm on Friday, March 13 and ending at 3 pm on Sunday, March 15, 2020

**Where:** JW Marriott Hotel, San Francisco CA

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

**What to Expect During the Summit:** Join us for a weekend of networking and collaborating. You'll have the opportunity to plan and put into action how you will achieve the Gold Standard in your school or district over the next 18 months.

Applicants must

--Be current US high school personal finance teachers.

--Participate in all sessions during the 1 1/2-day professional development including a Welcome Dinner on Friday, March 13. The Summit will conclude at 3pm on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

--Submit a [completed application](#) by November 22, 2019.

Apply online at [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeberkS4gVwnNLfgnZHHfqufPg\\_belTMogGghVdAQnuj0sg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeberkS4gVwnNLfgnZHHfqufPg_belTMogGghVdAQnuj0sg/viewform).

### **2019 CTE Fall Data Collection Update—Reporting on Post-Graduation Status for Class of 2019 CTE Concentrators**

The Fall 2018 CTE Data Collection began on October 1 and ends December 31, 2019. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2018-2019) and graduated in the spring of 2019 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 2018-2019 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: 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 at the 'Data Collections' header under the [Fall CTE Data Collection](#) 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, 2019**, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators for your

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](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov).

Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Ian Beagles, CTE/Perkins Data Control Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email [ian.beagles@mt.gov](mailto:ian.beagles@mt.gov).

### **WBEA Scholarships & Awards Applications--Including 1st Time WBEA Conference & PDLT Attendee—Due December 1**

Nominations for the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Awards and Scholarships are now being accepted.

Please consider nominating someone for one of the following.

Recipients will be recognized at the February WBEA Conference held in California, February 14-17, 2020.

#### NEW: First Time Attendee to the PDLT Scholarship

In addition to the First Time Attendee Scholarship, this scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA Professional Development Leadership Training conference session. State board and general members are welcome to attend for leadership training.

#### First Time Attendee Scholarship

The First Time Attendee Scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA conference for the first time who need financial assistance with the travel or conference registration fees.

#### Educational Opportunity Scholarship

To offset tuition costs of those pursuing an advanced degree in business education.

Applications and additional information for each scholarship can be found on the WBEA website at

<http://www.wbea.info/professional-development.html>

#### Distinguished Service

An individual who has contributed to WBEA and business education

#### Distinguished Service for Company, Company Representative, or Legislator

A company or individual who may not be affiliated with WBEA but has made significant contributions to business education

#### Outstanding Educator

#### Newsletter Recognition

State, Territories, Provinces (S/T/Ps) for maintaining contact with members regularly and promoting all aspects of the profession

#### Outstanding CTSO Advisor

WBEA Advisor for achievement, promotion, and service to Career and Technical Student Organizations

#### WBEA Recognition

Awarded by the state to those who make significant contributions to business education

Nomination information for each award can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/awards.html>.

Nominations and Applications for all scholarships and awards are due December 1 to Ariel Dykstra at [adykstra@mvsd320.org](mailto:adykstra@mvsd320.org).

### **Registration is Now Open for the WBEA 2020 Conference in South Bay, California-Early Bird Rate Ends December 7**

The Western Business Education Association's [2020 Conference](#) will be held February 14-17 in the South Bay area of southern California. The host site is the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach, just a short 10 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), three (3) miles from the Redondo Beach Pier and Pacific Ocean, and across the street from the third-largest shopping mall in the US, Del Amo Fashion Center.

The early bird registration rate for NBEA members is \$325 and is available thru December 7, 2019. This includes all breakouts, computer workshops, one industry tour, two receptions with food, a continental breakfast, the exhibitor's luncheon on Saturday, the awards banquet on Sunday. Your registration and payment can be completed online at [bit.ly/wbea2020conference](http://bit.ly/wbea2020conference).

Hotel reservations at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach can be booked online at [bit.ly/wbea2020marriott](http://bit.ly/wbea2020marriott). Room rates for the [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) are \$155 plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be completed before January 23, 2020.

For complete [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) details, please visit [bit.ly/wbea2020conference](http://bit.ly/wbea2020conference).

### **Registration Open for the WBEA's Professional Development Leadership Training During 2020 Conference**

The [Western Business Education Association](#)'s Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) via a single training session for Presidents-elect, Membership Directors, as well as all potential leaders within the Western region's states, territories, and provinces (S/T/Ps).

The 2020 workshop will be led by Ariel Dykstra, WBEA President-elect; Nancy Backlund, WBEA Membership Director; and Keith Hannah, WBEA PDLT Director. PDLT will be held Friday morning, February 14, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This workshop will not only provide leadership training but also more in-depth direction and help for those assuming or thinking about leadership positions at the state, regional or national levels.

WBEA only meets once a year; hence it is extremely important that Presidents-elect and Membership Directors work with the current WBEA President-elect and WBEA Membership Director throughout the year in order to complete a Programs of Work and submit related reports for NBEA headquarters. This workshop is the best venue that we have available for people united in these tasks to network and to ask questions. We provide information in this workshop that will be needed throughout the year.

Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to meet current WBEA officers, the NBEA Executive Director, and the NBEA President. Our over-arching goal is to continue to strengthen WBEA and NBEA! This is a first step to making a stronger organization, and we need your help. Please ask your Presidents-elect, Membership Directors, and potential leaders from your S/T/P to fill out the online PDLT application ([bit.ly/2020pdl tapp](http://bit.ly/2020pdl tapp)) and submit it by December 15, 2019. *Please note that PDLT registration is in addition to regular WBEA Registration that participants will need to complete and send.*

***New this year***—First time PDLT attendees are encouraged to apply for the First-Time Attendee to the PDLT Scholarship. Each S/T/P is eligible to receipt up to two \$100 scholarships. Applicants must be recommended by their S/T/P board and commit to attend the 2020 PDLT, held during the WBEA Conference in Torrance, CA February 14-17, 2020. Applications and more information can be found on the Professional Development section of the WBEA website at [wbea.info/professional-development.html](http://wbea.info/professional-development.html).

### **Make Time for Hour of Code 2019—December 9-15**

The [Hour of Code](#) takes place each year during [Computer Science Education Week](#). The 2019 Computer Science Education Week will be December 9-15, but you can host an Hour of Code all year-round. Computer Science Education Week is held annually in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer [Admiral Grace Murray Hopper](#) (December 9, 1906).

The [Hour of Code](#) ([hourofcode.com/us](http://hourofcode.com/us)) started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. This grassroots campaign is supported by over [400 partners](#) and 200,000 educators worldwide. Check out the [tutorials and activities](#).

[Code.org tutorials](#) work on all devices and browsers. You can see more information about Code.org's tutorial tech needs at [code.org/educate/it](#). Tech needs for non-Code.org tutorials can be found on [code.org/learn](#) in the tutorial specific description. Do not forget [Hour of Code](#) also offers [unplugged activities](#) if your school or class cannot accommodate the tutorials!

Computers are everywhere, changing every industry on the planet. More than 100 million students have tried an Hour of Code. With the Hour of Code, computer science has been on homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo!, and Disney. Over 100 partners have joined together to support this movement. Every Apple Store in the world has hosted an Hour of Code, and leaders like President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wrote their first lines of code as part of the campaign.

Learn more, sign up to host an event at your school, and get started at [hourofcode.com/us](#).

### **New Hour of Code Tutorials, Webinar, and More from CodeHS**

Hour of Code is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week (December 9-15, 2021) and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Get started with your hour of code today on [CodeHS](#).

CodeHS has over [20 hour-long tutorials](#) for grades 6th-12th on topics including music, math, cryptocurrency, mobile apps, virtual reality, and more. This year, CodeHS launched 2 new tutorials on [Calculating Triangles](#) and [Exploring Genotypes](#) with code. All CodeHS tutorials can be explored at [codehs.com/hourofcode](#).

Interested in running an Hour of Code at your school? Join the [CodeHS Hour of Code Webinar](#) on Thursday, November 21 at 2 p.m. MST to learn about the tutorials available and how to run an Hour of Code. RSVP at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5815736049730/WN\\_Gy\\_DZLsCTH2sAt7URvRXDw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5815736049730/WN_Gy_DZLsCTH2sAt7URvRXDw) to save your spot today.

Get highlighted by CodeHS. Share your #HourOfCode photos on social media by tagging [@CodeHS](#) and using the hashtags #CSEdWeek #ReadWriteCode..

### **Coming Soon: 2020 APBP Conference Registration for 3 Regional Conferences**

The Accounting Program to Bridge the Profession (APBP): Advanced Accounting program is powering up for an exciting 2020 with three regional conferences.

Mingle with teachers in your region or make new connections across the country - where you attend is up to you. Conferences include:

--Dual-tracks: one for first-time attendees and one for previous attendees

--Panel discussions to answer questions about the curriculum including implementation, student engagement, its impact on their college trajectories and more

--Evening networking events to wind down and meet colleagues and individuals that can help you succeed

Registration is opening soon, and this year is going to be the best year yet. The 2020 registration fee schedule is as follows:

--\$125 - up to and including 60 days prior to the conference

--\$200 - less than 60 days prior to the conference

Secure your spot early to take advantage of the best rate.

We know your time is limited, so we're making it worth your while to tell your friends and peers about the program. From now until respective trainings begin, for each person who registers, attends and completes a training per your referral, we will send you a \$20 e-gift card. See official program rules [here](#).

To learn more about the APBP: Advanced Accounting program, please visit [startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting](#).

### **Save the Date—Montana Financial Education Coalition 2020 Conference in Helena, Tuesday, February 25**

The [Montana Financial Education Coalition](#) (MFEC) [2020 Conference](#) will be held on Tuesday, February 25 in Helena.

Every other year the MFEC hosts a financial education conference aimed at arming participants with knowledge, resources, and information to make sound financial decisions.

The 2020 Conference will be held at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial.

Visit the MFEC Conference page at [www.mtmfec.org/programs-and-initiatives/conference/](http://www.mtmfec.org/programs-and-initiatives/conference/) to sign up to get email updates for the conference.

While on the MFEC website, be sure to also check out the Teacher Spotlights for Montana Business Educators [Steve Klimkiewicz](#) (Hellgate High School), [Janelle Berry](#) (Skyview High School), & [Jill Page](#) (Glasgow High School).

### **Registration Now Open for 2020 Montana High School Mock Trial Competition Sponsored by Montana Bar Association**

Through participation in the Montana High School Mock Trial Competition, students from all over Montana have a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and current legal issues, engage with local attorneys and the judicial branch of government, and develop important critical thinking, presentation, public speaking, and teamwork skills.

Students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, timekeepers, and courtroom artists (optional). Students prepare both sides of the case. A student may be an attorney for one side and a witness for the other, or an attorney for both sides, or a witness for both sides. Timekeepers keep the competition rounds on schedule. Courtroom artists provide a visual record of the proceedings.

Teachers help recruit team members, handle team logistics, assist with fundraising, and partner with attorney coaches to prepare students for the competition.

Attorneys provide a lawyer's perspective on the case materials and work with the teams to learn trial practice skills and develop trial strategies.

#### Mock Trial Quick Facts:

- Open to grades 9 to 12
- Teams of 6 to 9 students
- Students can play the role of an attorney, a witness, or both!
- State competition in Helena
- Earn a chance to compete in the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Evansville, Indiana

#### Important Dates:

- October 1-January 31, 2019: Registration Open
- November, 2019: Case Materials Released
- March 7, 2020: State competition in Helena
- May 6-9, 2020: National Championship in Evansville, Indiana

Registration: For more information, including volunteer opportunities and to register a team, please visit the Montana High School Mock Trial Website [www.mocktrial.montanabar.org](http://www.mocktrial.montanabar.org). For questions, please email [mocktrial@montanabar.org](mailto:mocktrial@montanabar.org).

If you have questions about putting together a team, you can email Kacey Askin, Helena High School, at [kaskin@helenaschools.org](mailto:kaskin@helenaschools.org).

### **Fun Facts and Trivia**

Kiwifruit is a flowering plant that belongs to the family Actinidiaceae.

There are around 60 different species of kiwifruit and hundreds of varieties that are usually cultivated in temperate regions around the world.

Kiwifruit originates from China; initially known as “Yang Tao” or “Chinese Gooseberry”.

New Zealanders renamed it into “kiwifruit” due to similarities in appearance with kiwi bird.

Kiwifruit grows as vine. It can reach the size of 33 feet in length.

Each plant of kiwifruit develops either male or female reproductive organs (dioecious plants).

Bees are main pollinators of kiwifruit.

Kiwifruit can produce fruits up to 30 years and to survive more than 50 years.

Botanically, kiwifruit belongs to the group of berries.

Over one million tons of kiwifruit are produced each year with the majority of kiwifruit is produced in Italy, New Zealand and Chile.

Kiwifruit contains two times more vitamin C than oranges and is also a rich source of vitamins E and K.

Compared to other fruits kiwi offers the greatest amount of vitamins and fibers per gram with a Medium-sized kiwifruit containing only 46 calories.

Kiwifruit has been growing in New Zealand for over 100 years.

New Zealanders are commonly referred to as “Kiwis” due to the indigenous Kiwi Birds and the popularity of kiwifruit.

There are nine sheep per each person in New Zealand, making it the highest ratio in the world.

With more than 400, New Zealand has more golf courses per capita than anywhere else in the world.

The first commercial bungee jump was made by AJ Hackett in the Kawarau Bridge in Queenstown, back in 1988.

The clearest lake in the world is Nelson’s Blue Lake, with a visibility of up to 80 meters deep.

There is a law that states every high school in New Zealand may hold one pound of uranium and one pound of thorium, for conducting nuclear experiments; however, they will be fined \$1,000,000 should there be a nuclear explosion.

Wellington is the southernmost national capital in the world.

New Zealand became the first country to give women the right to vote in 1893.

For such a small looking country, New Zealand has the ninth longest coastline in the world, with a length of nearly 9,500 miles.

In New Zealand, no matter where you are, you will never be more than 80 miles from the seaside.

On the 2001 New Zealand census, 53,715 people listed their religion as “Jedi.”

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb to Everest Summit, is originally from New Zealand.

The filming of the Lord of the Rings movies pumped about \$2M into the country’s economy; therefore, New Zealand government created a Minister for Lord of the Rings, to ensure the most money could be made from the films.

Issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at [www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info). The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.

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