

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### **February 19, 2020**

#### **OPI Seeking New Montana Ready Administrator; Formerly Director for Career, Technical, & Adult Education Division**

With the retirement of T.J. Eyer in December, the Office of Public Instruction is now accepting applications for the position of Montana Ready Coordinator. This position was previously the Division Administrator for Career, Technical, & Adult Education.

A complete job description and directions for application are posted at <https://mtstatejobs.taleo.net/careersection/200/jobdetail.ftl?job=20140336&lang=en>.

All interested parties are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2020.

#### **Montana Perkins V State Plan Open for Public Comment**

The Montana Office of the Commission of Higher Education and Office of Public Instruction have posted Montana's Perkins V State Plan and is open for written public comment. The public comments period for 60 days and Montana's plan can be viewed and any questions or comments can be posted at <https://mus.edu/Perkinsv/public-comment.asp>.

The Perkins V State Plan is a means by which our state formalizes strategic partnerships and direct funding toward ensuring a coordinated and labor-market driven Career and Technical Education System. By creating strong pathways from K-12 through postsecondary education and workforce development, the strategies outlined in this plan will help ensure that Montana students have robust learning opportunities to gain the skills and education necessary to secure careers in high-wage, high-skill and in-demand jobs.

The final state plan will be submitted to the US Department of Education on April 15, 2020.

For question or more information regarding the Montana Perkins V State Plan or the public comment period, please contact Jacque Treaster, Director of Dual Enrollment and Career & Technical Education, at [jtreaster@montana.edu](mailto:jtreaster@montana.edu).

#### **Submission Deadline for 2020 Edition of One Montana's Teenpreneur Roundup is February 21**

The submission window closes February 21 (less than one month away) for the 2020 [Teenpreneur Challenge](#). Since 2017, the Roundup has distributed \$5,000 in prize money and provided accelerated entrepreneurship training to Teenpreneurs across Montana. In 2019, 87 students from 13 schools submitted 44 businesses.

So far this year, nearly 30 businesses have already been submitted, and there are just over three weeks to go before the February 21 deadline.

To submit, students or student teams will create a video pitch and a business summary detailing their business. The video may not be longer than two (2) minutes, and the summary must follow the template and contain no more than 1,000 words.

[Past pitches](#) and [business summaries](#) are available as examples.

Complete [Teenpreneur Roundup](#) details are available at [onemontana.org/young-entrepreneurs/teenpreneur-roundup](http://onemontana.org/young-entrepreneurs/teenpreneur-roundup).

Questions can be directed to [roundup@onemontana.org](mailto:roundup@onemontana.org).

#### **Montana ACTE Launches Montana CTE Learn**

The [Montana Association for Career & Technical Education](#) (Montana ACTE) is pleased to announce the official launching of [Montana CTE Learn](#) ([mt.ctelearn.org](http://mt.ctelearn.org)). This new online learning portal is dedicated to the professional development and skill advancement of career and technical education professionals throughout Montana.

[Montana CTE Learn](#) provides a large catalog of online courses, free learning tutorials, a professional learning community (CareerED) and an interactive Individual Development Planner (IDP) that is easy to use and a valuable tool towards expanding high-quality CTE.

Montana CTE Learn features:

- 150+ high quality online courses that cover a wide range of instructional, leadership and career guidance topics.
- Each course is affordably priced, requires approximately four (4) hours to complete and comes with nationally recognized CEU credit.
- Eight free learning tutorials produced by the national association (ACTE) addressing specific CTE topics such as Global Competencies in CTE; STEM & CTE: Career Readiness; Core Academic Integration in CTE, Understanding Postsecondary Education in the U.S. and The Facts About Military Recruiting on Campus.
- Free learning modules for CTE professionals to enhance their workplace skills.

Montana ACTE invites you and your staff to visit the new [Montana CTE Learn](#) site and see firsthand the latest effort to ensure every CTE practitioner in Montana has the access to the resources to achieve their professional goals.

If you have questions about our new offering, or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Branger, Montana ACTE, Executive Director, at [mbranger@huntley.k12.mt.us](mailto:mbranger@huntley.k12.mt.us).

### **Register Today for the ISTE 2020 Conference in June in Anaheim**

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) invites you to [ISTE20](#), June 28-July 1 in Anaheim, California. ISTE20 is where educators and innovators come together to share big ideas, expand good practice and inspire their careers

ISTE20 is where educators from around the world reach their greatest potential and are empowered to help students become the learners and leaders of the future. ISTE20 is where dream it becomes do it.

ISTE20 will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center with "super early-bird" [registration](#) available thru March 3, 2020, and early-bird registration from March 4-May 1, 2020.

[Lodging](#) is available at multiple hotels within the vicinity of the Anaheim Convention Center, including the Anaheim Hilton and Anaheim Marriott.

Please visit [conference.iste.org/2020](http://conference.iste.org/2020) for complete conference details.

Need help convincing your boss or administration, visit the [Make the Case for ISTE20](#) ([conference.iste.org/2020/attend/make\\_the\\_case.php](http://conference.iste.org/2020/attend/make_the_case.php)) for information and resources to help support your request to attend.

### **New Perkins V Information Section Added to OPI CTE Website**

The Office of Public Instruction has a NEW Perkins V section on the [CTE webpage](#) to help you develop your Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment for the upcoming 2020-2021 Perkins fiscal year.

This [link](#) will take you to the resources listed below.

There are several new posts:

- Are You Perkins V Ready? (A timeline to keep your district on track)
- A fillable-file Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Manual. Please save your work as this will be uploaded to E-grants as the main section of your E-grant for coming year.

--Labor Market Dashboard designed by the Montana Department of Labor using Montana Career Pathways

--Montana's 16 Statewide Career Pathways website

--Templates for each pathway with possible course combinations

--New Work-based Learning Manual

--Course Codes to use when reporting Work-based Learning

--Dual credit courses for specific pathways and college campus contacts

Questions regarding Perkins V may be sent to Renee Erlandsen, [rerlandsen@mt.gov](mailto:rerlandsen@mt.gov), or call her at 406-994-6986.

### **Looking Ahead to June . . . Computer Science Professional Development Events in Great Falls, Billings, & Missoula**

Four computer science professional development courses for Montana's high school teachers have been announced for Summer 2020.

Generous stipends and travel support is available. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5446nl6>.

If your registration is accepted, there is no additional fee for you to attend. A limited number of participants will receive travel support and stipends, so you may be responsible for covering the cost of travel if you do not receive funding. Outreach activities are required in order for you to receive the full stipend (details follow upon registration acceptance). Registrations completed by March 1, 2020 will receive priority consideration for funding.

**Mobile CSP** will be offered June 15-19, in Great Falls. Based on the College Board's emerging Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles curriculum framework for introductory computer science. Students learn programming and computer science principles by building socially useful mobile apps using MIT's App Inventor. Learn more about the Mobile CSP curriculum at [mobilecsp.org](http://mobilecsp.org). For questions, contact Stacy Dolder at [stacy\\_dolderer@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:stacy_dolderer@gfps.k12.mt.us).

Joy and Beauty of Computing (JBC) will be available June 15-19, in Billings. The course provides an overview of the world of computing, as well as a gentle introduction to computational thinking using the Python programming language. It examines the computing field and how it impacts the human condition, and introduces exciting ideas and influential people. This course can be taught for dual enrollment. Contact Jeff Braun, [jbrown@mtech.edu](mailto:jbrown@mtech.edu), with any questions.

Python Modules for Math and Science will be June 22-26, in Missoula. Learn how to integrate modules that emphasize Python programming and computational thinking into high school science and math classes. Modules are fully developed and ready to go. They vary in length and difficulty. Opportunities to develop custom modules for your own classes will be provided and supported. For questions or more information, contact Yolanda Reimer at [yolanda.reimer@mso.umt.edu](mailto:yolanda.reimer@mso.umt.edu).

Game Programming will take place June 22-26, in Missoula. The training will focus on 2D and 3D game development using **Unity**. Learn more about Unity at [unity.com](http://unity.com). Please contact Hunter Lloyd, [hunter.lloyd@montana.edu](mailto:hunter.lloyd@montana.edu), with questions or for more information.

### **Registration is Now Open for the ACTE Region V 2020 Conference in Lake Tahoe, April 22-25**

The Nevada Association for Career & Technical Education invites Career & Technical Education professionals to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, for the **ACTE Region V 2020 Conference**—20/20 Perfect Vision for CTE—at Harvey's Lake Tahoe Resort, April 22-25, 2020.

Registration for the conference is \$425 for ACTE members and a link to the online registration is available at [acteonline.org/state\\_region/region-v](http://acteonline.org/state_region/region-v).

A link to book rooms at Harvey's Lake Tahoe Resort is also available at [acteonline.org/state\\_region/region-v](http://acteonline.org/state_region/region-v). Rooms rates for the conference are \$69 per night for Tuesday-Thursday and \$119 for Friday and Saturday nights. In addition, there is a \$23 resort fee

per night which includes Wi-Fi and fitness center access.

For complete conference details, please visit the [ACTE Region V](http://acteonline.org/state_region/region-v) website at [acteonline.org/state\\_region/region-v](http://acteonline.org/state_region/region-v).

### **The New Selling Sneakers Simulation from Start Here. Go Places.**

New for 2020, [Start Here. Go Places.](http://startheregoplaces.com) announces the release of a new simulation, [The Adviser: Selling Sneakers series](http://startheregoplaces.com).

With over \$120 billion in annual sales worldwide, the sneaker industry is an unstoppable global business. In this week-to-week challenge, your students will put their advanced accounting learnings into practice by exploring the financial performance of some of the world's biggest footwear manufacturers such as Nike, Under Armour and Adidas.

Over the course of 11 weeks, student teams (3-5 students) will dive into the real financial reports of a shoe company and answer a series of advanced accounting questions. One major topic is covered each week, from corporate equity to cash flow.

In the end, they'll understand the ins and outs of how these companies manage millions in assets, liabilities and equity—and maybe even feel ready to launch a sneaker brand of their own.

To learn more and to have your students step into the sneaker industry, visit [The Adviser: Selling Sneakers](http://startheregoplaces.com/teacher/classroom-resources/adviser-selling-sneakers) site at [startheregoplaces.com/teacher/classroom-resources/adviser-selling-sneakers](http://startheregoplaces.com/teacher/classroom-resources/adviser-selling-sneakers).

In addition, to the new [The Adviser: Selling Sneakers](http://startheregoplaces.com) series, direct your students to the website to engage with the [FutureMe](http://startheregoplaces.com) quiz, the [Pathway to CPA](http://startheregoplaces.com) tool, or the [Virtual Field Trip](http://startheregoplaces.com) archive; all designed to help them learn the opportunities available in the accounting profession.

### **AICPA Foundation High School Scholarship Now Accepting Applications**

The [Association of International Certified Professional Accountants \(AICPA\) Foundation High School Scholarship](http://aicpa.org) is excited to offer financial assistance to high school seniors who are attending an accredited two or four-year college or university in the fall and plan to major in accounting.

It's a chance for students to get some much needed financial aid and it's a chance for the accounting world to give its future CPA rock stars a warm welcome to an incredible career path.

To apply, student must have taken, or be taking, an advanced accounting course taught by an APBP Advanced Accounting-trained educator.

Scholarships are in the amount of \$1000.00. Applications close March 1, 2020, at 3:00 pm EST.

Scholarship details, requirements, and the application are available at [startheregoplaces.com/students/becoming-a-cpa/scholarship/aicpa-foundation-high-school-scholarship/](http://startheregoplaces.com/students/becoming-a-cpa/scholarship/aicpa-foundation-high-school-scholarship/).

### **Registration is Now Open for the CSTA 2020 Annual Conference in Arlington, VA**

[Registration](http://csta.org) is now open for the Computer Science Teachers Association's 2020 Annual Conference, set for July 11–15, in Arlington, Virginia.

The three-day conference has over 100 sessions of education to broaden your knowledge of computer science education, inspirational keynotes and sessions to reinvigorate your passion for teaching, and countless moments of fun and connection along the way.

Join CSTA in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the conference—you do not want to miss out on this great experience.

For complete conference details, and to register, please visit [www.cvent.com/events/2020-csta-annual-conference/event-summary-236d288a403041f8a7a935b0bd74131c.aspx](http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-csta-annual-conference/event-summary-236d288a403041f8a7a935b0bd74131c.aspx).

To learn more about CSTA and sign up for free membership, go to [csteachers.org](http://csteachers.org).

### **Scholarship Application Open for Support to Attend CSTA 2020 Conference**

The Computer Science Teachers Association is pleased to offer [scholarships](#) to support teachers who could not otherwise attend the CSTA Conference due to funding limitations. Thanks to the generous support of partners, CSTA is able to offer financial support to cover conference registration fee, three nights in a hotel, and/or airfare, train, or mileage reimbursement (up to \$500).

To be eligible for scholarships, applicants must (1) live in the United States; (2) be a PK-12 teacher who teaches or integrates CS; (3) be a member of CSTA; and (4) require financial assistance to attend the conference.

For complete scholarship details and to apply, please visit [cvent.com/events/2020-csta-annual-conference/custom-36-236d288a403041f8a7a935b0bd74131c.aspx](http://cvent.com/events/2020-csta-annual-conference/custom-36-236d288a403041f8a7a935b0bd74131c.aspx).

Applications are due March 30, 2020.

### **NBEA 2020 Convention—April 7-11 in Boston**

The [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA) returns to Boston for the [NBEA 2020 Annual Convention](#), April 7-11, 2020. The Boston Marriott Copley Place, located in Boston's Back Bay area, will serve as the location for the NBEA 2020 Convention. World-famous shopping, dining, museums, and historical attractions await you, so plan to come early and stay late so you can experience all that Boston has to offer. This year also marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony.

Early-bird registration is available through March 18, 2020, for \$295 for NBEA members. Rooms at the Boston Marriott Copley Place are available at \$169/night for singles and \$189/night for doubles.

Check out the [NBEA 2020 Annual Convention](#) website at [nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html](http://nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html) for complete convention details including links for convention registration, hotel reservations, and convention schedule.

### **AICPA Announces Regional APBP Accounting Trainings for 2020—Registrations Now Open**

The American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants is happy to announce three (3) regional events in Summer 2020 which include three dual-track conferences for the Accounting Program to Bridge the Profession (APBP): Advanced Accounting program.

The schedule for the upcoming year is as follows:

#### **Dual Track (curriculum + implementation) Conferences**

These events teach the APBP [curriculum](http://startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting) (startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting) to first-time attendees and implementation training for previous attendees. These conferences will be held in the Summer 2020.

--[South-Central Conference](#): June 23-25, 2020 - Dallas, Texas

--[North-Central Conference](#): July 8-10, 2020 - Waukegan, Iowa

--[Northeast Conference](#): July 29-31, 2020 - Boston, Massachusetts

For the 2020 trainings, a registration fee for the trainings will be charged with the registration fee as follows:

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

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

Cancellation requests must be submitted to [apbp@aicpa-cima.com](mailto:apbp@aicpa-cima.com) at least 14 days prior to the event start date to be eligible for a full refund.

#### What does this registration fee include?

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all training materials. Teachers leave with a desk copy of the APBP textbook; lesson plans and assignments; PowerPoint presentations; and pre-written exams with answer keys. Trained teachers also benefit from refresher videos and continuous support from the AICPA and APBP trainers.

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

The AICPA knows your time is limited, so they are 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, the AICPA 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](http://startheregoplaces.com/teacher/apbp-advanced-accounting).

### **Education Resources from Intuit for TurboTax, QuickBooks and Mint**

Intuit is a mission-driven, global financial platform company that gives everyone the opportunity to prosper. Intuit's products, including TurboTax, QuickBooks and Mint, help our customers around the world make more money, with the least amount of work, while having complete confidence in their actions and decisions.

[Intuit's education offerings](#) provide new opportunities for career and financial readiness through creative educational programs and partnerships at no cost. Our career readiness programs focus on career exploration, skill development and teaching the entrepreneurial mindset. Our financial readiness programs focus on shifting financial behaviors, reducing student loan debt and instilling financial wellness.

#### Mint Simulations:

[Intuit Education](http://intuit.com/partners/education-program) ([intuit.com/partners/education-program](http://intuit.com/partners/education-program)) has developed five new personal finance modules in partnership with [Take Charge Today](http://takechargetoday.arizona.edu) ([takechargetoday.arizona.edu](http://takechargetoday.arizona.edu)) and the [Council for Economic Education](http://econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12) ([econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12](http://econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12)). These real-world simulations will teach students how to budget, understand and build their credit scores, compare credit cards, analyze spending behaviors, and create financial goals using Mint.

#### TurboTax Simulation:

Gone are the days of filing taxes with pen and paper. With our new TurboTax simulations, students can practice filing taxes with one of our 5 pre-selected personas from any state.

#### QuickBooks Simulations

Whether you want to teach an entire accounting course, or just a module in your class, students have access to the number one small business accounting software. It's time to teach them practical skills they need to be workforce ready.

Opportunities and resources for teachers and students can be found on the Intuit Education website at <https://www.intuit.com/partners/education-program>.

To access the Mint and TurboTax Simulations, access is available through Intuit Education partner sites at the [Council for Economic Education](http://econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12) ([econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12](http://econedlink.org/resources/collection/fffl-9-12)) and [Take Charge Today](http://takechargetoday.arizona.edu) ([takechargetoday.arizona.edu](http://takechargetoday.arizona.edu)).

For QuickBooks simulations, please visit [Intuit Education](http://intuit.com/partners/education-program) at [intuit.com/partners/education-program](http://intuit.com/partners/education-program).

For questions about Intuit Education offerings and programs, please contact Jared Davidove at [education@intuit.com](mailto:education@intuit.com).

### **Fun Facts and Trivia**

Star Apple is a tropical evergreen tree native to the Greater Antilles in the Caribbean.

Star Apple trees have spread to the lowlands of Central America and is now grown throughout the tropics, including Southeast Asia.

Star apples also grow in Florida.

Star Apples are also known as Caimito, Golden Leaf Tree, Milk Fruit, Satin Leaf, Star Plum, West Indian Star Apple, Abiaba, Cainito, Pomme de lait, Estrella and Aguay.

The star apple fruit is oblate berry about two-four inches in diameter, similar in size to the common apple.

Star apples are generally in season from late winter or early spring to early summer.

Star apples do not fall when ripe but must be hand-picked by clipping the stem.

Care must be taken to make sure that they are fully mature; otherwise, the fruits will be gummy, astringent and inedible.

Star Apple fruits are green turning yellowish-green or purplish-green or purple when ripened.

The skin of the Star Apple fruit is thick, leathery, smooth surfaced, somewhat glossy and dull purple in some varieties, light green in others with white and soft, jellylike flesh and a gummy latex.

Apart from their sweet and coconutty taste, star apple is a good source of nutrients, vitamins and minerals including Vitamins A, B1, B2, B3, and C and iron and dietary fiber.

Star apple serves as a natural source of antioxidants which helps to remove damaging oxidizing agents in the body system and keep the immune system healthy.

Purple star apples have a thick skin attached to a rind.

The rind of purple star apple fruit is usually a dark purple color, and the pulp ranges from a light purplish color to white.

Green star apple has a thinner skin and rind with the rind and pulp being a milky white color.

Ripe fruit is consumed fresh or preferably chilled, is cut in half and the flesh spooned out and eaten.

In tropical America and the Caribbean, star apple fruit is consumed to treat inflammation in laryngitis, pneumonia and hemorrhage or is cooked and used as in traditional folkloric medicine.

Unripe star apple fruit is used for intestinal problems in Venezuela.

The reddish-brown wood of star apple trees is appropriate for general indoor construction purposes, such as planking, light framing, flooring, interior trim, cladding, paneling lining, shelving, balustrades and partitioning.

The mature branches of star apple trees are used as a medium to grow orchids.

It takes about 10 years for star apple trees go from seed to bearing fruit.

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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