

Dear Montana CTE Teachers

We are CTE! This truly is a great time to be a CTE educator in Montana and Montana ACTE wants all CTE educators to know just how important the jobs they are doing truly are to the students across Big Sky Country. I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Montana ACTE President this year.

Our organization is full of individuals who are dedicated to Montana students. Proof of this was displayed at the Region V Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA a few weeks ago, where Chad Eichenlaub of St. Regis High School was named Region V New Teacher of the Year, and Tina Boone from Billings Skyview High School was named the Region V Counselor of the Year. To top it off, Montana ACTE was awarded the Newsletter of the Year along with Advocacy of the Year Award for the creation of the "Fast Track to Your Career" posters that have been distributed across the state. Each Montana ACTE member should be proud of the success our organization has had and continue to look for way to spotlight the great things we are doing to make Montana students successful.

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Scott Anderson, *Montana ACTE President*



Chad Eichenlaub receiving the Region V New Teacher Award from Dodie Bemis, the Region V Vice President.

CTE Teacher Spotlight

Kacie Perkins, an FCS teacher from Deer Lodge is a dedicated CTE professional who is our featured CTE Teacher Spotlight for this edition of the Montana ACTE E-News.



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Save the Date! 2016 Montana ACTE Fall Institute



This October, Montana CTE professionals from across the state will gather in Bozeman, MT, October 20-21 for the most exciting CTE event of the year in Montana. This years theme is "*I AM CTE*". The Keynote Speaker this year will be **Joe Walkuski**, founder and CTO of TEXbase, a Bozeman based business that provides compliance, quality and materials management software solutions in the apparel, footwear, home textiles and consumer product industries. By attending the fall institute you will discover new teaching approaches, find solutions to your shared challenges, share your best practices with colleagues and leave with constructive new ideas to take back to your school. You'll gain valuable insights and proven strategies that will improve your program and increase student achievement in your district as well as assist you in implementing pathways in your district. Important dates to know as you begin planning to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute include:

- * Online Registration opens **July 1**.
- * Conference agenda will be posted online at www.montanaacte.org by **August 15**.

MAFCSE Update

In this edition of the Montana ACTE E-News, I have included an article that was shared on Facebook and I thought it was well worth re-sharing. It really spoke to me. Sometimes in the busyness of the end of the year it's easy to forget that we are making a difference, we are still impacting young lives and that what we are doing matters. I hope it encourages you as it did me!

If anyone is interested in the [Pulse Lesson Plans](#) presented at AAFCS in Havre, I will ask that they be posted on the [Montana ACTE website](#) so you will have electronic access to them! The [Wheat lesson](#) can also be found there.

I hope that you have a restful summer full of family and return rejuvenated, ready to tackle the new school year. I look forward to seeing all of you at the MACTE in Bozeman this October. We have some great plans in the works. [<Read More>](#)

Joanna Krogstad, *MAFCSE Past President*

MBEA Update

Our leadership team recently met in Bozeman to discuss the upcoming MACTE Fall Institute in Bozeman October 20-21. The conference will at the Best Western Gran Tree Inn with some breakouts occurring at Bozeman High School. Recently I sent out an email calling for ideas as well as presenters. There have been plenty of ideas and a good number of presenters. I'm still looking for a few more ideas and presenters so if you are interested in presenting or have an idea please email me at brad.mehr@bsd7.org.



The leadership team is also looking at the importance of the business industry and what the industry deems important. We are looking to put a panel of industry leaders to advise us as to what the industry deems important for our students to know, as they get ready to join the work force. If you know of someone who would fit the criteria of a Montana business industry leader please send me their contact info. Lastly I just wanted to remind everyone to mark your calendars for the [Western Business Education Association Conference](#) in Bozeman next February 16 -19. It's a great way to network with other business educators from around the western United States. If you have ideas or would like to present at this conference please contact Eric Swenson.

Brad Mehr, *MBEA President*

MITEA Update

This edition of the E-News includes a lesson plan on building stairs, has the results of the Montana State SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills conference and lists opportunities for workshop in the IT area offered this summer. For more information on Summer Updates, please contact Don Michalsky @ dmichalsky@mt.gov [<Read More>](#)

Landon Stubbs, *MITEA President*

OPI Receives \$100,000 to Develop Career Pathways!



The Council of Chief State School Officers partnered with JP Morgan Chase to offer \$75 million dollars to improve career pathways throughout the nation. Each state was allowed to submit a grant and twenty-four "Phase I" grants were approved. Phase I provides the funding for 6 months of planning as well as assistance in writing Phase II which could bring as much as \$650,000 a year for three years, into the state to pay for the development of the strategies identified in the planning phase.

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