

CTE Scoop

February is CTE Month!

- Share your CTE successes and stories with your community and local businesses.
- Thank a fellow CTE teacher, student, administrator, counselor, or stakeholder.
- Spread the word about CTE on social networks—CTE social media advocacy day is February 23rd. Follow on Twitter #CTEMonth and #careertechd

Other News

- Expect to see Carl D Perkins updates in the coming months.
- It is CTSO State Conference time.
- Don't forget now is a great time to plan and attend career fairs.
- LCCCs Career Fair February 28th 1-3pm in student lounge.

This is issue number one of our CTE newsletter. We appreciate your support and communication. If you have any information you want included or shared in upcoming CTE newsletters or communications, please contact Jennifer Anderson, with the WDE, at jennifer.anderson@wyo.gov

The CTE newsletter will be posted on the WDE website (<http://edu.wyoming.gov/>) for your convenience.

Career Development Facilitation Training

Every high school, middle, school, community college, and court-ordered residential placement in the state will be receiving an invitation soon to have a career guidance staff member trained as a certified Career Development Facilitator (CDF) starting this Spring. This is in response to the Carl D. Perkins CTE Improvement Act of 2006 calling for “improvement of career guidance and academic counseling programs that assist students in making informed academic and career and technical education decisions” (Part B, Sec. 124, (c), 1).

Why CDF? The National Career Development Association (NCDA) is the first, longest running (founded in 1913), and preeminent career development association in the world. NCDA developed a best practice in Career Development Facilitator training to provide individuals with relevant skills and knowledge to assist others in planning careers and obtaining meaningful work. NCDA has prepared over 18,000 CDFs for this international certification. The only prerequisite is a high school degree. This training will seed the state with competent and effective career guidance professionals.

Good career guidance can help reduce high school drop-out and increase graduation rates in post-secondary education. The WDE-CTE section in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Services is excited about offering this professional development training. Contact your principal if you would like to be considered for this opportunity. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Candise Leininger, with the WDE, at candise.leininger@wyo.gov

Career Technical Student Organizations

Wyoming CTSO members and advisors are gearing up for their state conferences and competitions. The DECA student organization kicked off their state conference on January 28th-29th, 2013. This conference gave students the opportunity to compete for a berth to the international DECA competi-

tion in April. The FBLA conference will be held March 14th-16th, 2013 in Cheyenne, with the national conference in June. The FCCLA state conference will be held March 20th-22nd, 2013 in Cheyenne, with the national conference in June. The FFA state conference will be held April 8th-11th, 2013 in Cheyenne, with

the national conference in October. The SkillsUSA state conference will be held April 15th-17th in Casper, with the national conference in June. We would like to wish all CTSO members and advisors good luck with your conferences this year. We know you will represent Wyoming with intelligence, class, and dignity.