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President's Message

Greetings

Happy New Year!! It is amazing to think that we are half way through the 2009-2010 school year! As a child, it always seemed that it took forever for a new year to roll around. Now, I look at my calendar in amazement at how quickly each day goes by!! Before we know it, summer will roll around and it will be time for the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference!

As you know, last fall we faced a challenge to the status of CTSO's and the role they play for our students. I appreciate all your support to help bring to light our concerns regarding the language change for the Fourth Cycle MSIP Standards and Measures. All the correspondence and concern afforded us the opportunity to meet with several members of the DESE staff, including Commissioner Nicastro to discuss the issue and make changes that we can accept. Again, our grassroots efforts made the difference! Special thanks to Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp, our lobbyists, for their assistance.

In November, we had an incredible opportunity to attend the annual ACTE Conference in Nashville. As always, ACTE provided wonderful keynote speakers, quality exhibits, and outstanding workshops. Next year's Conference moves back to December in Las Vegas. Mark your calendar now! The dates for next year's Conference are December 2-4, 2010. The National Convention is always an exceptional professional development opportunity for Career and Technical Educators.

February is CTE month and, hopefully, activities to celebrate our work with students are scheduled throughout the month at your school. This year's theme, "CTE: Invest in Your Future," allows for many interesting tie-ins with programs and courses. As a part of CTE month, February 10 is scheduled as our Annual Missouri ACTE Legislative Day at the Capital in Jefferson City. We are extremely lucky to have tremendous legislative support for CTE in Missouri. Our Annual Legislative Day keeps our legislators current with our issues and affords us an excellent opportunity to thank them for their continued support. If you plan on attending, please let Donna know. It is always a productive and important day for CTE and our organization.

In March, the annual National Policy Seminar (NPS) sponsored by ACTE will convene in Washington, D.C. We are always in need of members from all over the state to attend. You can find more information about NPS on the ACTE website at <http://www.acteonline.org/nps.aspx>.

As always, your continued great work with students is the trademark of our success. Thanks you for your commitment. Please call or email me if you have questions or concerns.

For the organization,

Laura Hendley, Missouri ACTE President

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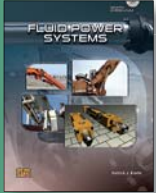
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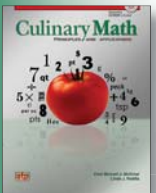
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Region III Vice President Report

by Karen Mason, Region III Vice President

Nashville, Tennessee, hosted the ACTE Convention November 18-21, 2009. Region III had 581 pre-registered attendees, and 145 of those came from Missouri. The Region III Teacher of the Year nominee was Charlotte Gray. Our two Award of Merit winners were Glenda Whitney and Dr. Tom Quinn. Congratulations to the Missouri recipients. Dennis Hardin received an award from the Administration Division. We are very proud of all the nominees and winners from Missouri!

Region III has four awards that they forward on to ACTE and each one of the nominees competes for the national award. This past year, Region III did not have a nominee for Outstanding Teacher in Community Service. None of our six states submitted a candidate. I want to encourage you to nominate your colleagues for the Region III awards.

Region III will be electing a new Vice-President to serve on the ACTE Board of Directors. Our two candidates are Marcia Ritter from Missouri and Dave Bunting from Iowa. Ronna Ford is a candidate for the Family and Consumer Sciences Division, while Mark Fuchs is a candidate from the Trade and Industrial Education Division.

Currently, we have two persons, other than me, serving on the ACTE Board of Directors. They are Lela Bunch from the Guidance and Career Development Division and John Gaal from the Trade and Industrial Education Division. I serve as the Region III Vice President and Finance Chair. I am a candidate for ACTE President-Elect. Jim Comer, from Oklahoma, is the other candidate. Online voting will begin February 1, and continue through the 26th.

Please make sure ACTE has your current email address so you can vote. If you have any problems being able to vote, or if do not receive the information regarding voting, email me at work (masonk@mail.enr6.k12.mo.us) or at home (pkmmason@leru.net), and I will help you resolve the issue.

If you are a member of ACTE, you will be voting on President-Elect and Region III Vice President. If your division is electing a Vice President, you will also vote for a new division Vice President.

A fellowship program was started last year for ACTE to help develop leadership skills and to prepare future leaders for our organization. This year's Region III recipient is Paul Asunda from Illinois. Only one person is chosen from each of the five regions.

Don't forget ... the National Policy Seminar will be March 8-10, 2010, in Washington, D.C. The registration forms are available online at the ACTE website. Missouri will host our Region III Conference from June 23-25, 2010, in Kansas City. Make plans to attend this leadership conference hosted by our state. The Conference is rotated among the six states in Region III. Missouri is the best and we would like to show this by having good representation from our state. Information regarding registration can be found on our Missouri ACTE website.

Karen Mason
ACTE Region III Vice President

Nashville Memories



↑ Charlotte Gray on stage at the ACTE Convention in Nashville with the other Regional winners of the Teacher of the Year Award.



↑ Sherry Struckhoff, Missouri ACTE Region III Rep., presents Glenda Whitney, Missouri ACTE Past President, with the Region III Award of Merit.



↑ Charlotte Gray (left), accepting the Region III Teacher of the Year award from Sherry Struckhoff, Missouri ACTE Region III Rep.



↑ Charlotte Gray, ACTE Region III Teacher of the Year, and Mark Sponaugle, former Region III Representative from MO.



↑ Bragg Stanley, DESE, accepting the Award of Merit for Tom Quinn, DESE, from Sherry Struckhoff.

Region III Report

We have just returned from the National ACTE Conference in Nashville and it was a wonderful time of information and networking. On Thursday, our Opening speaker was Chef Jeff Henderson. Henderson is an award-winning chef who has served as Executive Chef at the renowned Café Bellagio and Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. What makes Chef Jeff so remarkable is his story of going from crack dealer/prison to top chef. His story was quite an inspiration.

On Friday, we heard opening remarks from Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. It was refreshing to hear her point of view and know that she has a background in CTE. Bill Daggett spoke after her, on CTE's role in education reform and hosted a panel of experts.

On Saturday, Stedman Graham was the closing speaker. Mr. Graham is a businessman, educator, writer and speaker who focuses on maximizing leadership, achieving success and embracing diversity. Jan Bray, our Executive Director, always speaks to the Assembly of Delegates with a "state of the union" address. CTE has many missions, but we are on the right path AND leading the way. The opening speakers, along with the breakout sessions, were fabulous.



↑ (Pictured from left) Sherry Struckhoff, Missouri ACTE Region III Representative; Stedman Graham; and Donna Vossen, Missouri ACTE Executive Director

As your Region III Representative from Missouri, I attended several meeting to give Missouri a voice in our region and nationwide. I also represented Missouri at the Cultural Awareness Committee, where we learned that we were being downsized from a committee to a task force to address issues that are specific to CTE. I also represent Missouri on the CTE Support Fund Committee. The focus of that committee is to support the advancement of CTE through a broad array of activities, including development of research-based materials focusing on the value of CTE, building and sustaining a

national coalition of CTE leaders, and organizing public awareness campaigns to support CTE. We also had a silent auction to help raise money and Missouri provided two gift baskets. The silent auction raised \$13,000. Hooray!

Missouri has MUCH to be proud of. We have several members running for national office. Karen Mason, a FACS teacher from the southwest corner is running for President-Elect. Karen has been a vital leader at the local, state and national level. She was the VP for the FACS Division and the VP for Region III. Marcia Ritter, a retired FACS teacher from central Missouri is running for Region III Vice-President. Ronna Ford, a FACS teacher from southwest Missouri is running for the FACS Division Vice-President. Mark Fuchs, from the St. Louis area, is running for the Trade and Industrial Vice-President. All of these Missouri people are wonderful and very involved in CTE. The voting for these positions will begin the end of January and will be totally online. EVERYONE, please vote. If you encounter problems, don't give up. Contact the ACTE office and let them know. Again, please vote.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 23-25, 2010. This year's Region III Conference will be held in Missouri at the Ameristar Hotel and Casino, in Kansas City. It will be held to highlight the SkillsUSA Conference and Competition. This will allow Career and Technical Educators the opportunity to see students excelling in their chosen fields. There will also be many informational breakout sessions and, on Thursday, we will spend the day touring the SkillsUSA competition, followed by a reception/dinner downtown. We are asking each Missouri Division to send three or more members of their leadership team so that we can "grow" our leadership. Please try to attend this very valuable conference, Missouri ACTE needs you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Struckhoff
Missouri Region III Representative



↑ (Pictured from left) Karen Mason, Region III Vice President; Donna Vossen, Missouri ACTE Executive Director; and Laura Hendley, Missouri ACTE President

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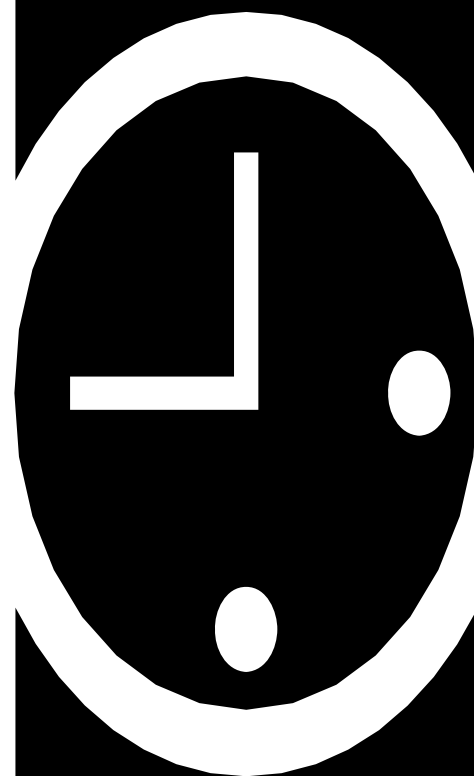


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Missouri ACTE Diversity Corner

Breaking Tradition Achievement Award



↑ Dennis Harden accepts his well-deserved award.

As Coordinator of Career Education for Missouri, Dennis Harden has been instrumental in the continuation of Missouri's gender equity program that is still thriving after 25 years. For his continued hard work, Dennis was awarded the ACTE Diversity Award in Missouri for 2009. Diana Reynolds nominated Dennis for this honor.

Dennis has lead Missouri as they:

- Have sponsored a statewide, 14 year running, contest which honors Missouri's outstanding students in nontraditional Career and Technical programs called, coincidentally, "Breaking Traditions;"
- Received a grant from the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Education Foundation to participate in the STEM Equity Pipeline project, which encourages women and girls to participate in math, engineering, technology and science;
- Met their goals on their STEM Equity Pipeline implementation plan, in which Dennis was instrumental in its success; and
- Developed a 5-Step Process Facilitator's Toolkit created by the Career Education Coordinators.

Without the support of Dennis Harden, Missouri's Career Education would probably not have the success that it has today!

Building a Bright Future



↑ Lynda Mueller Drendel works her magic!

Lynda Mueller Drendel is a dual ACTE/Missouri ACTE member, a lady carpentry instructor with the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program, and is the current Chair of the MTTA Construction Division. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from the University of Illinois. Champaign-Urbana and is a graduate of the Residential Carpentry Program of Jefferson Parish Vocational-Technical School, Metairie, Louisiana. She completed the carpenter's apprenticeship program in St. Louis in 1990 and continues to work in the construction field. She began as a part-time cabinetmaker instructor in 2000 and was hired as a full-time carpentry instructor in 2003.

Lynda is a very compassionate and caring individual that has always been involved in some type of social and intervention program. As a member of Missouri Women in the trades, MOWIT, she encourages other women to seek a career in the construction field. She leads the annual MAGIC Camp, (Mentoring A Girl In Construction). This MOWIT sponsored event is designed to expose 8th grade girls to the various construction trades in hopes of encouraging them to seek construction careers.

In addition, Lynda is actively involved with various Habitat for Humanity projects and is active with her daughter in Girl Scouts. She has shown true leadership in directing and counseling women and minorities in the construction field, as well as aspects of their individual lives.



MISSOURI ACTE LEGISLATIVE DAY

**February 10, 2010
8:00am - Side Gallery
House Chamber- 3rd Floor - State Capitol**

Missouri ACTE Legislative Day will be held on Feb. 10, 2010 beginning with a meeting/briefing at the State Capitol – Third Floor – House Chamber – Side Gallery at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

After the briefing, there will be refreshments available in the 3rd floor rotunda, provided by the Waynesville Career Academy Culinary Arts students. You will also have the opportunity to visit with the legislators as they go into session or to schedule personal visits with your legislators. We have contacted Governor Nixon's office and a signed proclamation for *Career & Technical Education Month* will be presented at 10:00 a.m. in Room 216.

All members should make appointments to visit their legislators and also visit with legislators on key committees such as:

House – Budget, Appropriations – Education, and Elementary & Secondary Education committees

Senate – Appropriations, and Education committees

This committee information is available on the House (www.house.mo.gov) and Senate (www.senate.mo.gov) websites.

We are including members of the Career & Technical Student Organizations as part of the day's activities. For more information check out the Missouri ACTE website.

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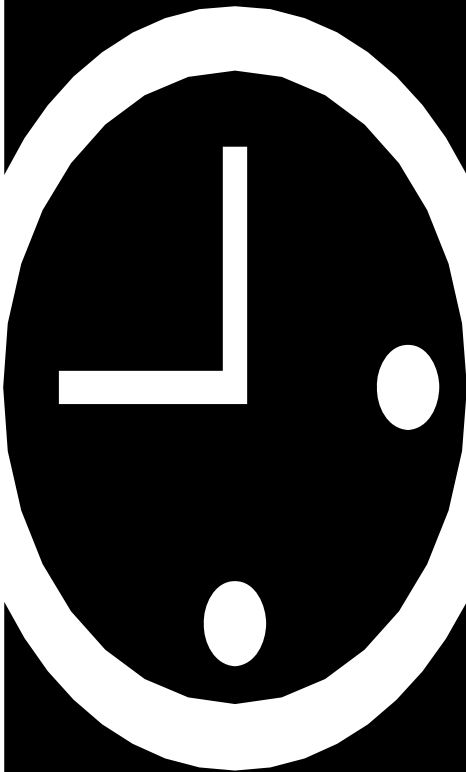
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Dear Missouri ACTE Member:

Now is the time to make plans to attend the 41st Annual Joint Summer Career Tech Workshop and Missouri ACTE Conference. The dates for the conference are July 26 – 29, 2010.

Please refer to the Summer Conference Schedule at www.mo-acte.org.

Your 2010 HOUSING FORM and Registration/Membership Form for 2010-2011 have been mailed. Please read CAREFULLY and return as soon as possible. Housing reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must be a current Missouri ACTE member to reserve a room.

Registration hours will be: Monday, July 26, 2:00pm to 7:00pm
EXPO Center Tuesday, July 27, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Exhibit hours will be: Monday, July 26, 2:00pm to 7:00pm
EXPO Center Tuesday, July 27, 8:00am to 2:00pm

DON'T WAIT! Mail or fax your housing form to the Springfield Housing Bureau NOW to reserve your room for summer conference.

Mail or fax your Registration/Membership forms to the Missouri ACTE office OR go to our website www.mo-acte.org for ONLINE REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT and up-to-date conference information.

Sincerely,

Donna Vossen
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Thank you

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Professional Development Committee for awarding me with a \$200.00 stipend to be used toward my expenses at the National ACTE Conference.

I attended the Conference on November 19-21, 2009, in Nashville, Tennessee, and had a wonderful experience.

I was able to network with many instructors within my division, and I attended many informative sessions that I will not only use within my own classroom, but share with other colleagues.

I am appreciative that a stipend is available through our state organization for first-time attendees, and I am grateful to have been chosen for this award.

Thank you,

Shelly Wehmeyer

Division President, MHSTE

Missouri ACTE Awards for 2010



**Application Deadline:
March 29, 2010**

It is time again for Missouri ACTE Awards for 2010. Please take the time to read over the criteria and nomination forms carefully and make sure everything is filled out completely and correctly. Everyone has outstanding teachers and educators, so please take the time to acknowledge them.

For the current Awards information, you may go to our website www.mo-acte.org to download the Award forms and criteria located on the left side menu.

The applications must be mailed to: Donna Vossen; Executive Director; PO Box 1955; Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Postmarked no later than **March 29, 2010**.

If you have any questions, please contact your division representative on the Missouri ACTE Awards Committee or Donna Vossen at 573-634-7366 or email donna@mo-acte.org.

NOTICE

To be eligible for any and all awards you must be a tri-level member – ACTE, Missouri ACTE and your division.

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Missouri Association for Career & Technical Education 100% Membership

At the 2010 Summer Conference, Missouri ACTE will recognize schools in which 100% of the vocationally funded teachers are members of Missouri ACTE. To determine if your school qualifies for recognition, please list below the names and social security numbers of all vocationally funded teachers in your school.

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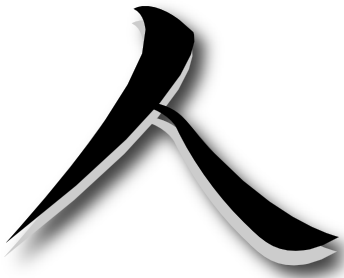
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The Decisions We Make:

A Tribute to the U.S. Soldiers of the Korean War

by Kristine K. McCulley, 2005

One never knows the possible impact on others as a result of a decision. In the summer of 2003, my family flew to New Jersey for a wedding. Because our time was short, we only had one day to view the sites of Washington, DC. Standing near the National Mall and eyeing the Washington and Lincoln memorials was breathtaking, to say the least. These historical markers mean so much to the American people.

But it was standing near the Viet Nam and Korean War Memorials where I was quietly and powerfully overcome with emotions. It was then and there that I realized the profound influence of others' lives on my own. The "others" were men and women who did not even know me.

I was born in Seoul, South Korea on or about April 3, 1959. As far as I know, I was an abandoned baby, left on the steps of the Capitol building and taken to an orphanage. The Korean War had ended six years before, but I have come to believe the presence of the United States military in that country paved the way for me to leave the country in 1961. At the age of 2, I was adopted by a wonderful American family from South Dakota, who made a decision then to share their hearts and their home with someone else's child. Had it not been for the holding of the 38th parallel, Korea would have certainly been closed off from the rest of the world by communism.

I am sure that the young U.S. men and women who signed up for the military back then did not make that decision because of a little Korean girl. But little did they know, in their decision-making, they were saving my life. Little did they know that their decision opened up opportunities for a little Korean girl

to grow up and attend public schools in the United States and then go on to graduate from college. I doubt they made the connection between their decision and the future success of that little Korean girl some 50 years later.

In her book, Promises to Keep, Sharon Robinson spoke of her famous baseball father Jackie Robinson when she wrote these words: "My father was famous. My brothers and I grew up among awards, trophies, and photographs, but our parents taught us not to worship these honors. They said we should measure our lives by the impact we had on other people's lives. All we had to do was pay attention to the way our parents lived to know that this was true." (p. 6-7)

I am eternally grateful for the 480,000 U.S. soldiers who fought in that war. I have grieved tears for the families of the 54,245 who lost their lives and of the 5,178 who were prisoners or missing. I wonder if they would ever come to realize their loss was worth the saving of another's life. This is a tribute to all of them.

I have chosen a career of service as a public school educator and hope that I will be remembered for the impact I had on the lives of others. What if we all vowed to live better lives by trying to make decisions that positively affect others? What if we all were compelled to give back to America? What if we all chose to serve "the greater good?" What if we all lived lives of unselfishness? Imagine what kind of world that would be.



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On Wednesday, September 16, Pike-Lincoln Tech Center (PLTC) Building Trades students had a unique experience at the Missouri State Capitol. They were invited as guests of Mike Martin, Cannon Builders and Cannon General Contractors, to tour the construction taking place on the Capitol's roof. Mike is a long-time advisory member and a 1973 graduate of the PLTC Building Trades class from Clopton.

Cannon Builders is replacing the roof on the capitol building. While at the Capitol, students toured the building and visited the Senate where they were introduced and recognized by the Lincoln and Pike County Senators.

The PLTC students and faculty would like to thank Sarah Topp and Donna Vossen for the tremendous job they did in setting up meeting with the Senators, making this an even more special day!



Pictured clockwise from above:

Pike-Lincoln Tech Center (PLTC) Building Trade instructors pose with Cannon Companies members.

A group of Building Trade students climb the scaffolding to get a closer look at the roof replacement.

Senator Shoemyer (Pike County) visits with some of the PLTC students.

Representative Ed Schieffer (Lincoln County) addresses the students.

Senator Shoemyer poses with visiting PLTC Building Trade students.



Division News

MBEA - Amazing 18th Annual MBEA Fall Conference

The 18th Annual MBEA Fall Conference convened November 20-21 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake Ozark, Missouri. There were approximately 250 business educators who attended the Conference. There were a variety of sessions, including an exciting pre-session workshop on Prezi software. Two Lindenwood University Professors, Yvonne Gibbs and Amy Spears, conducted the two-hour session. Attendees had an opportunity to experience a unique presentation software and learn components of that software.

MCEA joined MBEA for the first time, hosting an exciting and popular opening speaker, LaDonna Gatlin. We were very happy to have our Marketing brothers and sisters join us for this session. We hope to have the opportunity to join efforts again in the future.

Our speaker, LaDonna, literally grew up on stage singing with her brothers, the legendary Gatlin Brothers. In the 1970's, after her marriage, she realized that success for her could be measured in a very different way. So she took a giant leap of faith, chose to follow her heart, and "sing a different song," apart from her brothers.

She has spent her entire career empowering people to realize their potential by living life authentically from the inside out ... through their words, their deeds, and their actions.

LaDonna truly speaks from the heart with stories that are the stuff of life. Her easy-going style delivers common sense wisdom for everyday living. Combine that solid content with her outstanding vocal performance, and you get an amazing experience that educates, inspires and entertains!

Below are a few of her other accomplishments:

She is an active member of the National Speakers Association and has earned its highest professional designation, the CSP (Certified Speaking Professional).

She is one of fewer than 200 speakers worldwide to be awarded the CPAE (Council of Peers Award for Excellence) Speaker Hall of Fame lifetime award for speaking excellence and professionalism.

She has recorded four solo CD's which contain some of her original songs.

She is a contributing author to the best-selling book series Chicken Soup for the Soul.

You can see why we were so excited about her appearance. She was truly AMAZING! Comments after her presentation were very positive and you could see the excitement in everyone's eyes. LaDonna certainly put all of us in a great mood for our Conference. Thank you LaDonna!



↑ MBEA Officers: (Front row, from left) Janet Barnes, President; Teresa Harmon, President Elect; (Back row, from left) Rita Schildknecht, Secretary; Terri Redden, Past President; Becky Beydler, Treasurer

Along with our great speaker, the Conference offered over 21 different workshops, ranging from Internet and software classes, to personal improvement, FBLA and retirement sessions. There was something for everyone.

We were very pleased to have the following exhibitors present to answer questions, demonstrate their products, and continue to support our organization.

Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Applied Learning & Technology

Drury University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)

Resources @MCCE

Cengage Learning (South-Western Course Technology)

Spectrum Industries, Inc.

Goodheart – Willcox Publisher

Marketing/Linkages

NBEA/NCBEA

As always, we appreciate the continued support and help from the DESE staff in their efforts to help us organize this conference:

- ♦ Leslie Kerns, Director of Business, Marketing, and Information Technology
- ♦ Darrell Martin, Supervisor
- ♦ Lori Niekamp, Supervisor
- ♦ Christina Hess, Supervisor
- ♦ Gayla Hayes, Supervisor

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In conjunction with the Conference, a training session was held for the Career Education Mentoring Program sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. There were many involved in these meetings. At this session, new and experienced business teachers planned lessons and activities for the remaining months of the school year. It was wonderful to see so many new teachers entering the profession.

FBLA and PBL News

FBLA districts are in the midst of district competitions through the first week of March.

They will also be at Legislative Day. Their special project this year is "go green," so many chapters are doing what they can to promote energy savings and environment protection.

The dates for upcoming conferences: FBLA is April 18-20 at Holiday Inn Select, Columbia.

Why join FBLA? Here are a couple of reasons:

- Imagine building a portfolio of documented accomplishments as a complement to your academic experience.

- When applying for scholarships, you can demonstrate how you served in a leadership position, received awards, or participated in projects for the largest, business-based student organization in the world, through the Business Achievement Awards (BAA), a self-directed, results-based business and leadership program designed to compliment academics while accelerating a student's leadership skills.
- Attend a National Leadership Conference. Nothing can pump you up like walking into a room of 6,000 high school students cheering at the top of their lungs with their spirit for their state and FBLA! The energy you feel will inspire you!
- You can choose from over 50 competitive and skills events from the areas of technology, public speaking, business, finance, and management. You may finish as the very best in the nation, win recognition, and win cash from our sponsored events!
- Meet student and business leaders from across the country.

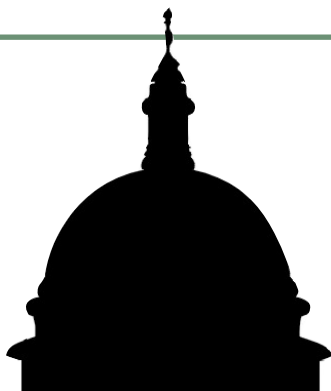
Join FBLA today!

PBL ♦ March 26-27 ♦ Truman Inn ♦ Jefferson City

BIG TEN

FBLA Big Ten Chapters *(Ranked by Membership)*

| State | School | State | School |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 SC | Lexington Technology Center | 6 AL | Cherokee Co. Career & Tech Center |
| 2 IL | Warren Township High School | 7 CA | Homestead High School |
| 3 MO | Francis Howell High School | 8 GA | Alpharetta High School |
| 4 NJ | Old Bridge High School | 9 TX | Hightower High School |
| 5 GA | Northview High School | 10 AL | Russellville Senior High |



Missouri ACTE Legislative Day **February 10, 2010**

MBEA officers and members are currently making preparations to participate in Legislative Day on February 10 at the State Capitol. We encourage MBEA members to join us in promoting career education to our legislators. MBEA President, Janet Barnes, will also travel to Washington D.C. in March to attend the National Policy Seminar.

MSCA - Annual Fall Conference ... Another Success

Our Annual Fall Conference in November was a great success, with over 1300 participants in attendance.

We took time to recognize our state award winners as follows:

Counselor of the Year:

Elementary

Sarah Sadewhite
Columbia Public Schools

Middle/Junior High

Dr. Sally Blackburn
Rockwood R-VII Schools

Secondary

Christine Danforth
St. Joseph School District

Multi-level

Coleen Tonette "Toni" Walton
Fordland R-III School District

Administrator-Counselor Advocate of the Year

Mr. Tyler Laney
Superintendent of Crane R-III School District

Guidance Director/Supervisor of the Year

Ann Landes
Director of Guidance/Coordinator of Secondary
Education

The Ed Ailor Memorial award was presented to Linda Lueckenhoff. We were also thrilled to recognize the Columbia Public Schools with the Gysbers Award.

One of our award winners, Dr. Sally Blackburn, was also recognized as a semifinalist in the American School Counselor Association's Counselor of the Year Award.

ASCA awarded eight counselors as finalists and seven counselors as semifinalists. We are very proud of Dr. Sally Blackburn. Another national recognition went to Cathy Westbury of Stanton Elementary, Rockwood R-VII Schools for the RAMP award.

This spring MSCA will be holding our Annual Spring Conference, March 5, 2010, in Jefferson City at the Capital Plaza Hotel. This one-day conference brings another national speaker to Missouri, Dr. Russ A. Sabella. He will present a full-day Technology Boot Camp. This is a hands-on training that assists school counselors in advancing pertinent technological literacy skills in a practical and meaningful manner. For more information

Office Phone: 1-800-763-MSCA(6722)

Online registration:

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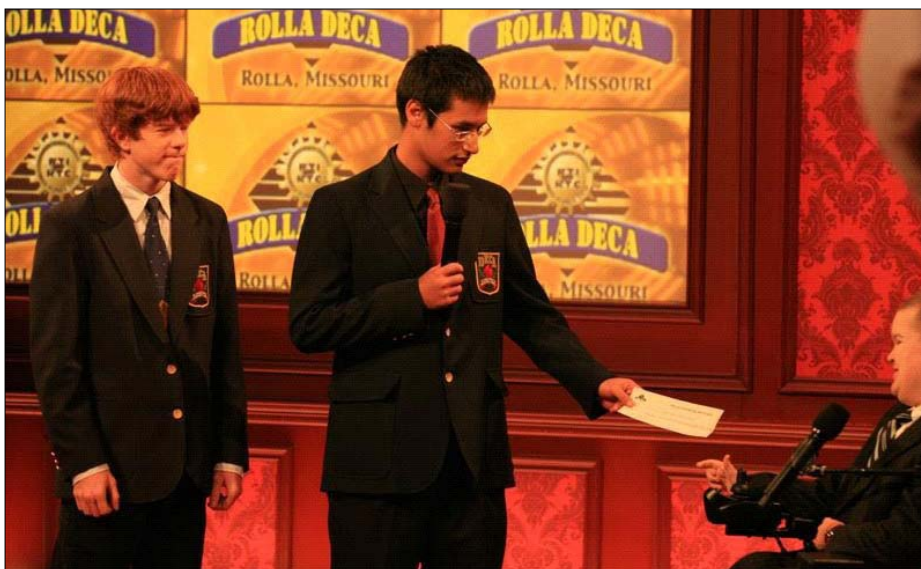
News from DECA

Rolla DECA Makes Appearance on MDA Telethon

For the fourth year in five, the Rolla DECA Chapter made an appearance on the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. To do this, the chapter had to raise over \$25,000. What makes this remarkable is the chapter usually averages about 20 paid members.

Pictured at right with youth spokesman Luke Christy (seated far right), are Blake Davis (far left) and Herman Martinez (center).

While in Las Vegas, the students, along with their advisor, got to tour the sites of Las Vegas and watch the show live.



More DECA News

Cameron High School Presents: Extreme Makeover - Credit Edition

What really happens when someone steals your wallet? How can a person become a millionaire? Seriously, is FICO that big a deal? College costs how much and where do you find the money for that?

Whew! Those are some frightening topics but topics that people, young and old, need information about so they can make better decisions. The Cameron High School DECA chapter in Cameron, Missouri decided it was time to get to the truth of the matter. The event was held December 2, 2009 at Cameron High School. More than 80 people attended the workshop where they were able to listen to experts in each of the four areas presented.

The project co-chairs, Rashelle Burdick and Kelsey Salmon, worked with the chapter members to plan and organize a workshop to inform high school students and adults on how to use credit wisely and have good money management; how to avoid credit problems and some techniques to follow to improve your credit score and identity theft protection; and how to graduate college debt-free.

The workshop was successful because of two important factors. First, the speakers for the workshop were experts in their fields and participants knew they would gain valuable information. Secondly, the community members and high school students saw a need to learn more about the topics presented.

The topics and speakers at Extreme Makeover Credit Edition were:

Top 10 Ways to Increase Your Credit Score

Dr. Rebecca Travnichek
University of MO Extension Office
Andrew County, Missouri

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Mr. Duane Kohlstaedt & Mr. Scott Shumate
Farmers State Bank
Cameron, Missouri

Protect Your Identity

SRO James Proctor
Cameron Police Department
Cameron, Missouri

The Extreme Student - How to Graduate College Debt-Free

Ms. Marilyn Landrum & Ms. Sarah Schedler
Missouri Department of Higher Education
Jefferson City, Missouri

Rashelle commented, "We are so pleased to have so many people participate in the workshop. It is very important for people to understand the concepts of credit and their personal finances. We are grateful to the speakers who volunteered to help make the evening a success."

When asked if any changes need to be made to the workshop, Kelsey stated, "Make it longer! Each session needed more time for the speakers to finish their presentations. People had great questions and wanted to know more."

Extreme Makeover — Credit Edition is the culmination of a semester of work to prepare a Financial Literacy Promotion Project. Rashelle and Kelsey will represent CHS DECA at the District Career Development Conference (CDC) to present their project in hopes of earning the privilege to compete at DECA State and International CDC. DECA is an association for students interested in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship.

