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Message from Your President – David Gee

LB 476 passed and was signed into law at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. Several student CSO members from FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, DECA, and SkillsUSA were present and witnessed the signing. During the final round of debate, several senators spoke in favor of the legislation including: Senators Stuthman, Wallman, Lautenbaugh, Mello, Haar, Sullivan, Harms, Dubas, Gloor, Hansen and Adams. Please contact your area Senators and Governor Heineman and thank them for their support of our Career Student Organizations. Several student CSO members from FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, DECA, and SkillsUSA were present and witnessed the signing.

For more updates and information on LB 476, please check out www.supportstudentleaders.com.

Finally, thank you to all ACTEN members, Career Field organizations, Career Student Organization advisers, Career Student Organization Students and Career and Technical Education teachers, administrators and advocates for their support.



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From start to finish, the third annual National Entrepreneurship Week was celebrated in great style across Nebraska. Schools, communities, and organizations came together to highlight the importance of entrepreneurs not only to our state, but also to our entire nation.

Mentoring by the Masters Entrepreneurship Video Conference and Webcast

On February 24th, the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship and the Central Community College locations of Columbus, Grand Island, and Hasting, as well as Northeast Community College, hosted an interactive panel discussion and web-stream for students, business owners, and community members. Participants had the opportunity to interact with some of Nebraska's entrepreneurial "Masters" to learn practical insights into starting and growing their own business.

MarketPlace: Opening Doors to Success a Big Hit in North Platte

Nearly six hundred entrepreneurs, service providers, students, and educators were on hand in North Platte for yet another successful MarketPlace conference.

The day kicked off with 24 year old CEO and founder of JM Web Designs, Jonathan Patton, as the opening keynote speaker. Young Patton started his business at the age of 14, working individually out of his bedroom, and has grown it into a thriving business with over 15 employees and an international clientele.

Nebraska Summit on Entrepreneurship

The big event that wrapped up the statewide activities was the fourth annual Nebraska Summit on Entrepreneurship. The Summit is sponsored by the Gallup Organization, the Nebraska Business-Higher Education Forum, and the University of Nebraska and is a major highlight of E-Week activities in the state each year.

Dignitaries offering perspectives included Peter Kotsiopoulos, Vice President for University Affairs for the University of Nebraska, James Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska, and Governor Dave Heineman.

Tom Townsend, President and CEO of Scooter's Coffeehouse provided down-to-earth, real-world context for the morning. Mr. Townsend was able to give the assembly an entertaining perspective on the birth of Scooter's Coffeehouses, their growth, and the company's future plans. Hearing from a "real, live, honest-to-goodness" entrepreneur was definitely one of the hits of the morning. Another hit was the panel of students from Lincoln Public Schools, Southeast Community College, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual National Entrepreneurship Week. The dates for 2010 are February 20-27. For ongoing updates about activities nationwide celebrating this special week, PLUS events happening throughout the year, log in to www.nationaleweek.org/.

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DeLayne Havlovic

Welcome New Members

- Whitney Anderson FAM (Student)
- Diana Araujo FAM
- Tyler Barkmeier BUS (Student)
- Josh Bittman BUS (Student)
- Nicki Blazek FAM (Student)
- Doug Dexter BUS (Student)
- Laine Donley FAM (Student)
- Melissa Eicheid FAM (Student)
- Ryan Fleming BUS (Student)
- Tami Grimes BUS (Student)
- Kirsten Hayden - FAM (Student)
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- Kendra Jones FAM (Student)
- Jordon Kavan BUS (Student)
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- Matt Morse BUS (Student)
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- Ryan Pitkin BUS (Student)
- Brian Reed TGY (Student)
- Moriah Reinwald FAM (Student)
- Elizabeth Rosinski FAM (Student)
- Britany Staack FAM (Student)
- Sam Stanley BUS (Student)
- Amanda Van Pelt BUS (Student)
- John Zach BUS (Student)

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2009 Nebraska Career Education Conference

June 9-11, 2009

Kearney, Nebraska


**For more info:
www.nceconference.com**

Nebraska FCCLA members are State STAR Event Champions

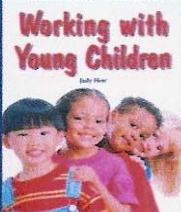
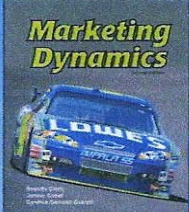
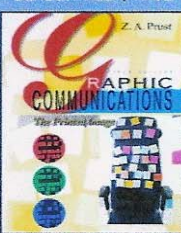
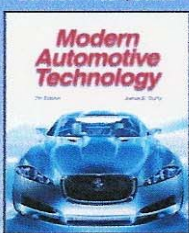
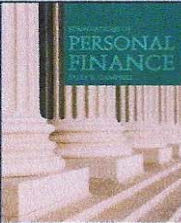
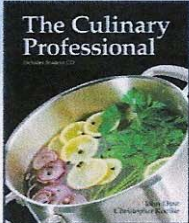
The following students were State FCCLA STAR Event Champions and will represent Nebraska at the National STAR Events in Nashville, Tennessee this July:



- Applied Technology Jr. – Brienne Hoelsing, Lexi White of Laurel Concord - Carol Erwin, adviser
- Applied Technology Sr. – Elyssa Leach, Laurie Venteicher of Pierce - Cheryl Timm, adviser
- Career Investigation, Jr. – Samantha Beed of Chambers - Marilyn Whitaker, adviser
- Career Investigation, Sr. – Sarah DeKay of Chambers - Marilyn Whitaker, adviser; Chapter Service, Jr. - Alex Norton, Matthew Hladky of West Point-Beemer – Cheryl Gustafson, adviser
- Chapter Service Sr. – Chandra Mosel, Mikayle Christiansen, Rachel Christiansen of Neligh-Oakdale – Cindy Hild, adviser; Chapter Showcase Jr. – Haley Boston, Olivia Hubbard of Elm Creek – Robyn Hubbert. adviser; Chapter Showcase Sr. – Stacy Popken, Abby Stollberg, Mae Von Seggern of Logan View – Lois Krohn, adviser
- Entrepreneurship Sr. – Emily Chebuhar, Janessa Evert, Cori Renner of Howells-Dodge – Marla Prusa, adviser
- Fashion Construction Sr. – Sydney Swanson of Alliance – Cathy Kloch, adviser; Focus on Children Jr. – Colton Aspenleiter, Josh Leas of Medicine Valley – Suzanne Martin, adviser
- Focus on Children Sr. – Samantha Burtwistle, Paige Werner, Katy Gottsch of Chambers - Marilyn Whitaker, adviser
- Illustrated Talk Jr. – Rebekka Biner, Miranda Haun of West Boyd - Carol Eilers, adviser
- Illustrated Talk, Sr. – Heidi Hostert, Morgan Devall of O'Neill - Ann Mann – adviser
- Interior Design Sr. – Michaela Acklie of Pierce - Cheryl Timm, adviser
- Interpersonal Communication Jr. – Stephanie Shearer of Arapahoe – Marilyn Martin, adviser
- Interpersonal Communication Sr. – Carrie Urban, Lauren Settje of Leigh-Clarkson – Lisa Groth, Adviser
- Job Interview Sr. – Michelle Bond of Elkhorn – Pam Mowinkel, adviser
- Life Event Planning Sr. – Megan Dimmitt of Alliance – Cathy Kloch, adviser
- National Programs Jr. – Leanne DeKay, Bethany Lambert of Chambers - Marilyn Whitaker, adviser
- National Programs Sr. – Katelyn Stevens, Ricky Klabenes of Chambers – Marilyn Whitaker, adviser
- Parliamentary Procedure – John Paul Lempke, Curtis Olson, Lane Swedberg, Shanice Harris, Ryan Sowle, Jose Hasenauer, Casey Lundvall, Bryce Hasenauer of Wallace - Codi Chandler, adviser
- Recycle and Redesign Sr – Brittnay Stephens of Elm Creek – Robyn Hubbert, adviser
- Teach and Train Sr. – Kathy Venteicher of Pierce – Cheryl Timm Adviser



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Nebraska Business Teachers attend National Convention

By Janelle Stansberry, NSBEA President

NSBEA and DPE Members will meet again June 9-11 in Kearney during the annual NCE Conference

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Special Populations: Vacant

The National Business Education Association held its annual convention from April 7-11 in Chicago, Illinois. Several Nebraska educators were in attendance representing our secondary and post-secondary schools as well as the Nebraska Department of Education. Dena Stevenson of TierOne Bank in Lincoln made the trip as well and did an outstanding job of representing Nebraska as a Session Presenter.

Nebraska educators could be seen throughout the conference as many were actively involved by serving in a variety of roles. Terri Tiedeman (Southeast Community College) conducted an Intermediate Word 2007 workshop. Sheryl Piening Keller (Southeast Community College) served on the Convention Committee as Postsecondary Program Chair. Members serving in a leadership role include Mona Schoenrock (Columbus High School) who is the Mountain- Plains Regional Membership Director and Pat Arneson (Wayne State College) who serves as our state membership director.

Several others assisted with Presenting, Registration or Coordination of sessions they include Dennis Krejci (Tri Country High School), Bonnie Malcolm (Lincoln North Star High School), Sue Sydow (Wayne State College), Wanda Samson (Metro Communication College), Linda Jaeger (Southeast Community College), Bonnie Sibert (Nebraska Department of Education), DeLayne Havlovic (Omaha Public Schools), Bill Latta (University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Murleen Bellinger (Waverly High School), Karen Emerson (Southeast Community College), Bonnie Malcolm (Lincoln North Star High School), Janelle Stansberry (Cedar Bluffs High School), Kris Gaebel and Donita Potter (Gretna High School), Lindsay Tillinghast (Lincoln Southeast High School), and Max Meir (retired Omaha Public Schools). Next year's conference will be held at San Diego, California on March 30 – April 3, 2010.

Spring events for the Nebraska State Business Education Association include the spring conference scheduled in conjunction with the Nebraska Career Education Conference on June 9-11 in Kearney. Conference attendees can kick-off the conference by attending a variety of workshops. The DPE Executive Board Meeting will be held June 9 at 4:30 followed by the NSBEA Executive Board Meeting at 6:00. New this year will be the BMIT Buddies Connect which is specifically for BMIT teachers with 10 years or less of teaching experience. This will be a great networking opportunity. The Buddies Connect group will meet at the Holiday Inn (NCE Conference registration area) at 7:00 pm and plans to join the BMIT Social and President's Reception held at the Ramada Inn from 8:00-10:00 pm. Wednesday participants can enjoy the numerous sessions offered by leading educators in the nation and state. Plan to attend the BMIT/DPE Banquet where awards will be presented to our outstanding educators. Following the banquet, NSBEA will hold its annual business meeting and officer installation.



Dena Stevenson, a Business Education advocate and banking professional from TierOne Bank in Lincoln traveled to Chicago to attend the conference and present



Nebraska Business Educators gather at the Awards Luncheon at the National Business Education Association annual convention. The meeting took place April 7-11 in Chicago, Illinois at the Downtown Marriott.

ACTEN President Receives National Honor

Dave Gee, current ACTEN President and Industrial Technology teacher at Grand Island Northwest High School was honored by the International Technology Educators Association at their national conference in Louisville, Kentucky in March. Gee was one of only 15 high school technology educators from across the country to receive this award.

In a recent article written by Harold Reutter of the *Grand Island Independent*, Gee is credited in working with and motivating students who don't always find success in

a regular classroom environment. Gee credits hands-on classroom activities have allowed his students to find success and motivation to graduate through his classroom activities.

Grand Island Northwest High School Principal Doyle Denney is quoted in the article stating how dedicated Gee is to the school, program and statewide initiatives and programs.

Congratulations Dave on your recent success and honor. ACTEN is proud of you!



ACTEN President Dave Gee working with one of his students.

--Photo courtesy of Barrett Stinson, Photo Editor Grand Island Independent

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Nebraska FBLA Recognizes State Award Winners

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently recognized the winners of its state competitive events and named new officers. More than 2,050 students and advisers from 106 Nebraska schools attended the Nebraska FBLA State Leadership Conference in Omaha. Members competed in more than 60 chapter, team and individual events.

One of the highlights of the conference was the attendance of Senator Arnie Stuthman at the Second General Session. Senator Stuthman, sponsor of LB 476, emphasized to the members the importance of career student organizations and promised to see that LB 476 was passed.

The Nebraska FBLA Foundation was presented a check for \$8,360.37 from the fundraising efforts of the FBLA chapters. In addition, the chapters raised \$15,113 for the March of Dimes.

The 2008-2009 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:

- Ashley Wood, Minden High School, president
- Lance Johnson, Bellevue West High School, vice president
- Tyler Wellman, Syracuse High School, secretary
- Noah Carpenter, Omaha Northwest High School, treasurer
- Isaac Thompson, Arlington High School, reporter
- Jenna Woitaszewski, Wood River High School, parliamentarian

Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser

- Pat Olson, Blair High School

Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA

- Justin Schultis, Fairbury High School
- Allison Skidmore, Fairbury High School

Outstanding Chapter Reporter

- Rebecca Johnson, Twin River High School

Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Awards

- 12th Grade – Marcus Winter, Elmwood-Murdock High School
- 11th Grade – Nathan Gay, Twin River High School
- 10th Grade – Christy Laughlin, Elmwood-Murdock High School
- 9th Grade – Tabitha Urban, Arlington High School
- 8th Grade – Jake Albracht, Arlington High School

Scholarship Recipients

- McCook Community College Walsh-Brady Career Student Organization Scholarships: Shelby Janowski, Omaha Mercy
- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Justin Schultis, Fairbury High School; Brittany Morse, Cozad High School
- Phi Beta Lambda State and National Dues Scholarships: Kaitlyn Schreck, Arlington High School; Brandon Henderson, Omaha Central High School; Lana Koziol, Cedar Rapids High School
- \$250 FBLA Scholarships sponsored by Gallup: Brittany Morse, Cozad High School; Kaitlyn Schreck, Arlington High School
- UNL Agricultural Economics Scholarship: Brandon Essink, Syracuse High School

National Business Achievement Awards, Leader Level

- Kaitlyn Schreck and Kathryn Vampola, Arlington High School
- Alex Cerveney, Aurora High School
- Jenna Edwards, Jillana Edwards and Shelby Woods, Dundy County Stratton High School
- Allison Skidmore, Fairbury High School
- Shelby Eucker and Emily Lostroh, Malcolm High School
- Jordan Kadlecek, Raymond Central High School
- Chelsea Holt, Sandhills High School
- Alyse Andreasen and Casey Olson, Twin River High School
- Kendra Harders, Martin Rodriguez and Katrina Timmerman, Wood River High School

Adviser Service Recognition Awards

- 40 years: Sherry Marks, Wilber-Clatonia High School
35 years: Dave Long, Aurora High School
30 years: Linda Jacobi, Twin River High School
25 years: Jan Went, Lakeview High School; Luanne Sundberg, Fremont High School
20 years: Lisa Newton-Hanson, Neligh-Oakdale High School
15 years: Shawna Koger, Arlington High School; Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West High School; John Brady, Lincoln High School; Kathy Adams, Papillion-LaVista High School
10 years: Juli Murphy, Ainsworth High School; Kathy Gladem, Boone Central High School; Kathy Soukup, Meridian high School; Ellen Ramig, Mitchell High School; Tim Rossow, Newman Grove; Jean Broyhill, South Sioux City High School, Dawn Friedrich, Wausa High School; Annette Rasmussen, Wayne High School
5 years: Karla Rhode, Amherst High School; Laurel Kreifels, Malcolm, Kim Nelson, Newcastle, Karla Renn, Omaha South High School; Amanda Skalka, Sandy Creek High School

Honorary Life Member

- Mike Millikan, ASAP Print Services, Lincoln

Nebraska FBLA Natinoal Businessperson of the Year

Angela Schneider, owner of Encore School of Dance and Gymnastics, Aurora

Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year

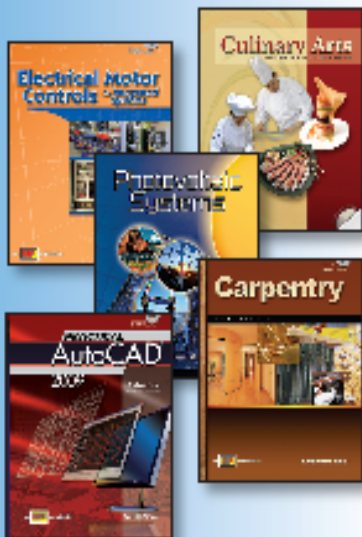
- Ariens Company, Auburn

March of Dimes Mission Triangle Excellence Award

- Twin River High School and Fillmore Central High School

Students receiving first, second and third place in most events qualify for the FBLA National Leadership Conference, June 25-28 in Anaheim, California

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ACTE Region V Conference Summary

DeLayne Havlovic, ACTEN President-Elect

I had the opportunity and honor to represent Nebraska at the recent ACTE Region V Conference. The conference took place April 15-18 in Blaine, Washington, approximately two hours north of Seattle.

The conference entailed a series of keynote speakers and breakout sessions that matched multiple interests and career fields. Randy Dorn, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke at the opening general session. Dorn is a strong advocate for Career and Technical Education leading education initiatives across the entire state of Washington. In the State of Washington, this is an elected position, rather than an appointed position as it is in Nebraska.

During the second day of the conference, Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director spoke to the entire assembly. The focus of her presentation was on *retooling* America through Career Education to bring about faster economic recovery. According to Bray, CTE teachers and administrators will be allowed to play a strong role in economic recovery. Jan also discussed in her presentations throughout the day that professional organizations should make decisions based on data, as she stressed to ACTEN members in her more recent trip to Nebraska at last year's NCE Conference.

Kevin English, Region V Vice President and Roxanne Trees, Washington-ACTE State President presided throughout the conference.

English led the delegate assembly. Nebraska members DeLayne Havlovic and Fritz Steinhoff were Nebraska's delegates at the assembly. Items accomplished at the delegate assembly include the passage of a resolution honoring Washington State in their efforts in planning the 2009 Region V Conference and the nominations committee announced the names of individuals who would be serving in board positions through a variety of committees. All states were encouraged to submit names for Region V board committees. Nebraska currently does not have any members serving on the Region V board.

Another highlight of the conference was a guided tour of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Roxanne Trees, WA-ACTE state president, a native of northwest Washington lead the bus tour in a remarkable manner. Her professionalism and expertise of the area was second to none. Some of the sites visited included a visit to the Washington/Canada border Peace Arch, some browsing time at the Vancouver Market Place, a stop at the Totem Pole historic park site and a visit to the downtown business district, China Town and Event Center area. Vancouver will be the host of the 2010 Winter Olympics – which the entire area is already preparing for by making necessary infrastructure changes and of course already selling official merchandise.

It was apparent to me that Region V is a leader among ACTE other regions in planning a conference with such great professional and learning opportunities. Please plan now to attend the 2010 ACTE Region V conference **on the trail to success**. The conference is scheduled April 28-May 1, 2010 in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska. If you are interested in presenting, watch the **website** for more details as the program committee will be looking for a variety of presenters from as many states as possible.



Lunch Keynote, Jan Super, local Native American Story Teller entertained the delegation.



Region V Conference Attendees were provided the opportunity of a guided tour of Vancouver, BC, Canada

CEFN Golf Scramble

The **first** Career Education Foundation of Nebraska Golf Scramble will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Country Shadows Golf Course in Columbus. Line up a team of four friends and/or family members and register your team to play the nine-hole scramble with pin prizes, or just come and enjoy the socializing and join us for lunch. Proceeds from the Golf Scramble will be used to fund the scholarship program.

Registration – Call Elda Reinhardt at Country Shadows Golf Course (402-563-4040) to register your four team members (\$50 per person), or to make luncheon reservations (\$10 for non-golfers). **Registration Deadline is June 5, 2009.**

Hole Sponsors - Please consider sponsoring a hole for our Golf Scramble. Sponsorship costs \$100 and will include a sponsorship sign listing the business or individual name. Contact the CEFN office at 402-423-6786 or acte.nebraska@juno.com, if you can help by sponsoring a hole.

Pin Prizes - If you or someone you know would like to bring or sponsor a pin prize (\$25 value) please contact the CEFN office. Prizes do not have to be associated with golf.

Volunteers - Individuals willing to help with crowd noise and run the Golf Scramble that day are needed. Contact CEFN President Richard Campbell (rcampbell@bpsne.org) or the CEFN office to sign up. The Golf Scramble begins with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and concludes after the Awards Luncheon. Please consider helping us make this event to raise money for Career Education scholarships a Success!!

Event Location

Country Shadows Golf Course
6767 Shadow Ridge Place
Columbus, Nebraska

Course is located just north of Central
Community College, Platte Campus

Schedule for the Day

9:00 Check In
9:40 Instructions & Move to Starting Hole
10:00 Shotgun Start
12 Noon Luncheon and Awards

Questions: Contact Richard Campbell, President of Career Education
Foundation of Nebraska -- rcampbell@bpsne.org

Belated Congratulations to Dr. LaVern Franzen

Dr. LaVern Franzen was honored as the 2008 recipient of the Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Award at the Nebraska Career Education Conference last June. The award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding statewide leadership and provided consistent advocacy for quality Career and Technical Education over a period of several years.

Dr. Franzen is most deserving of this recognition. He has devoted his adult working life to advancing career education in Nebraska, starting with his appointment as an accounting instructor at Central Nebraska Technical College (CNTC) in Hastings after receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Kearney State College in 1967.

His interest in career education was demonstrated when he earned a Master's Degree in vocational education from Kearney State College. During the same period he provided leadership in the business education area as CNTC and Platte Junior College joined to form Central Community College. From 1977-1987, he developed an extensive system to provide career education and other services in Buffalo, Dawson, Gosper and Furnas counties.

While serving as Dean of Instruction at the Grand Island Campus, he completed a doctorate of education in community and human resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1995, he was awarded the ACEAN Outstanding Adult Educator Award, citing him for providing direction for the college's community education program.

In 1996, Franzen began eight years of service as the President of the Hastings Campus. Many changes took place under his leadership at the Hastings Campus including: the organization of a campus chapter of SkillsUSA-VICA; the opening of an on-campus child care facility for students and staff; the development and approval for a new medical laboratory technology program; the establishment of a media arts program that combined the printing and broadcasting programs and expanded the curriculum and provided new employment opportunities for students.

Congratulations Dr. Franzen and thank you for your contributions to Career and Technical Education!

Dr. LaVern Franzen (right) is presented the Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Award by Tony Glenn from the Nebraska Department of Education



SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, June 13, 2009
9 Hole - 4 Person Scramble

COUNTRY SHADOWS GOLF COURSE

6767 Shadow Ridge Place
Columbus, Nebraska

Check In at 9:00 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m.

\$50 per person \$200 per team

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Lunch will be served at 12 Noon

Non-golfers lunch \$10

Last Date to Register ~ June 5, 2009

The Scholarship Golf Scramble is sponsored by the Career Education Foundation of Nebraska, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All proceeds from the Golf Tournament will be used to fund CEFN's Scholarship Program for secondary Career Education students.

Please submit your registration by calling Elda Reinhardt at 402-563-4040, or send an email message to Elda at shadows@megavision.com, or complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to Career Education Foundation of Nebraska), to Country Shadows Golf Course, 6767 Shadow Ridge Place, Columbus, NE 68601.

4-Person Scramble Team Members' Names:

Limited carts available upon request at \$10 per cart.

Number of carts needed _____

We will be limited to 18 teams, so please

Register Early!!!

Team Contact person's name & phone # _____

Note: All beverages must be purchased from Country Shadows.
No beverages can be brought onto the premises.