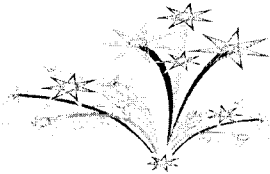


Up-to-Date with DATE

Important News and Information from OVAE's Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE)
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Message from the Director



The Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE) is pleased to report Perkins IV grant awards for program year three (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) were issued to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. We look forward to continuing work with you to improve the academic and technical skills of students across the nation. Happy New Year!

Sharon Lee Miller
Director, DATE

Brenda Dann-Messier Nominated for Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education

The White House announced on June 24 its intent to nominate Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier for Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education. Dr. Dann-Messier is currently the President of Dorcas Place, an Adulwhitt and Family Learning Center in Providence, Rhode Island. Prior to working at Dorcas Place, she worked at the Northeast and Islands Regional Educational Laboratory at Brown University and served as the Department of Education's Representative for Region I in Boston, Massachusetts. She received her BA and M.Ed from Rhode Island College and her Ed.D in Educational Leadership from Johnson and Wales University.

Expert Working Panel Convened on Programs of Study

On June 11, 2009, DATE convened an expert working panel to gather feedback on our draft programs of study (POS) framework, to assess the status of state's POS implementation, and to identify steps our office could take to help states reach scale in implementing POS. The panel represented a wide range of key constituencies, including: the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the Academy for Educational Development (AED), the California State Department of Education, ConnectED, CORD/National Career Pathways Network (NCPN), the League for Innovation in the Community College, the Maryland State Department of Education, MPR Associates, Inc., the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), the Nebraska State Education Department, the National Governors Association (NGA), and the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (NRRCTE). A rich discussion of issues included state and local policies that support POS implementation, state leadership activities, dual credit opportunities, teacher quality initiatives, and technical assistance needs of states.

As immediate next steps, our office will call upon a subgroup of the expert panelists to help us further develop the POS framework, along with a vision statement and definitions for the framework components. The state directors represented at the meeting—Pat Ainsworth, Rich Katt, Katharine Oliver—will report out on the meeting during the upcoming July 16 conference call for state directors of career and technical

education. And, we will initiate plans to host a similar meeting with our federal partners, including those within and outside the Department.

For further information about the expert panel meeting and next steps, contact Margaret Romer at: Margaret.Romer@ed.gov.

Five States Chosen to Receive Technical Assistance in Developing ‘Green’ Programs of Study

The National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE), as part of its cooperative agreement with OVAE, announced the selection of five states to receive technical assistance to develop green-focused programs of study (POS). The states and areas in which they have proposed to develop POS are:

- Georgia – energy, construction, and transportation
- Illinois – energy, utilities, and waste management
- New Jersey – various industries
- Ohio – energy, biotech, and agriculture
- Oregon – wind, solar, and construction

A press release from the Department on this initiative is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/06/0622009f.html>.

For more information on this initiative, visit the NRCCTE’s website at www.nrrcte.org or contact Greg Henschel at Greg.Henschel@ed.gov.

Next Steps Work Group Conference Calls

The monthly Next Step Work Group (NSWG) conference call will be held on July 9th from 2:00 pm—3:00 pm ET. The group will continue its discussion on “subindicator” definitions for the section 113 core indicators, as well as the alignment of Perkins data submitted to OVAE via the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) and to the Department via the EDEN system.

NSWG conference calls serve as a communication vehicle for OVAE, the states, and other partners to discuss issues pertaining to Perkins accountability systems. Conference calls are typically held on the first Thursday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. Sub-groups are formed to address emerging/pending issues as necessary. Anyone interested is welcome to participate on the calls.

The following chart provides information on upcoming calls.

Date	Call Number	Call ID	Tentative Topic
July 9, 2009	1-866-390-5250	5707853	<i>Subindicator Definitions for the Section 113 Core Indicators of Performance; Alignment of CAR and EDEN Data</i>
August 6, 2009	1-866-390-5250	5707853	<i>Challenges and Solutions to Implementing Perkins IV Recommended Measurement Definitions and Approaches</i>
September 3, 2009	1-866-390-5250	5707853	<i>How Has Perkins IV Accountability Data Informed or Changed Local CTE Programs?</i>

For further information on the NSWG, please contact John Haigh at john.haigh@ed.gov.

Equipment Manufacturers Join Forces with FFA to Advance Agricultural Industry Career Development

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and the National FFA Organization announced a new agreement to promote awareness of the importance of agricultural education and agricultural career opportunities. The AEM/FFA agreement covers activities of FFA as well as its partner groups, the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) and the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE).

Under the new agreement, AEM will co-sponsor the FFA Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems Proficiency Award (with New Holland) and the PAS Agricultural Machinery Service Technician Award (with John Deere and GM Powertrain). AEM will also provide agricultural career development training to the future workforce through national FFA and NAAE convention workshops and exhibits, NAAE professional development webinars, and PAS Career Planning/Career Program Area input.

The FFA award recognizes student achievement in Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs involving the adjustment, repair and maintenance of agricultural power systems, including mechanical, electrical, chemical, wind, solar and/or water power. The PAS award recognizes the proficiency of agricultural machinery service technicians in areas including engines, power trains, hydraulics, electrical, air conditioning, and monitoring and accessories.

For more information, please contact Steve Brown at: Steve.Brown@ed.gov or Larry Case at: Larry.Case@ed.gov.

FFA Week Contest Winners Announced

The National FFA Week contest encourages chapters to plan events incorporating the themes of outreach, environment, service, gratitude, and fellowship. FFA member participants submit pictures, an essay outlining their planning process, details of their events, and their overall results. The winning chapter is featured in a story on the FFA Today television show and receives a gift certificate for FFAUnlimited.org and merchandise from the official National FFA Week sponsors, Tractor Supply Company, and Carhartt.

FFA chapters recently recognized schools for their hard work on events ranging from community service to environmental awareness include:

- 1st Place: DeKalb High School FFA chapter from Waterloo, IN. Throughout the week, members planned several events to educate community members about agriculture and the benefits of FFA. They conducted a special lesson for elementary-age children using pizza, explaining all of the ingredients and the types of farms they come from. To raise awareness about FFA, the members made special presentations for their school board and their town mayor. DeKalb FFA also raised money for a local children's hospital and built bird houses for a nearby nature center.
- 2nd Place: Oconee County Middle School FFA Chapter in Watkinsville, GA. Members visited a local nursing home, planned teacher appreciation events, planted trees and decorated their school and town to show off their FFA pride.
- 3rd Place: Rushville High School FFA Chapter in Rushville, IN, a repeat winner. Members planned recycling events and participated in a Big Brother, Big Sister bowling activity.

For further information, contact Larry Case at: Larry.Case@ed.gov.

Perkins 2009 Monitoring Schedule

Note: Unless specified with an asterisk (*), monitoring visits will be full, week-long visits.

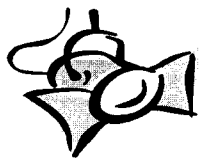
State	Dates
Oregon	July 13-17, 2009
District of Columbia	August 10-14, 2009
Nevada	August 24-28, 2009
Puerto Rico	September 21-25, 2009

For information on monitoring visits, please contact Ed Smith at Edward.Smith@ed.gov or Len Lintner at Len.Lintner@ed.gov.

Mark Your Calendar!

(Note: Events listed below are sponsored or funded by OVAE, or are events at which OVAE will present)

Event Title/Sponsor	Dates/Location	DATE Point of Contact
2009 National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Convention/NCPN	September 30-October 3, 2009 Atlanta, GA	Ellen.Holland@ed.gov
ACTE 2009 Convention/Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)	November 19-21, 2009 Nashville, TN	Scott.Hess@ed.gov



Spotlight on Effective Practices!

SSI Reports Data on Over 1.4 Million Student Enrollments!

The State Scholars Initiative (SSI) recently released the *Final Year Four Evaluation Report for Project Goals Two and Three*, which includes data and information on high school student course-taking patterns and stakeholders' perceptions regarding high school student course-taking patterns. The report is available at: <http://www.wiche.edu/statescholars/files/EvalRptYear4.pdf>.

The *Final Year Four Evaluation Report for Goal One*, which focuses on business-education relationships in the states, will be released this summer.

For further information, contact Nancy Brooks at nancy.brooks@ed.gov or Terese Rainwater at trainwater@wiche.edu.