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

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Message from the Director

The entire DATE team bids a fond farewell to Bonnie Marmor, State Director for Career and Technical Education, who is retiring from the Florida Department of Education on March 31, 2008. DATE staff will miss Bonnie's extensive experience and wonderful insights that always contributed to more thoughtful discussions and better approaches for serving career and technical education students in Florida and across the nation. We will miss Bonnie's calm disposition and cheerful manner. We wish Bonnie all the best for an enjoyable retirement!

Sharon Lee Miller
Director, DATE

New Perkins IV Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)

A notice inviting public comment on the new Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) form on which states will report data under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) has been posted by the department in the [Federal Register](#). Please visit: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/08-648.pdf/>

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and clicking on link number 3576. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view the CAR form.

Please take time to review the new CAR and let us know your thoughts about how it can be improved!

Estimated State Allocations for FY 2008 Perkins IV Grant Awards

A memo from Assistant Secretary Troy Justesen was issued last week with estimated state allocations for FY 2008 Perkins IV grant awards. The memo will be posted shortly to OVAE's Web site. Meanwhile, if you need a copy, please contact Carole Gisriel at carole.gisriel@ed.gov or (202) 245-7719.

Questions about your state's allocations may be directed to Andy Johnson at andrew.johnson@ed.gov or (202) 245-7786.

FY 2004-2005 Report to Congress

The FY 2004-05 report to Congress on states' performance under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins III) has been posted to OVAE's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/ovae/2005perkins.pdf>

Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) Review

DATE staff are finalizing their reviews of state's FY 2006-07 Consolidated Annual Reports (CAR). As in year's past, each state will receive a letter from Sharon Miller with the results of its CAR review. The letter will note any issues and/or deficiencies that might result in special conditions being attached to a state's July 1, 2008, Perkins grant awards. Letters will be issued in mid-March.

Financial Management Workshop Planned

DATE staff members are planning a financial management workshop on September 11, 2008, in Mystic, CT, to coincide with the 2008 National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) meeting. The workshop will provide a forum for state CTE directors and their financial management personnel to develop a better understanding of the financial processes and requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. Tentative topics on the agenda include financial reporting, maintenance of effort/matching, GAPS drawdowns, time distribution, and indirect costs. A Save-the-Date notice and tentative agenda will be issued within the next few months.

For more information, contact either Nancy Essey at nancy.essey@ed.gov on (202) 245-7789 or Sterling August at sterling.august@ed.gov on (202) 245-6046.

OVAE Morning Planned for NASDCTEc Spring Meeting

The morning session on April 2nd of the NASDCTEc spring meeting will be devoted to OVAE's implementation of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV). Agenda items include:

- *Breakfast and Open Dialogue* moderated by Sharon Lee Miller, Director of the Division of Academic and Technical Education
- *Discussion* with Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education Troy Justesen
- *Accountability Panel Discussion* moderated by John Haigh, Chief of the Accountability and Performance Branch
- *State Administration Update* moderated by Edward Smith, Branch Chief, Program Administration
- *Program Initiatives Update* moderated by Scott Hess, Branch Chief, College and Career Transitions
- *Community College Initiative Update* by Pat Stanley, Deputy Assistant Secretary

For more information about this morning session, contact Nancy Brooks at nancy.brooks@ed.gov or (202) 245-7774, or Steve Frank at steve.frank@ed.gov or (202) 245-6051.

State Scholars Summit Planned

OVAE, in collaboration with the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) will host a *National Summit on Academic Rigor and Relevance* on April 29-30, 2008, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers in Boston, MA. The purpose of the summit is two-fold: (1) to examine the role and effectiveness of the business community in driving national education reform conversations; and (2) to discuss policies and reform efforts to increase academic rigor and relevance in high school.

All states have been invited to send one six-member team to the summit. Twenty-three states have registered teams so far: AR, AZ, CT, FL, IA, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, MS, NE, NH, NM, OK, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, and WY. The first 40 states to register a team will be provided honoraria, which will cover registration fees, meals, and lodging for up to two nights for each team member.

For more information, please contact Nancy Brooks at nancy.brooks@ed.gov or (202) 245-7774, or Terese Rainwater at trainwater@wiche.edu or (303) 541-0225.

New DVD to Guide Eighth Grade Students into Rigorous Math Programs

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE), as part of the State Scholars Initiative, has produced a 17-minute DVD *Do the Math* that encourages 8th graders to register for a rigorous high school course of study. This informational video contains interviews with a wide range of professionals that include Nobel Prize-winning physicist Leon Lederman (also an SSI Advisory Board member), a TV sports reporter, an MIT robot-inventor, a fashion designer, an award-winning composer, a Princeton sociologist (the first in her family to go to college) and others. Participants were asked to tell students in real-life terms why a rigorous course of study that includes math, science, social studies, English, and foreign language is so important today, and so critical to their own professional work. In addition, high school students in several SSI states were asked to reflect on their dreams for the future and how a rigorous course of study like SSI's could help them achieve those dreams. The DVD is available as a streamed video and as a pod cast. Please visit: <http://www.wiche.edu/statescholars/dvd/>

For news about other SSI programs and products, please see the latest edition of the SSI newsletter at: <http://www.wiche.edu/statescholars/newsletter/>

Career Pathway Plan Presented to DOT/ Maritime Groups

Gisela Harkin, OVAE's Career Development Program Officer, will address The Ship Operations Cooperative Program Conference on the topic *Career Pathway Plan of Study for Learners, Parents, Counselors, and Teachers within the Transportation Cluster*.

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program is an industry-government partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Maritime Administration. They are hosting the conference on April 1-2, 2008, at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The goal of the conference is to connect people and institutions that share common interests in promoting maritime education and examine ways to increase awareness about the career opportunities for graduates of these programs within the maritime industry.

For further information on the transportation cluster, please contact Gisela Harkin at: Gisela.Harkin@ed.gov or (202) 245-7796.

Perkins Monitoring Team Visits Utah in March

The monitoring team will conduct a full site visit to Utah the week of March 3-7, 2008. After this visit, the monitoring team will take a long-deserved break—although they will be reading five-year state plans!—until June.

For further information, please contact Andy Johnson at: Andrew.johnson@ed.gov or (202) 245-7786.

OVAE Participates in the National Council of Rehabilitation Educators 2008 Spring Conference

Scott Hess, Chief of DATE's College and Career Transition Branch and Edward Smith, Chief of DATE's Program Administration Branch addressed the National Council of Rehabilitation Educators 2008 Spring Conference in San Antonio, TX, on February 14, 2008. They addressed the topic of *Sixteen Career Clusters: An Important Tool in the Development of a Successful Transition Plan for Students with Disabilities*.

The session presented the efforts of OVAE, in collaboration with the Department's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), to adapt the career cluster model for use with students with disabilities and their parents, vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselors, and special education educators. The 16 career clusters, with their emphasis on programs of study, are invaluable tools that can assist VR counselors, transition coordinators, and special education educators in developing transition plans for students who are eligible for services provided by state VR agencies.

For more information on this effort, contact Scott Hess at: scott.hess@ed.gov or (202) 245-7772.

Agricultural Education News

On February 19, 2008, Larry Case, National FFA Advisor and CEO, represented the National FFA Organization at the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) during their annual awards luncheon where they were recognized as the 2007-2008 recipient of the Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

This award is presented to an individual or group in appreciation for their service to agriculture other than directly in the farm management and rural appraisal professions. Former recipients have included: Orville G. Bentley, first Assistant Secretary for Science and Education; Earl O. Heady, White House Committee on Domestic Affairs for expertise on agricultural development issues under LBJ; Dean Kleckner, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; John Block, Secretary of Agriculture and James R. Moseley, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture at the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Congressmen Charles Stenholm and Richard Lugar, all great leaders of agriculture from many walks of life. This award is a testament to the work of all agricultural education professionals across our nation committed to providing strong local and state programs.

For more information on the award, contact Larry Case at larry.case@ed.gov or (202) 245-7779.

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
Monitoring team visit to the state of Utah	March 3-7, 2008 Salt Lake City, Utah	andrew.johnson@ed.gov
2008 State CTE Director's Spring Meeting – NASDCTEc	March 29 - April 2, 2008 Washington, DC	nancy.brooks@ed.gov steve.frank@ed.gov
The Ship Operations Cooperative Program Conference - <i>Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies</i>	April 1-2, 2008 Linthicum Heights, MD	gisela.harkin@ed.gov
State Scholars Initiative (SSI) Institute – <i>Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE)</i>	April 29-30, 2008 Boston, MA	nancy.brooks@ed.gov
28 th Annual Conference of the National Association for Career and Technical Education Information – <i>NASDCTEc/NACTEI</i>	May 20-23, 2008 Boise, ID	john.haigh@ed.gov
2008 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Development - <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD)</i>	May 25-28, 2008 Austin, TX	ellen.holland@ed.gov
6 th Annual Career Clusters Institute – <i>NASDCTEc</i>	June 16-18, 2008 Atlanta, GA	scott.hess@ed.gov
Financial Management Institute (FMI)	September 11, 2008 Mystic, CT	nancy.essey@ed.gov