

# *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***

This month, DATE welcomes a new staff member who will serve as Deputy Director. Margaret Romer brings a wealth of experience to our division having served as Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) Tracy Justesen, other posts in OSERS, as well as leadership and teaching positions in the District of Columbia Public Schools. She will assist in our office's efforts to serve students with disabilities and other barriers to participation in career and technical education programs. Margaret has degrees in special education and business from the University of Maryland and University of Pennsylvania. We hope you will have the opportunity to meet Margaret in person soon!

Sharon Lee Miller  
Director, DATE

## ***Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) - Reminder***

The Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) database is for states to begin reporting their narrative, fiscal, and accountability information and data for program year (PY) 2007-2008. States must finalize their submissions by the December 31, 2008, reporting deadline.

***As a reminder, for PY 2007-08, states are only required to submit the following accountability data:***

- Enrollment data for all students, by disaggregated categories of students, and tech prep students (if the state has maintained all or a portion of its Title II tech prep program).
- Performance data on the three Perkins indicators that are tied to the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)—academic attainment in reading/language arts, academic attainment in mathematics, and graduation rates. States must provide this data for all students, by disaggregated categories of students and, tech prep students (if the state has maintained all or a portion of its Title II tech prep program).

For more information, contact Sharon Head [sharon.head@ed.gov](mailto:sharon.head@ed.gov)

## ***State Scholars Has Two New Products***

The State Scholars Initiative (SSI) recently completed their September newsletter, which features updates on the expansion of the SSI programs in nine states: Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and Utah. The newsletter can be found at: <http://wiche.edu/statescholars/newsletter/08sept/index.aspx>.

The proceedings document from the April 2008 summit, *No Longer at Risk: A Nation in Peril*, is also now available. Among other things, the proceedings contain the PowerPoint slides that were presented at the summit. The document is available online at:  
<http://www.wiche.edu/statescholars/summit/proceedings.pdf>.

For more information on the SSI, contact Nancy Brooks at [nancy.brooks@ed.gov](mailto:nancy.brooks@ed.gov).

### ***New Rigorous Programs of Study Grantees Meet in DC***

DATE hosted an orientation meeting from October 20-21, 2008, in Washington, DC, for the six states that were awarded grants under the *Developing Rigorous Programs of Study Through Statewide Articulation Agreements Initiative*: Florida, Indiana, Hawaii, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and South Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was four-fold: (1) provide an orientation for directors and staff, (2) establish networking communities, (3) identify commonalities and differences among states for working on program and policy barriers, and (4) develop action strategies for the grant program.

For more information on the grantees, contact Scott Hess at: [scott.hess@ed.gov](mailto:scott.hess@ed.gov)

### ***Financial Management Workshop Held in October***

DATE conducted a one-day financial management workshop on October 17, 2008, in Washington, DC for state career and technical education directors and their financial management personnel. The purpose of the session was to help individuals develop a better understanding of the financial processes and requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. Over 100 individuals attended the workshop.

OVAE plans to make recordings of the workshop sessions available for those who were not in attendance. Stay tuned for further details.

For further information, contact Sterling August at [sterling.august@ed.gov](mailto:sterling.august@ed.gov) or Nancy Essey at [nancy.essey@ed.gov](mailto:nancy.essey@ed.gov).

### ***Virtual Data Quality Institute Held in October***

The Virtual Data Quality Institute (DQI) was held on October 2-3, 2008. The main purpose of the institute was to provide state teams with technical assistance on the Perkins IV core indicators of student technical skills attainment. Over 460 participants from 52 states participated!

Background materials and PowerPoint presentations from the virtual DQI remain available on the Peer Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN) at  
<http://www.ovae.org/DQI/index.cfm?page=ebinder.cfm>.

For more information, contact John Haigh at: [john.haigh@ed.gov](mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov).

### ***Next Step Work Group***

The Next Step Work Group will host its monthly conference call on November 6, 2008, from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Topics for discussion will include:

- Debrief on the 15th Annual Data Quality Institute
- Debrief on the Financial Management Institute
- Preparation Strategies for 2008 Perkins IV Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)

- Clarification on Technical Skills Attainment Measurement Definition presented at the October Virtual DQI.

The agenda and call in information is available on the PCRN website at <http://cte.ed.gov/quality/index.cfm>.

### ***Agricultural Education Update***

The National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) met from September 30-October 3, 2008, in Columbus, OH, to promote the growth of quality agricultural science education programs nationwide. The NCAE took action on several items:

- The current structure and evaluation methods of the experiential learning component of agricultural science education and potential changes.
- A teacher supply and demand study as a joint project between the NCAE and the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE).
- The allocation of \$15,000 to identify and evaluate existing innovative program delivery models for agricultural education.
- The establishment of a post-secondary Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Taskforce to extend the growth and quality initiatives to post-secondary instruction and ensure seamless transitions between secondary and post-secondary levels.
- The approval of the National Curriculum Content Standards for agricultural, food and natural resources.

For further information about the NCAE, contact Larry Case at [Larry.case@ed.gov](mailto:Larry.case@ed.gov) or visit <http://www.teamaged.org/councilindex.cfm>.

### ***NCC-CTSO Meeting at OVAE***

The National Coordinating Council for Career Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO) held their bi-monthly meeting on October 16, 2008, at the OVAE headquarters in Washington, DC. Each organization provided information about recent and upcoming events as well as key initiatives, including:

- The Student Technology Association's Web site redesign ([www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org)).
- FCCLA and SkillsUSA student Congressional visits.
- Update on the Collaborative CTSO International Professional Exchange program organized in Ohio by Business Professionals of America.
- The National FFA Organization's new partnership with Campbell's "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign ([www.helpgrowyoursoup.com](http://www.helpgrowyoursoup.com)).

The group continued to identify areas for potential collaboration, including handling requests from developing countries that want to model our nation's career technical education student organizations.

Mike Smith, President of Alliance for Student Activities, spoke about a new effort to advocate for student engagement in extracurricular activities. For information, visit the Web site at: [www.alliance4studentactivities.org](http://www.alliance4studentactivities.org)

For more information on the NCC-CTSO, contact Steve Brown at [Steve.brown@ed.gov](mailto:Steve.brown@ed.gov).

## **National FFA Celebrates 81<sup>st</sup> Convention**

The National FFA Organization celebrated its 81st National Convention from October 22-25, 2008, in Indianapolis, IN. Over 54,000 FFA members, advisors, parents, school administrators, business and industry sponsors, and other guests were in attendance.

OVAE sponsored an interactive booth in the career show that promoted careers in teaching agricultural education.

In addition, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer addressed the convention and challenged the students to make a difference and share the story of contemporary agriculture. He also signed a memorandum of understanding between USDA and FFA to advance school-based agricultural education.

Highlights of the convention can be found at <http://convention.ffa.org/>. For further information, contact Larry Case at: [www.Larry.Case@ed.gov](mailto:www.Larry.Case@ed.gov)

## **Perkins Monitoring Team Schedule**

Upcoming scheduled monitoring trips include:

- November - Full monitoring visit to Wyoming from November 3-7, 2008.
- December - Full monitoring visit to Connecticut December 8-12, 2008.

For more information on the monitoring visits, contact Ed Smith at: [edward.smith@ed.gov](mailto:edward.smith@ed.gov)

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

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

<b>Event Title/Sponsor</b>	<b>Dates/Location</b>	<b>DATE Point of Contact</b>
42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference - <i>Council for Resource Development (CRD)</i>	November 5-8, 2008 Washington, DC	<a href="mailto:Ellen.holland@ed.gov">Ellen.holland@ed.gov</a>
Next Steps Work Group Conference Call - <i>DATE</i>	November 6, 2008 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. EST	<a href="mailto:John.haigh@ed.gov">John.haigh@ed.gov</a>
2008 ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo – <i>Association for Career and Technical Education</i>	December 4-6, 2008 Charlotte, NC	<a href="mailto:Edward.smith@ed.gov">Edward.smith@ed.gov</a>