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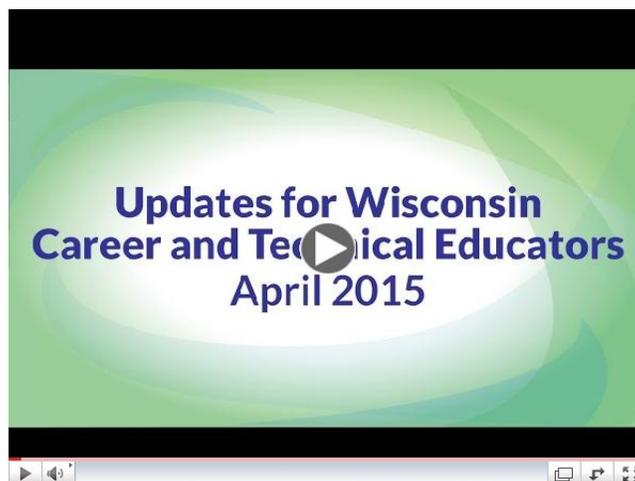


Notes from the Director

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The last few months have been very busy as usual for the Career & Technical Education (CTE) team. We celebrated another successful CTE Month in February showcasing various quality CTE programs throughout the state! We hope you caught our posts and tweets on these wonderful visits. Thanks much to the districts for assisting us in hosting these amazing events.

Our newsletter has been reformatted to be mobile friendly. Additionally we have incorporated videos and photos to highlight our various activities. Below is my video to you which provides several updates on our current initiatives.



Wisconsin CTE Updates - April 2015

As always, thank you for all your hard work in providing opportunities to

students through quality Career and Technical Education.

Business & Information Technology

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BM&IT Spring Updates

During the 2015 Business, Marketing and Information Technology Spring Update Professional Development offerings, educators came together around the state to learn about the following:

- Technical College Tips, Trends, Strategies, and Curriculum Program Updates
- Importance of Integrating Project Management into BM&IT Curriculum.
- Bridging to Achievement & Success in the Classroom
- Best B&IT Educator Practices and Assessing Student Outcomes

Thanks to all attendees and our technical college partners in Milwaukee, Rice Lake, and Appleton. Event materials along with future professional development events offered this year may be accessed online at

http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/bit_standards_resources.

The Wisconsin Educators of Business & Information Technology have announced the 2015 Fall Convention will be held October 8-9 in Appleton. Visit

<http://www.webitonline.org> for additional details and view Professional Tips & Google Hangouts that include a recent presentation on the implementation of WorkKeys in Wisconsin.

FBLA

Many educators and their students are "Stepping Up to the Challenge" at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference (SLC) in April. La Crosse will host over 2700 FBLA members, advisers and volunteers in over 80 competitive events, leadership activities, and business tours. We are excited to announce that this year's SLC will add new experiences for all members to participate in the following:

- a digital scavenger hunt to learn more about FBLA, the history of La Crosse, and the local business industries;
- the development of a member's conference professional portfolio through digital badge awards;

- open competitive events for all members in Advertising; Human Resources; Leadership; Project Management; Social Media; and Web 2.0.

Check out the State Leadership Conference Preview Video and see the [Wisconsin SLC Website](#) for more information. Competitive events winners will advance to compete against 12,000 other FBLA national members in Chicago later in June. Do you have business partners that may be interested in judging at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago? Have them sign up today!



**Wisconsin FBLA State Leadership
Conference 2015 Promotion**

Marketing Management & Entrepreneurship

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Wisconsin [DECA](#) celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary on March 10, 2015. Some of the golden activities included:

- School Administrator/Leader Day
 - Over 40 attendees which represented approximately 25% of the participating school districts
 - Special presentations from:
 - State Superintendent of Public Instruction-Dr. Tony Evers
 - DECA Inc. Executive Director-Paul Wardinski
 - DECA Inc. Education Director-Dr. Michelle Walker
- Golden Reception

- Over 100 past and current leaders in Wisconsin DECA
- Parade of Success at Opening Session
 - State conference attendees had the opportunity to experience the parade of success showcasing: past alumni, advisors, judges, state & national officers.
- Here is a special 50th Wisconsin DECA anniversary video:



DECA Students with Paul Wardinski



Wisconsin DECA Through the Years

In addition to the golden anniversary experiences, over 1,300 Wisconsin DECA members and advisors attended the State Career Development Conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin from March 10-12. Students had the opportunity to compete in over 50 competitive events and qualify for the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida at the end of the April. The top qualifiers from each event and additional state conference information is posted at www.wideca.org. A special thanks to over 40 schools around the state, for their dedication to community service donating a check to MDA for over \$32,000.



Wisconsin DECA presented the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

Health Science

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Future Health Professionals continues to grow, with a record 790 registered participants for the State Leadership Conference to be held at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on April 19-21, 2015, exceeding last year's number of 550. Members, advisors, and guests will enhance their understanding of the health care field and health related initiatives. A total of 815 competitive event entries will showcase knowledge and skills in 43 events, including this year's addition of Public Health, Public Service Announcement, and Medical Innovation.

[Click here to see what HOSA is all about...](#)



CTSO Government Day 2015

State officers of DECA, FBLA, FCCA, , FFA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA and their state advisors were at the Wisconsin Capitol on February 12, 2015 to showcase success of student organizations of Career and Technical Education and to collaborate on visits to state senators and representatives. Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed the student leaders and spoke of the importance of CTE's role in college and career readiness. He also recognized Lake Geneva Badger HS and South Milwaukee HS for receiving grants through their community involvement in student-directed awareness and education activities for teen driving safety. The CTSO Collaborative Traffic Safety Project was implemented in the fall of 2014 from a sponsorship of Children's Hospital of Milwaukee-Crossroads Teen Driving. The mission and focus of the teen traffic safety grants in Wisconsin were to focus on one of five areas which included: 1) Distracted Driving 2) Seat Belt Use 3) Speeding 4) impaired Driving 5) Passengers.

Family & Consumer Science

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- [WAFCS Annual Conference](#)

- March 26-28, 2015 - Three Bears Resort, Warrens
- [FCCLA State Leadership Conference](#)
April 13-15, 2015 - Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells
 - State Officer Training
June 14-17, 2015 - Edgewood College, Madison
 - Food Science Workshop and Professional Development
UW-Stout-Week of June 22. Information distributed through list serv.
 - [National FCCLA Leadership Conference](#)
July 5-9, 2015 - Washington DC
 - [WFCE Annual Conference](#)
August 3-5, 2015 - Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska
 - [ServSafe Training](#) Available at WFCE Conference

Dual Enrollment/Youth Options/Course Options

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The Governor's budget proposal contained no revisions to the Course Options or Youth Options statutes. To date, there have been no revisions proposed by the Legislature. The DPI policy and budget staff is working with other institutions and organizations to consider changes that could benefit the program and/or address some of the challenges that have been identified. In the meantime, we encourage all districts and educational institutions to work together to meet student needs the best they can within the provisions of the existing statutes.

Course Options information and materials are available on the [Course Options website](#), and information about Youth Options is available at the [Youth Options website](#).

CTEERS

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The final phase of collecting former student responses for the 2014 Concentrator Completer Graduate Follow-up report is coming up. This report is *due on or before May 1st*.

The updated [CTEERS Field Manual for 2015](#) has been updated in preparation for the submittal of the 2014-15 Composite Enrollment Report which is due on or before July 15th.

Just a note based upon last year's reporting, review your file before submission to me for the following:

- Use the 10-digit Wisconsin Student Number (WSN) for each student
- All students are captured in the reporting universe of 11th, 12th and ungraded (13) for the reporting period for your district
- All data fields are properly coded as specified in the CTEERS Field Manual for each student within the report.

Finally, a tentative date of April 16th has been set for a webinar regarding [CTEERS](#). This webinar will be an hour in length and focus on CTEERS. The session will be recorded for future access. Watch for an email on the live event specifics.

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[SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference](#)

The 42nd Annual [SkillsUSA](#) State Secondary Leadership & Skills Conference 2015 will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI, April 28-30, 2015. The event is returning to a 3-day format and will be bigger and better than ever.

The [51st Annual National SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference](#) will be held June 22-26, 2015 in Louisville, KY showcasing more than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields.



SkillsUSA National Conference Preview

Agriculture & Natural Resources

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[FFA Convention](#)

The 86th Wisconsin Association of FFA Convention will be June 15-18, 2015 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Check out our new FFA Emblem...



New FFA Emblem

[Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators](#)

The 98th WAAE Professional Development Conference in Middleton at the Marriott Madison West, June 22-25, 2015. Over 75 professional development workshops which include working with the revised AFNR standards, SLO's and many others will be presented throughout the week.

Carl Perkins Grants

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Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006

A friendly reminder that 2014-15 budget revisions based on [reallocation numbers](#) are due **April 15**. It is recommended to complete revisions as soon as

possible. A copy of your current budget is kept with our team and a copy is shared with Federal Aids and Audit. As claims are submitted to Federal Aids, they need to match your budget. Any discrepancy would hold up your claims.

Career Pathways

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Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants

2014 FUNDING

DPI is in the final stages of verifying current certifications claimed by school districts for students that graduated in 2014. It is anticipated that school districts will receive their funds later this spring.

Approximately 3400 student claims were submitted. The total allocation for this grant program is \$3 million. It is not possible to determine the final grant amounts until all certifications are verified. If more than 3000 students are deemed eligible upon final verification, the total appropriation will be prorated. For more information about the grant, please see:

http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_technical-incentive-grants

2015 FUNDING

The future of the Career and Technical Incentive Grant program remains unclear at this point. The 2015-17 Governor's Budget Proposal calls for elimination of the Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants. The proposal outlines transferring the \$3 million in funds to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). DWD would be authorized to make "grants to school districts for the development of programs that are designed to mitigate workforce shortages in industries and occupations that are experiencing a workforce shortage, as determined by DWD, and to assist pupils in graduating with industry-recognized certifications in those industries and occupations." This proposal would eliminate funding certainty for school districts as the grant money would no longer be contingent upon a student graduating with the credential.

Academic & Career Planning

The DPI ACP Team is working with a number of partners to develop guidance, training, and support materials to help equip schools with tools and resources needed to implement ACP. Recent updates include:

- The ACP procurement [request for proposal](#) (RFP), for a voluntary statewide software tool has been published by DOA.
- The Administrative Rule for Academic and Career Planning was submitted to the Wisconsin Legislative Council. This proposed rule will update PI 26 to implement the new academic and career planning requirements and connect school districts' Education for Employment Plans and Programs to the new academic and career planning requirements. A public hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2015, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Instruction, Madison.
- Release of the draft ACP Planning Template and Self-Assessment Rubric,
- Development of training competencies with a corresponding training outline due soon,
- Pilot planning and application development for ACP Pilot schools and,
- Planning for the 1st Fall ACP Leadership Conference Nov 16-17, 2015 at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

To stay apprised of current, ongoing ACP information, including connections to other DPI educational services, please feel free to utilize any one of the following sources:

- ACP Webpage: <http://dpi.wi.gov/acp>
- ACP Email List: Subscribe at <http://dpi.wi.gov/acp>
- ACP Blog: <http://dpiwisacp.blogspot.com>
- ACP on Twitter: @WisDPI_ACP
- ACP Google Community (public): WI DPI Academic and Career Planning

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Keep up all your great work! Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Enjoy your spring breaks! Should you have any questions, please contact your education consultant or myself.



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