



Message from the Director

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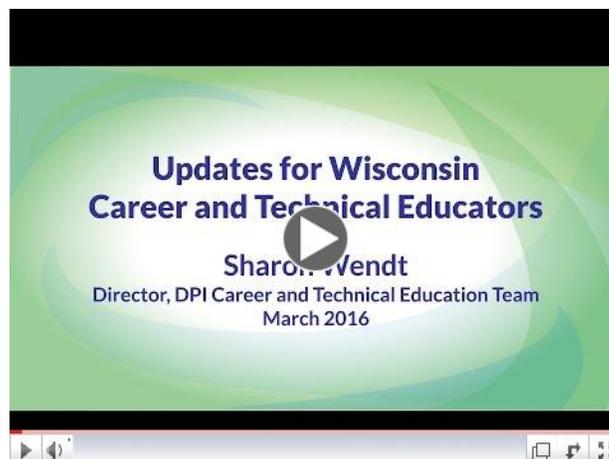
Team Director

Career & Technical Education

Happy Spring!

This is our Spring edition of the CTE newsletter. There are lots of updates and other information included. Our team is available to assist you as you wrap up the school year.

We'd love to spotlight your college and career success stories through our social media platforms. Please click [here](#) for the submission form-- we look forward to showcasing your CTE programs in the future!



[Click here to see "What's New" on our CTE Website](#)

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Personal Financial Literacy Grants

The Department of Financial Institutions and the Department of Public Instruction are offering PFL grants with a focus on student loan debt again for the 2016-2017 school year. Grant submissions are open until April 20, 2016. More information and the application at <http://dpi.wi.gov/finance/grants>.

Carl Perkins Grants

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Budget Revisions

A friendly reminder that 2015-16 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 the Federal Aids and Audit team. As claims are submitted to Federal Aids, they need to match your budget. Any discrepancy would hold up your claims.

CTEERS

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2015 Graduate Follow Up

The final phase of collecting former student responses for the 2015 Concentrator Completer Graduate Follow-up report is coming up. This report file is due on or before May 1st.

The CTEERS Field Manual has been updated in preparation for the submission of the 2015-16 Composite Enrollment Report which is due [read more...](#)

CTE PROGRAM AREAS

Business & Information Technology

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Microsoft IT Academies in Wisconsin

Over 184 locations have joined the Microsoft Imagine Academy program and will offer Microsoft Office Specialist certification testing opportunities over the 2015-2016 and [read more...](#)

Wisconsin Educators of Business & Information Technology

Our professional organization for the Wisconsin Educators of Business & Information Technology has released the following dates for future conventions [read more...](#)

FBLA

WISCONSIN STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Many educators and their students will "Connect" 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 [read more...](#)

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Competitive events winners will advance to compete against 12,000 other FBLA national members in Atlanta [read more...](#)

PREPARE FOR 2016-2017: We are excited to share that we have

already booked dates for the 2016 regional Fall Leadership Labs [read more...](#)

Marketing Management & Entrepreneurship

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Young Entrepreneur of the Year

EY, Junior Achievement and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction would like to congratulate [read more...](#)

DECA

Over 1,500 students, advisors, and judges recently attended the Wisconsin DECA State Career Development Conference (SCDC) on March 8-10, 2016 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In case you missed the award sessions, here is [read more...](#)

Technology & Engineering

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WTEA Spring Conference is Complete

Our teacher association once again had a successful spring conference delivering impactful sessions, a trade show, project showcase, and [read more...](#)

SkillsUSA News

As part of CTE Month, SkillsUSA held five regional events around the state. All regionals were well attended, with two having all time attendance records. Next for our members is the 43rd annual state conference on April 26-27, 2016 at the Alliant Energy Center. New for this year [read more...](#)

Agriculture & Natural Resources

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WAAE News

The 2016 Wisconsin Association for Agriculture Educators Professional Development Conference will be June 27-30, in Appleton, WI at the Paper Valley Hotel. For more information [read more...](#)

2016 National FFA Convention and Expo

The 2016 Wisconsin Association of FFA State Convention-June 13-16 in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center. For more information [read more...](#)

Health Science

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Health Science Teachers Explore Growth Mindset

As part of the annual Health Science Institute held in July 2015, Wisconsin health science teachers have had the opportunity for continued exploration of non-traditional careers and factors that influence student decisions in high school and beyond. Part of the exploration [read more...](#)

HOSA State Leadership Conference:

Bigger and Better

Wisconsin HOSA-Future Health Professionals continues to grow in numbers and involvement each year, with a remarkable 46% increase in membership since [read more...](#)

Family & Consumer Science

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Professional Development Opportunities

The Wisconsin Family and Consumer Educators (WFCE) Annual Conference will be held August 8-10, 2016 at [read more...](#)

FCCLA

The State FCCLA Conference will be held April 18-20, 2016 at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center. The theme Empower/Mepower will allow [read more...](#)

Science Equivalency

The Department of Public Instruction is committed to expanding opportunities for students to meet graduation requirements. In the Fall of 2010, Wisconsin released [read more...](#)

Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)

CTSO Collaborative Teen Driving Safety Project



The Collaborative TEEN DRIVING SAFETY Grants were recently awarded to the following schools: [read more...](#)

CTSO Promotional Video

CTSOs are a vital part of a quality CTE program. Check out the video from Wisconsin CTOS which highlights skills and knowledge that student officers and members have gained by being involved with a CTOS in their school and district.



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Through Wisconsin CTSOs

College & Career Readiness

Dual Enrollment

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Dual Enrollment

As efforts continue to expand dual enrollment opportunities for students, there are a number of issues and insights of which students, parents, and schools should be aware, including some of the costs [read more...](#)

While Course Options is the only dual enrollment program that has changed statutorily or operationally in the recent past, increasing interest and participation in all dual enrollment programs is exposing and possibly expanding some challenges inherent in all such programs. These include [read more...](#)

Course Options

If you are new to working with Course Options or facing a new situation about which you are unsure, try looking through the Course Options

Frequently Asked Questions document. This addresses the most [read more...](#)

Youth Options

There have been no changes to Youth Options specifically, but some of the common issues related to dual enrollment programs are [read more...](#)

Transcripted Credits

There have been no changes to Transcripted Credits specifically, but some of the common issues related to dual enrollment programs are affecting [read more...](#)

Career Pathways

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Academic and Career Planning (ACP)

We are pleased to announce the ACP SAVE the DATE: December 6-7, 2016 at Monona Terrace, Madison for the 2016 ACP Leadership Conference. We will be once again offering team rates to attend with a capacity to host up to 2000! This year's conference will highlight schools [read more...](#)

Work is beginning to wrap up with the 25 ACP pilot districts in the next few months. With help from a partnership with the UW- Wisconsin Center for Educational Research (WCER), we will be examining best practices, successes, and challenges building ACP implementation [read more...](#)

Please stay current by subscribing to the ACP Email List on the main webpage at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/acp>(scroll down to sign up).

CTE Incentive Grant Funding

In 2015 authority for programming oversight and funding of CTE Technical Incentive grants passed to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). DPI issued applications to receive these funds on October 23, 2015. Over 250 school district applications for Class of 2015 graduates were received by the due date on December 15, 2015. Verification of the more than [read more...](#)

WISELearn

Have you heard about WISELearn? Visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/wisearn> and share information with your instructional leaders about the wide array of resources the Department of Public Instruction is building to support your local school district. Get updates about the critical **What, Why, and How** in order to take advantage of these new statewide tools. [Read more...](#)

Google+ Communities

WISELearn, our state's educator portal, has created discipline-specific communities designed to support Wisconsin's educators. These social networks consist of professional learning communities where educators can connect, communicate, and collaborate.

Please encourage your CTE teachers to join this new platform for professional development.

Join our WISELearn CTE Communities at:

- [WI DPI Agriculture Education / FFA / WAAE](#)
- [WI DPI Business & IT Education / FBLA / WEBIT](#)
- [WI DPI Family & Consumer Science Ed / FCCLA / WFCE](#)
- [WI DPI Health Science Education / HOSA / HOPE](#)
- [WI DPI Marketing Education / DECA / WMEA](#)
- [WI DPI Technology & Engineering / SkillsUSA / WTEA](#)

Once your request is confirmed, you can access and enjoy your educator community. Within the community you can share your questions and answers with peers while connecting over the triumphs

and challenges of teaching. We hope to see you there!

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