



CCCS Perkins IV CTE Strategic Planning Retreat

The Carl D. Perkins IV Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 ushers in a new era for Colorado CTE and further focuses these federal dollars to meet educational and workforce needs. Prompted by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), a Colorado CTE Five-Year Plan will be created, offering a vision for the Colorado Community College System to build a “Bridge to Opportunity” for all Colorado students and create a seamless transition from K-20 education to high-wage careers.

In partnership with the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA), the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Educators (CACTE), local secondary and post-secondary CTE directors, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Workforce and Employment, Colorado Commission of Higher Education and local community members, the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) has created the CTE Strategic Planning Work Group to assist in the development of a State Plan that will establish a clear CTE vision, ensuring educational opportunities for all Colorado students.

The Colorado State Planning Work Group attended a two-day retreat on January 22 and 23 to begin the process of developing a new State Plan. The team worked with Hans Meeder, a national consultant and former assistant secretary of the U. S. Department of Education, who outlined the statutory requirements, explained the role of Career and Technical Education “Career Clusters” and programs of study for students. Overall, Meeder stressed that CTE must be an integral component of the Colorado education and workforce systems to provide for a healthy economy.

The retreat concluded with a meeting between CCCS senior staff members, SBCCOE members and Colorado Department of Education board members that was an opportunity to forge and expand existing relationships regarding CTE as the State embarks on an ambitious 18-month CTE Strategic Planning process.

Join us at the mid-winter CACTA conference to participate in discussions on the new State Plan. The CTE Strategic Planning Work Group wants your input on everything from accountability to technical skills assessment. The CACTA discussions will be facilitated by Dr. Meeder and Dr. Ann Benson, a national expert on career clusters.

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OJC, LCC Receive \$1 million Grant for Nursing Programs

Otero Junior College and Lamar Community College have received word that they have been approved for a grant of nearly \$1 million to benefit their nursing programs.

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration Community-Based Job Training Grant program awarded \$125 million to 72 community college partnerships who successfully competed under the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants initiative.

The grant will help to develop the Health and Education Linking Partnership (HELP) project that is designed to boost the local healthcare industry by addressing the shortage of qualified nursing professionals in the region.

The grant proposal identified that limited capacities in the nursing programs at both OJC and LCC have led to a nursing shortage in the area. By providing additional clinical space and resources, the colleges will attempt to turn this trend around. The HELP initiative will do this through a variety of activities, including creating a mobile simulation lab that can travel between the schools and medical centers for training; and the development of a student recruitment program to provide nursing student scholarships.

The simulation lab will be the primary component of the project. It will feature several stations that will allow students to practice nursing techniques on computerized simulation manikins that can be programmed to mimic a variety of bodily functions and symptoms of various illnesses. Creating the lab in a mobile format enables the colleges to easily share the space while not using up other existing classroom areas.

Although OJC was the lead applicant for the project, several partners came together in developing the proposal. In addition to OJC and LCC, partners include the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center, Prowers County Medical Center, Bent County Healthcare Center, Colorado Workforce Center, Rocky Mountain SER and the East Otero School District.

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FCCLA Leadership Conference, Apr. 13

The Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, scheduled for April 13 at the Denver Marriot Tech Center, is expected to attract nearly 1,000 high school students and teachers from across Colorado.

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Moving NRCCTE Math-in-CTE Model to the Classroom

The National Research Center for Career and Technical Education is moving the compelling results from the evidence-based Math-in-CTE research study into classroom practice by making technical assistance readily available at the request of states. Their approach to technical assistance is based on an apprentice-type model where their Math-in-CTE facilitators work with your state team to teach them the model, how to implement it, and what is required to sustain and grow the model.

Requests for technical assistance in the 2007-08 school year will be accepted through March 30. For answers to questions or for other assistance, please phone call toll-free at (800) 322-9664, or send a request by e-mail to: nrccte@tc.umn.edu

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NAPE Institute Slated for April 16-19

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity will hold its 28th annual Professional Development Institute, "Collaborations: Creating Success for Special Populations," April 16 through 19, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Institute offers programs for equity coordinators, non-traditional coordinators, state and local special population coordinators, Title IX coordinators, professional development and resource project staff, CTE researchers, single parent/displaced homemaker program coordinators, CTE teachers and administrators, TANF program personnel, one-stop program personnel and community-based organization staff.

Highlights of this year's Institute include:

- Keynote speech by Dr. Patricia Stanley, deputy assistant secretary, USDOE, OVAE;
- Intense training, workshops, and forums;
- National experts discussing current issues in education and workforce development;
- Strategies sharing opportunities with state and national leaders;
- Opportunities for interaction with members of Congress and their staffs;
- Opportunities to meet with your own legislators to discuss critical equity issues;
- Participate in a Silent Auction to benefit the NAPE Education Foundation;
- An evening cultural event with your colleagues.

Register at: http://www.napequity.org/nape_online_registration.htm

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CACTA Mid-Winter Conference for Feb. 14-16

The Colorado Association for Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA) Mid-Winter Conference, "Perkins 4.0: The Colorado Promise," is set for Feb. 14 through 16 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. Member registration fee is \$150 and non-members \$250. Conference highlights will include extensive professional development centered on Perkins IV. For registration information, please contact Glen March at 303-734-3871. Other questions can be directed to Karen Ellis (720-423-4868) or Steve Alkire (970-339-6444). For reservations at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort call 800-428-8886.

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Colorado CTE Event Calendar

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar. You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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Regional CTE Workshop Slated

The final half-day "condensed" Career and Technical Education workshops that provides CTE educators an opportunity to meet with the state CTE staff is scheduled for Feb. 23 at San Juan Basin Technical College in Cortez. The workshop will cover a range of topics including the impact of Education Reform on CTE, the development of the new Perkins State Plan, how to measure program effectiveness, and how to develop a five-year plan. The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to network or take a campus tour.

For more information or to download an agenda or an application for substitute pay reimbursement, or to register online, go to <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/Workshops.html>.

For more information, contact Gail Anderson (303-595-1616), Darrell Green (303-595-1580), Patsy Krechel (720-858-2746), Cindy Le Coq (303-595-1590), Scott Stump (303-595-1578) or Pat Sagrillo (303-595-1568).

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VE-135 Follow-up Due Soon

Attention all institutions with approved CTE programs! By now you should have begun the process of gathering placement data on your past year program completers as part of the VE-135 Follow-up **due March 1**. ALL institutions with active CTE programs are required to report this data even if you do not receive CVA or Perkins funding.

The VE-135 website is at <https://ve135.cccs.edu> (new URL). 2006-2007 VE-130 Teacher Updates and VE-135 Follow-up and Enrollment data can all be entered onto the website at this time.

If you have any questions about reporting either the VE-130 or VE-135, please contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527.

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Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at www.cccs.edu. Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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Valuable CTE Websites

CTE Directory: http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf

Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Credentialing Office: <http://www.coloradocredentialing.org/>

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>

FCCLA: www.fccla.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA: www.deca.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA Newsletter: <http://www.deca.cccs.edu/NEWSLETTER.HTM>

SkillsUSA: www.skillsusa.cccs.edu

FBLA-PBL: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/>

FBLA Newsletter: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/newsletters.htm>

FFA: <http://www.njc.edu/ffa/>

HOSA: <http://www.hosa.cccs.edu>

CACTE: www.cacte.org

TSA Colorado: <http://www.cotsa.cccs.edu/>

ACTE: www.acteonline.org

E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>

Colorado Technology Education Association: www.cteaonline.org

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