

# **CTE TRENDS**

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## **Moffat County DECA on the Rise**

The Moffat County High School DECA team returned from the Glenwood Springs DECA Invitational, Oct. 7 and 8, a non-district competition, with 10 students placing in the top 10 of their event.

"That's unheard of for us," Krista Schenck, DECA advisor and high marketing and business teacher, told the Craig Daily Press. "They competed against all the big Denver schools, and big schools from around the state."

According to Schenck, after several uncertain years, the MCHS DECA team is on the rise. "This is by far the biggest team we've ever had," she told the newspaper. "We're really excited. We meet a lot, and our goal for this year is to send as many students to state as we can."

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## **PCC, School District Offer Expanded CTE College Options**

As part of a new agreement with Pueblo Community College, high school students from Pueblo City Schools will be able to leave high school at the end of the their junior year if they have earned 28 required credits.

The new agreement is designed for students who want to move to college early. According to Brenda Krage, District 60 executive director of career and technical secondary education, the new agreement opens the door for students to carry heavier loads.

Among three diploma options is one with a career and technical endorsement. Like the other two, it requires four years of math and language arts. Additionally it requires algebra I and geometry as well as specialized courses. The career and technical endorsement requires four years of science and a full credit in U.S. history. There are requirements for one-and-one-half credits of physical education, one half-credit each of health, freshman and senior seminars and one credit of foreign language.

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## **Colorado Fall Leadership Conferences**

As the kickoff to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Future Business Leaders of America, the Colorado Fall Leadership Conferences (CFLC) drew more than 1,800 attendees.

Taking place at four locations this year and with the help of TRI Leadership, CFLC took *Leadership in Action* to a new level.

Members participated in exciting and difficult TRI workshops that delve into business leadership issues that they will encounter throughout their lives. Workshop content integrated exciting ideas designed as an inspirational kick-off for the coming year.

This year, CFLC raised almost \$2,000 for the March of Dimes.

Thanks to Debbie Ramirez, FBLA state adviser, the State Officer Team, TRI Leadership, Mesa State College, CSU-Pueblo, Northeastern Junior College and other leaders, CFLC concluded a successful year and poised for another. FBLA is now ready to embark on its journey to the State Leadership Conference in Vail.

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### **“New” NRCCTE National Research Center Selected by U.S. Dept. of Education**

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded the University of Louisville (KY) \$20.5 million to fund the new National Research Center on Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE). The largest grant ever received by the College of Education and Human Development, the funds will support research, technical assistance and professional development for CTE nationwide.

Director of the center when it was located in Minnesota, Dr. James R. Stone III, regarded as an expert on technical education, will serve as the NRCCTE director.

Opened Oct. 1, the center and its partners that include the University of Minnesota, Cornell University, Clemson University, Duke University, the Southern Regional Education Board, the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the Academy for Educational Development (AED), National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEC), MPR Associates, and the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI), are formulating a five-year agenda.

Like its predecessor, the new center will continue to position CTE as a key component of high school reform, advocating similar instructional models in different academic areas (science and literacy) and testing the applicability of other models for improving engagement, achievement, and transition for CTE students at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. Additional research will look at preventing high school drop-outs, the best ways to help adults enroll in and complete technical programs at community colleges, and strategies to help train and retain technical teachers. The center will share findings with the states as well as provide national technical assistance to implement new programs and strategies.

For additional information on the new center’s planned activities, contact: Sherrie Schneider, NRCCTE Lead facilitator/educator/research associate, Linda Harrison, NRCCTE lead facilitator/educator/research associate or Karen Ellis, NRCCTE lead facilitator/consultant.

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## **Funds Will Aid Utes' Careers Education Department Grants \$2.8M to Tribe for Training Center**

By Stephanie Paige Ogburn, *Cortez Journal* Staff Writer

Members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will soon be able to receive career counseling and some post-secondary professional training from a new career center based in Towaoc.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$585,853 to the tribe this year, in the first part of a five-year, \$2.8 million grant that funds the career center under the Department of Education's Native American Career and Technical Education Program. The program provides funds to improve technical and career education programs that benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The tribe will use this money to create a career center in the heart of Towaoc, based in the former Youth Opportunity Program building, said Teresa Malone, a consultant from Bayfield-based Peak Partners Consultant Group who wrote the grant for the tribe.

The career center will open in January 2008. The tribe will hire two career advisors and a manager to administer the program.

For the first few months, the career center will be open in an advisory capacity, providing career counseling and opportunities for tribal members to work toward their General Education Development certification.

Then the career center will add additional services, including technical courses taught by staff from San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., and San Juan Basin Technical College.

For the first year of the center's operation, San Juan College will offer a course in administrative skills, including computer and office training, and the tech college will offer courses in heavy equipment operation and construction.

These courses were chosen because those are the areas where the tribe has openings for employment, Malone said.

Many tribal members do not want to leave Towaoc for job training or work, Malone said.

"We felt like, let's bring the training there (to Towaoc), make it convenient," she said.

Malone expects the center will serve 215 tribal members over the next five years.

Additionally, the center will offer support for tribal youths during the summers. Youths also will be able to utilize the career advisors and work in various tribal government and enterprise departments to gain experience.

Malone worked with both San Juan College and San Juan Basin Technical College to plan the technical courses that would be offered if the tribe won the grant. They

were very helpful and willing to work to make sure courses could be taught in Towaoc, Malone said.

"Both colleges are just super supportive and willing to really work with the tribe's needs," she said. "I was really pleased with that."

Grant money will pay for salaries for the counselors and managers who staff the center. It will also pay for instructors sent by the two colleges, and for equipment such as computers and software.

The tribe will use Polycom distance learning software to broadcast classes taught in the career center to its branch in White Mesa, Utah. A career advisor will go to White Mesa once a week to offer services there.

Thirty tribes across the country were awarded grants under the Education Department's Native American Career and Technical Education Program, Malone said.

The program disbursed \$14,799,846 to tribes under the program in 2006, according to data from the Education Department's Web site. – Reprinted with permission of the *Cortez Journal*

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### **CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workday Nov. 14**

The Colorado Community College System will host a CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workday at the CCCS IT Building on the Lowry Campus in Denver, Nov. 14, 1-4:30 p.m.

Designed for school/college staff responsible for submitting CTE Program Approvals Renewals, especially those with renewals due prior to the end of the school year, the workday is set up to expedite the approval/renewal process by first orienting participants to changes in the process that have occurred over the past few years and then complete a program approval/renewal request in a computer lab.

Space for the workday is limited to 49; so register early. Those who register after the session is full will be placed on a waitlist and if there is sufficient interest, a second session will be scheduled and those on the waitlist will be notified.

Registrants will receive a confirmation email with a list of information/materials to bring with them to the program approval/renewal workday. Register now at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?408434>.

The workday will be held in the CCCS IT Building #758, Rooms 138-140, 1059 Alton Way. Maps to the Lowry Campus can be found at [http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/About/Lowry\\_maps.pdf](http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/About/Lowry_maps.pdf)

Questions can be referred to a Program Director (see <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/index.html>) or contact Pat Sagrillo at 303-595-1568 or [pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu](mailto:pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu).

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## Be a Link! - Strategic Plan Topic Teams

The CCCS Career and Technical Education Perkins new State Plan website ([www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com)) has added new items of interest!

On the left hand side of the page you will see a new menu item called "Library". Here are resources for your use. The Library is updated regularly, so stop by often.

You can reach this website directly using the [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) address or you can go to the CCCS home page ([www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu)) then click on Career & Tech Education, and then click on Colorado State Plan Website.

### Partnership effort with Business and Industry

CCCS is collecting information to develop a strategic plan to enhance career and technical education. The plan will include both high school and community college level programs in Colorado.

Expertise from business and industry is highly valued by career and technical educators. This survey is referring to Career and Technical Education in general and not to any specific CTE program. The results will help guide the future direction of Career & Technical Education in Colorado.

We would appreciate your help in getting the word out to your contacts in the business world. The survey is located on the CCCS State Plan Website, right hand column: [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com).

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### 2008 VE-135 Deadlines

CCCS is required by law to collect the VE-135 follow-up and enrollment data each year in order to comply with the accountability requirements set forth by both the state funded Colorado Vocational Act (CVA) and the federally funded Carl D. Perkins Act. The VE-135 enrollment and follow-up data affect your CVA reimbursements, program renewals (5-year trend reports), whether or not you qualify for the extra Perkins reserve funds, and your Perkins performance sub-indicators. Other reports may be produced internally throughout the year for CCCS staff from the data in order to maintain, as well as continually improve, CTE in Colorado.

- You **must report the VE-135 data** even if you do NOT receive state or federal funding for your approved CTE programs.
- If you **contract with another school** to send your students to attend their approved CTE program, then your school is required to provide the VE-135 student enrollment and follow-up data to the contractor institution and they in turn are responsible for reporting the data to CCCS. Both institutions are responsible for implementing a system between them in order to assimilate the data for reporting to CCCS.

The VE-135 reporting deadlines for the 2007-2008 academic year are:

**Follow-up deadline-March 1, 2008**

**Enrollment deadline-June 30, 2008**

Contact Julie Eddy at [julie.eddy@cccs.edu](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. Thank you for all of your reporting efforts!

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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](http://www.cccs.edu). Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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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](http://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](mailto:julie.eddy@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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CTE Directory: [http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc\\_Director\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf)

ACTE: [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)

CACTE: [www.cacte.org](http://www.cacte.org)

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

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Colorado DECA: [www.deca.cccs.edu](http://www.deca.cccs.edu)

Colorado Technology Education Association: [www.cteaonline.org](http://www.cteaonline.org)

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

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

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

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

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

FCCLA: [www.fccla.cccs.edu](http://www.fccla.cccs.edu)

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

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

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

SkillsUSA: [www.skillsusa.cccs.edu](http://www.skillsusa.cccs.edu)

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

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