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Morgan Parker Named 2007-08 National FFA Central Region Vice President

For the second year in a row and the first time in the 80-year history, Colorado FFA has a member selected for national office.

When Morgan Parker attended his first national FFA convention, he saw 50,000 FFA members united by not only a blue jacket, but also a common work ethic, enthusiasm for agriculture and determination to succeed. This ignited a passion in him to reach one of the organization's highest levels of service. Now, the Limon High School FFA chapter member has achieved his goal as he was named the 2007-2008 National FFA Central Region Vice President during the 800 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Jamie Cecil, Arickaree High School FFA Chapter, was the 2006-2007 FFA Central Region Vice President.

Morgan was among six individuals selected from a field of 40 to hold national office. The son of Kipp and Paula Parker, his FFA advisor is Cody Weber. Fulfilling his position will require traveling more than 100,000 miles; meeting top leaders in business, government and education; visiting approximately 40 states; and participating in an international experience tour to Japan. His responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization and promoting agricultural literacy.

The national FFA officer selection process is intense and represents an assessment of years of academic and extracurricular accomplishments made by each student running for office. Nominees must first qualify on the state level to represent their particular state FFA associations. They then submit an in-depth application, detailing their accomplishments and contributions to the community, along with an essay detailing why they desire to be elected to the position. Once at the convention, candidates participate in five rounds of interviews, take an in-depth written test on the organization and agricultural education topics and complete two writing exercises.

Parker is a student at Kansas State University.

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SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference Returns as Annual Event

After several years' absence, Colorado SkillsUSA's Fall Leadership Conference has returned! Held on the campus of Pueblo Community College, Nov. 9-10, more than 65 students and advisors attended the two-day event designed to provide students the opportunity for networking and leadership training. Students participated in sessions designed to help them understand their personality and how to best to work with others with different personality styles in the most productive ways. Additionally, students attended a session that helped them work on job application skills and how best to present themselves in the interview process. It is hoped that the Fall Leadership Conference will be an annual event.

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Ian Rohn Earns American FFA Degree

Ian Rohn, a student at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 80th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.

The highest degree awarded by the National FFA, Rohn was honored for demonstrating leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

A member of the Wiggins FFA Chapter, Rohn is among less than one-half of one percent of the national members that moves through local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn the prestigious national degree.

Rockie Ernst, Wiggins agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, is Rohn's FFA advisor.

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Montrose FFA Kicks Off Canned Food Drive

The Montrose FFA Chapter has begun a six-month can food drive as part of the National FFA effort called "Can Hunger — Million — Can Challenge." The students kicked off the food drive at a recent Friday night Montrose home football game.

Competing with other Colorado FFA chapters, the Montrose chapter gave discounts to customers at its Oyster Fry/Kolbassi Tailgate Party prior to the game.

The Colorado FFA chapter collecting the most cans for a local charity will be awarded \$3,000 to help students attend the Washington Leadership Conference held in Washington D.C. next June and July.

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CTE Camps III and IV of CTE Administrators Workshop Series Offered Dec. 4

Career and Technical Education administrators are invited to participate in Camps III and IV of the CTE Administrators' Workshop Series, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Colorado Community College System office in Denver. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Created for CTE administrators and school district/college/consortium staff responsible for developing Perkins Five-Year Plans, the Camp III Plans of Study morning session will offer an interactive look at Career Clusters, Career Pathways, and how Pathways fit into the CTE credentialing process. Attendees will examine sample Plans of Study and get a chance to develop a Plan of Study for their school district or college (required for Perkins funding).

The Camp IV Perkins Five-Year Plan afternoon session will provide an overview of the Perkins Local Five-Year Plan Outline. Groups will brainstorm and share key points for each outline topic. Attendees can use the work produced in this session to finalize their district/college/consortium's Perkins Local Five-Year Plan that is due with the FY2009 local plan submittals. Participants should bring a laptop and jump drive.

To register for both camps, go to <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?470480>.

Maps to the Lowry Campus can be found at http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/About/Lowry_maps.pdf.

Questions can be referred to Lorrie Toni at 303-595-1565 or lorrie.toni@cccs.edu, a Program Director (see <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/index.html>), or Pat Sagrillo at 303-595-1568 or pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu.

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A Second CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workshop Scheduled for Dec. 10

Due to overwhelming demand, a second CTE Program Approval/Renewal Workday has been scheduled for Dec. 10, 8:30-noon, at the Colorado Community College System IT Building #758, Rooms 138-140, on the Lowry Campus in Denver.

Designed for school/college staff responsible for submitting CTE program approvals and renewals, especially those with renewals due prior to the end of the school year, the session will begin with a brief orientation on changes in the process that have occurred over the past few years. The orientation will be followed by the opportunity to complete a program approval/renewal request in a computer lab.

Register for the second workshop at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?408434>. Space for this workday is limited to 47; so register early. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with a list of information/materials to bring with them to the program approval/renewal workday.

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Regional CTE Workshops for Instructors, Counselors, Advisors Slated

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) will be in your vicinity with three day-long and two half-day Career and Technical Education workshops that will

introduce CTE instructors, high school counselors and college advisors to Career Clusters, Career Pathways and Plans of Study.

Each secondary school district and postsecondary institution needs to prepare a Plan of Study for one of its CTE programs to include with their Perkins Local Five-Year Plan. All CTE programs, secondary and postsecondary, will eventually be required to have local Plans of Study in place.

Secondary teachers are encouraged to invite their school counselors to attend the workshop with them and postsecondary advisors are also encouraged to attend.

Nov. 28, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Western Colorado Community College, 2508 Blichmann Ave., Bldg B, Room 171, Grand Junction
Jan. 15, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Exhibition Hall, Lightner Room, Durango
Jan. 25, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Aims Community College, 5401 W. 20th St., College Center, Rooms 727-729, Greeley
Feb. 8, 1-4 p.m.	Pueblo Community College, 900 W. Orman Ave., College Center, Fortino Ballroom, Pueblo
Feb. 13, 9 a.m. – noon	Colorado Community College System Office, 9101 E. Lowry Blvd., Presidents' Conference Room, Denver

Tentative Agenda:

- I) Overview of Career Clusters**
 - a) Career Clusters
 - b) Career Pathways
 - c) Pathways and Credentialing – How do they fit together?
- II) Plans of Study**
 - a) Template
 - b) Examples of Plans of Study
- III) College In Colorado – Choices Website**
 - a) How to use the website in your classroom
- IV) Afternoon session (full-day workshops only)**
 - a) Individual meetings with program directors
 - b) Work time to develop Plan of Study

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at full-day workshops. Registration is required. Please go to <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?95626> to register. Seating is limited. Questions can be referred to a Program Director (see <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/index.html>) or Pat Sagrillo at 303-595-1568 or pat.sagrillo@cccs.edu.

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DMTC Offering EMT-B Program Over Seven Weeks

Students enrolling in Delta-Montrose Technical College's Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Training can complete the EMT-B program in about seven weeks during the winter semester. The course includes 150 classroom and lab hours and about 36 clinical hours riding with an ambulance crew or working in an emergency room.

Designed to assist people unable to attend regular classes, especially industrial, construction and wildland firefighters, the program wraps up near the end of February, allowing students time to schedule their National Registry of EMTs certification exam.

The program's part time component can be completed in four and a half to five months to accommodate students with daytime employment.

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NNWE and NAPE to Hold Joint Conference April 6-9 in Washington, DC Seeking Presenters

For the first time, Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment and the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity join forces to bring you four days of best-practice sharing, skill building and federal policy. Don't miss this unique chance to learn from the experts and from your peers. Gain new strategies for preparing a diverse workforce for high-skill, high-wage careers in your states and communities. Conference information can be found at:

<http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences.htm>

Please consider presenting at the joint NAPE/Women Work! Conference. Go to:

<http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences/conrfp.htm>

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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) 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 address or you can go to the CCCS home page (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.

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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 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. 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. 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

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Valuable CTE Websites

CCCS CTE Perkins new State Plan: www.coloradostateplan.com

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

ACTE: www.acteonline.org
CACTE: www.cacte.org
Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>
Colorado DECA Newsletter: <http://www.deca.cccs.edu/NEWSLETTER.HTM>
Colorado DECA: www.deca.cccs.edu
Colorado Technology Education Association: 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>
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FFA: <http://www.njc.edu/ffa/>
HOSA: <http://www.hosa.cccs.edu>
Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>
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