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CTE Quote

"Today's Career and Technical Education is not your mother's old manual labor vocational education track. CTE careers that used to require little education have now evolved into very technical professions that require mastery of higher level skills and the capacity for critical thinking and problem solving. Salaries for CTE careers compare favorably with many 4-year college degree professions, giving students greater choice and options in choosing a career path. We, therefore, must make sure that students graduate from high school prepared for whatever post secondary career they choose."

Senator Sue Windels

Chairman, Senate Education Committee

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Colorado DECA State Action Team Fundraising Success

The second annual Benefit Concert for Project Mercy, held at the Governor's Mansion Carriage House in Denver, was a resounding success, raising over \$10,000 towards the construction of a new library for the youth of Yetebon, Ethiopia. The evening of music and civic awareness, with an appearance by Governor Ritter and his wife, included three outstanding performances from some of Denver's best young talent. Between the performances the DECA State Action Team informed the audience about Project Mercy and their specific goal of building the library. Noel and Tammy Cunningham, who represent Project Mercy, regaled the audience with stories of hope and the successful development of projects to create economically independent communities with high ethical and social values in Ethiopia. Construction has already begun on the new library due to the unbelievable success of this fundraising event. Colorado DECA would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who contributed their time, talents, and energies, as well as to those who attended and supported the evening.

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Colorado FFA Winner

Akron teen, Kendall Monasmith, is this year's winner of the Colorado FFA Association's Heifer Wrangle. Rocky Mountain Farmers Union (RMFU) and Farmers Union Service Association (FUSA) sponsor the winner of this event each year. Kendall grabbed a calf at the National Western Stock show and now will be sponsored in his efforts to raise his prize to ribbon-worthy excellence. He will raise the heifer, have it bred and show it at the Colorado State Fair. Kendall will work with agriculture instructor, Matt Brown, to study feeds and nutrition, disease prevention, genetics and sire selection, record keeping and business management.

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Monarch High School's DECA Chapter Takes Gold

Recently, the DECA chapter school store at Monarch HS was named a Gold Level Certified School Based Enterprise (SBE) by National DECA. This year at the National DECA Conference in Atlanta, Gold Level Certified SBE students will participate in a School-based Enterprise Academy. At the Academy, students will make presentations on topics relating to school store operation and the top three presenters in each category will be videotaped. These instructional tapes will be added to the SBE web site as a teaching/learning resource for other school stores. Read the local story on [YourHub](#).

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New Web Site for Colorado Marketing Education

[Colorado Marketing Education Association](#) (CMEA) is an organization for Colorado Marketing Educators. CMEA Members enjoy many benefits including valuable networking opportunities, access to the best teaching practice, an understanding of DECA, and opportunities to tour and learn about cutting edge marketing practices.

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Adams 12 FBLA Student Picked as Optimist Club's Student of the Month

Legacy HS student Nouri Marrakchi, who is deaf, has been named the Broomfield Optimist's Student of the Month. Nouri also took 2nd place in the Job Interview event at recent FBLA district competitions. For the complete story see the [Broomfield Enterprise](#).

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Plans of Study Review Timeline Announced

As many of you know, Perkins 2006 requires that each district or college receiving Perkins funds have one approved Plan of Study in place to qualify for FY 2008-2009 funding. CCCS will review submitted plans starting April 1. Our hope is that each Perkins recipient (and each participant in a consortium) will submit their one Plan of Study no later than June 1 to allow time for review by July 1.

To submit your completed Plan of Study, email it to Scott.Stump@cccs.edu. You will receive notification if additional information is required and/or when it has been approved.

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Example Plans of Study Available On-line

Plan of Study Examples for Colorado are now available on the www.coloradostateplan.com web site under "[Career Clusters/Plans of Study](#)." Each example is in Word format to allow easy local adjustments. Training materials designed to assist faculty in building their local Plans of Study can also be found on the site.

###

Marketing Kit Available Online

We want to help you share the dynamic effect that Career & Technical Education is having in Colorado! On the www.coloradostateplan.com website under [Marketing Kit](#), you will find a valuable array of resources to help promote the value of your programs. From newspaper articles to a video highlighting the impact of CTE, you will find easy-to-print resources to share with local leaders and decision-makers.

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Last Call for the 3rd Annual Pre-Collegiate Conference – March 14, 2008

The College In Colorado 3rd Annual Pre-Collegiate Conference is scheduled for March 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Auraria Tivoli Center in Denver. The event is co-sponsored by College In Colorado, the Community College of Denver, Educational Talent Search and the Colorado Education Services and Development Association (CESDA). This year's conference will focus on "take-away" benefits for counselors, career and technical educators, teachers, student support service providers and pre-collegiate service providers, as well as administrators, workforce developers and policy-makers.

Go to www.CollegeInColorado.org and click on "What's New" to register. The late registration fee is \$75. Click here to see the conference [agenda](#) and [flier](#).

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C.A.R.E – Career Awareness Readiness Expo – April 11, 2008

Johnson & Wales University,
College of Business, University Events Center,
7159 Montview Blvd., Denver

Register online: www.care.rsvpbook.com for the one-day conference

Register Early – Space is Limited

You will not want to miss this free conference designed for all educators who assist students with career exploration and decision making. Attendees will learn about emerging careers in Colorado, career clusters, CTE Plans of Study, apprenticeships, non-traditional careers and will tour a career expo featuring college and business and industry representatives from the 16 career clusters. Here's what is in store for C.A.R.E. participants:

- ✓ Free Career Planning Toolkit
- ✓ College Credit Available through Adams State College
- ✓ Career Planning Workshops
- ✓ College Scholarship Drawings
- ✓ Huge Career Expo including industry representatives
- ✓ Plenary Addresses including Plans of Study Tool Kit Training

The workshop is sponsored by the Colorado Community College System and funded by the Carl D. Perkins CTE Act of 2006.

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Changes to CVA for FY08 Final Reporting

In an effort to assist districts with their current year CVA reporting, CCCS has made the following minor changes for 2008:

1. **Due date extension** - Final report is now due September 1, 2008.
2. **Options for calculating teacher benefits** - Districts may record actual teacher benefit expenses or they may use a flat 28% benefit rate in place of the actual expenses.

If you have any questions on these changes, please contact [Brian Jenkins](#) , 303-595-1572.

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CVA Training Schedule

CCCS staff will conduct interactive trainings on CVA Final Financial Reporting for teachers and administrators at various locations around the state in March, April and May. If you want to attend a workshop, please contact [Dave Eberle](#) at (720) 858-2773. (RSVPs are required.)

Date	Time	City	Location
March 21	8:00 am-Noon	Denver – Camp V	CCCS, Building 959, Presidents Conference Rm
March 25	1:00-4:00	Sterling	NJC, Hays Student Center, Rm 230
April 1	9:00 am-Noon	Ft. Collins	FRCC – Harmony Library Community Rm
April 2	9:00 am-Noon	Craig	CNCC – Bell Tower Building, Rm 201
April 16	9:00 am-Noon	Cortez	SJBTC – Main building, Rm 208
April 17	9:00 am-Noon	Alamosa	TSJC building, Rm 129
May 2	9:00 am-Noon	Grand Junction	WCCC – Building B, Rm 151
May 14	9:00 am-Noon	La Junta	OJC – Student Center Conference Rm
May 15	9:00 am-Noon	Pueblo	PCC – GATC Building, Rm 104

Colorado FCCLA State Leadership Conference and Food Events Competition – April 3 - 5

Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA's) 2008 State Leadership Conference and Food Events Competition preparations are in full swing: state officers have been working on scriptwriting, keynote speakers for both activities are lined up, event chairs are set and judges are being recruited. Please contact [Judy Heath](#) if you are available to judge an FCCLA competitive event on Friday, April 4.

Questions? Check the website at www.fccla.cccs.edu or contact FCCLA State Adviser [Patti Krattenmaker](#).

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SkillsUSA “Champions at Work” State Leadership Conference

Colorado SkillsUSA SLC will be held April 10-11 in Colorado Springs. Conference Headquarters and Leadership Events will be at the Doubletree Hotel while Pikes Peak Community College will host the Skill Contests. [Registration](#) is now open.

Questions? Check [Colorado SkillsUSA](#) website or contact SkillsUSA Advisor [Ben Nesbitt](#).

###

Student Classes will Focus on Future Job Path

Starting in the 2008-2009 school year, students at Montezuma-Cortez HS will be able to choose courses and other academic pursuits based on a career path of their choice. The high school will implement the use of the [College In Colorado](#) web site, as well as assign students to teachers who can mentor them in their career field of choice. Teachers will serve as coaches to the students for all four years, providing consistency of advice and experience.

The school will combine two career planning resources in its quest to help students become more forward-thinking while in high school. The first is their career and technical education program, directed by the [Colorado Community College System](#), which helps student's select high school courses from one of sixteen career clusters. The second is the [College in Colorado](#) site, which allows students to go online to prepare and plan for college.

###

2008 VE-135 Announcements

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. 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-extended only for this year to April 1, 2008
Enrollment deadline-June 30, 2008

NEW! For the follow-up (due this year on April 1st), you will no longer see the special placement code for the Family & Consumer Science Core or Teen Parent Core programs. **You must use the standard placement codes for these students from now forward.**

NEW! VE-135 workshops will be held each Friday through the month of March (7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) at the system office from 9 am to noon (breakfast refreshments ready at 8:30). The workshops for March will cover the basics of the VE-135 follow-up, from pulling your data, gathering placement, entering the data online, building a text file submission, and validating your data. This will be hands on training with each participant at a computer in our training facilities.

If you are interested in attending, **please RSVP to [Julie Eddy](#) 3 days prior to each Friday workshop.** Space is limited to eight per workshop in order to provide for individualized assistance. After you RSVP, specifics of the classroom location will be sent to you.

Our first pilot follow-up workshop was held in February and it was a helpful learning experience for all. The May workshops will focus on enrollment reporting. If you have a suggestion for a topic that you would like to see covered, please let Julie Eddy know what that is.

NEW! The Perkins IV performance metrics student and measurement definitions are nearly finalized. This will mean changes to both the follow-up and enrollment data reporting for 08-09. **Please anticipate that there will be changes you will need to address in your VE-135 reporting for next year.** We will release announcements on those changes in the coming months and anticipate training on the new reporting requirements in the early fall.

Contact [Julie Eddy](#) or 303-595-1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. Thank you for all of your reporting efforts!

###

Check out the New look for CCCS

For all of you who have called wanting to know when *CTE Trends Archives* would be updated, that day arrived February 12. Here is the link to that long awaited page: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/CTEArchive.html>

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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 [Julie Eddy](#) or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments or event additions.

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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: www.deca.cccs.edu
Colorado Technology Education Association: www.cteaonline.org
Credentialing Office: http://www.coloradostateplan.com/default_cred.htm
CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>
E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>
FBLA-PBL: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/>
FCCLA: www.fccla.cccs.edu
FFA: <http://www.njc.edu/ffa/>
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Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>
SkillsUSA: www.skillsusa.cccs.edu
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