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CTE Quote

"Career and technical education plays a vital role in allowing students to learn, apply their skills, and become productive members in society. This is an essential option for students today."

Nancy Todd

Colorado State Representative

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CTSO State Officers Present to EDCTE 402 Student Organizations for CSU

State officers from DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, and TSA spoke to the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) class (EDCTE 402) led by Glenn March on March 8th. The participants in the course are working to obtain their CTE credential. The class covers all aspects of running a successful CTSO. The state officers shared their leadership development experiences and leadership opportunities in which they have been involved. Several officers have attended trainings in Washington D.C. The state officers were also asked to discuss why they ran for office, their future plans, and the role of their chapter advisers. DECA was represented by State Treasurer Alex Higgins from Lewis Palmer; FBLA by Oliva Heel, FBLA State Vice President, District 2, and Geoff Abel, FBLA State Treasurer, both from Monarch High School; FCCLA by State President Alex Fouts from Bear Creek and Vice President Stephanie Morales from Golden; and TSA President Jonathan Sorkin from Heritage, Sergeant-at-Arms Hayley Davis from Elizabeth, and former TSA Secretary (2006-07) Sam Breaze, a recent graduate of Englewood.

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CTSO State Officers Participate in Legislative Day at the Capitol

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., proclaimed March 13 as Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) Day in Colorado. On March 13 Rhonda Bentz, Colorado Community College System Director of Public Information and Legislative Coordinator, shared with State Officers an overview of how bills get passed and what to expect at the Capitol. Once at the Capitol, Senator Jim Isgar, chairman of the Agriculture Committee invited the officers to attend the Ag meeting and encouraged them to introduce themselves and their organizations to the committee. The students then heard discussion on a bill in front of the committee.

The CTSOs were represented by the following officers: DECA - State Treasurer Alex Higgins from Colorado Springs; FBLA - President Breanna Fetkavich from Alamosa/Monte Vista and Sean Fox from Fowler; FCCLA - President Alex Fouts from Bear Creek; FFA - 2006 - 07 State Treasurer Curt Dutro from Karval; HOSA - President Cody Brazell from Calhan; PBL - President Alexa Williams from Mesa

State/Grand Junction and; SkillsUSA - Post Secondary Representative – Regan Sandlin and Post Secondary Treasurer – Roger Clements.

The State Officers rounded out the afternoon with an engaging tour of the Capitol and picture taking session.

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FACS Professional Development Workshops

All workshops are FREE (lunch provided) and held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. [Registration](#) is due by June 1, 2008. Contact [Miki Gann](#) if you sign up and are unable to attend. A waitlist is kept as the workshops have limited space.

Wednesday, June 11	Web Research & Tools: Professional tips to maximize your efforts
Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13	Webquests: Learn to develop and create one for classroom use
Monday, June 16	Design Day: Interior Design/morning; Fashion Design/afternoon
Tuesday, June 17	FCCLA Day: Join a National FCCLA Consultant team member and learn how to recruit and retain members
Wednesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 19	Focus on FAC CORE Programs: Wed-Relationships & Life Mgmt; Thurs-Nutrition & Wellness and Child & Adolescent Development
Friday, June 20	Catering: Tips and techniques from community college facility

To download the Professional Development Workshop Flyer:

http://www.fccla.ccs.edu/07-08_documents/2008InserviceWorkshops.pdf

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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 April and May. If you want to attend a workshop, please contact [Dave Eberle](#) at (720) 858-2773. (RSVPs are required.)

Please note:

If you need **help with Perkins Vouchers**, contact [Rachel Erbert](#), 720-858-2760.

For **Perkins Local Plan Training**, contact [Lorrie Toni](#), 303-595-1565.

For **VE-135 Training**, contact [Julie Eddy](#), 303-595-1527.

The remaining trainings are for CVA financial reporting only.

Date	Time	City	Location
April 1	9:00 am-Noon	Ft. Collins	FRCC – Harmony Library Community Room
April 2	9:00 am-Noon	Craig	CNCC – Bell Tower Building, Room 201
April 16	9:00 am-Noon	Cortez	SJBTC – Main building, Room 208
April 17	9:00 am-Noon	Alamosa	TSJC building, Room 129
May 2	9:00 am-Noon	Grand Junction	WCCC – Building B, Room 151
May 14	9:00 am-Noon	La Junta	OJC – Student Center Conference Room
May 15	9:00 am-Noon	Pueblo	PCC – GATC Building, Room 104

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, please contact [Brian Jenkins](#) , 303-595-1572.

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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 of study 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.

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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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SkillsUSA "Champions at Work" State Leadership Conference

Colorado SkillsUSA will host the 43rd annual State Leadership and Skills Championships in Colorado Springs April 10-11. The opening session and leadership events will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, World Arena on Thursday, April 10. The Skills contests will be held on Friday April 11 at Pikes Peak Community College. The Awards Ceremony will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel. All first place winners qualify to attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held every June in Kansas City.

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States Heeding Calls to Strengthen STEM

Equipping students to succeed in science, technology, engineering, and math holds economic appeal. To read the story in Education Week:

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/03/27/30statestem.h27.html>.

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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!

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Valuable CTE Websites

CCCS CTE Perkins new State Plan: www.coloradostateplan.com
 CTE Directory: http://www.ccs.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 Calendar: www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar contact: [Julie Eddy](#), 303-595-1527
 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
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 TSA Colorado: <http://www.cotsa.cccs.edu/>
 Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

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