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CTE Quote

"The Colorado workforce will have to be better educated and more technically competent than ever if we're going to have the quality of life we want for the state and our families. Career and technical education is an absolutely essential part of the overall educational strategy for the state to meet its goals."

*David E. Skaggs, Executive Director
Colorado Department of Higher Education*

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National FBLA-PBL Center's Wall of Fame

At the recent PBL State Conference, Deborah Ramirez, Assistant Program Director for Business and Marketing and FBLA-PBL State Adviser and Betty McKie, Vice President of Instruction at Morgan Community College, were recognized for their outstanding service and professional involvement in FBLA-PBL educational services, program of work and management activities. This award was given to these two outstanding individuals as they have spent the past thirty years providing new opportunities for business students in Colorado by instilling leadership opportunities and preparing them for the business world. Some of the requirements to be inducted in to the Wall of Fame include: a minimum of 20 years of service to FBLA-PBL, have had at least one state or national officer, have attended at least 10 National Leadership Conferences, have had a national competitive event winner in the top ten, have been recognized as the Outstanding Local Adviser. Deborah and Betty have been recognized nationally and have an engraved plaque on the Wall of Fame Tree at the National FBLA-PBL Center. Congratulations to two of Colorado's best!

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Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference

FORT MORGAN, COLORADO- Every year, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) officers and members fundraise and work with their local community to raise money needed to travel to state and national conference. This year, April 4th and 5th marked the dates for the Phi Beta Lambda 2008 State Leadership Conference. Participating schools included Morgan Community College, Mesa State College, Adams State College, Trinidad State Junior College, and Pueblo Community College. All of these schools came together to compete in over 50 different business related events ranging from objective testing to performance components. Those who placed first or second in their event qualify to attend the National Leadership Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia this June. If you would like to know more about FBLA-PBL and how to start a chapter in your school, please contact the Colorado State Reporter, Cassidee Shull at cshull@mesastate.edu.

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Colorado HOSA State Leadership Conference

The Colorado HOSA state leadership conference was held March 6-8, 2008, at the DoubleTree Denver, with over 300 members, advisors and guests present. The opening session, hosted by the 2007-2008 Colorado HOSA State Officer Team, kicked off the conference. Amy Gallimore did a phenomenal job as our keynote speaker energizing everyone for the days to come. The 2008-2009 state officer candidates began their interviews on Thursday and then assisted in making the conference a success to earn their spot on the upcoming state officer team. Thirty competitive events were held on Friday, where the HOSA members were given a chance to shine and show us what they had learned in and out of the classroom. Teachers and advisors had the opportunity to earn professional development hours by attending one or both of the classes presented by Bio-Rad. "Genes in a Bottle" allowed teachers (and a few students) to extract their own DNA and put it in a vial to wear as a necklace. "HIV: ELISA" focused on the test used to diagnose the HIV virus. Both of these sessions were hands on with information on how to incorporate the classes into existing programs. Saturday morning concluded the conference with the closing business meeting and the Awards brunch. The top 70% of the competitors in each event were recognized with a pin. The top three in each event were recognized with a medal and offered the opportunity to compete and represent Colorado at the National HOSA Conference in Dallas, Texas, June 18-21, 2008. Congratulations to everyone who competed! Good Luck to everyone at Nationals, and a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the 2008 Colorado HOSA Spring Leadership Conference possible! Please contact Linsey.Santala@cccs.edu for more information.

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Funds awarded to address labor shortages in Colorado's Energy Industry

The U.S. Department of Labor announced it has awarded San Juan Basin Technical College and Delta-Montrose Technical College \$800,000 each to design curriculum, hire instructors and purchase materials and equipment for classes in energy related industries.

The Western Slope is home to the largest natural gas reserves in the country and from which 42 % of Colorado's high grade coal is extracted; mining officials have been operating at less than full workforce levels for several years due to the labor shortage.

In addition to utilizing the dollars to introduce more workers to the ever-growing and diversified energy industry, the funding will also provide incumbent workers an upgrade to their skills.

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Fall to bring changes to Colorado Northwestern Community College

Due to the shortage of trained workers in energy technology, CNCC will be adding classes to their schedule for the Industrial Electrician and Power Plant Technology programs. New classes will be added in the evening, on weekends and online.

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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@cccs.edu at (720) 858-2773. (RSVPs are required.)

Please note:

If you need **help with Perkins Vouchers**, contact Rachel.Erbert@cccs.edu, 720-858-2760.

Perkins Local Plan Training: Lorrie.Toni@cccs.edu, 303-595-1565.

VE-135 Training: Julie.Eddy@cccs.edu, 303-595-1527.

The remaining trainings are for CVA financial reporting only.

Date	Time	City	Location
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

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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, please contact Brian.Jenkins@cccs.edu , 303-595-1572.

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C.A.R.E. Comes to the Western Slope

April 28, 2008 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

The Career Awareness Readiness Expo, a Plans of Study Workshop, for high school counselors & community college advisors will be held on April 28, 2008 at Delta Montrose Technical College (1765 Highway 50 in Delta, Colorado). The free ½ day training will include continental breakfast and lunch. To register, email Laura.Mullen@cccs.edu. Pre-registration is required and limited to 70.

C.A.R.E on the Western Slope Schedule

- Plans of Study Training
- Implementing Plans of Study: A Counselor Perspective
- Emerging Careers: Preparing Colorado’s Workforce
- Luncheon Keynote: Positive Communication in a Non-Traditional World

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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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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, Miki.Gann@cccs.edu 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.cccs.edu/07-08_documents/2008InserviceWorkshops.pdf

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Plans of Study Review Timeline

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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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- April 1, 2008 (closed)
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 on April 18th, and 25th at the system office from 9 am to noon (breakfast refreshments ready at 8:30). The workshops for April will cover the basics of the VE-135 enrollment, from pulling your data, 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@cccs.edu 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.

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@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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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 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/>

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SkillsUSA: www.skillsusa.cccs.edu

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

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

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