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CTE Quote

"Having served as the Chief Academic Officer of the Department of Higher Education, I firmly believe that, if we are going to realize Governor Ritter's goal of doubling the number of postsecondary degrees and certificates earned by our students then we have to get serious about encouraging and expanding innovative policies and programs, like those in CTE.

Matt Gianneschi

Senior Policy Analyst for Education, Office of Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.

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2008 Honorary Life DECA Membership Award

Honorary Life Membership is the highest award DECA can bestow on an individual. Nominees are recommended by a state/provincial association then approved by an appropriate DECA committee and the board of directors. International DECA presented Chuck Blood with this distinctive and deserving fellowship at the recent International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

For 31 years at Cherry Creek High School, Charles "Chuck" Blood was the leader in Marketing Education and DECA. He raised the bar for many DECA advisors at both the state and international levels of DECA participation. He was continually called upon for his leadership skills. For five years he served as a conference coordinator at DECA ICDC. At present he serves as judge director for the Colorado State DECA Conference. Since retiring in 2001, he has given numerous hours to the DECA Organization. Chuck has provided DECA workshops for various state and regional conferences.

Chuck's recognition include: Colorado DECA Coordinator of the Year Award and DECA Inc. Outstanding Service Award. In May he was the first recipient of the Cherry Creek DECA Hall of Fame Award. Congratulations Chuck!

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New Partnership between CCCS and DeVry University

Beginning this month, DeVry University's three Colorado locations join the Colorado Community College Pathways Program, establishing a pilot articulation agreement for accepting transferred Associate degree program credits. Under the agreement, students within the Colorado Community College System can transfer 80 or more qualifying credit hours toward earning a bachelor's degree at DeVry University. The

final 30-45 credit hours (depending on chosen bachelor's degree program) can then be earned through DeVry University Colorado at a 33-percent reduced tuition rate.

"DeVry's commitment to providing affordable, top-quality career-oriented bachelor's degree options to Colorado residents is greatly welcomed," said Dr. Nancy McCallin, President for the Colorado Community College System. "DeVry's track record in preparing its graduates for success in their chosen career fields is impressive, and its willingness to provide Colorado Community College grads with a preferential tuition rate ensures maximum access to a career-oriented degree."

All Colorado Community College System colleges are covered by the new DeVry University Colorado Community College Pathways agreement. Transfer guides are posted on the DeVry Pathways website for the following institutions: Arapahoe Community College, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Pikes Peak Community College, and Red Rocks Community College. www.besttransfer.wes.devry.edu.

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Colorado Math-in-CTE Pilot Program beginning this Summer!

WHO: Business and/or Marketing Instructors
Industrial Technology (Construction, Agriculture or Welding) Instructors
Math Instructors

COST: \$440: ten days of Professional Development (per person)
\$880: Team (consists of a CTE and Math instructor)
\$300: Coordinator or Administrator

Cost includes instruction from trained facilitators from the National Research Center for Career & Technical Education, registration, meals, Math-in-CTE resource notebook and other equipment.

WHEN: July 28 - August 1, plus 5 days during the 2008/2009 academic year.

WHERE: Front Range Community College

DEADLINE: Friday, May 16, 2008

See [flyer](#) for more detailed information and registration form.

For questions, contact Elizabeth Garcia, 970-613-2027, garciae@thompson.k12.co.us or Joan Root, 303-655-4179, jroot@sd27j.org.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE from Elizabeth Garcia...I realize that the deadline for Math-in-CTE is coming up. Please submit your registration forms, but do not send any checks until later notice. (This will accommodate many of you who have expressed concern over not being able to pay by the deadline.) I will let you know when to go ahead and request/submit checks. Please DO send in your registration forms however so that we can anticipate attendance. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you SO much for your assistance!!!

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Colorado FBLA & PBL National Officer Candidates.

Good luck to Hope Rheingans, Executive VP of Colorado FBLA and Alexa Williams, State Officer of Colorado PBL in their quest for a national office. Both Hope and Alexa will run campaigns at the upcoming National FBLA-PBL Leadership Conference in Atlanta, June 20 – June 30.

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FBLA has a successful 2008 State Leadership Conference

Approximately 2,500 attended the 2008 State Leadership Conference in Vail, April 20-22. Vail Transit transported over 23,000 students, advisers, judges, workshop presenters and exhibitors to 5 hotels during the three days to attend leadership workshop opportunities and competitive events. FBLA members participated in a March of Dimes Walk and a dance to collect funds for their statewide community projects, March of Dimes and the Dave Sanders Scholarship Fund. The funds collected at the State Conference will be added to the year round activities and a check for over \$11,000 will be given to March of Dimes. Over \$1,700 will be added to the Dave Sanders Scholarship Fund. In addition, the FBLA Chapters contributed over \$2,000 to help those in need from the fire in Ordway. FBLA members are very generous and their hard work was evident at the State Leadership Conference. Over 200 members will now prepare to attend the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, June 24-30. Congratulations Colorado FBLA!

Colorado PBL put their "Leadership in Action" at the State PBL Leadership Conference held at Morgan Community College, April 4 and 5. Over 75 members competed in business related fields and attended motivating workshops to prepare for the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, June 20-24.

Thank you to Morgan Community College for their hospitality and hard work on the PBL State Leadership Conference.

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East HS teacher incorporates giving spirit, history, math and English in Industrial Arts class

Read the article, view the sights and sounds online of Joel Noble's classroom: <http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/may/08/east-wood-shop-students-make-beautiful-music/>

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Warren Tech Administrator Receives State SkillsUSA Award

Bob Veges, assistant principal at Warren Tech in Lakewood, was awarded Colorado SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year at the recent state conference in Colorado Springs. This award was given in recognition of his hard work and dedication to students, advisers, and the entire SkillsUSA organization. SkillsUSA is a national student organization designed to promote leadership and excellence in career and technical programs.

Bob Veges began his career in 1976 at Pueblo East High School as a graphic arts instructor. His influence on career and technical education was felt state-wide as he moved from Pueblo East High School to Warren Tech in 1979. Ben Nesbitt, Colorado State Director of Skills USA, was in Mr. Veges' first graphic arts class and says Mr. Veges had a great influence on his career path.

As assistant principal, Bob coordinates SkillsUSA school-wide activities for over 600 student members. Of the 25 programs at Warren Tech, 17 participate in SkillsUSA by competing in contests and performing community service activities.

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SkillsUSA Colorado Conference held at Pikes Peak Community College



Theron Diog of Pikes Peak Community College, 1st place winner in the Secondary mechanical competition. Theron is diagnosing a manual transmission gear train problem.

Test categories for the automotive secondary students included navigating electronic shop manuals, electrical system diagnosis, HVAC testing, brake service, manual transmission evaluation, wiring harness repair, automatic transmission diagnosis, engine performance, environmental health and safety, and emissions sensors and actuators.

Colorado SkillsUSA held its 43rd annual Leadership & Skills Championships April 10-11 in Colorado Springs at the Double Tree Hotel and Pikes Peak Community College. Over 500 high school and college students competed in 12 leadership and 28 skill events during the two day conference. First place winners will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference to be held June 23-27 in Kansas City, Missouri. Nancy McCallin, President of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS), Community College Presidents and other staff from CCCS attending their monthly meeting at Pikes Peak Community College were given a short presentation on SkillsUSA given by Michele Koster, a PPCC faculty member, and had an opportunity to tour the skill events held Friday at PPCC.

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ColoradoTSA

The Colorado Technology Student Association (TSA), held its annual Technology Leadership Exposition April 24-26 at the Denver Marriott, DTC. This year's theme was "TSA 008, Technology Never Dies". Over 450 middle school and high school students attended the three day event. Students competed in 39 middle school and 41 high school events. Goddard Middle School and Littleton High School won Chapter of the Year honors. The annual banquet was held Friday evening and Travis Amonson from Goddard Middle School was named Advisor of the Year. The 30th Annual National TSA Conference will be held June 28 – July 2, 2008 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida.

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CACTE Pre-Conference Training

The Young Americans Center for Financial Education is sponsoring a CACTE pre-conference training day on the OppenheimerFunds "Get aHead for Business" curriculum. This is a high school Entrepreneurship curriculum that is free to schools. Get aHead for Business 101 is "Starting a Business" and 201 is "Running a Business".

All instructors who are currently teaching the curriculum are asked to attend at 8:30 a.m. and stay until 4:00 p.m. to share ideas and assessments.

Those who are going to use the curriculum in the fall or others who are interested, are asked to attend at 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to learn more about the program and gain ideas from current teachers.

The Get aHead for Business CACTE pre-conference session will be at the Marriott in Ft. Collins on Monday, July 21st.

All must RSVP to Mary Stecklein at msteckle@comcast.net. If Mary has not previously talked with you and you would like additional information, you may call her at 720-373-0108.

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Colorado HOSA Preparing for National HOSA Conference June 18-21, 2008

Colorado HOSA members are getting ready to dust off their boots and polish their spurs as they steer their way into Dallas, Texas for the National HOSA Conference June 18-21, 2008. HOSA has over 95,000 members nationwide. National Leadership Conference has much to offer its members and advisors including the HOSA Educational Symposium and the General Sessions. The Conference also provides HOSA members with the opportunity to showcase their talents in one of over 50 competitive events. The state officers that plan to attend will participate in the Advanced State Officer Leadership Academy. This has been a very exciting year of growth and positive change for HOSA and it's not over yet! Registration can be found on the National HOSA website at www.hosa.org and must be completed no later than May 15, 2008. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Linsey Santala, Colorado HOSA State Advisor, at 720-858-2752 or Linsey.pollart-santala@cccs.edu.

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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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The Future of CTA (formally known as CVA)

Now that HB1079 has been signed by the Governor and the General Assembly has ended, the new CTA (Career and Technical Act) will be going into effect for FY 2009. In November 2007, CCCS put together a team to review the Rules and Regulations and make recommendations of changes. This team consisted of Secondary CTE Administrators (both urban and rural), CACTA Board members and CCCS staff from Accounting, Internal Audit and CTE Compliance. With the recommendations from this team, CCCS started the process to have the Rules and Regulations changes coincide with the effective date of CTA. This process includes receiving approval of the changes from the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. The new Rules and Regulations will be effective August 6, 2008.

The next step for implementation of the CTA will be to make changes to the Administrators Handbook. Over the summer, the team that made recommendations to the Rules and Regulations will do the same for the Administrators Handbook. The final version of the CTA portion of the Administrators Handbook will be completed and effective in September for FY 2009 financial reporting for CTA.

If you have any questions about the process of the Rule and Regulations or the Administrators Handbook for CTA, please contact Brian Jenkins at brian.jenkins@cccs.edu or 303-595-1572.

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
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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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 faculty

To download the Professional Development Workshop Flyer:

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

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Reminder: Teacher Cadet Curriculum Training Registration due May 16

The training for teachers planning to implement Teacher Cadet in the fall of school year 2008-09 will be July 22 – 24, 2008. The training will be at Warren Tech Founders Room, Jefferson County Schools, 13300 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 3:30 p.m. each day. Participants are required to attend all four days. The training is most effective the summer before beginning to teach the course. Information and materials to help your school with course promotion/registration can be found on the web site www.coloradoteachercadet.com.

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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 Friday workshops will be held on May 9th, 16th and 30th at the system office. The workshops for May 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 in order to provide for individualized assistance. After you RSVP, specific workshop times and 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.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.ccs.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.ccs.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/>
HOSA: <http://www.hosa.cccs.edu>
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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