

BMIT Standards Workshops

Last year over three hundred BMIT teachers attended the BMIT Standards Workshops to learn about the new course standards for business and marketing. This year we want you to attend the 2012 BMIT workshops where you will receive the new course standards for Information Technology, Arts/AV Technology and Communications, Hospitality and Tourism and recommended middle-level business and technology courses.

The six October 2012 workshops offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be held at the same community college locations as last year. Bonnie Sibert and Bev Newton of the Nebraska Department of Education are partnering with Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) and postsecondary educators to offer these top-notch professional development opportunities.

Please bring one copy of your business, marketing and information technology course offerings (course description and syllabi/outcomes). Technical assistance on the revised Programs of Study will provide guidance for staff to align their coursework with the new standards.

All secondary and postsecondary business, marketing and information technology teachers as well as preservice business education college students and student teachers are encouraged to register for a date and location that works best for you. Guidance counselors, administrators, technology coordinators and/or curriculum specialists are welcome to attend. In order to plan for enough resources and meals, please register online at www.education.ne.gov/nce/ConferencesWorkshops.html two weeks in advance of the workshop. Each person attending must register by identifying the workshop location he/she plans to attend. See the BMIT web site - Workshops for complete details. Participants who register online at least one week in advance of the workshop they attend will receive a copy of the new National Business Education Association Standards.

BMIT Standards Workshops 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all locations

- Northeast Community College, Norfolk - Oct. 3
Norfolk Lifelong Learning Center, Room C and D,
601 East Benjamin Avenue
- Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff - Oct. 10
Harms Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Room: The Plex
- North Platte Community College - Oct. 11
North Campus, 1101 Halligan Dr., WW Building, Room 202
- Central Community College, Grand Island - Oct. 17
3134 West Hwy. 34, Room 210-211-212
- Metropolitan Community College-Omaha, Ft. Omaha Campus - Oct. 24
Swanson Conference Center, Bldg. 22, Room 201A, 32nd and Sorenson
Parkway
- Southeast Community College, Lincoln - Oct. 25
Continuing Education Center, Rooms 302-303-304, 301 S. 68th
Street Place (old Gallup building south of 68th and O Street)

Where are our New Teachers?

If you have a new teacher in your department or geographical area who is about to begin his/her very first year of teaching, please send his/her name, school and school email address to Bonnie Sibert at bonnie.sibert@nebraska.gov.

We welcome the following 1st year BMIT teachers:

- Greg Berndt, Hastings St. Cecilia
- Wade Brashear, Kimball
- Makenzie Carlson, Sterling
- Ann Carlton, Silver Lake
- Clay Carlton, Nebraska City Lourdes
- Andrew Conn, Fillmore Central Middle and High Schools
- Jocelyn Crabtree, Lincoln Mickle Middle School
- Melissa Efta, Hay Springs
- Lynn Fanta, Cambridge
- Natalie Hadden, Mitchell
- Jessica Gorat, Millard South
- Cara Hoehne, Northeast Community College
- Amity Kollars, Shelton
- Jay Lukassen, St. Paul
- KayLisha Marion, Omaha Central
- Ashli Martin, Millard South
- Matt Murren, Clarkson
- Connor O'Neill, Millard North
- Katie Nunnenkamp Scott, Aurora
- Keely Reinert, Cozad
- Sam Stanley, Elkhorn
- Sam Towne, Lincoln Southwest and Scott Middle School
- Ann Marie Weber, West Point Central Catholic
- Paul Wright, Fremont

The Art of Communicating with the Next Generation

We live in the “information age” but not the “communication age.” Tim Elmore, a frequent presenter in Nebraska and author of the Habitudes books focuses on leading the next generation. In his blog he discusses the lost art of communication and how we need to resurrect it. Visit <http://blog.growingleaders.com/leadership/in-other-words/> to learn more about the gap that exists between employers and young employees. Communicating with the next generation has never been more difficult and never more essential.

Nebraska Money Smart Week

November 12 – 18, 2012

Being smart about money isn't always easy. Staying smart about money can be even harder. That's why banks, businesses, schools, libraries and other organizations will be teaming together November 12 - 18 to present Money Smart Week in Nebraska. A variety of free classes and events that help consumers learn to manage their personal finances will be offered throughout the state during the week. How will your business, FBLA and/or DECA students be involved? Visit <http://moneysmartnebraska.org> to explore resources available to help you and your students host an event at your school or in your community. Once the planning is done, don't forget to add your event to the event calendar and then promote the event in your area.



Looking for
real-time data
on Labor Market
Projections?

Check out the
High Skill,
High Wage and
High Demand
Nebraska
Department of
Labor, Economic
Development
and Education
Website!

<http://h3.ne.gov/H3/>



BMIT and NEFBLA Listserves

Has your email address recently changed? If you are a business, marketing or information technology teacher, you are encouraged to subscribe to the BMIT Listserve.

If you are an FBLA adviser, you should also subscribe to the NEFBLA Listserve. Please follow the directions on the BMIT Listserve link on the [BMIT web site](#). Once you are subscribed, you can send a regular email message to bmit@lists.k12.ne.us or nefbla@lists.k12.ne.us.

Top 10 LiveBinders of 2012

**by Mickie Mueller, Educational Technology Facilitator,
Norfolk Public Schools**

LiveBinder is a great web tool that I have been using for over a year. Those of you subscribed to the BMIT listserv may have remembered my messages last spring asking you to vote for my “Free Tech Tools for Teachers” LiveBinder in the Top 10 LiveBinders of 2012 contest. I am happy to report that with all of your votes, my binder is one of the Top 10 LiveBinders of 2012! You can view the binder at www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=108629 The binder has over 300 free tech tools that teachers are sure to love.

LiveBinders are three-ring binders for the web. Resources are organized on tabs and subtabs—just like a physical three-ring binder. The layout of each tab/subtab can include explanatory text, websites, pictures, videos and documents such as PDF, PowerPoint, and Word and text files. You can even embed Google Docs in a LiveBinder. Through LiveBinder, you can search both YouTube and Flickr to add videos and pictures to your binder. You can embed a LiveBinder in a website, blog or wiki. You can collaborate with others on the same LiveBinder. You can share your LiveBinder on Twitter or Facebook.

The LiveBinder website has thousands of binders on every topic. I have created a couple of shelves of binders that I have found particularly useful. The LiveBinder Tips shelf has ten binders full of great tips and tricks for creating your own binder: www.livebinders.com/shelf/view/33462 My JH/HS Binders is a collection of exemplary binders that JH/HS teachers from around the country have developed: www.livebinders.com/shelf/view/33466 Be sure to check out “A House Divided” a fellow Top 10 LiveBinder of 2012. This binder was developed for a unit in a 7th grade social studies class. Great example of a digital curriculum!

The possibilities of using LiveBinder are endless. I created a LiveBinder for an honors English teacher when she asked what her students could use instead of PowerPoint. Check out my “Alternatives to PowerPoint” binder at www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=320136 I also decided that LiveBinders would make the perfect portfolio to highlight the training workshops and materials I have developed: www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=423169 This binder is currently on the Featured Binders tab!

So, what are you waiting for? Check out LiveBinders at www.livebinders.com/

Standards Writing Completed

With excellent help from 60 middle-level, secondary and postsecondary educators July 9-16, course standards for 21 courses were written. Erika Volker of Partnerships for Innovation facilitated the standards writing workshops at Southeast Community College, Lincoln. The majority of the courses written were for the Information Technology and Arts, A/V Communications Clusters. Additional courses were finalized for the Business Management and Administration Cluster and the Hospitality and Tourism Cluster. The BMIT course standards are being crosswalked to the Nebraska Academic Standards and the Common Career Technical Core Standards by McRel.

The new course standards will be explained at the Fall BMIT Standards workshops. You can download them from the PartnershipsforInnovation.org web site – see Standards Revisions Process. To register for one of the six workshops, review workshop details at www.education.ne.gov/bmit/pdf/workshops/workshops-2012esu.pdf and then follow the instructions to register online at www.education.ne.gov/NCE/Conferences/2012_BMIT.html. **Each person who pre-registers for a workshop one week in advance will be guaranteed receiving a personal copy of the new National Business Education Association standards.** Those individuals who attended the 2012 NCE Conference will receive their copy through the mail and will not be eligible for a second copy at the fall workshop. Teachers who do not preregister online by one week in advance will not be guaranteed a copy of the standards.

We applaud the following teachers for their involvement in this important process:

Information Technology Applications I and II Courses

Jean Condon, Mid-Plains Community College
Tennille Gifford, Kearney Public Schools
DeLayne Havlovic, Omaha Public Schools
Kellie Jacobs, Central Community College-Hastings
Darci Karr, Hastings College
Shelly Mowinkel, Milford Jr.-Sr. High School
Sydney Kobza, Westside High School
Joyce Sadd, Hastings Senior High School
Joni Schlatz, Central Community College

Business Communications Course

Jan Knispel, Valentine High School
Pat Olson, Blair High School
Sheryl Piening-Keller, SCC-Milford
Cindy Talley, Fillmore Central High School

Middle-Level Business Courses

Nathan Livingston, Beveridge Magnet Middle School
Patti Layher, Platteview High School
Lisa Newton-Hanson, Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools
Jill Oltman, Crete Middle School
Carrie Pratt, McMillan Middle School
Betty Shanle, Twin River Public Schools
Heather Steiner, Lincoln School Middle School

Hospitality and Tourism

Brenda Budler, Chadron High School
Janet Butler, Millard West High School
Gwen Davidson, Hastings High School
Kathy Gladem, Boone Central High School
Brittany McPhillips, Central City High School
Gogi Supenski, Bellevue West High School
Michaela Wragge, Millard South High School

Information Technology and Arts, A/V Technology and Communications Courses

Software Development and Information Support

Tracy Adrian, Hastings St. Cecilia High School
Molly Curnyn, Wayne State College
Mary Racicky, Grand Island Senior High
Chris Ramey, Millard West High School
Craig Shaw, Central Community College
Russ Wissing, Seward High School

Networking and Information Support

Carolyn Campbell, Bayard High School
Brandon Detlefsen, Cedar Rapids High School
Julie Jensen, Aurora High School
Scott Johnson, Crete High School
Mickie Mueller, Norfolk Public Schools
Brian Swanigan, R. M. Marrs Magnet School, Omaha

Journalism and Broadcasting

Courtney Archer, Elkhorn High School
Laura Chytka, Alice Buffet Middle School, Omaha
Mark Hilburn, Millard West High School
Tammy Schindler, Plainview High School
John Skogstoe, Northeast Community College
Carol Tschampl-Diesing, Omaha Public Schools
Career Center
Greg Ulmer, Grand Island Senior High School

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Rhyme or Reason on Assignment of Social Security Numbers



Mary H. Jochim, President of Sterling Financial Advisors, LLC shares the following Social Security Trivia.

1. Since 1936, over 420 million different Social Security numbers have been issued.
2. Over 5.5 million new numbers are assigned every year.
3. The first three digits of a Social Security number are known as the area number. Area numbers assigned before 1972 reflect the state where you applied for your number; otherwise, they are based upon the Social Security card application mailing address ZIP code.
4. The two-digit group number was actually created as a way to organize Social Security Administration filing cabinets into sub-groups to make them more manageable.
5. The last four digits on a Social Security card are serial numbers that are issued consecutively within a group from 0001 to 9999.
6. Area numbers are assigned geographically with the lowest numbers in the northeast and the highest in the northwest. That practice no longer applies as a new randomized assignment methodology went into effect on June 25, 2011.
7. In many cases, invalid Social Security numbers can be easily spotted. That's because cards have not been issued where the first three digits are 000, 666 or higher than 772. Valid cards are also never issued with the middle two digits or the final four digits all zeros.
8. If you object to certain digits in your Social Security number you can appeal for a new one, but only if you can prove your concerns are firmly rooted in your religious beliefs or cultural traditions.
9. Social Security numbers are not reused after the card holder dies.
10. Even though numbers aren't reused, the Social Security Administration says the current numbering system is capable of providing enough new numbers for several generations into the future. That means Social Security numbers will still be available well past 2030. Even if the benefit money won't.

Standards Writing Completed *continued from page 4*

Web Design and Digital Communication

Lori Anderson, Lincoln East High School
Angie Chittick, Mid-Plains Community College
Dawn Friedrich, Wausau High School
Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West High School
Brian Hull, Millard South High School
Matt Maw, Lincoln Southeast High School
Kelly Means, Omaha Central High School
Janis Mullins, Millard North High School
Jodi Nielsen, Omaha Central High School
Stephani Olson, Red Cloud High School
Janelle Stansberry, Cedar Bluffs High School
Carole Tharnish, Central Community College, Grand Island
Lindsay Tillinghast, Lincoln Southeast High School
Tammie Tonniges, Central Community College

Resources

MBA State's Connection

The MBA Research and Curriculum Center offers all Nebraska business and marketing secondary and postsecondary teachers online access to a wealth of resources. Nebraska is a member state of the MBA Research Consortium and statewide Perkins funds have been used to purchase professionally developed curriculum that is available to you at no cost. In order to download any of these materials, you will need to secure a login and password at State's Connection. You will find:

- Bookmarks that link you to useful web sites with information relevant to MBA Research's Business Administration standards for both business and marketing education.
- Course Profiles that can be useful in designing new courses or in evaluating existing courses.
- Rubric How-To to help with authentic assessment.
- Posters.
- And best of all, in-depth curriculum guides for many business administration courses.

MBA Learning Center 2.0 Open for Business

Give every student in your classes online access to all LAP (Leadership Attitude, Performance) modules. Every student. Every LAP. Every Gray Zone. Every test. Every activity. Students can complete online activities, reading assignments and testing – all at their own computer – in school or at home. AND, you get access to every PowerPoint, every teaching outline. Even make your own handouts beginning with the text from our student materials. Everything is available for learning online, or pick and choose any of the materials and access as a Word document. (Then, edit and save your own version to your own computer.) As of July 15, 2012 the estimated number of complete modules is 125, plus miscellaneous other support materials for additional performance indicators. Materials are added on a continuing basis, so access will increase throughout the year. Check out the Online Store to see the Quick Pick order form at <http://shop.mbaresearch.org/QuickPickForm.cfm?QPSearch=LAP&sessionid=164.119.78.75&storeid=1>

Twitter

Looking for ways to incorporate Twitter into your classroom?

Wade Miller (@wmiller65) from Seward High School recommends his favorite Twitter hash tags. Once the school year is under way, Wade plans to share more business articles/current events through his FBLA account which is @SewardFBLA.

#nebedu shares a lot of information from all Nebraska educators

#ecbusteach is the best business teacher hashtag at present

#edchat and #edtech are ones Wade follows as well

Follow #marketing and #business for current events in the business world.

InVEST—Insurance Literacy

InVEST is a unique program that develops professional skills and insurance literacy in high school students. InVEST provides education, opportunity, hands-on-experience and mentorship for students. The program can be tailored to each school's curriculum and academic requirements and is flexible to accommodate any teaching style. There are textbooks (printed free of charge for students), teacher's guide, lesson plans, online activities, videos and more! The program can be implemented for as little as two weeks or can be stretched into a year-long program with implementation of mock agency simulations. During simulations, students form and operate model insurance agencies (small businesses), rotate through the various job positions and act as insurance agents selling mock policies. Classroom activities include processing applications, rating and general accounting that allow students the opportunity to experience all aspects of insurance business activities.

Another valuable resource is the Teacher Task Force. Selected by National Staff, this task force acts as the voice of hundreds of teachers nationwide who are involved with the program. They are also available to mentor new InVEST teachers helping them to launch programs by sharing resources and ideas and assisting in the development of the program's instructional materials.

You can view a sample version of the textbook by clicking this link, then clicking on the bottom of the binoculars to view:

<http://invest.iiaba.net/Resources/Misc-Classroom-Materials/Resources.aspx>

Remember – InVEST's resources are free! Look around the website and see if this will be a nice addition to your classes or visit www.investprogram.org. Funding comes from insurance companies and agencies looking to improve insurance literacy and attract new talent to the insurance industry. If this looks interesting, please contact Diane Mattis, Executive Director InVEST, www.investprogram.org, (800) 221-7917 or 703-706-5400.

Professional Development

Insurance Education Institute

In 2009, the first Nebraska Insurance Education Institute was held in Omaha at the Federal Reserve Bank with 44 secondary and postsecondary business, marketing, math and family consumer science teachers actively engaged in learning new content and active learning strategies. In 2013, a repeat of the Institute will be hosted by the Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education, Nebraska Financial Education Coalition, Nebraska Council on Economic Education, Federal Reserve Bank and the Nebraska Department of Education. The culminating activity for an online graduate course in insurance offered through the University of Central Arkansas will be held in Omaha on July 9 and 10, 2013. Funding through the Griffith Foundation will cover the cost of tuition for the three-credit graduate course. Participants will conclude the Institute by taking an insurance industry certification exam. Further details about this Institute will be shared by December through the BMIT Listserve. Participants from 2009 are not eligible for the 2013 Institute.



Nebraska Teachers Earn National Certification in Personal Finance

Wayne State College rolled out the red carpet for 28 Nebraska secondary and postsecondary teachers attending the 2012 Personal Finance Institute July 24-26. The goal of the Institute is to better prepare educators who teach personal finance. Participants earned college graduate credit for their work in developing or revising an existing Personal Finance course for implementation at their high school or community college. At the conclusion of the Institute all of the teachers successfully passed the nationally recognized Financial Literacy Certification Exam entitled W!SE (Working in Support of Education).

In addition to intense classroom instruction, participants heard from guest financial speakers and experienced successful local entrepreneurial endeavors as they toured Heritage Industries and Heritage Homes.

Teachers attending received graduate credit from either the University of NE-Lincoln or Wayne State College. Dr. Tammie Fischer (UNL) and Dr. Patricia Arneson

(WSC) joined Dr. Sherry Roberts from Middle Tennessee State and Dr. Mike Casey from the University of Central Arkansas as Institute instructors. Guest speakers included Rhonda Heineman, CFP, of Heineman Financial Strategies of Omaha; David Wilhelm, finance instructor for the Academy of Finance at Metropolitan Community College, Omaha; and representatives from the Federal Reserve Banks of Omaha and Kansas City.

Sponsors that made the Institute possible included Partnerships for Innovation, Nebraska Council on Economic Education, Centris Federal Credit Union, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

Participating teachers and schools included:

Annette Rasmussen, Wayne High School
 Berva Arensdorf, Mid-Plains Community College
 Betty Shanle, Twin River Public School
 Brittany Davidson, Central City High School
 Carol Andringa, Lincoln Public Schools
 Christina Carothers, South Sioux City High School
 Cindy Dahlquist, Oakland-Craig Public Schools
 Cynthia Elliott, North Platte High School
 Dani Fusco, Pound Middle School – Lincoln
 Deb Wolken, Lincoln Northeast High School
 Doug Miller, Lincoln Southeast High School
 Gary Stubbs, Kearney High School
 Jacquelyn Garrison, Pleasanton Public School
 Jan Osborn, Sargent High School
 Jim Jennings, Platteview High School
 Josh Hinrichs, Lincoln Southwest High School
 Julie Hippen, Lincoln Southeast High School
 Kate Carlson, Douglas County West High School
 Kathleen Reiter, Southeast Community College
 Kenneth Newcomb, Wane State College
 Laura Newton, Elkhorn Valley High School
 Leah McClure, Centennial High School
 Lori Leudtke, Park Middle School – Lincoln
 Pam Sutton, Lincoln Christian School
 Robin Kratina, Bellevue West High School
 Sandy O’Neil, Chase County Schools
 Taffy Lewis, Southern Valley Schools
 Teresa Starks, Platteview High School

w!se | Financial Literacy
CERTIFICATION



Every participant passed the W!SE financial literacy certification and will have the opportunity to test their students on a similar test during the coming school year.

Nebraska Career Education Conference



Mark June 4-6, 2013 as must-attend dates for the NCE Conference to once again be held in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center. Featured speakers for the BMIT sessions will include Molly Skold of Omaha's Midtown Crossings and Leslie Fisher, the Gadget Geek. Molly will do a preconference workshop on Marketing Tools for Success as well as four breakout sessions on Wednesday. Leslie's preconference workshop will be a movie-making crash course followed by Wednesday breakout sessions on Evernote, Gadgets, The iPad Class, and Google Docs.

Career Education Professional Development

Under the leadership of Cory Epler, the Nebraska Dept. of Education hosted several Career Education professional development opportunities this past summer.

The **Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute** was held July 30 – August 2 in Lincoln, and 17 career educators from all disciplines participated. The Beginning Teacher Institute was designed to support beginning Career and Technical Education teachers. The institute provided participants with access to information that will assist them in managing their respective career education programs. Specifically, the experience was designed around three themes: (1) “My Career Education Program,” (2) “My Career Education Classroom,” and (3) “My Professional Development,” and sessions provided participants with information related to those three themes. In addition, the Beginning Teacher Institute allowed beginning CTE teachers to network with other Career and Technical Education teachers from Nebraska.

Congratulations to the following BMIT teachers who participated: Julie Hendricks, High Plains; Brent Jarosz, Norfolk High; and Leah McClure, Centennial.

The **Career Education Leadership Academy** was held July 30 – August 2 in Lincoln. Thirty-two career educators representing all Career Fields participated in this event. The Career Education Leadership Academy is an experience designed to help grow the leadership potential of Nebraska Career Educators. Throughout the experience, participants were able to strengthen their leadership skills and abilities through The Leadership Challenge workshop. The Leadership Challenge model is built around Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership. Additionally, participants were offered a \$200 Action Grant to implement what they have learned to a leadership challenge they are currently facing

BMIT teachers participating included: Amy Copper, Loup County; Katie Harmon and Sarah Schau, Westside; Jan Osborn, Sargent; Joni Ternes, Girls and Boys Town; Tennille Gifford, Kearney and Lori Harding, Wakefield.

You will have a chance to apply to be part of either the Beginning Teacher Institute or the Career Education Leadership Academy next year. Watch the BMIT Listserve for details concerning next year's professional development offerings.



Nebraska State Business Education Association

NSBEA FALL CONFERENCE

Hosted by Talent Plus
Presenter ~ Teresa Thomas



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Saturday, October 20, 2012

Students... We teach them. We coach them. We train them.
Then what? Where will their talents take them?

Agenda

- ☀ 8:00 **Registration** and Continental Breakfast
- ☀ 8:25 **Welcome**
- ☀ 8:30-9:30 **Focus on You®**
- ☀ 9:30-9:40 **Break**
- ☀ 9:40-10:40 **Who, what, how, why?**
 - Who is Talent Plus?
 - What do we do?
 - How do we do it?
 - Why does this add value?
- ☀ 10:40-11:40 **Life's Board of Directors**
- ☀ 11:40 **Adjournment to Fireworks**
Lunch and NSBEA Board of Directors Meeting



Talent Plus

Hall Hospitality Suite
One Talent Plus Way
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

(www.talentplus.com)

Directions: West of 70th Street
on Pioneers Blvd.

Registration Fee – NSBEA Members - \$10 – covers cost of registration, handouts, and continental breakfast served prior to the conference. **Non-members** - \$30 – covers cost of conference and NSBEA membership for one year.

Registration Form

(Clip this portion off and mail in with payment to register)

_____ Yes! I will be attending the Lincoln NSBEA Fall Conference on Saturday, October 20, 2012

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ School: _____

_____ Yes _____ No -- I plan to attend the luncheon at Fireworks after the conference.

Mail this portion and \$10 or \$30 (payable to NSBEA) to: Lori Anderson, 4144 Garfield Street, Lincoln, NE, 68506 (May also Email reservation and pay at the door.)

Questions – contact Lincoln Conference Committee or NSBEA President:

Lori Anderson – loriand@lps.org, Lindsay Tillinghast – ltillin@lps.org; Josh Hinrichs – jhinric@lps.org
Kathleen McCune – mccunek@mpcc.edu – NSBEA President

NSBEA Fall Conference

This year's NSBEA Fall Conference will be held at the beautiful Talent+ campus in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday, October 20 (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.). Teresa Thomas, former Nebraska FBLA State Adviser, will be our presenter.

Talent Plus has over 50 years of experience studying talent. The following topics will be presented:

Engage in the Focus on You® activity and learn about your successes, goals and interests.

- Who, what, how, why?
 - Learn who Talent Plus is.
 - Learn what Talent Plus does.
 - Learn how Talent Plus recruits, selects, develops and retains talented people.
 - Learn why Talent Plus adds value to corporations globally.
- Examine your "Life's Board of Directors."

After learning more about ourselves and how we can impact our students, we will adjourn to Fireworks for lunch and the NSBEA Board of Directors meeting. Please see the registration flyer found in this newsletter or on NSBEA's website (nsbea.org) for more information.

CSOs in Action

DECA is Ready to Thrive!

As the 2012-2013 school year begins, DECA is ready to provide members the tools they need to Thrive this year! The international Thrive theme will be carried out across the world this year as members use the benefits of DECA membership to reach their potential and become college and career ready. The Nebraska DECA Officer Team 56 has prepared all summer long to deliver state members Discover Your Direction—the state theme and action plan that promises to increase membership, establish an alumni association, and encourage statewide participation in community service events for the MDA and Feed Nebraska campaigns.



Last year, Nebraska DECA saw a 10 percent increase in membership and this year the main focus will be to continue that success with an increase of another 10 percent. In addition, a new advisor professional development plan is in place that will provide online modules covering all topics advisors need to be heroes in their classrooms. The Business Partnership Network (BPN) is also working hard to develop a new support plan that will give the maximum benefit to both students and business members as they continue to provide their expertise and give the members the hands-on experiences they need. From the leadership conferences, to competitive events, to social and community activities, Nebraska DECA is ready for the new year!

State Officer Action Team 56 (L to R:)

Row 1: VP-Publications Henry Gentle, Omaha Central; Secretary Katie Wandzilak, Lincoln Southeast; President Kody Rawson, Papillion La Vista High.

Row 2: VP-Alumni/Collegiate DECA Conner Kaiser, Lincoln East; VP-Membership Services Cody Basch, Papillion-La Vista South; VP-Business Partnerships Ryan Lamb, Papillion-La Vista South.



It has been a hot summer for everyone—including Nebraska FBLA!

At the National Leadership Conference (NLC), held in San Antonio, Texas, June 29-July 2, Nebraska FBLA heated up the stage with 7 first-place awards, 28 Top 10 awards and \$7,050 in cash awards!

First-place award winners were the following:

- Ashley Quiring, Heartland, Accounting II
- Stephanie Teten, Johnson-Brock, Agribusiness
- Myan Bhoopalam and Tianye Chen, Lincoln East, Banking and Financial Systems
- Jordan Bowman, Lauren Bowman and Cody Brown, Elmwood-Murdock, Community Service
- Lacey Uden, Adams Central, Electronic Career Portfolio
- Amy Chin, Lakeview, Free Enterprise
- Kaitlyn Quiring, Heartland, Word Processing I

Brent Comstock, Nebraska FBLA State Vice President from Auburn, was elected Mountain Plains Vice President. In addition, Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West, was honored as Nebraska's Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser, and Pat Hinkle, Blair, was recognized for completing her three years of service on the national FBLA-PBL Board of Directors. Complete NLC results can be found at <http://nebraskafbla.org>.

The heat wave continues this fall when the State Officer Team implements “Igniting Innovation” as the theme for the 2012-2013 school year. Patrick George headlines the 2012 Fall Leadership Conferences (FLC) held September 25 in Kearney and September 26 in Omaha. Featured chapter workshops will be given by Sandhills, Lakeview, Neligh-Oakdale, and Lincoln East FBLA chapters.

The action continues when Nebraska FBLA heads west for the National Fall Leadership Conference hosted in Denver, Colorado, on November 9-10. Brent Comstock, Mountain Plains Vice President, and his national officer teammates will lead the general sessions as well as present conference workshops.

If these FBLA opportunities have piqued your interest, then starting an FBLA chapter is the way to go! Through FBLA, students in business and information technology classes can apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to real life situations. Members see the rewards of school and community service by helping others; they learn how to make a difference by participating in state and national projects. This year all of the Nebraska career student organizations will support Feed Nebraska, a collaborative project providing food for community food banks as well as service hours to soup kitchens and other agencies that help feed Nebraska!

The state officers and I invite you to help “ignite innovation” by joining in the Nebraska FBLA fun!



2012-2013 Nebraska FBLA State Officer Team

L to R: Treasurer Julie Slama, Auburn;
Vice President Brent Comstock, Auburn;
Reporter Jacob Albracht, Arlington;
Secretary Allyson Wilson, Aurora;
Parliamentarian Trevor Sorensen, Minden;
President Sally Moore, Fillmore Central.

Calendars

Business, Marketing and Information Technology

BMIT Calendar

Nebraska DECA

www.nedeca.org

Nebraska FBLA

nebraskafbla.org

Nebraska Career Education Calendar

www.education.ne.gov/NCE/Calendar.html

Nebraska Career Education Master Calendar

<http://ndecalendar.mhsoftware.com/>



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