



**NETForce Meeting Activities Synopsis-Nebraska Department of Education  
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**Entrepreneurship Listserv**

Refining and focusing the information provided via the Entrepreneurship Education listserv continues. A semi-regular Nebraska E-News and Views update is posted at the end of the week and highlights 2-3 events, news stories, best practices, and/or news of interest to entrepreneurship educators and entrepreneurial advocates. This update initially was titled Friday E-Update but will be transitioning to a new title of Nebraska E-News and Views. The possibility of transitioning it to a more professional Constant Contact or Mail Chimp newsletter format is still being investigated.

**Nebraska Career Education Conference**

The annual NCE Conference will take place June 2-5, 2015 at the Younes Conference Center, Holiday Inn and off-site locations. The conference is the annual professional development conference for secondary and postsecondary career technical education teachers/instructors, school counselors and administrators. Attendance each year is 500+ and it offers an array of half-day and full day pre-sessions on Monday and Tuesday, June 2-3 and dynamic keynote speakers and 45 minute rotational sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, June 4-5.

Entrepreneurship Themed Pre-Sessions and Rotationals “in the works” include:

- HP Life Learning Initiative for Entrepreneurs
- Creating a Culture of Entrepreneurship in Your School/Community
- Engaging Entrepreneurship Events for Nebraska CTE Students
- The Valley County Phenomenon-Building an Entrepreneur-Focused Community and School
- The Maker Space Experience Sweeping the Nation
- Dream Design Deliver – A Digital Curriculum for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Venture – Entrepreneurial Expedition – Digital Curriculum and Simulation

*Conference Information and Updates: [www.nceconference.com](http://www.nceconference.com)*

**Habitudes for Career Ready Students**

Full-day trainings will be offered on Monday, June 1 and repeated again on Tuesday, June 2. Nebraska Career Education, in cooperation with Dr. Tim Elmore, has developed “Habitudes for Career Ready Students.” This book is all about helping Nebraska students become “career ready.” The images represent the Nebraska Career Readiness Standards, which have been identified as important for students to embrace in order to experience successful careers. This training will provide the knowledge and skills needed to implement the Habitudes for Career Ready Students Training participants will receive a classroom set of the Habitudes for Career Ready Students book (20 copies) and the teacher materials (lesson plans, PowerPoint slides, and case study examples). An additional materials fee is charged in addition to the conference registration for these sessions. Presenters will be Cory Epler, Donelle Johnson, and Anita Wollenburg, Nebraska Department of Education.

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### **Entrepreneurial StrengthsFinder**

The Entrepreneurial StrengthsFinder book is due for release on September 30, 2014. The book is the companion to the ESF assessment that can be purchased for \$12.00 at the Gallup StrengthsCenter.

Entrepreneurial StrengthsFinder will provide detailed insights into the 10 entrepreneurial talents measured by Gallup's groundbreaking assessment of the same name. The book will also include an access code to take the Entrepreneurial StrengthsFinder assessment. Additional coaching resources and educational workshops/conferences are planned.  
<https://www.gallupstrengthscenter.com/>

### **EntrepreneurShip Investigation ESI Camp/NE LovesPS Video**

Valley County offered an ESI Camp June 9-13, 2014. The camp is a rich experience that will focus on Exploring Science, Technology, and Engineering, Designing Business/Marketing Plans and products, Entrepreneurship Development and Marketing, and conclude with an ESI Market Place and Wrap Up. After encouragement by NDE to consider Valley County's efforts in entrepreneurship education, NE LovesPS will be filmed during the camp and the video segment is currently being edited for posting as part of the award-winning NE LovesPS video series at <http://nelovesps.org/>.

### **Nebraska Career Tours Videos**

Entrepreneurship is planned as a theme for three new videos to be produced and added to the [necareertours.com](http://necareertours.com/) website at <http://necareertours.com/>. The videos are a collaborative effort by the Nebraska Departments of Education, Labor, and Economic Development. The purpose of the videos is to provide a virtual industry tour highlighting the scope of careers in Nebraska businesses/industries in all 16 career clusters plus entrepreneurship. The videos contain interviews with employees and business representatives discussing work requirements, education levels, salaries and job prospects. Teacher discussion guides have been created for the first three career cluster video series (Information Technology, Transportation and Logistics, and Manufacturing). In final production mode are the Round 2 videos which include Architecture/Construction; Health Science; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Entrepreneurship is in Round 3 of the video series production along with Finance/Insurance, Marketing, and Education/Training

### **2014-15 Entrepreneurship Events and Activities in Nebraska Fliers**

Two fliers were created to publicize entrepreneurship events in Nebraska. One flier features Entrepreneurship Competitions and Conferences in 2014-15. The other flier publicizes Entrepreneurship Week celebrations (Global Entrepreneurship Week and National Entrepreneurship Week) on one side and highlights Professional Development Opportunities at the national and state levels (National Entrepreneurship Education Forum and Nebraska Career Education Conference). Both fliers can be downloaded at <http://www.education.ne.gov/entrep/edevents.html>.

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