

Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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NETForce Meeting Date: January 13, 2017

Communications/Outreach

- Entrepreneurship Listserv Listserv maintained for periodic communications about entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education (activities, conferences, research, publications and timely topics) <u>http://lists.k12.ne.us/wws/subscribe/entre-ed</u>
- **Twitter @NDE_EntreED** Tweets and retweets related to entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education in Nebraska and beyond. Currently 158 followers.
- Educational Service Unit Presentations Presentations on Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurship Education resources and curricula to be delivered at in-services for ESU 4 (14 schools), ESU 9 (16 schools), ESU 10 (36 schools); ESU 11 (13 member schools) and 13 (21 member schools) January 11 and February 15.
- Nebraska Entrepreneurship Education website Website maintained to share resources and event information as well as a section for NET*Force* agendas, minutes, meeting handouts/resources and curriculum/programs information.
- Entrepreneurship Conferences and Competitions Flyer Flyer disseminated throughout the year and posted online to highlight conferences and pitch competitions hosted throughout the state during July-June academic year. The 2016-17 flyer has been distributed to all the Nebraska Career and Technical Education Career Field Specialists and Career Technical Student Organization State Advisors as well as included in the reVISION meeting materials for schools engaged in reVISION 2016-17. The flyer can be updated as needed with new events and updated information.

Workplace Experiences Continuum/Workplace Experiences Guide and Resources Website

- A new Workplace Experiences Continuum has been developed.
- Entrepreneurship and school-based enterprises are two of the models included in the Continuum.
- Continuum is part of the updating and development of a Workplace Experiences Guide and website.
- Site is scheduled to go "live" by the end of January, 2017.
- Presentations are scheduled for the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Conference (February 7), Nebraska School Boards Association/Nebraska Council of School Administrators Forum (February 9), and Nebraska Career Education Conference (June 8, 9). See attachment for the Workplace Continuum Model.

Nebraska Career Tours Videos – <u>www.nebraskacareerclusters.com</u>

- The Career Tours videos are "virtual tours" of Nebraska businesses that are intended to showcase career opportunities in high skill, high wage and high demand jobs within each of the 16 Career Clusters plus Entrepreneurship.
- Completed clusters include Ag, Food and Natural Resources; Architecture and Consstruction; Education and Training; Finance, Health Science; Information Technology; Manufacturing; Marketing; Renewable and Sustainable Energy.
- n production for 2018 are: Arts, AV Technology and Communications; Business Management and Administration; Hospitality and Tourism; and Human Services.

See attached flyer.

reVISION

- reVISION provides Nebraska schools with the opportunity to analyze and transform their current career education systems in order to improve their ability to educate a qualified workforce that meets industry needs.
- The importance of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education are considered. Working in collaboration with postsecondary education and regional workforce/economic development leaders, the reVISION process links career education, school administrators, school counselors and industry professionals.
- reVISION has been identified as a Promising Practice by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- Schools engaged in reVISION for 2016-17 include, Aurora, Bellevue, Fairbury, Friend, Gering & Panhandle Area Schools, Gibbon, Hastings, Millard, Neligh-Oakdale, Randolph, Ravenna, South Central Unified, Springfield-Platteview, St. Paul, Superior and Wayne. Schools in bold are those which I have served as facilitator or co-facilitator. See attached flyer.

CTE 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

The Nebraska Career Education and Innovation Foundation conducted CTE Stakeholder Engagement Meetings that focused on creating a shared vision and action plan for Career and Technical Education looking forward to 2025. The meetings engaged participants in focus group discussions centered around:

- Input on a new state plan for federal Perkins CTE legislation
- Direction for state initiatives for secondary and postsecondary CTE
- Rethinking secondary and postsecondary CTE delivery systems across Nebraska
- Strengthening CTE as a part of Nebraska's workforce development system
- Aligning CTE with economic development priorities
- CTE teacher shortages
- Career readiness for Nebraska students

Makerspace Studios: Nebraska Library Commission Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities project

- The Nebraska Library Commission received an invitation from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to submit a full application (due January 13, 2017) for National Leadership Grant funding.
- Partners in the grant proposal are Nebraska Library Commission along with regional partners, University of Nebraska's Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.
- If funded it will feature four robust Makerspace Studios that will be hosted by 30 public libraries in rural Nebraska over a three-year period.
- Nebraska Career Education has submitted a Letter of Commitment in support of the grant proposal and I have been asked to serve on the advisory committee because of the connections to entrepreneurship education.

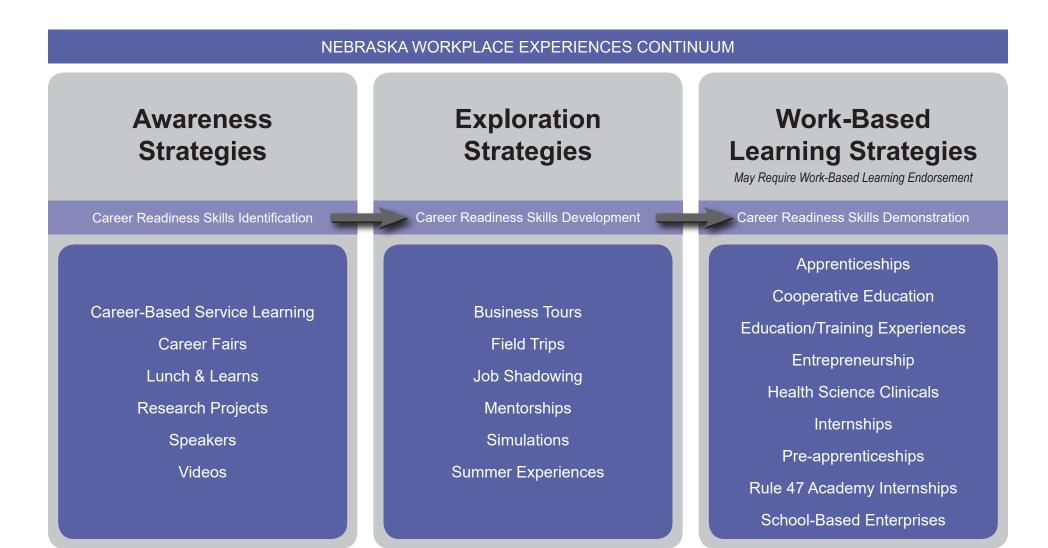
Cozad 3rd Annual Maker Fair

- The Maker Fair is a two-day event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, and Thursday, February 2, 2017, at Cozad High School.
- In lieu of regular classes, high school students attend sessions which are hands-on, adult led, and community supported. Sessions vary in length from a half-day (3 hours) to a whole day (6 hours).
- Some sessions are hobby/craft in nature, while others could be linked to sparking innovation/entrepreneurship in the future.
- Topics range from butchering, card games, sewing, drones, and so on are offered. For more detailed information on the event, please refer to their website, <u>http://cozadmakerfair.weebly.com/</u>.

Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring) Please provide date, event title and web links to information:

Nebraska Career Education Conference – June 5-8, 2017 Younes Conference Center-Kearney, NE (<u>www.nceconference.com</u>)

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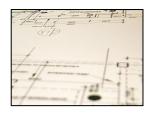
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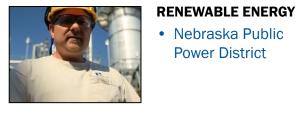


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