

# T & I INSTRUCTOR UPDATE

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## CONSULTANT UPDATE!!

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I don't know about you, but it was a rather long summer for me and I'm almost glad to see it end! As most of you know, I had total knee replacement surgery in early May and am finally beginning to see the "light at end of the tunnel" and it is NOT an oncoming train! Thank you for all of the good wishes you sent my way—they have been appreciated! Hubby says I still walk like Chester (from Gunsmoke), but I'm working on it.

Because of the surgery, I did not get to attend the Career Clusters Conference this summer, but I did spend a week in Kansas City at the National SkillsUSA Competition, which was fabulous (more on that later in this newsletter). I also plan to attend the ACTE Conference and the LPSS National Conference in December 2013.

Here at the Agency, we have spent

the summer doing annual updates on several documents (Career Cluster Guidance Handbook, SB 155 Reference Materials, etc.) which are now posted on the KSDE Website (links provided later in this newsletter). We also are working on Strategic Planning for CTE, trying to develop a 3-5 year Improvement Plan. We appreciate the input we received from instructors and administrators at the K-ACTE Conference in Wichita at the end of July. Our overall aim is to set goals to improve CTE in Kansas by helping you create high quality Pathways in your schools. To do this we are looking what it takes to ensure we have high quality, professional development, facilities, instructional strategies, partnerships, and student outcomes. We will be sharing more

of this with you as we continue the process.

Some changes were made during the past several months to some of our pathways. In the Corrections, Security, Law & Law Enforcement pathway we have added a strand to meet the needs of students wanting to go into Pre-law or Paralegal studies. The Agriculture Cluster has added 5 new pathways that will be available for the 14-15 school year.

During the upcoming school year, we will be starting the process of re-visiting all pathways to see what changes need to be made. The first ones we will look at in the Trade & Industry area are the two pathways in the Architecture & Construction Cluster.

## Kansas CTE Vision

All Kansas students are engaged in quality career pathways to prepare them for a lifetime of opportunities as productive and responsible citizens

## PATHWAY REPORT FOR 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

In total, Kansas high schools have been approved for 2298 Pathways for the 13-14 school year. That is an increase of 99 pathways from the previous year. 467 of those are in the four Cluster areas I work with. Here is the breakdown by pathway:

Construction—180	Design & Pre-Construction—120
Production—101	Maintenance—1
Mobile Equipment Maintenance—50	Corrections, Security, Law & Law Enforcement—9
Emergency & Fire Management—6	



## Calendar of Events

Sept. 5: CTE Drive-in workshop—Girard

Sept. 11: SkillsUSA KS DFCL—Manhattan

Sept. 12: CTE Drive-in Workshop—Garden City

Sept. 17: SkillsUSA KS DFCL—Wichita

Sept. 18—CTE Drive-in Workshop—Topeka

Sept. 24: Drive-in Workshop—Hays

Sept. 24: SkillsUSA KS DFCL—Seward CCC

Sept. 25: SkillsUSA KS DFCL—NWKTC

Sept. 26: SkillsUSA KS DFCL—Olathe Adv. Tech. Center

Oct. 23-24: SkillsUSA KS Fall Leadership Conf.—Hesston

Nov. 15: CPPSA Window opens—KSDE Website

Dec. 2—4: LPSS Natl. Conf.—Las Vegas

Dec. 4-7: ACTE National Conf.—Las Vegas

## SKILLSUSA UPDATE

It has been a wild ride since Ann Wick's retirement last winter! But we have had very successful State & National Conferences this spring and summer! We sent 105 competitors to the National Conference in Kansas City this past June. They brought home 10 medals and 49 top 10 finishes. We are proud of all who competed! Our medals were in

Gold—Diesel Equip. Tech (HS)  
 Gold—Res. Systems Installation (HS)  
 Gold—Restaurant Services (HS)  
 Gold—Telecommunications Cabling (PS)  
 Silver—Culinary Arts (HS)  
 Silver—Medical Math (PS)  
 Silver—Carpentry (PS)  
 Bronze— Television Production (PS)  
 Bronze— Television Production (PS)

We are, hopefully, nearing the end of our search for a new State Director for SkillsUSA. We have had three rounds of interviews, and have at least two viable candidates. More will be forthcoming once background checks and decisions are made!

**The District Fall Leadership Meetings** are scheduled to be held during the month of September. More details on those will be coming out through emails to Lead Advisors.

**The Fall Leadership Conference** is scheduled for Oct. 23-24 in Hesston. Check your emails for updates on this also.

**The SkillsUSA Foundation Board** of Directors met in Wichita on July 28. Part of this meeting was used to begin our annual Strategic Planning. One of our goals will be to increase both Chapter membership and individual membership. Over the past two years our membership numbers are down 122 members. Plus we had ten chapters that registered no members last year. We are planning to develop a survey to find out where the problem areas are and what we can do to bring our numbers back up. Be checking your emails for this survey!

We are needing new Business/Industry Chairs for a few of our state contests next spring. If you know of someone who may be interested in chairing one of the following contests, please forward their names to us:

- Precision Machining
- Diesel Equipment Technology

We believe we have found new chairs for the following contests:

- Job Skills Demo A & Open
- Photography
- Automotive Service Technology

## SPOTLIGHT ON: BRETT SIDESINGER— WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations goes out to Brett Sidesinger, a Topeka area high school student attending the Washburn Institute of Technology. Brett represented Kansas in the Cabinetmaking Contest at the SkillsUSA National Competition in Kansas City this past June, where he placed 5th in the competition.

Because age restrictions kept the 3rd and 4th place finishers from eligibility to compete in trials for the 2015 World Skills competition, Brett was invited to the trials along with the 1st and 2nd place finishers. The trials were held the last weekend in July in Las Vegas. Brett placed 2nd in the trials, and although he did not make the World Skills team, we applaud his efforts and wish him all the best as he moves forward with his education and his career.



(Brett Sidesinger competing in the World Skills Trials in Las Vegas)

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## SPOTLIGHT ON: KIM MITCHELL—KSDE EDUCATION PROGRAM CONSULTANT

For the past few years, Kim Mitchell has been an integral member of the KSDE CTE team., performing duties that ranged from Health Cluster consultant, HOSA Advisor, Non-Trad consultant, Pathways & CPPSA guru, to great friend and colleague! Kim has chosen to leave KSDE and return to her first love—teaching. She has accepted a position as the Agriculture Instructor at Royal Valley High School. We wish all good things for Kim and her family as she moves forward in her career. We know that Royal Valley students are getting an excellent Ag. Teacher!

## UPDATED CTE DOCUMENTS & RESOURCES

We have completed our annual update to several important documents, that are now posted on the KSDE website. Here are the links to them:

1. [Career Cluster Guidance Handbook](#)—Contains all of the updated Pathway Design Sheets
2. [Pathway changes for 2014-2015](#) - Highlights the major changes happening this year in CTE in Kansas
3. [2014 SB 155 Qualifying Credentials Reference Book](#)—Contains all information about SB155 including Tuition Reimbursement and the Qualifying Credentials list and contact information
4. [2014 SB 155 Qualifying Credentials List](#)—The list of all qualifying Credentials meeting the SB155 requirements for 2013-14
5. [Double-up / Nesting Policy](#)—Current CTE policy on doubling and nesting CTE courses within a pathway
6. [Facility Guidelines for CTE Classrooms/Labs](#)—Current guidelines for CTE facility guidelines based on State Fire Marshall recommendations

## DRIVE-IN WORKSHOPS

The dates have been set for our annual Drive-In Workshops! We encourage schools to bring a team that includes CTE instructors, core instructors, counselors & administrators. **If you attended the Monday session at the K-ACTE Conference on July 29, you do not need to attend a Workshop.** We will be presenting the same information.

You can register for a Workshop at [Register for Drive-In 2013!](#)

Dates & locations:

- Sept. 5—Greenbush Educ. Service Center—Girard
- Sept. 12—Clarion Hotel—Garden City
- Sept. 18—Ramada Inn Downtown—Topeka
- Sept. 24—Ft. Hays State Univ. Memorial Union—Hays

We are trying to set up an additional Workshop for early October in Hutchinson. Keep checking the registration site to when it gets posted.

Topics for the Workshops include:

- Cluster Updates
- CTE Strategic Planning for Pathway Improvement
- Data Collection
- Building Partnerships With the Community, Agencies, & your Advisory Committee
- Common Career Technical Core
- CPass Updates (End of Pathway Assessments)
- Career Development

## 2013–2014 QUALIFYING CREDENTIALS FOR SB155

Senate Bill 155, enacted July 2012, provides for \$1,000 incentive payments to be made to high schools for student who graduate holding a credential identified on the annual list of occupations selected by the Dept. of Labor as being high demand careers in Kansas.

This year's list has some new occupations and credentials added. The first is for Automotive Body. The qualifying Credentials are the ASE student certification and the I-CAR Refinish Technician ProLevel 1.

The second is First-line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers. The qualifying credential is the ProStart National Certificate of Achievement issued through the national Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

The third addition is Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic. The qualifying credentials are the MSSC Certified Production Technician or NIMS Machining Level 1.

For more details on these please consult the [2014 SB 155 Qualifying Credentials Reference Book](#).

Three occupations from the 2012-13 list are being phased out, with students needing to attain the qualifying certifications by Dec. 15, 2014, to qualify for the incentive payment. Those occupations include Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters, Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers, and Construction Laborers.