



The Washington Association for Career Counseling & Employment Readiness

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello WA-CCER Members!
I'm not sure about you but I'm looking forward to the upcoming Spring Break in the next few weeks. I hope everyone takes time out to enjoy your family and friends during this time.

The following message is to keep you informed as a member on upcoming conferences, information and activities that are planned for WA-CCER. If you're not aware; Terry Derrig and myself (Jewel Robinson) are Co-Presidents of WA-CCER this year.

Summer Conference: WA-ACTE Summer Conference is August 7-10, 2016. This year the conference will be held in

Spokane, Washington at the Davenport Grand Hotel. The conference officially begins on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 1pm instead of Monday. This change allows more hands on activities and the opportunity to allow speakers to elaborate on their topics.

If there's a guest speaker that you've enjoyed listening to at a previous conference; please share their contact information with us. Coming soon....Be on the lookout for the 2016 WA-ACTE Summer Conference Application.

Other happenings within WA-CCER:
On March 2, 2016 WA-

CCER Board Members had a meeting. The topic of discussion was professional development opportunities, and increasing our membership.

Also, JWG (Jobs for Washington's Graduates) is hosting a Career Development Conference for Career Choices Students and JWG on April 19, 2016 at the Wenatchee Coast Convention Center. Details will be included within this newsletter.

Please consider getting involve with WA-CCER and WA-ACTE; we are always looking to increase leadership roles.

Sincerely,
Jewel Robinson

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WA-CCER WEB PAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Plans are underway to construct a WA-CCER web page! But the most important part of web page development is filling it with information YOU consider useful. So here's your challenge—tell me what you want to see on our WA-CCER page. Email nora.zollweg@westsoundtech.org with suggestions. Once the web page is completed, a link will be sent to you for your use.



MEMBERSHIP—LETS HELP WA-CCER GROW!

Do you know a Jobs for Washington Graduates (JWG) specialist, Work Site Learning/Work Based Learning Coordinator, Career Center Specialist or Career Choices teacher? Encourage them to join WA-CCER. A membership form is attached to this email.

Collaboration allows us to share information and provide the highest quality programs for our students.

JWG ANNUAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Jobs for Washington's Graduates (JWG) annual Career Development Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee Washington. With our WA-CCER merger, this year **we want to invite students from the Career Choices programs to join in the fun and competition.** Youth from across the state will represent their schools. They will participate in career competitions, demonstrating competencies attained during the school year. Competitive events include: Server's Skills Challenge, Employability Skills Triathlon, Business Math, Employment Interview, and Public Speaking.

Professionals from the business community of Washington play a vital part in the event, volunteering their time and expertise as judges for the various competitions. Diana Haglund will give an inspirational kickoff address, before the youth are released to their competitive events. Lunch with keynote speaker Leon McKinney will bridge the morning and afternoon activities. Career-building workshops are offered during the afternoon. The day concludes with an Awards Ceremony. Representative of OSPI will award Medals for top competitors.

Registration is already under way and will close soon. There are 20 spots being held for Career Choices teachers to enter their top students. For more information please contact Mary Kanikeberg at mary.kanikeberg@k12.wa.us or 360-725-4964. The first schools to call and submit (up to 5 students from each school) will be included. There is no charge to the students to attend this event. Registration is required. All expenses for travel, meals during travel times and hotel accommodations are the sole responsibility of you/your school district. This annual event is offered through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction with support from the JWG Foundation Board and WACCER.

Applications for new JWG programs in the 2016-17 school year are starting now. Interested teachers and CTE Directors can contact Mary Kanikeberg at mary.kanikeberg@k12.wa.us.

There will be some start-up funds for new sites. Specialist need to be included in summer training put on by Jobs for America's Graduates in early July. School districts that commit to the program may have some expenses covered for their designated Specialists to attend this training.



WA-CCER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Student Scholarship Reminder Two Scholarships Available!

Just a quick note to remind everyone to encourage your qualified seniors to apply for the WA-CCER Needs Scholarship and/or the WA-CCER Career Center Scholarship. Here is what you need to know:

If you have an eligible student who would like to apply, please forward the application attached to this newsletter. Be sure you print the correct application. We have two applications attached and they are similar.

Don't wait, the due date is approaching fast -

Application Packets must be received by the WA-CCER Scholarship Selection Committee by Monday, May 2, 2016 - no late applications will be accepted.

WA-CCER Needs Scholarship

This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who:

1. Have been, or are presently, in an approved WBL/WSL Program, JWG, Career Choices (Diversified Occupations).
2. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university or technical school as a full-time student, beginning fall, 2016
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Are recommended by a WADOT member



WA-CCER Career Center Scholarship

This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who:

1. Have completed an outstanding High School and Beyond Plan.
2. Plans to attend a two-year community/technical college or a four-year college or university as a full-time student, beginning fall 2016.

Remember—Both scholarships are due no later than May 2, 2016!

Joe Derrig, Scholarship Chair

WBL/WSL Coordinator, JWG of Career Choices/D.O. Teacher



MAY 2, 2016

WA-CCER AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION

The WA-CCER *Member of the Year* Awards Nomination form is included in this newsletter. Deadline is May 2, 2016 . This is an opportunity to celebrate those who have done amazing things to support our WSL/WBL, JWG, Career Choices students and Career Centers as well as our CTE Programs.

Please take a moment to consider nominating someone who you know is dedicated to their job and has made a difference for kids!

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Remember—Nomination Form is Attached
to this News Letter Email!

Can You Use This Space!

Do you have an announcement or article you'd like
included in our newsletter...send it to me at

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We'd love to highlight your program or activity.