

Fiscal Update - We have received our July CTEIG payment and you should be in receipt of your first payment. October has been vouchered and I anticipate receiving our August payment soon (the voucher date was close on the heels of the July voucher). This will allow us to fully disburse funds budgeted for supplies and equipment. Please spend the money now for equipment and materials to be used by your students this year. I will be more vigilant in my reminders this year.

Articles and Resources - USA Today wrote a brilliant feature last week – **“Where The Jobs Are”**

This is a great look at our workforce needs. The interactive features will also serve as a great **resource for parents, students, and guidance counselors**. Unfortunately, the media continues to insist on calling on-the-job training “some post-secondary education”.

<http://www.usatoday.com/longform/news/nation/2014/09/30/job-economy-middle-skill-growth-wage-blue-collar/14797413/>

They Lied to Us About College and Our Careers. What Next? – by Entrepreneur and Author Michael Price – two excerpts

“In this day and age, an employer could care less about how smart you are. There's millions of clones with the same college degree and the same "smarts." Employers today are fed up with smart people who kiss the bosses' rear. They need people with verifiable skills that can get work done and make things happen.”

“There was a time when college wasn't the scam that it has become today. There was a time in America when college was actually affordable. This was the game changer. In just the last 30 years the [cost of a college education has risen 1,120 percent](#).”

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michaelprice/what-next_b_5891294.html

Great opportunities:

Attached is a flyer for the upcoming ISACC Educator Construction Expo. This is a fantastic hands-on opportunity for educators to learn about the skills needed and opportunities available in the Construction Industry.

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| Business/Computer/Criminal Justice Advisory and updates: | Tuesday, October 21 |
| Counselor Workshop: | Wednesday, October 22 |
| Industrial Tech/Ag Advisory and updates: | Tuesday, November 4 |

The Elite Conference

There are still spaces available for the 2014 Elite Conference in Business, Marketing, and Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Science Technology, and Technology and Engineering Education.

You can register online at: <http://goo.gl/aWCvwr>

[Click here](#) for an Elite Teacher Flyer

[Click here](#) for an Elite Student Flyer

P&CC Reminder

Friday's P&CC Meeting will be held at R-Place in Morris at the intersection of Interstate 80 and Route 47

Congratulations to our friends from TRMA & TREP for a successful “Manufacturing Day” activity held at JJC’s Weitendorf center! There were nearly 500 students from around the region exposed to a variety of careers and engaging speakers. A number of area manufacturers were present to interact with students and discuss opportunities in greater detail.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of students!

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