



## Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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**NETForce Meeting Date: April 12, 2019**

### Communications/Outreach

- **NEW Entrepreneurship Listserv Subscription Link** - <https://lists.k12.ne.us/subscribe/entre-ed>
- **Twitter - @NDE\_EntreED** – Tweets and retweets related to entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education in Nebraska and beyond. Currently 195 followers.
- **Nebraska Entrepreneurship Education website** - <https://www.education.ne.gov/entreped/>

**Nebraska Career Tours Videos** – [www.nebraskacareerclusters.com](http://www.nebraskacareerclusters.com)

The final set of Nebraska Career Clusters videos is now live at [www.necareertours.com](http://www.necareertours.com). The Teacher Discussion Guides and Student View Guides have been posted for each of the videos.

The new videos are for:

- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security – Rembolt Ludtke, Nebraska Army National Guard, Midwest Medical Transport
- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (new videos shot to replace first round videos) – CVA, HDR, and Omaha Steaks
- Government and Public Administration – AmeriCorps, Phelps County, Southeast Nebraska Development District
- Energy and Engineering – Olsson Associates, NPPD, Strobel Energy
- Manufacturing – Added Royal Composites

A committee of representatives from the Nebraska Departments of Economic Development, Education, and Labor will be reviewing Pathways industry tour videos produced by 281 Studios for Hastings and Norfolk for possible inclusion on the Nebraska Career Tours website. The videos must meet the criteria established for the Nebraska Career Tours Videos and feature individuals engaged in careers that are not traditional for their gender. Ethnic diversity is also an important criteria.

### Nebraska Career Education Conference (See attached Pre-Sessions Descriptions)

Nebraska Career Education Conference – June 3-6, 2019  
Younes Conference Center-Kearney, NE ([www.nceconference.com](http://www.nceconference.com))

At this year's NCE Conference, workshops focused on entrepreneurship and work-based learning will be incorporated into the program. In addition, on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, two special three-hour workshops will be offered. The titles are:

- Creating a Quality Continuum of Workplace Experiences for Your Students
- Discover your Business/Organization Builder Talents & the Explore the Future Builders Challenge (Participants will receive a copy of Born to Build and complete the Builders Profile 10 assessment)

## Nebraska Entrepreneurship Conferences, Competitions and Events Flyer

An email has been sent out requesting “calendar of events” information for the flyer that is created each year for distribution to Nebraska educators that identifies the dates, locations, times and short descriptions of all events that would be of interest to entrepreneurship educators, service providers, Career and Technical Student Organization advisors, and others. The deadline for submission of information and high resolution logos is May 1 in order for the flyer to be created and printed in time for distribution at the NCE Conference. It is also distributed at the Career Field Fall workshops and other activities held during the 2019-2020 academic year.

### Perkins V Implementation

The *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act* (Perkins V) reauthorized the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins). Perkins is a federal program that invests in secondary and postsecondary Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in all 50 states and the territories. Approximately 7 million secondary learners and 4 million postsecondary learners are enrolled in CTE programs nationwide. The Nebraska Department of Education administers Nebraska’s Perkins funds. At the local level, funds can go to comprehensive high schools, technical high schools, area technical centers, career academies, community and technical colleges, early college high schools, public charter schools, pre-apprenticeship/youth apprenticeship programs, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal educational agencies, and tribally controlled colleges and universities.

Perkins V takes effect on July 1, 2019 (begins a one-year transition to full implementation of a 4 year state plan).

Nebraska Career Education Staff are currently in work groups focused around completing the necessary work to develop our Transition Plan and 4-Year State Plan. Those groups are Data & Accountability; **Program Quality & Implementation**; **Governance, Administration and Funding**; Equity and Access; **Communication and Stakeholder Engagement**; and **Editing/Proofing**. I am currently serving on those in bold.

### Impending Retirement

In anticipation of my planned retirement date of July 5<sup>th</sup>, I am mentoring the individuals who will be assuming my job duties. I still plan to stay involved with NETForce and hope to do independent consulting and coaching (StrengthsFinder, Business Profile 10, Entrepreneurship, etc.) along with finding time to relax, attack the huge pile of books I’ve compiled and never found time to read, hopefully adopt a rescue dog, and to do some fun traveling in and outside the state.

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**Nebraska Career Education Conference  
Pre-Sessions  
Monday, June 3 (9:00-Noon)**

**Creating a Quality Continuum of Workplace Experiences for Your Students**

The need to provide students with quality workplace experiences is gaining increasing attention in communities and schools across the state. This session will begin by highlighting the Nebraska Workplace Experiences Continuum, delve into the updated Nebraska Workplace Experiences website, and explore the new publication, Guidelines for Implementing the Nebraska Workplace Experiences Continuum in Three Phases and share resources developed in collaboration for the College and Career Readiness Success Center/American Institutes for Research. The second component of the workshop will feature Katie Thurber, NE Department of Labor Legal Counsel focused on key legal issues related to work-based learning and Scott Asmus sharing great information about Registered Apprenticeships. The session concludes with a panel of rural and urban educators sharing best practices, resources, and how to overcome challenges associated with establishing quality workplace experiences. If your school offers or is considering offering workplace experiences (including work-based learning) this session is for you!

Presenters:

- Gregg Christensen – Nebraska Dept. of Education
- Justin DeWitt – Boone Central Public Schools
- Therese Marzouk – Nebraska Dept. of Education
- Brandy Thompson – Sutton High School
- Katie Thurber – Nebraska Department of Labor
- Missy Jabens – Papillion LaVista Public Schools
- Scott Asmus – Nebraska Department of Labor,  
Youth Apprenticeships
- Ken Spellman – Omaha Public Schools
- Heidi Elliott – Nebraska Public Power District

**Monday, June 3 (1:00-4:00)**

**Discover your Business/Organization Builder Talents & the Explore the Future Builders Challenge**

Participants in this exciting pre-session will receive a copy of the bestselling book, Born to Build and their own unique code to complete the online Builder Assessment. The code will be emailed to all registered participants in advance so that they can complete the assessment and bring a copy of their Builder Profile report to the workshop. A Participants Workbook will be provided to frame the exploration of each participant's Builder Talents.

The workshop will be divided into six modules plus a bonus session focusing on the Future Builders Challenge and how it can be replicated in YOUR school and community. The six modules include (1) Start with Talent (2) Discover Your Builder Talents (3) Develop Your Builder Talents (4) Direct Your Builder Talents (5) Build Effective Relationships (6) Take Action.

As an added bonus, details about how you and your community can host a Future Builders Challenge will conclude the workshop.

Presenters:

- Dawn Nizzi, Westside Community Schools
- Rich Claussen, Prosper Lincoln
- Gregg Christensen, Nebraska Department of Education