



## **Director's Activity Report: April and May 2012**

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- Assisted Columbus High School with the design of Manufacturing Career Academy
- Presented to ESU 3 Perkins Advisory Committee on 1) PFI Updates & Activities 2) Omaha Labor Market information 3) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Global competitiveness and learning 4) next steps for future of Perkins
- Attended Omaha Public School Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting
- Collaborated with NDE Career Education Staff on Career Academy Indicators for LB 870
- Presented with Dept of Ed at MOEC meeting at University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Met with Stu Bernstein regarding STEM Project Lead The Way Funding Application and follow up for pre-engineering programs in high schools connected with Community Colleges & university
- Attended ACT Conference in Lincoln and presented on a panel with CCPE on Career Academy Legislative Study
- Attended NDE NCE Staff Meeting & Facilitated PFI LC April Go-To-Meeting
- Presented at Community College Perkin's meeting, Lincoln
- Attended Nebraska Career Connections Advisory Committee Go-To-Meeting
- Met with NDE CTE Staff on Summer Standards Writing Workshops: flow, attendees, communication, work product, etc.
- Established clearinghouse and workspace on PFI website to manage summer Standards work
- Strategized with Anne Klute on Nebraska Career Connections plan of work 2012-2013 and preparation for PFI LC meeting
- Attended Omaha Public Schools Career Education Review day
- Met with Entrepreneurship Education Training Group to share ideas and concerns about proposal, follow up email to PFI LC
- Presented at Omaha Street School on career education initiatives, research and resources
- Met with Papillion LaVista School District to discuss possible Construction Management Career Academy with Stu Bernstein
- Sought direction from CIO on dual credit presentation, next steps for articulation and pre-engineering activities related to Project Lead the Way and community college involvement
- Attended DOL WIA Youth Council Meeting - presented on Nebraska Career Connections
- Collaborated with NDE Staff on the framework of LB 870 Career Academy legislation
- Updated PFI website: pfi2006
- Activities related to H3 DOL Grant in report
- Prepared for PFI LC June Retreat

### **Personal Professional Development:**

May 23 Webinar: *Insights into the Obama Administration Career Academy Proposal Webinar* hosted by NASDCTEc and NCAC

May 31 Webinar: *The Role of Career and Technical Education in Preparing Students to Compete in the Twenty-First-Century Economy*