Bank of North Dakota Hosts Fall Opportunities!

The Bank of North Dakota (BND) is swinging into full gear right beside you this fall. We’ve updated the format of our programs and look forward to receiving your feedback.

◊ College Application Month update: There are 131 high schools signed up for this year’s College Application Month events in October! We continue to receive wonderful feedback on how much families appreciate this opportunity. Thank you on behalf of your students for offering this opportunity.

◊ If you signed up last spring and haven’t submitted your event date yet or forgot to register last spring, please do so by September 9. Click here today to reserve your spot! Contact Amanda with questions about College Application Month at 701-328-5655.

◊ Ask Staci and Amanda about FAFSA replaces Financial Aid Information Nights. We are creating a series of short videos explaining the reason for the FAFSA and highlighting areas where people typically have questions such as assets, divorced/separated parents, and dependent vs. independent child. Our goal is to have them ready for you mid-October. This makes it more convenient for you to schedule financial aid nights around your school’s schedule or to email the link to parents as a resource they can use. We’ll keep you updated as soon as we have confirmed the timeline.

◊ Career Discovery ND: Eight schools signed up to host events this year so we, along with our partners, will be hitting the road in September!

Ask Staci and Amanda will now be on Instagram, too!

We loved your idea to post on Instagram along with Facebook for Ask Staci and Amanda. We’ll still be live on Facebook every Tuesday at about 2:30 with a few exceptions, and sometimes there will be a bonus session during the week. After we’ve gone live, we’ll post the session to Instagram. Make sure to like and follow us so you are informed when we’re on and know what the topic for the day is. Consider recommending this program to your students and parents. Last year, a counselor shared that he plays the Facebook Live every week for his home base class and then it becomes a relevant topic for discussion. Let us know if you are using these sessions in a creative way!
School Counselor Credentials and Licensing

All school counselors in North Dakota are required to have a School Counselor Credential or Plan of Study issued by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI). This credential is in addition to licensure obtained from the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). Any person that does not have both an ESPB professional license and a NDDPI School Counselor Credential/Plan of Study may not work as a school counselor. Please contact Jim Upgren at 328-2244 with questions.

School Counselor Plan of Study Renewal

School counselors working on a Plan of Study need to complete five semester hours of coursework each year until all counseling coursework is complete. If you are on a Plan of Study and have not yet submitted your transcripts, please do so right away. Contact Jim Upgren at 701-328-2244 with questions.

Use of eTranscript Required for School Approval

Just a friendly reminder that the use of eTranscript for all official transcripts is now required as a condition for school approval by the NDDPI. HB 1037, which was signed into law by Governor Burgum on April 13, 2017, amended 15.1-06-06 of the North Dakota Century Code. This section states that in order for a school to be approved, the school “must assure that it uses North Dakota eTranscript or an alternative information system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the superintendent of public instruction, to generate official transcripts.” This includes official transcripts being sent to colleges.

Please contact Jim Upgren at 701-328-2244 with questions on the use of eTranscript.

eTranscripts for Scholarship Application and Progress Monitoring

The progress monitoring tool in eTranscript can be used by school staff to track the progress of students toward the Academic and CTE Scholarship. Students and parents can also use the progress monitoring tool if the school allows eTranscript access to students and parents.

In addition, seniors with eTranscript access can apply for the scholarship directly through eTranscript anytime during their senior year. Schools that allow seniors to apply for the scholarship through eTranscript can narrow their progress monitoring review for just the students who have applied for the scholarship, if they so choose.

The option for students to apply for the scholarship is in addition to the option to apply through the traditional application, and students can apply for the scholarship using either method.
Veterans Affairs Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance Benefits for Students

Students who are dependents of a veteran who has died on active duty, is missing in action, or has a disability related to military service may be eligible to receive Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) benefits while in school. Please see the brochure for additional information to determine if any of your students might qualify. Please contact Chris Kratochvil with the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs at 701-298-4667 with questions.

Building Your Career Potential Workshops

Marilyn Orgaard from the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education (NDCTE) is conducting a series of presentations this fall regarding career planning. “Building Your Career Potential” shows participants how to use tools within the RURady program to build a student’s four year rolling plan. This same plan can then be used to satisfy the four year rolling plan component of Choice Ready. The workshop will be held at nine locations throughout the state. Participation is free, but space is limited, so register right away. The training counts for five hours of professional development towards renewal of your DPI School Counselor Credential. Dates, locations, and times of the workshops are listed below.

- **Tuesday, September 25, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Dickinson State University, Student Center, Room 116B
- **Wednesday, September 26, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Bismarck State College, National Energy Center of Excellence Building, Room 436-443
- **Thursday, September 27, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: James Valley Career and Tech Center, Jamestown, Classroom A
- **Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: NDSCS Fargo campus, Room 101
- **Wednesday, October 3, 8:30 am—2:30 p.m.**: Mark Sanford Education Center, Grand Forks, Conference Room 1
- **Thursday, October 4, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, Heritage Hall
- **Monday, October 15, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Williston High School
- **Tuesday, October 16, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Minot Job Service
- **Wednesday, October 17, 9:00 am—3:00 p.m.**: Dakota College at Bottineau Thatcher Hall, McMaster Room

Please contact Marilyn Orgaard with NDCTE at 701-328-9734 with questions.
**Work Keys Testing Requirements for North Dakota CTE Scholarship**

Qualifying scores of 5 or higher on the Applied Mathematics, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents sections are required in order to be considered for the CTE Scholarship. Last year, ACT underwent a change in the names of their tests, and we did accept the old tests. However, for the 2019-2020 school year, we will only be accepting the current tests (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).

Contact Jim Upgren at 701-328-2244 or Karla Mittleider at 701-328-2597 with questions.

**Career Discovery Events**

BND will be hosting several Career Discovery events at school districts across the state this fall! These events cover a variety of topics, including scholarship opportunities, student loans, job opportunities, and career planning. Students in grades 7-12 and their parents are encouraged to register. Representatives from BND, the Department of Commerce, NDDPI, and the CTE Resource Network will be available. A list of the events can be found below:

- October 1, 6:00 p.m.: Northern Cass High School
- October 2, 6:00 p.m.: Central Cass High School
- October 8, 1:00 p.m.: Lakota High School
- October 8, 6:00 p.m.: Rugby High School
- October 15, 6:00 p.m.: Stanley High School
- October 22, 6:00 p.m.: Hebron High School
- October 26, 1:00 p.m.: Kidder County High School
- November 1, 6:00 p.m.: LaMoure High School

For more information on the events and to register, contact Cindy Sanford with BND at 701-328-5792.

**Goodbye Shirley and Char, Hello Cindy and Promotion for Tom!**

Shirley Glass, Education Market Manager at Bank of North Dakota, retired last spring after 33 years at BND. Her work in the student loan area has encompassed a wide range from student loans to College SAVE to management. Her commitment to ensuring higher education is available to anyone was second to none. She retired to spend more time at her family’s lake home and playing with her grandchildren.

Tom Ternes, previously the Student Loan Manager, was promoted to replace Shirley. Tom has been with BND since 2012 and previously worked at the University of Mary.

After 37 years of service in the student loan and college planning arena, Char Skjonsby retired from BND. Char is well known for partnering with many agencies across the state and her passion for helping young people achieve their career goals. We wish her well as she takes on very part-time work for a local stock broker and spends more time with her grandchildren and traveling.

We welcome Cindy Sanford whose name many of you may recognize for her work with a variety of education-related initiatives. She is the new Leader of Education Outreach and College Planning at Bank of North Dakota as of July 9. Cindy most recently worked with ND Job Service where she was the customer service office manager in Williston since 2011. Prior to that, she worked at Bismarck State College and Dickinson State University for 18 years.

In case you don’t have their contact info:

- Tom Ternes, Education Market Manager
tternes@nd.gov 701-328-5658
- Cindy Sanford, Leader of Education Outreach and College Planning 701-328-5792
Several new course codes are available for use during the 2018-2019 school year. Two of these courses are Teaching Profession, code 20084, and Educational Methodology, code 20085. These courses are designed to give high school students that might be interested in teaching the opportunity to get some introductory coursework in education. These courses could be taught by any teacher that has a teaching license.

Internet of Things (27111) is a new CTE course that provides students with skills in creative problem solving and rapid prototyping in the interdisciplinary domain of electronics, networking, security, data analytics, and business. Upon completion, students will be able to ideate, design, prototype, and present an IoT solution for an identified business or society need.

Another course that has been updated is Advanced JAVA Programming (11042). This course has been added to the list of computer science courses that can be taught for math credit. The teacher of this course must be highly qualified to teach both math and computer science.

AP Macroeconomics (15580) and AP Microeconomics (15581) can now be used to substitute for Economics. Student pursuing this route would still need to complete US Government to fulfill graduation requirements.

Economics can now be taught as a CTE Business course (14151) by teachers licensed to teach Business Education. Please note that this course does NOT meet the social studies graduation requirement, as the social studies course code for Economics is 15060 and must be taught by a social studies teacher.

Credit limits for STEM Math Seminar (11170) and STEM Science Seminar (13150) have been increased to two full credits for each course.

Requests for new course codes for the 2019-2020 school year will be accepted until February 1, 2019. With questions, please contact Jim Upgren at 701-328-2244 or Karla Mittleider at 701-328-2597.