

Central Mother Lode Regional Consortium



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Welcome to the February edition of the Central / Mother Lode Region Consortium monthly newsletter. Be sure to visit [our website](#) to see more details on all of this information!

CTE Enhancement Funds Regional Projects

The CTE enhancement funds regional projects are posted [on our website!](#) The regional projects are separated by priority sector.

Please review these projects, and contact the project lead for more information.

Funding Opportunities

Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA)

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is seeking proposals for the Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECA) to a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the

US of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences.

The deadline to apply is **March 13, 2015!**

For full details, [click here](#).

The Economic Impact of Community Colleges

EMSI's economic impact study for the American Association of Community Colleges shows the net total impact of community colleges on the U.S. economy was \$809 billion in 2012. That's equal to 5.4% of the nation's gross domestic product. Put another way, the added income created in the U.S. through increased student productivity and the spending of international students supported the equivalent of 15.5 million jobs.

Here is [a video explaining more!](#)

AS Partnership Committee of the Nursing Leadership Coalition of the Central San Joaquin Valley Receives Statewide Award

On February 3rd, the Academic Service Partnership Committee of the Central San Joaquin Valley received a distinguished award from the Association of California Nurse Leaders for "Best Practice – Innovation"



for their community efforts to bring together academic nursing schools and healthcare industry representatives. The committee is currently chaired by Valerie Fisher, Deputy Sector Navigator for the Health Workforce Initiative.

Currently the AS Partnership Committee meets monthly to discuss complex issues faced by both academia and industry. But the essential mission of the committee is to resolve issues collaboratively, improve student experiences and success while ultimately enhancing patient care.

"Get a Taste of Success" Business Plan Pitch Competition

The "Get a Taste of Success" Business Plan Pitch Competition provides an opportunity for high school and community college students to develop entrepreneurial skills necessary to succeed in business. There will be two divisions for competition; one for high school students and one for community college students.

A team of experts and student peers (business faculty and teachers will be given the opportunity to have the review of pitches as part of class projects or assignments) will then select the top three teams from across the state for each division who will then be invited to give live pitches to a panel of judges and live audiences around the state at the Small Business Summit on June 19th.

For full details, [please click here.](#)

If you have events or news that you would like to share with colleagues in the region, please let us know!

Best,

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