

Looking for some career-focused professional development? Check out:

SCWEA Conference 2017 "A Goal Without a Plan is Just a Wish" Nov. 3, 2017 <http://www.scwea.com/>

• Cannexus 2018 January 22-24 in Ottawa, Ontario <http://cannexus.ca/>

• ACTE CareerTech Vision 2017 Dec. 6 -9 in Nashville, Tennessee, <https://www.acteonline.org/>

• The Provincial Skills Canada Competition April 12 & 13, 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan. [www.skillscanada.com](http://www.skillscanada.com) [www.skillscanadasask.com](http://www.skillscanadasask.com)

• Contact Conference 2018: "Investigate Educate Activate" April 17 & 18 in Saskatoon, SK <http://www.contactconference.ca/>

• Relevant career-focused articles can be found through online journals, by conducting various internet searches, and through virtual communities such as [www.contactpoint.ca](http://www.contactpoint.ca).

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E—News

October 2017



## SCWEA Presidents Report

As every Professional Growth Network knows, maintaining a strong membership, hosting a successful annual conference and supporting educators with resources and current news keeps an association vibrant and thriving. We are very proud of the long history of valuable support and leadership SCWEA has provided province wide. Last year's conference, "Diversity in the Workplace", was a huge success with keynotes like Olivia McIvor and Taunya Woods-Richardson, along with a host of small group presenters who provided valuable information and professional development for our members. This year's conference, "A Goal Without A Plan is Just A Wish" will focus on providing that same valuable in-service and support as the province continues it's quest to improve graduation rates by putting the tools in place to assist all grade 9 students to develop a Graduation and Post-Graduation plan.

### Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) Outcome

"Every school division and First Nations education authority in the province will develop a strategy for all Grade 9 students to have a graduation and post-graduation plan, and establish a process for maintaining those plans through Grade 12." Education Sector Strategic Plan, Cycle 3, (2017-19) .

We are currently sitting at 69 members including Institutional and Corporate memberships. We have to thank to the committed and creative SCWEA Executive Council members for their support and enthusiasm toward career development. Highlights from the past year included our annual conference, ratifying the updated constitution, launching the new website and establishing formal partnerships with the Sask. Safety Council and Connexus. We also hosted more meetings remotely to reduce costs during these challenging economic times.

We did say farewell to Tyson Snelling and Mari Clark as they were unable to continue to be part of our team. We want to personally thank them for their contribution and service to SCWEA over the years. On a brighter note, we welcomed new directors Amanda Ross, Amy McFarlen, Paul Blankestijn and Julie Nyiri.

This month's edition of E-News, is chock full of important dates, upcoming events and general information. Everyone is encouraged to submit ideas, articles, and photos of the events from their area of the province, as through sharing together, we grow stronger!

We wish you all a great year as you work to support students in your schools and help them to find their way in this rapidly changing and challenging world!

Co –presidents Leanne Merkowsky and Gord Heidel



## SCWEA CONFERENCE

November 3

2017

Saskatoon, SK

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- Education Sector Strategic Plan, Cycle 3, (2017-2019)



## A Goal Without A Plan Is Just A Wish



### CAREER EDUCATION

What happens in Grade 9 and beyond in regard to our Grad/Post Grad Plan for students?



### GRAD/POST GRAD PLAN

Gain insights into tools and best practices across our province.



### TRANSITIONS TEAMS

Ideas for those supporting students with Grad/Post Grad Plan.



### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Improve your understanding of Career Development in Saskatchewan.



### SCWEA CONFERENCE 2017

The Saskatchewan Career and Work Education Association is proud to host our annual conference in Saskatoon, SK on Friday, November 3, 2017. Join school division teams and other career development professionals for our Graduation/Post Graduation themed professional development opportunity.

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote speakers and sessions include:

- Saskatchewan Grad Rate Sector Outcome Plan Owners
- The Most Important Course in High School - Lee Taal
- Supporting FNMI Students - Chris Scribe
- myBlueprint resource for Grad/Post Graduation Plan - Daphne Morin
- Time to devise plans in order to reach goals
- Networking opportunities



[www.scwea.com](http://www.scwea.com) for more details and to register.



# **Congratulations to the 2017 Student Award Recipients**

Please let your students know about this opportunity and watch for instructions in future SCWEA E-Newsletters on to apply.

My Career and Work Experience class prepared me for my future after high school by pushing me in the right direction. In grade 11 i was advised to take the CWEX class, so I did. I can honestly say in the beginning I didn't have any idea of where I wanted my placement or even what I wanted to be. My teacher and I had discussed options as well as my mom and I. I had come up with the idea of trying to work in a daycare. When it was time for me to go out into the workplace I was quite nervous yet excited to experience new things. My placement was at building blocks daycare and at the end of the course I was offered a part time job after school, to this day I have now been working there. CWEX has made me realize that I wanted to work in a daycare and get my E.C.E (early childhood education). I decided for my last semester of grade 12 that I wanted to do CWEX again. Me now, as a grade 12 at the age of 18, I have come to the conclusion that I would like to get my early childhood education but I would like to be an EA in a school. For my placement this year I am following/assisting EA's in William Grayson School. After my first day of helping kids read, doing math and playing in the gym with the kids I have come to realize this is what I want to do as a career for my life. Thanks to CWEX i have decided what I want to be and where i want to do it. Without this class i would still be lost on ideas of what I'd like to be. This is a wonderful program and it has definitely been a major



success to push me to my goal. Thank you  
SCHOOL, MOOSE JAW SK

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Career and Work helped me prepare for my future in many ways. For example it helped me understand the concepts of a job. I also gave first hand experience with an actual job so i can see and feel what it is like working on a job. It also gave me knowledge to understand the responsibility of having a job. It helped me understand the trades and what apprenticeships are. It really prepared me for my future in many ways.

**JEFF PYATUTCH**

CANDO COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CANDO, SK

This year National Skills Trades and Technology week will be kicked off in the Regina Region with a middle level Try a Trade event hosted at Campus Regina Public in partnership with the Regina District Industry Education Council and Skills Canada Saskatchewan.

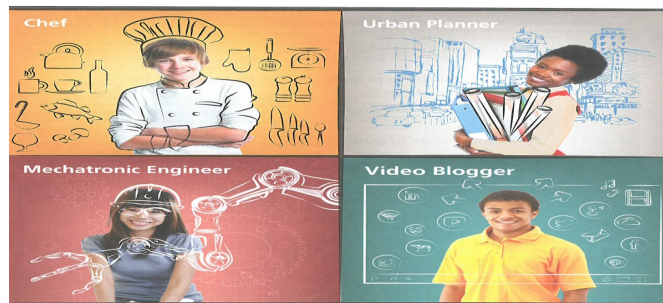


This year, the 20th annual provincial Skills Canada Saskatchewan competition will take place on **April 12 & 13 in Regina** and the 24th annual National Skills Competences Canada Competition (SCNC) is planned for **June 4–5, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta**.

<http://www.skillscanadasask.com/>

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November 1, 2017 | Take Our Kids to Work Day  
Step into your future for a day!



## Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Take Our Kids to Work, The Learning Partnership's signature program, is celebrating its 23rd year of providing Grade 9 students across Canada with the opportunity to experience and learn about the world of work as they begin to explore possible career paths. The Learning Partnership began running this program in 1994 in Ontario and it has since grown into a national program that reaches students in all provinces and territories across the country. More than 250,000 Grade nine students and at least 75,000 businesses and organizations nationwide participate in Take Our Kids to Work day annually.

### Did You Know

- Take Our Kids To Work Day falls on the first Wednesday in November every year.
- Organizations who register for Take Our Kids to Work are eligible to apply for the Learning Partnership's Canada's Outstanding Employers Award.
- The program helps teachers make the connection between education and future career paths.
- It enhances a company's brand by improving employee engagement, morale and loyalty.
- It demonstrates that a workplace is progressive and committed to education.

### Benefits of Take Our Kids to Work. For students, It's an opportunity to:

1. Understand the importance of staying in school by learning first-hand what skills are required in today's workplace.
2. Start exploring career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
3. Develop an appreciation for their parents' careers and roles in supporting their families.

For parents, it's preparing your child for the future. You can:

1. Participate in a shared experience with your child.
2. Begin a career dialogue based on actual experiences.
3. Enrich your child's experience with discussions before, during and after the workplace visit.

### Tips to involve all students:

1. Encourage parents and friends to take their son, daughter and/or a friend with them to work.
2. Bring your own child to work with you if he/she is the appropriate age.
3. Work with the cooperative education teacher to identify potential workplaces.
4. Encourage your school and school board to involve its own employees.
5. Invite workplaces that have been involved in the past to expand their participation.



## Saskatoon Industry-Education Council

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September 19, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: SaskCareers Update**

At the Saskatoon Industry-Education Council board meeting this morning, a motion was passed after lengthy discussions over the past few months, that will see SaskCareers transitioning to the Ministry of Education licensed myBlueprint product. The main reason behind SaskCareers was to have one portal that would be used from K-12, into post-secondary as well as into a person's work life and beyond. With multiple portals that schools are using, it defeats this purpose of a one-source site for all students. As many of the features in SaskCareers is tied to myBlueprint data, we feel this is a logical progression for schools in the province to use a source for career development.

The site has been very successful with over 4 million-page views and 159,000 unique users but unfortunately, following the decline in provincial budgets, we have not had funds other than our non-profit unrestricted funds to sustain the use of the site for basic upkeep and features. We have worked over the last year to find partners to offset costs; however, educators have requested features that will cost additional funding that we do not have available. This includes an educator portal to manage student accounts, additional labour market information, job bank, additional resources to assist in the graduation plan, etc.

We have worked diligently with myBlueprint over the past four years to customize the site to include Saskatchewan post-secondary data to appear first in an occupational search, Saskatchewan sector information will now be part of the myBlueprint version, specific middle years materials will be available, ability to message parents and others with shared portfolio data is a great resource for three-way conferencing, etc. We feel comfortable in this decision because you will still have a product that will help with transitioning young people, assist in graduation plans and the ability to have this as a lifetime product.

If you are a school division that is currently using SaskCareers, we would like to introduce you to Gil Silberstein, from myBlueprint, who will work with you to transition from SaskCareers to myBlueprint. The high school planner is attached to an individual's Ministry identification number, therefore it will reside when a student logs into myBlueprint. Unfortunately, additional portfolio data is not transferrable such as student documents, plans, favourites, etc. We are committed to keeping SaskCareers live until November 30, 2017 for students to take information from their portfolio to transfer to the myBlueprint portfolio. A message will go out in the near future to all portfolio users on SaskCareers about the transitioning plans. We will be working to have a SaskCareers landing page shortly to then have users click on either a K-12 portal or an Adult or Post-Secondary portal for further activation. This will assist in the transition for those also not attached to a school division. We will also be working with community based organizations, employment agencies, etc. to assist in transitioning.

We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause to staff and students. Please note Gil Silberstein's contact information below. The myBlueprint team is willing to provide professional development to you as you transition. New features that myBlueprint has designed will be a benefit to you and your staff. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing our connection in support of student success.

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Sincerely,

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Terri Fradette  
SIEC Board of Director Chairperson



January 22 - 24 janvier 2018

Centre Shaw Centre, Ottawa, Canada



## Canadian Education and Institute for Research Counselling (CERIC)

Once again CERIC has put together a great line up of speakers for the upcoming **Cannexus 18** National Career Development Conference.

**SCWEA is proud to be a supporting organization**, for the upcoming **Cannexus 17** National Career Development Conference to be held on **January 22-24, 2018 at the Ottawa Shaw Convention Centre**. As a Supporting organization, SCWEA members are entitled to a **10% discount** on the Conexus conference registration **until November 1** (end of early bird registrations) and **5% discount** thereafter. For more information visit <http://cannexus.ca/about-cannexus/>

<http://cannexus.ca/>

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## VIDEO CONTEST

Grades 9-12

Create a 2-minute workplace safety video and you can win cash prizes for you and your school!

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| STUDENTS        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$700           | \$300           |
| \$1000          |                 |                 |
| SCHOOL          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$1000          | \$500           |
| \$1500          |                 |                 |

If it feels wrong, just ask.

For details and to download official entry forms: [work2live.ca](http://work2live.ca)  
Deadline for entries: April 17, 2015

Work2Live



## WorkSafe Saskatchewan Youth Video Contest | WorkSafe Saskatchewan

[www.worksafesask.ca](http://www.worksafesask.ca)

WorkSafe Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) invite you to create a 2-minute video about workplace health and safety. Use the theme 'Focus on Safety' for a chance to win cash prizes for you and your school. For more information on how to enter, read the rules and regulations. Share the contest with #FocusOnSafety when talking about the WorkSafe Youth Video Contest on social media. Follow WorkSafe Saskatchewan on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to WorkSafe's YouTube channel and view winning videos from past years. Contest resources: Rules and regulations Frequently asked questions Sample Article for Your Student Newsletter 2018 Youth Video 8.5x11 Contest Poster 1 2018 Youth Video 8.5x11 Contest Poster 2 2018 Youth Video 8.5x11 Contest Poster 3 2018 Youth Video 8.5x11 Contest Poster 4 2018 Youth Video 8.5x11 Contest Poster 5 If you have any questions about the contest, email [askwcb@wcbask.com](mailto:askwcb@wcbask.com). (Make subject line: Youth Video Contest)

<http://www.worksafesask.ca/youth/teachers/youth-video/>

# **2017 – 2018 Post Secondary Event Timeline**

## **Dates Subject to Change**

### **September**

- Apply online for SK Polytechnic – starting September 1st (for all programs except the five high demand programs) at Wascona, Palliser, Kelsey & Woodland Campus
- Check and follow recommended application dates and processes for out-of province and out-of-country schools

Create personal profile and start applications for awards/scholarships

<https://yconic.com/>

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

- Register for various post-secondary open houses in October and November
- U of Regina Campion College Information Night – September 28th
- U of Sask. – Open House – Friday, September 29th

Apply for housing and residence for all post-secondary

### **October**

- U of Regina / SK Polytech Nursing application begins – October 1st
- SK Polytech - High Demand Program application begins – October 1st
- *(Dental Hygiene, Medical Radiologic Technology, Power Engineering, Practical Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing)*
- U of Regina Luther College Information Night - October 5th
- U of Regina - Fall Open House – Saturday, October 14th
- U of Regina – What is Engineering? Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

In School Post-Secondary Information Night – TBD

### **November**

- Apply for Residence at U of Sask. – November 1st
- See Your Future Career Fair - Saskatoon & Regina – Monday, Nov. 6 & Tuesday, November 7th <http://www.seeyourfuture.ca/>
- SK Polytech INSIGHT - all campuses - Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> <http://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/resources/INSIGHT.aspx>
- U of Regina – What is Social Work? – Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Continue applications for post-secondary institutions

### **December / January**

- U of Sask. “Best & Brightest” - apply for admission to U of S by December 1st
  - U of Regina – Admission on the Spot – Thursday, December 7th
  - U of Regina – What is Business Administration? – Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - U of Sask. “Best & Brightest” Scholarship Application deadline – December 15th
- ◇ Submit U of S and U of R applications by the end of semester unless you have chosen to apply earlier

## **February**

- University of Regina Scholarship Workshop - TBD
- Check deadlines for out of province schools
- Continue applying for scholarships

Send midterm marks to institutions from the Ministry of Education: <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>

- U of Sask. Deadline for all competitive entry colleges – February 15th
- U of Sask. Competitive Awards - apply for admission by February 15th
- U of Regina / SK Polytech Nursing application deadline – February 15th
- U of Regina – Admission on the Spot - Thursday, February 15th

U of Regina - Gr.11 University Preview - Friday, February 23rd

## **March**

- Continue applications
- Official Ministry Transcript due at SK Polytech for Nursing program – March 1st
- U of Sask. Competitive Awards application & supporting documents deadline – March 1st
- U of Regina Faculty of Education high school applicant deadline - March 1st

U of Regina Priority Deadline & Entrance Scholarship Deadline - March 15th

## **April**

- Continue applications

Apply for local scholarships

## **May**

U of Regina - UR Beginning (new students for Fall 2018) – May 4<sup>th</sup>

## **June**

- Deadline for U of Regina Residence - June 1st (Guaranteed Room)

Students must complete a transcript request form to the Ministry of Education requesting that an official transcript of their marks be forwarded to the post-secondary schools they have applied to. Go to: <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>

Student loan applications available on-line at [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans)

## **August**

- U of Sask. Arts/Sciences deadline - August 15th
- Deadline for all University of Regina programs (excluding Education & Nursing) - August 30th

Ministry of Education transcripts are due at all post-secondary institutions

**Please refer to the calendar tab on the SCWEA website (<http://www.scwea.com/>) for updates as the year progresses.**





## Middle Level Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program

Teachers of Grades 7 to 9 students have the opportunity to access lessons and activities that will allow their students to explore the skilled trades.

This teacher's kit aligns with Middle Level Practical and Applied Arts course requirements and is hosted on Saskatchewan Apprenticeship's website at <http://saskapprenticeship.ca/middle-years-lesson-plans/>.

The lessons plans can be followed in their entirety, or components can be used to complement other lessons plans.

If you have any questions, please email [youthapprenticeship@gov.sk.ca](mailto:youthapprenticeship@gov.sk.ca).

## Young Workers Readiness Certificate Course (YWRCC)

**Just a reminder that this is a great resource, available to all teachers and students across the province. With "Take Your Kids to Work Day" falling on November 1 this year, you may want to utilize this resource in your classrooms. <https://ywrcc.ca/>**

**Overview :** In Saskatchewan, the minimum age of employment is 16. If you are 14 or 15 years old, and able to work, you must complete the following before starting to work:

1. Complete the YWRCC and obtain a Certificate of Completion;
2. Provide your employer with a copy of your Certificate of Completion; and
3. Provide your employer with proof of age and written consent from a parent or guardian.  
Employers are required to keep a copy of the young worker's Certificate of Completion, proof of age and consent from a parent or guardian on file.

If you are 14 or 15 years old and have completed the YWRCC, you will also need to be aware of the employment standard restrictions for 14 and 15 year olds which include:

- You cannot work after 10 p.m. the night before a school day;
- You cannot work before classes begin on a school day; and
- You cannot work more than 16 hours in a school week.

During school breaks such as Christmas holidays or summer vacation, these restrictions do not apply and you can work the same hours as other employees. All other employment standards apply to you.

There are also industries where you can and cannot work if you are under the age of 18. See [Minimum Age and Workplace Restrictions for Young Workers](#).

## Regina District Industry Education Council (RDIEC)

### **Executive Positions for 2017-2018:**

Past President – Cynthia Wright-Fulton (2nd year of a 2 year term)

President – Leanne Merkowsky and Gordon Heidel (2nd year of a 2 year term)

Vice-President – Kerrie Binetruy (2nd year of 2 year term)

Secretary - Vanessa Lewis (10th year of 20 a year term)

Treasurer – Jennifer Beiber (2nd year of a 2 year term)

Director - Marlene Flaman Dunn

Director – Amanda Ross

Director – Viviana Ruiz Arcand

Director – Amy McFarlen

Director - Paul Blankestijn

Director— Julie Nyiri

Ministry of Education Contact: Barbara McKinnon

Despite a very challenging full of uncertainty and funding cuts the RDIEC had a very successful year working with almost 4000 students. Funding cuts made it necessary to restructure the RDIEC and new staff were hired over the summer. Highlights from the year include:

- The RDIEC partnered with Skills Canada Saskatchewan and Campus Regina Public (CRP) facilitated a Try a Trade day for grade 7 and 8 students to kick-off National Skilled Trade and Technologies week on November 2, 2016. Over six hundred students from fifteen schools, mostly from the inner city, participated in the event.
- Twenty three Career Spotlights reaching 510 students.
- Three Career Connections in Machining, Auto Body Repair, and Culinary Arts.
- Hosting over 2600 Gr. 9 students at the 4th annual “Work Safe Try a Career Days” in Balgonie, SK.
- Hosting a Parents as Career Coaches evening in partnerships with Regina Trades and Skills Centre and the Regina District Chamber of Commerce.
- Coordinating the UR Accelerated Program.
- Working in partnership with the Sask. Safety Council to provide 72 students with Early Safety Training.
- Coordinating three Middle Level (Grades 7-9) Summer Skills Camps will in Small Engines, Robotics and Culinary Arts were offered the week of July 17 in partnership with Skills Canada Saskatchewan, Regina Trades & Skills Centre, Miller High School, and the Canadian Manufactures and Exports Council.
- Facilitating the Summer Apprenticeship Program for the Regina Region.

## **Looking for Career Education Resources**

<https://www.saskcareers.ca/>

<http://vocopher.com/>

[http://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/home\\_page](http://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/home_page)

<https://www.acteonline.org>

<http://www.ceric.ca/?q=en>

<http://www.saskminined.com/>

<http://www.millierdickinsonblais.com/blog/canadas-workforce-crisis-moving-from-conversation-to-action>

