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

- Career Pro 2015 Virtual Conference Nov. 2-6, 2015 <http://careerproconference.ca/>
- <http://cannexus.ca/>
- Cannexus 2015 January 25-27 in Ottawa, Ontario
- <https://www.acteonline.org/>
- ACTE CareerTech Vision 2015 Nov. 19-22 in New Orleans, TN <http://www.careertechvision.com/http://www.careertechvision.com/>
- Relevant career-focused articles can be found through online journals, by conducting various internet searches, and through virtual communities such as www.contactpoint.ca.
- Contact Conference 2016: "Branding Your Future" April 12-13 in Saskatoon, SK
- The Provincial Skills Canada Competition April 21 & 22 in Regina Saskatchewan.
- <http://www.skillscanada.com/>
<http://www.skillscanadasask.com/>

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SCWEA Conference 2015

This year's SCWEA Power P.D. Conference was aligned with the International Festival of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEMfest) providing educators with the opportunity to attend both events. The theme of STEMfest 2015 was "Skilling a Nation's Future -Aligning STEM education to a State's Future Human Resource Needs". STEMfest brought together experts from the province and the world to provide their perspectives on the opportunities and the vital role STEM careers will play in improving the human condition and meeting the future challenges that lay ahead for mankind and the world as a whole. Educators and students were treated to video conferences with world experts like Dr. Tony Wagner, head of the Harvard Innovation Lab, who emphasized the important role that innovation in the STEM areas will play nationally and internationally. Getting the right people in the right careers will be paramount to ensuring the innovation in STEM areas required to meet future global needs. Nationally the talent disconnect that has been prevalent in Canada for so many years has to be addressed. We need to do a better job of integrating career education into all subject areas so that students connect the purpose, path and potential to what they are learning. It is exciting to see career education integrated into the new Saskatchewan science curricula. We will continue to see career opportunities STEM areas grow and expand as new technologies are developed and new applications are found. We are already seeing areas like robotics, gaming and communication technologies coming together to solve problems in ways that only a decade ago we would not have even imagined. In a world where learning can take place anywhere any time, collaboration, communication, and information technology skills will be essential to facilitate for the critical and creative thinking necessary to meet the challenges ahead. Congratulations to organizers of both conferences!

Canadian Education and Research Institute for Counselling (CERIC)

Once again CERIC has put together a great line up of speakers for the upcoming Cannexus 16 National Career Development Conference.

SCWEA is proud to be a supporting organization, for the upcoming Cannexus 16 National Career Development Conference to be held on **January 25-27, 2016 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 2** (end of early bird registrations) and **5% discount** thereafter. For more information visit <http://www.cannexus.ca/>



Conference 2015: Power PD

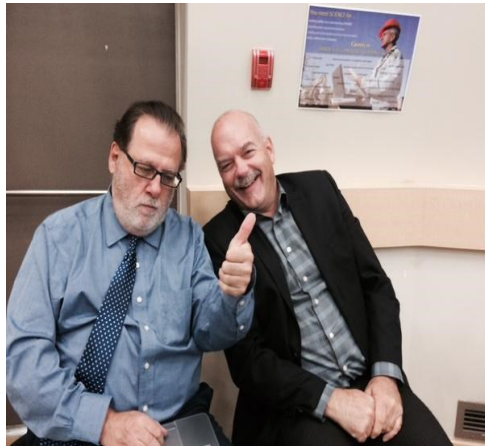
Congratulations to this year's **Friends of SCWEA** award winners. From left to right, Cathy Coghlin from the U of S Vet-Med College and Janet Uchacz-Hart from the Saskatoon Industry Education Council with past-president Marlene Flaman Dunn.



Thank you to this year's **SCWEA Recognition of Service** award winners. From left to right, Rick Clark with Marlene Flaman Dunn and Marlene Flaman Dunn with outgoing president, Cynthia Wright-Fulton.



PD Can Be Fun & Relaxing



A big thank you to all our sponsors, presenters, and booth displayers for helping to make Power PD 2015 another great SCWEA Conference.

This year National Skills Trades and Technology week will be kicked off in the Regina Region at the Regina Trades and Skills Centre (RTSC) November 3 with high school students taking part in a Try a Trade event and touring the RTSC facility. Last year the province hosted the 21st annual National Skills Competences Canada Competition and I would be remiss if I did not congratulate everyone involved on a job well done!

This year, the 18th annual provincial Skills Canada Saskatchewan competition will take place on **April 21-22 in Regina** and the 22nd annual National Skills Competences Canada Competition planned for **June 5-8, 2016 in Moncton, New Brunswick.**

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

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Career Pro 2015

Virtual Career Development Conference Nov. 2-6

CAREERPRO 2015 offers career professionals content-rich presentations, discussions, and chats in a collaborative online format. Participate in an extensive professional development program which features expert speakers and masterminds. You'll have many opportunities to network, brainstorm, interact, and co-create with your colleagues. <http://careerproconference.ca/>

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

- ▶ Understand the importance of staying in school by learning first-hand what skills are required in today's workplace.
- ▶ Start exploring career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
- ▶ 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:

- ▶ Participate in a shared experience with your child.
- ▶ Begin a career dialogue based on actual experiences.
- ▶ Enrich your child's experience with discussions before, during and after the

Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Take Our Kids to Work, The Learning Partnership's signature program, is celebrating its 21st 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.**

Sask. Careers Websystem Update

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

It has been a year since the official Media launch of the SaskCareers.ca website and it is now available to every school division and household in the province. A great deal of work has and is being done to insure the site's compatibility with the different student information systems currently used by school divisions in the province.

If you go on the site you will see that the inventories in the Know Yourself section of the site have been expanded to include:

- Learning Styles: This inventory helps students to determine whether they are visual, auditory or kinesthetic learners.
- Significant Experiences: Are good indicators of what will likely matter to them in the future.
- Skills Quiz: Skills are things that students do well and are an important part of who they are.
- Traits Quiz: Traits are the behaviours and characteristics students bring to an occupation and a workplace that make them who they are.
- Multiple Intelligences: Research has shown that there are eight different kinds of intelligence. Most people will find that they are strong in three or four of them.
- Preferred Working Conditions: Workplace culture, location, circumstances, and management style can have a profound effect on how people feel about their occupation or career direction. This quiz helps students determine the kind of workplace they would thrive in.
- Work Values Quiz: Values are the foundation of a career plan. This inventory will help students determine their preferred work setting, how they like to interact with others and their personal work style.

A secure messaging feature has also been added to the site to facilitate communication between teachers and students. If you click on the resource section you will find a secure messaging user guide along with user guides for new accounts, students, career decision making, and the high school planner. Manuals and workbooks have also been recently added to the resource section. Currently the resume builder is being tested and evaluated before it is added to the site. With each addition and upgrade the SaskCareers websystem is becoming an essential tool in the quest to assist students to find the career path that is right for them.

contact 2016
 **Branding Your Future**

Branding has become so important that a whole industry has been built around assisting companies in establishing their brand. This year's Contact conference is planned for April 12 and 13, 2016 in Saskatoon and the theme is "Branding Your Future". The Contact Conference has set the standard for career development/education conferences in Saskatchewan. This year's conference committee has been working very hard to establish a great line-up of local, national and international speakers catering to career educators and practitioners alike. This is one professional learning opportunity you don't want to miss. See you in Saskatoon.

Executive Positions for 2015-2016:

Past President – Cynthia Wright-Fulton (1st year of a 2 year term)

President – Leanne Merkowski and Gordon Heidel (1st year of a 2 year term)

Vice-President – Kerrie Binetruy (1st year of 2 year term)

Secretary - Vanessa Lewis (9th year of 20 a year term)

Treasurer – Jennifer Beiber (1st year of a 2 year term)

Director - Marlene Flaman Dunn

Director – Renette Edgar

Director – Russel Moore

Director – Viviana Ruiz Arcand

Director – Tyson Snelling

Director: Mari Clark

Ministry of Education Contact: Barbara McKinnon

Regina District Industry Education Council (RDIEC)

With year one completed, the RDIEC team set out to build on the success of the six core programs and establish new programs to support key stakeholders and cohorts of students that the current programs may be missing. To accomplish this goal RDIEC programming was refined and expanded from six to ten programs. Highlights from 2014 – 15 include:

- “Grade 9 Try a Career Days” with approximately 2600 grade 9 students from the Regina Region attending the event over three days.
- Twenty-three Career Spotlights were completed, surpassing the twenty-one career spotlights in year one.
- The Career Connection programs were expanded from three to five. Culinary Arts and Saskatchewan Women in Trades and Technologies were offered in addition to Machining, Masonry, and Electrical.
- A Summer Apprenticeship Program offered and supported during the summer.
- A ManuBot program was established in partnership with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporter’s Council (CME) and Skills Canada Saskatchewan. This program promoted and supported the establishment of middle level robotics clubs in Regina region schools.
- Two new and very successful Middle Level Summer Skills Camps were offered in Robotics and Culinary Arts in partnership with CME, Skills Canada and Campus Regina Public.
- The Early Safety Training Program (ESTP) was established in partnership with the Sask. Safety Council to assist students in meeting the entrance requirements for health care related to post-secondary programs.
- An RDIEC Spring Job Expo was organized.
- Three Parents as Career Coaches evenings were hosted.
- The RDIEC also coordinated the UR Accelerated Program.

Looking for Career Education Resources

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

<http://vocopher.com/>

http://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/home_page

<http://careerproconference.ca/>

<http://www.careertech.org/>

<https://www.acteonline.org>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nLZC7Mwgeg>

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

<http://www.millierdickinsonblais.com/blog/canadas-workforce-crisis-moving->

