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2012 Conference Implementing Career Pathways April 11-14 in Helena, MT

1. Register Today!

[Click here to Register](#) today for the *Implementing Career Pathways in Adult Education* conference in Helena, Montana April 11-14. **Early Bird Rates until March 10!** One day registration now available for those who cannot attend all three days.

2. Make Your Hotel Reservations

Hotel Reservations can be made today at the [Red Lion Colonial Inn](#). Rooms can be reserved online or by calling the hotel: special conference rates of \$92.95 per night plus tax if reserved before March 12. For Hotel Reservations, call (406) 443-2100. Specify that you are with the MPAEA Conference in order to receive the reduced conference rates. Online Hotel Reservations will require the Conference Code: **MOUN0411**

Overflow Hotel Nearby:

The Hampton Inn Helena is holding rooms for us to reserve on April 10th- April 14th, 2012. You can make reservations at the discounted rate of \$94.00 per night by clicking on this link: [Hampton Inn Helena](#) before March 16. Hampton Inn is part of the Hilton Honor Account Program. Inquire when you make your reservations.

3. Apply for Scholarship Funds – STILL AVAILABLE

The scholarship committee is still taking applications and will award 9 more \$195.00 scholarships to cover the **early bird registration fee** on a *first come, first serve basis*. Applicants must be a member of MPAEA and will email their application to Kathleen Jameson at kjameson@lyon.k12.nv.us per instructions at this link: [Scholarship Application](#). Get your application in today!

4. Nominate Your Colleagues for Awards by **March 1!**

Each year, we award one Award of Excellence from **each state** and we award one Award of Merit. Visit this web page to learn more about each award nomination: <https://www.mpaea.org/?page=awards> Please send your nominee's name for either award accompanied by a 300-500 word reason why you are nominating her or him. Also, please send a picture sent in with your nomination. Nominate MPAEA members and send nominations to the following Awards Committee Members: [Kevin Laughlin](#): Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; [Susan Morss](#): New Mexico, Colorado, Utah; [Lily Beth Brazones](#): Arizona, Nevada, Award of Merit



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Our Keynote Speaker – Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier



Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education was nominated by President Obama as assistant secretary for vocational and adult education on July 14, 2009. On Oct. 5, 2009, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and began her official duties on Oct. 13, 2009.

As the first assistant secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) who is also an adult educator, Dann-Messier leads the Department's efforts in adult education and career and technical education, as well as efforts supporting community colleges and correctional education. She oversees the administration of 11 grant programs in these areas,

totaling approximately \$1.9 billion annually. Dann-Messier 2012 Keynote Speaker:

is committed to collaboration, both within the Department and across federal agencies, including working with the U.S. Departments of Labor, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Commerce.

OVAE's vision is for all youths and adults to have multiple opportunities to obtain lifelong education and training in order to achieve rewarding careers and family lives, participate in their communities, and attain their personal goals. OVAE is devoted to equipping youths and adults with the literacy, numeracy, language and technical skills and the training necessary for success in the 21st-century global economy, by expanding capacity, improving quality, and increasing accountability through innovation and collaboration.

Presenters

After extending the Presenter Deadline to February 10, the conference committee is now working diligently to schedule over 50 presentation proposals. Catch a glimpse of a few of the topics submitted at the conference preview link at the bottom of our conference page: <https://www.mpaea.org/?page=conference> The conference committee will update this link as presenters are scheduled and confirmed.

Stay tuned!

Pre-Conference Sessions: Wednesday, April 11

Montana TABE Training – 8:00 am to Noon

Montana BEST Training – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Montana Career Pathways Project – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm **(All Attendees Invited)**

Timeline:

First Come:	Submit Scholarship Application
March 1:	Submit Award Nominations
March 10:	<u>Early Bird Registration: March 10!</u>
March 12:	Reserve room @ Red Lion Inn
March 16:	Reserve room @ Hampton Inn
ASAP:	Plan Your Travel Arrangements

See you in Helena, Montana in April!