



Keywords

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Yes, Oregon CIS just keeps getting better!

You have a lot to look forward to when we release the updates and enhancements on September 1. Here is a preview of what is in store:

Occupations - In addition to a number of new occupation titles (wedding planner and video game designer are two), several topics have received "extreme makeovers." **Employment** and **Outlook** will be merged into a single topic. The data for current employment and growth will be displayed in a table that can be viewed as a graphic or in text format. Other states' data will also be available to add to the tables, much like the **Wages** table. The **Helpful HS Courses** topic has been revamped to provide more meaningful course lists and suggestions for other activities. **Preparation** statements will now include a table that shows the percent of workers currently employed in the occupation by level of education completed.

Job Search - The Job Search information will include numerous worksheets to enhance the use of the information by individuals and within a classroom setting. Several of the embedded worksheets help people prepare to use the **Education and Work History** in their portfolios. **Keep That Job** will be highlighted on the Index so users will be encouraged to learn about getting and staying employed.

SKILLS Assessment - SKILLS will be available **in Spanish**. It will be accessed in the same way you access IDEAS Assessment in Spanish – through a link on the title bar when you first enter the SKILLS component. We are also continuing to work on other translations and translation strategies.

My Career Planning Portfolios - We want the portfolios to be **more personal and easier to navigate**. The first screen will display new links to those portfolio components that your users are wanting to access. For example, students using the middle or high school version will no longer need to use three clicks to navigate to their reflections in My Plan. Users will also be able to select from several themes so that they can make their portfolios their own.

Two New Components

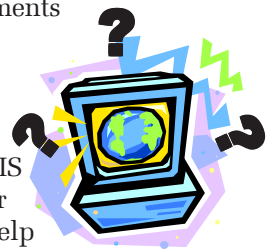
Reality Check - CIS is adapting a program initially developed in Texas. This new component will allow people to select lifestyle options and find out how much they are going to need to earn to support those choices. They will also be able to find occupations that match these lifestyle needs or create a lifestyle based upon their occupation of choice.

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Wanted: Your opinion

Your opinion matters and we'd like yours! An online survey about CIS products and services is now available. Give us your comments and suggestions about training, technical support, materials, online information, and CIS components. Your suggestions will help us plan for workshops and developments during 2007-08. Until July, this service survey is available for staff at sites that license CIS at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=352213233212>



Time for spring cleaning

Are cobwebs accumulating in your **Administration Tools**? Now that summer is fast approaching, it's a great time for your CIS Site Coordinator to clean up your site's account. Here are some areas you may want to clean-up as your school or program year comes to a close:



Staff accounts: Do all of the staff who need accounts have them? Are there any old or duplicate accounts?

Groups: Do you need to change your groups? Do you want to change the assignments to those groups?

Individual portfolios: Does anyone have a duplicate portfolio? Do you want to move your eighth graders to the high school? Do you want to hide your graduates or people leaving the program?

Career education leaders given CIS recognition



In April, the CIS Board announced the recipients of its 2007 awards. Each year, the Oregon CIS Board recognizes outstanding professionals through its awards program. The Les Adkins Award was established to recognize excellence in career development practices. Les Adkins was a founding board member of CIS in 1972 and Director of Student Services for the Oregon Department of Education. The Nancy Hargis Award serves to recognize people in the fields of education and workforce development whose contributions are making a difference in the career decisions and preparation of Oregonians. Nancy Hargis is retired from the Oregon Department of Education where she served as the School-to-Work Program Coordinator for many years.

NANCY HARGIS AWARD

The Sprague High School Advisory Team is the 2007 recipient of the Nancy Hargis Award for Leadership in Career Development. Cheryl Buhl presented the award at the Oregon Association of Career and Technical Education (OACTE) annual conference on April 19 and at a full staff meeting on May 7.

The CIS Board selected the Sprague High School's Advisory Team in recognition of their commitment, leadership, and collaboration in developing a program and promoting strategies for the career-related learning of the students at their school. Approximately 150 staff members (administrators, teachers, counselors, clerical support, instructional assistants, library aides, custodians, and kitchen aides) serve over 1,700 students from various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. Their collective vision is to create a community of educated individuals who understand themselves, their society, and the world and who have a commitment to make a positive contribution to all three. To pursue this vision, the staff embraced implementing Advisory Periods to provide an optimum learning environment, as a way to build relationships that foster the vision, and as a vehicle for addressing graduation requirements. Students are assigned by grade level and complete activities aimed at developing their school-to-career plans. Students are guided through activities and the development of their Career Portfolios by a variety of staff members.

The Advisory Team is the group of staff members responsible for planning, training staff, implementing, and evaluating this school restructuring. They modified the school calendar to include a weekly Advisory Period and developed a rotating schedule to facilitate each Advisory being given hands-on time in the computer lab to explore and utilize Oregon CIS. They used an online tool to gather immediate feedback as the implementation progressed. They met weekly to make any adjustments needed. They designed a survey for staff and students to evaluate the overall program impact. They also involved parents, creating enthusiastic partners in their quest to connect their students to life after high school.

LES ADKINS AWARD

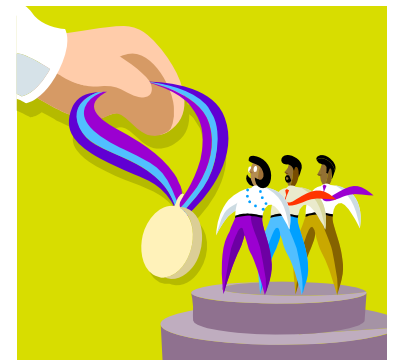
Kim Kellogg, School to Careers Coordinator at Rex Putnam High School, was presented the Les Adkins Award for Career Guidance Excellence at a North Clackamas School Board meeting on April 5, 2007.

Kim Kellogg's work touches all Rex Putnam students as they build their education plans and engage in career-related learning. On a daily basis in her building, she coordinates the Senior Seminar program, supports Future Focus teachers in their work with sophomores, and is planning a set of special workshops targeted at juniors. She is also helping develop educational planning curriculum for 8th graders to facilitate the transition between middle school and high school. Kim was one of the first teachers in the North Clackamas School District to pilot the innovative Senior Seminar Exhibition in the 90's.

Through implementation and refinement, this method for students to apply and demonstrate their learning has become a model for other districts all around the state. Through all of her work, she actively integrates CIS tools to address the need for information and assessment in the career development process and to document individual goals and accomplishments. She is an innovator, builder, teacher and trainer, helper, and cheerleader who understands the vision and works hard to make it happen for all students.

Rex Putnam High School Assistant Principal Kathleen Walsh notes, "Kim's special contribution is that through her passion and understanding of career development, she is helping all of us change to meet the needs of our students." Through her work and her energy, the school and the district are forging new approaches, building commitment, and creating opportunities for students to take control of their futures. Through her example, other schools in Oregon are learning what is possible, practical, and important.

Congratulations to these worthy award recipients!



Oregon CIS workshop for educators

June 13
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Knight Library
U of O campus, Eugene

Register online: <http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu/workshops/>



CIS, My Plan, and My Portfolio will be the focus of the last Oregon CIS workshop of the year here in Eugene. It will be offered on June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Edmiston Classroom of the U of O Knight Library. The morning session will explore CIS tools and curriculum, education plans and profiles, extended applications, and career-related learning experiences. The afternoon session features navigation tips on how to use CIS for Internet.

The workshop is free and designed for new users, teachers, school staff, ASPIRE and GEAR UP staff, and others supporting the implementation of CIS in schools grades 7 through 12. Online registration is required at <http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu/workshops/default.aspx>

My Plan notebooks available

Teachers use the *My Plan Teacher's Guide* to help plan their career-related curriculum. The notebooks are now in stock and available for purchase. The guide is designed for educators who help students as they complete their education plans using CIS. Materials are color-coded and duplication-ready for easy class preparation. The notebooks cost \$25.00 each plus \$5.95 for shipping.

Fall workshop planning

2007 is the 35th anniversary of Oregon CIS, and we look forward to celebrating with you at our 2007 fall workshops. Attending a fall workshop is one of the best ways to learn to use CIS.

Planning for the fall workshops has begun, and your suggestions about important topics, dates, and locations are welcome. E-mail Romella Lee at rlee@orcis.uoregon.edu.

Look for fall workshop details on our website in August! Early registration will be available online and is encouraged since these free workshops fill quickly.

OCDA presents awards

The Oregon Career Development Association has announced its 2007 award recipients. Gary Sackley received the Esther Mathews Award in honor of his lifelong leadership, scholarship, and professional commitment to the career development field. In his role as counselor at Waldo Middle School, Gary brings his passion and vision for career development to the middle school students. Through collaborations with staff, community agencies, and business partners, Gary has built many bridges.

Katherine Bartlett was honored with the Emerging Leader Award which is bestowed to an individual or career development program that has demonstrated emerging leadership in career development. Katherine is the Program Manager for the Polk county Helping Achieve Livelong Objectives Project (HALO). Katherine's "relationship-building" approach to serving youth with diverse backgrounds has been a model for the Marion, Polk, and Yamhill County region.

Congratulations!



CIS welcomes a new face!

We would like to welcome IT and Network Consultant, Tim Wilkinson, who recently was hired at Oregon CIS. Tim hails from Sydney, Australia. He moved to the U.S. in 1999 and graduated from Menlo College in Atherton, California, with a B.S. degree in Management Information Systems. His most recent work experience was providing technical support for wireless internet access. Tim also brings his wife Sarah, 2 cats, 1 dog, 2 canaries, and several fish. He has not been in Oregon long, but his first question at our monthly staff meeting was "how do you avoid getting wet around here?" Welcome to Oregon, Tim, where you won't tan – you'll rust!



Time for budget building



Do you need 2007-08 fee information for your site? User Services staff has begun sending individualized fee worksheets to currently licensed

schools, agencies, and organizations. If you haven't received a fee worksheet and would like this information, please contact us at 800.495.1266, 541.346.3872, or e-mail michaelr@orcis.uoregon.edu. All fee quotes will be e-mailed or faxed directly to you upon your request

New poster available

When we created our new product brochures (mailed in April), we printed extras for our licensed sites. The brochures unfold into a 12" by 18" full-color poster. They are designed with your clients and students in mind. If you are interested in receiving a poster, just call or e-mail Cheryle Hawkins at chawkins@orcis.uoregoncis.edu. Specify "7th to 12th grade" or "college and adult."

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Peterson's AP and SAT II Practice Tests

- We are also introducing a third **Peterson's Practice Test Package**. This optional component helps students prepare for AP and SAT II exams. The tests included in the package are:

- **AP:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, European History, Physics B, Physics C, Spanish, US History
- **SAT II:** Biology, French, Chemistry, Literature, Math Level I, Math Level II, Physics, Spanish, US History, World History

Peterson's practice tests provide students with the preparation, practice, and proven strategies they need to walk into their tests ready to reach their goals. These practice tests are designed to mimic the real tests and to identify areas where additional study is required. Your school gets unlimited access to all tests in the package for all of your

Welcome to CIS!



Oregon CIS would like to welcome aboard our newest sites: Baker MS, Burnt River HS, Condon Elementary School, Lithia Springs School, Mari-Linn Elementary, Pioneer Special Schools Program, Reynolds Learning Academy, University of Oregon Career Center, U.S. Department of VA's White City Office and Vancouver Clinic, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, and Womenspace of Lane County.

students for one low price. For additional information or to order, contact your User Services representative or call us at 541.346.3872 or 800.495.1266.

List your local scholarships

If you are a licensed CIS site, scholarships available to your students can be included in CIS. They will appear on our index of Oregon Scholarships and also be included in the Financial Aid Sort component. If you know of scholarships available to your students or clients that are not currently listed in CIS and you would like them to be, call LeeAnn Sheehan at 541.346.2339.

Any scholarship or award worth at least \$100 is eligible for inclusion in CIS. All scholarship information must be received by the end of June in order to be published in fall 2007.

