Next fall, CIS is adding a much requested component to My Career Planning Portfolio - an online course planner. This new feature will allow your students to build a six year course plan, modify it on a regular basis, update it with grades upon completion of a year, and print it out for reference.

My Course Planner will be available to middle schools and high schools on CIS for Internet. Schools will also be able to deactivate this feature. (If you don’t want it, you don’t have to have it!)

Using My Course Planner, students will select the year, subject, term, required or elective, and number of units. They will data enter the course title and, later, their grades. The printout will include the course list of all years entered. For schools implementing 6-year plans, the first two years of post-secondary coursework can also be anticipated in My Course Planner. The planner will link to a general guide of course requirements for high school graduation and college preparation (see “Relating My Education to My Goals” worksheet in My Plan for an example). My Plan activities provide excellent preparation for meaningful completion of My Course Planner.
In Recognition of Excellence

In April, the CIS Board announced the recipients of its 2005 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 since 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.

Les Adkins Award

Butte Falls High School, along with teachers Dave Bone and Dianne Gorman, are the 2005 recipients of the Les Adkins Award for Career Guidance Excellence.

In selecting the school and the teachers for the award, the CIS Board noted that the career guidance program is comprehensive, developmental, student-centered, and holistic. It effectively helps students make the connection between school and their futures and facilitates planning to help students achieve their dreams. As a small school serving just over 100 seventh through twelfth grade students, all students participate weekly in a focus class. After being guided through a progressive set of activities during their six years at the school, students present their personal portfolios to a community panel, culminating their research, reflection, and plans.

Southern Oregon Education Service District staff nominated the high school and the two teachers for this recognition, noting ten special characteristics of the school’s career practices including the level of community involvement and a willingness to share with other districts. The nomination and supporting letters consistently identified Dave Bone and Dianne Gorman as the keys to the program’s success, citing their diligence, commitment, and leadership. Career consultant, Susan Roudebush, summarized their achievements this way:

“Butte Falls is a very small school with a very big attitude when it comes to student career planning... They provide valuable leadership in Oregon, demonstrating the amazing outcomes that can be achieved in a tiny school with very limited resources and big hearts.”

Nancy Hargis Award

Dr. Phil Long, Director of Elementary Education, Curriculum, and Instruction for the Medford School District, is the 2005 recipient of the Nancy Hargis Award for Leadership in Career Development.

Dr. Long was chosen for this award in recognition of his vision, leadership, and commitment to enhancing career-related learning and education planning in Medford schools. He has provided vital support to the district’s schools as they work toward meeting new state graduation requirements. He has framed the challenge as a focus on addressing student needs through excellent educational practices. He has garnered the school board’s support through a clear district policy on career education goals. Through more than a decade of development and progressive improvements, he has promoted the use of a common vocabulary for success, the “8 Keys to Employability.” As project director of the district’s Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling team, he has carried forth his commitment to the academic, career, and personal development of each and every student.

The efforts of Dr. Long in conjunction with the work of the building teachers, counselors, and administrators have attracted attention in Oregon and nationally. Both high schools are recipients of E3 Oregon Small School Initiative grants. In June 2002, the district was named runner up for the national ABC Awards Recognition for Exemplary Career Awareness and Exploration Programs.

In presenting the award, Cheryl Buhl stated, “I have been gratified to work with Phil on several projects. His nomination for this award and the letters of support extolled attributes that I have personally experienced - a clarity of vision, focus on students, leadership by example, valuing of teams.”
Planning Begins for CIS Fall Workshops

Plans are underway for the CIS workshop in your region. In May, we will begin to schedule dates and workshop locations so now is your opportunity to give us your ideas and suggestions. Please send topics of interest, desired workshop dates or locations, and other suggestions to make these workshops useful to Romella Lee, e-mail rlee@orcis.uoregon.edu.

The 2005 fall workshops will feature CIS for Internet changes and enhancements as well as offer hands-on experience using CIS Online. Look for the workshop schedule and online registration form in August on our website. Register early as these free workshops fill quickly.

OCDA Awards Announced

The Oregon Career Development Association has announced its 2005 Award Program recipients. These awards recognize individuals who make significant contributions to the improvement of career development in Oregon.

The Esther Matthews Award was presented to Susan Roudebush, Career Education Consultant, for her lifelong leadership, scholarship, and professional commitment to the career development field.

The Emerging Leader Award was awarded to Brenda Turner, Occupational Economist at OED, who has demonstrated talent and leading roles in a variety of career-related projects.

Oregon CIS congratulates these very deserving professionals.

CIS Welcomes New Faces!

I was smitten twice when I interviewed with the staff of Oregon CIS: first with the dedication, friendliness, and enthusiasm of the Oregon CIS staff and second by the beauty of the state. I am arriving in Oregon by way of my experiences in the midwest, which is where I was born and raised.

I first encountered the power of integrating education with career goals when I taught at the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corp in Minnesota. After graduate school, I directed the publications department for the Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center - Indiana's CIS - for five years. I have also developed literacy curriculum for the Indiana Department of Education and consulted for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s School-to-Work and Career Majors Academies.

I look forward to meeting and working with you!

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Spring Intern News

Natalia Buzina our User Services intern, will be revising our annual customer services survey. Her project is to develop and generate the 2005-06 CIS online evaluation and she will be contacting CIS sites in the process. Natalia is a UO senior majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing.

We are fortunate to have Natalia with us during spring term; she is experienced with projects, customer service, and sales. Welcome Natalia!

Glossary of Career Planning Terms now online

You may have noticed a new feature on CIS for Internet – the Glossary of Career Planning Terms. The online glossary is accessible under the Quick Links heading. Printable versions, in PDF format, are available under the Materials section of Site Resources. Hyperlinks in each PDF file are active and will take you to that website.
A recent change to our full use policy will no longer require a school district to order the Career Trek Kit, our elementary school component. School districts wishing to order a full use package will continue to receive their 15% full use discount if they order CIS for all middle schools, alternative schools, and high schools within their district.

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CIS DELIVERY ALERT

Oregon CIS will be transitioning towards total online delivery in fall 2006. With that in mind, we would like to hear from sites that still use the desktop version. In the previous Keywords issue (Winter 2005), we described the initial changes beginning in fall 2005. By fall 2006 the CIS desktop version (CIS for Windows and CIS for Macintosh) will no longer be available. If your site still uses a desktop system for any reason, please let us know. There are several ways to give us your feedback, either from our website, sending an e-mail, or calling us at 800.495.1266 or 541.346.3872.

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