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## Board Thank You

The WACTE Board would like to thank all our volunteers for all they do! There are so many members who do so much above and beyond. The activities we do would not be possible without you!

Thank you!

## Contingency Planning - How Prepared is Your College?

Contingency Planning Workshop  
December 9th, 2009

Madison Area Technical College--Downtown Education Center  
211 N Carroll Street, Madison, Wisconsin

This workshop will provide those Colleges that do not have a Contingency Plan with the tools to develop a working plan so that the College is prepared to deal with the aftermath of a critical incident. The development of this plan will incorporate your Emergency Action Plan and will address how well your plans integrate with your community's plans.

It is important that key members from your Human Resources, Facilities Maintenance, Information Technology, Finance, Risk Management, Student Services, and Environmental Health and Safety Departments attend this workshop. They play a crucial role in the development of your college plan.

To see the full conference brochure and information, follow this link: [www.wacteonline.org](http://www.wacteonline.org)



## German Instructors and Students Visit Western

It all started with an email from my friend, Markus Geist early last spring. Markus is a teacher of Electronics at a vocational school in Bad Hersfeld, a city of 30,000 in central Germany. Markus spent a week here in La Crosse with my wife and me, in a German/American exchange in 2004. Since that time it has been his goal to return to La Crosse and Western, this time with students and possibly another teacher. The email that Phil Brochhausen and I received from Markus announced his plans to travel to La Crosse with a group of students this September.

Markus, his colleague Dirk Landsiedel, and 9 students planned to arrive in La Crosse on September 19th, spending a little over a week visiting La Crosse and Western in particular and then travelling to Chicago for a few days of sightseeing. I'm not sure if it was part of the plan or just a coincidence but their stay in La Crosse also included the opening weekend of Oktoberfest.

It was our goal to give our German visitors an opportunity to learn about Western; especially the programs most closely related to their program of study and visit a couple of area manufacturers. Because of the wonderful cooperation of several departments here at Western the group was able to visit the Welcome Center, Information Networking Media Services, Student Government, and the Library. They were also able to spend extended time in Bill Welch's Electromechanical class and with Dave Thurston, Electrical Apprenticeship Instructor. The group was also able to visit Benchmark Electronics in Winona and Mcloone Graphics of La Crosse.

The students and instructors reported that they learned a lot about Western, our electronics and electrical programs, and enjoyed interacting with students and staff. They also believe they gave a segment of La Crosse a better appreciation of the German National Anthem. As they were getting ready to board their plane at the airport we all agreed that we needed to continue the relationship. This exchange enhanced our appreciation for both of our educational systems and hopefully we all learned.



## ICE - In Case of Emergency

Having this basic emergency information on my cell phone may have saved my life this past month. I was surprised by the number of people I've talked to who have never heard about adding this information onto their cell phones. In fact, I found out that some of the newer phones have ICE as a pre-programmed feature. My suggestion, share this

article with your colleagues and your friends and family...encourage them to program their phones with this information...you never know who will need to access emergency information.

## CVTC's President Barker's Chili Challenge

On Thursday, November 12, 2009, CVTC hosted a - "Come taste Wisconsin's Finest Chili" challenge. It was a HUGE success!! Over 100 people attended this fundraiser - raising more than \$300 - as all expenses were donated by a local restaurant!

Local TV station WEAU-TV-13 attended and broadcast a one minute segment on the 5:00 PM newscast.

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Local Volume One magazine (similar to the Isthmus) owner and editor Nick Meyer served as a judge and throughout the contest he was Twittering about his experience at the Chili Challenge.

The winners list will be published in The Leader-Telegram newspaper.

Another great idea for your Local to raise money!

## WANTED

Passionate secondary and post-secondary staff who LOVE working in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) field! Here's an opportunity to share your story!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education (WACTE), we are proud to present the "Why I LOVE CTE" essay contest. All secondary and post-secondary CTE staff employed in Wisconsin are eligible to win \$100 cash for writing a short, 500 word essay sharing their story or passion about why they love working in the career and technical education field. Essay deadline is **January 15, 2010**. For staff essay details and an application, please refer to the WACTE website (right hand side of the front page) at: <http://www.wacteonline.org>

## WACTE Winter Calendar Raffle

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening. In the lane, snow is glistening. A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight. Walking in a WACTE Winter \$ Wonderland."

Buy your raffle tickets now and win \$ throughout the month of December, just in time for holiday shopping for others or a nice gift for yourself! Buy a few tickets and give away as stocking stuffers. Top cash prize is \$750!

There will be a maximum of 1,000 tickets sold at \$5.00 each. A ticket will be drawn at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday during the month of December. When a name is drawn, it goes back into the "bucket" for another chance to win. Total cash payout is \$1,775, with a weekly amount starting at \$100 and ending at \$750.

Contact the WACTE office at 608-833-5858 to get your tickets to sell. Please request only what you or your Local (if you are ordering for a group) can sell since there is a limited number of tickets available. You will be responsible for all tickets ordered. Tickets and money must be returned to the WACTE office prior to November 30th.

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