

Business Educators Community of Practice Agenda

Date: Friday, October 30, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Purpose:

Communities of Practice (CoP) harness the power of collaboration, helping educators connect and foster professional growth.

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review

- What is one thing you're looking forward to this year in your program?
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9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Junior Achievement Presentation

Speaker: Katie Mons

- Overview of Teacher PD Walkthrough:
 - JA Financial Literacy
 - JA Finance Park Advanced (Virtual or In-Person Mobile Simulation)
 - [Dream Accelerator](#) JA Rocky Mountain-Denver
 - [JA Finance Park Entry Version](#) JA of South Dakota

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10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Business Programs Overview

Speaker: Kari Bluth

- Insights into programs at South Central College

Kari Bluth, MAT

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10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Industry Partnership Spotlight: Taylor Corporation

- Discussion on:
 - Graphic Design Tour, Donna Hodgkins
 - Why is this important from the secondary perspective?
 - Why is this important from the industry perspective?

Ali Martin | Talent Acquisition Supervisor
Taylor Corporation

TAYLOR

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Open Discussion & Networking / Lunch

- Topic: What resources have you tapped into to bring the real world into your classroom?
- **Future Forward:** Caleb Watson

- [Regional Career Coordinator Updates](#)
 - Discuss technology needs according to industry partners
 - Teacher in the Workplace
 - Hospitality & Tourism Management
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12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Focused Sessions on Finance, DECA/BPA, and SBE

Focus Areas:

- Personal Finance
- Accounting
- Business Law
- DECA/BPA
- SBE
- Technology and Marketing
 - Computer Applications
 - Marketing Classes
 - Web Design
 - Hospitality and Tourism
 - Graphic Design
 - Business and Leadership
 - Intro to Business
 - Careers
 - Business Management
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Leadership

Resources:

Next Gen Personal Finance

- Attached: Two one-pagers providing a high-level description of NGPF support for teachers and school districts.
- Promo video of FinCamps for style/approach in-person PD.
- Link for MCEE summer PFL certification course, which includes NGPF's [FinCamps](#) on the final day.

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Central Time Zone

Next Meetings:

- Friday, January 30, 2026
- Friday, May 8, 2026
- Location: TBD