Director's Notes

Last fall I reported that WISCareers is a-changin,' and I am happy to report that the list of new features and tools keeps growing. We have had a successful year with our new Resume and Job Interview Tools, as well as preparing two new assessments, the "Work Skills" and "Work Values" Inventories. These inventories measure two new facets of work and life which we feel are important in career exploration. And don't forget about the new Personal Globe Inventory (PGI) Assessment. The PGI is shorter than the Interest Profiler, has better validity, provides a RIASEC code, and includes more information that we will incorporate into future student reports.

Mark your calendars everyone! We're launching the new Elementary system in January 2011! This incredible system engages kids through interactive games, avatars, an ILP/ePortfolio, and an interactive career cluster landscape that is a beautiful piece of online art. Here's the best part - we will make it available to schools from the launch date through June 30th at no charge so pass the word, and come to the 2011 Careers Conference for the launch!

We are very excited to continue our work with the national study of Individual Learning Plans (ILPs). CEW will be offering professional development to your schools and districts to share critical and integral steps for success and some of the best practices. We will support your current efforts to gain whole school buy-in with curriculum, research results on the powerful impact ILPs are having in schools, and materials you can share with your educators about ILPs. Contact CEW for more information!

We'll be here all summer to support you!

Sincerely,

V. Scott Solberg
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We're glad you like our new look!

Last fall we updated our site with a fresh new look. Thank you for your positive feedback! Please continue to share your feedback, ideas, and suggestions to help us continue to best serve you.
WISCareers New Tools

The high school version of Education and Career Planning (ECP) is coming your way for fall 2010! Designed to increase student's confidence in education and career decision-making, this interactive module will leave users with a relevant and concrete list of goals and a detailed report to guide them through high school and beyond. This module is designed to be used in a classroom setting led by teachers/counselors, but can be completed individually as well. Students will compare assessments to their chosen occupations, explore and plan for post-secondary options, reflect on decisions, and set relevant and timely goals. Students will love the individual and relevant information. Parents will love the planning assistance and extensive amount of information available to their children. Educators will love the high school and beyond planning approach. This unique module is at the forefront of online education and career planning! You'll find ECP under Career Planning this fall!

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WISCareers New Assessments

We're pleased to offer the new Personal Globe Inventory (PGI), an occupational assessment developed by Terence Tracey. Users are asked to rate how much they would enjoy doing an activity, and how much they feel they would be good at doing and activity. Results are translated into RIASEC codes based on the theories of John Holland and are presented to users through recommended career clusters and occupations.

The "Work Skills" Inventory is designed to focus on measuring a user's confidence with specific skills, while the "Work Values" Inventory focuses on measuring how important values are to the user. Look for these new tools under Assessments this fall!

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The 11th Annual CEW Summer Institute

Build your professional knowledge and gain skills you can use. This unique summer institute at the is designed for Global Career Development Facilitators (GCDFs) and GCDF Instructors. Participants enjoy the easy-going atmosphere and a choice of practical and informational workshops. Find more information and register at: http://www.cew.wisc.edu/summer/Default.aspx

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Heading to the 2010 NCDA Conference? So are we!

We'll look for you at the 2010 National Career Development Association Conference in San Francisco at the end of June. Scott Solberg, Chris East and Amy Rivera will be representing CEW. Chris will be leading a July 2nd session, "Webcasts and Facebook and Twitter! Oh, My! Maximize Your Global Delivery in a High Tech World". Find more information at http://associationdatabase.com/aws/NCDA/asset_manager/get_file/14548

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WISCareers Regional Trainings at Your CESA

Feeling a little rusty with WISCareers? We have the perfect solution - WISCareers regional trainings are now available through the 12 CESA groups throughout the state. Check regularly for newly added fall training dates under Training and Webinars on the Professional site.

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**New Elementary WISCareers Scheduled to Launch in January 2010!**

As you just read in the director's notes, we are currently developing our new Elementary site. Elementary school students will now get to explore education options and the world of work. The career exploration focus for elementary students is to explore the activities they enjoy and connect those activities to skills that will help them to be successful in life. The elementary site is designed for grades 5-6. We’ve developed several features to engage your students like the Avatar tool, a colorful and visual education landscape (based on the 16 Career Clusters), an Individual Learning Plan/ePortfolio, and multiple interactive career exploration games!

We are very excited to launch the Elementary WISCareers at the CEW Careers Conference in January 2011. We'll be at Careers Conference ready to help you take advantage of our free six-month subscription to the elementary site!

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**Favorite New WISCareers Feature of 2009-2010**

The new interactive "dress for success" exercise has proven to be a big hit! Find this fun and engaging feature in Step 2 of "The Job Interview" under Job Seeking. We're glad you found this as helpful and amusing as we intended it to be!

We enjoy your feedback and utilize your suggestions to make improvements throughout the site.

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