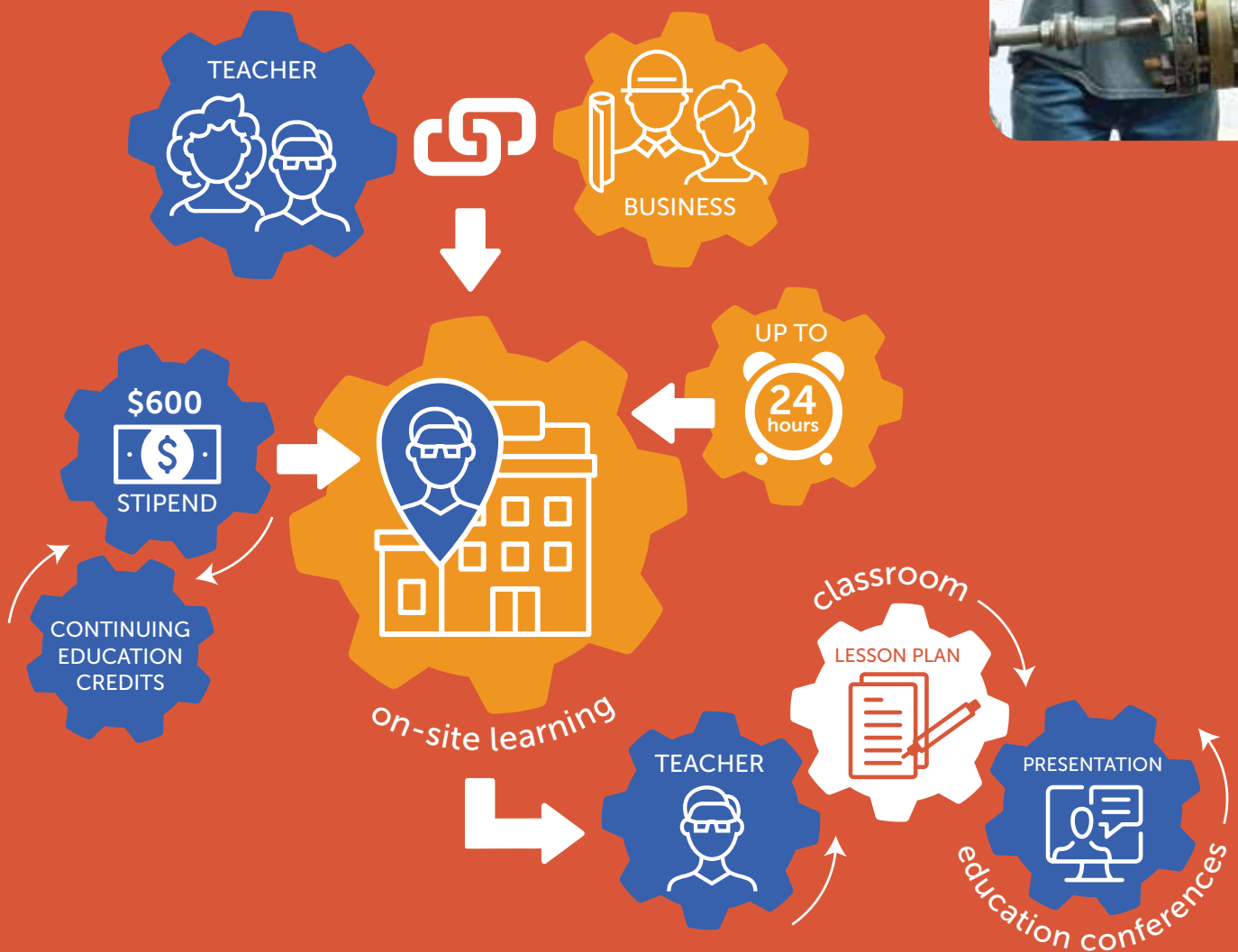


# Teacher Externships



# Montana Teachers Experience Industry First-Hand

## Teacher externships offer hands-on knowledge outside of the classroom.

Students from across the state will learn from their teachers' experiences about the work that takes place in Montana's businesses.

### Teachers will:

- Participate in three day externships.
- Share lessons learned with fellow educators.
- Present what they have learned at various education conferences
- Earn continuing education credits and a \$600 stipend upon completion.

**Applications open in January and close early March** to allow for matching.

**To apply, go to [wblmt.org](http://wblmt.org).**

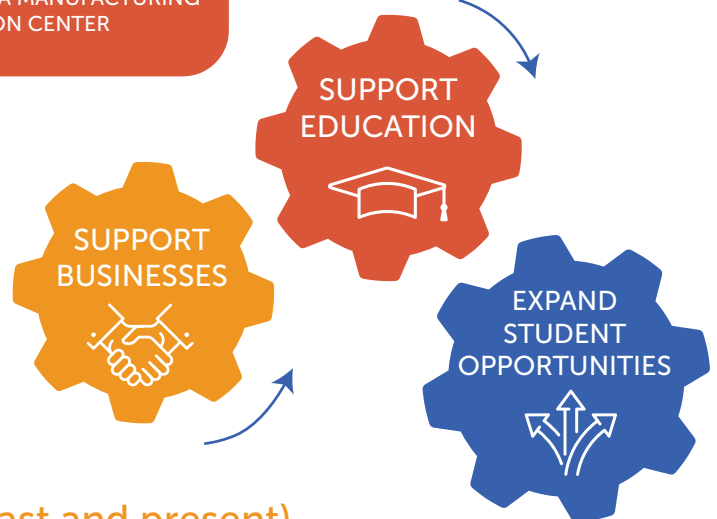


HANNA LOREN BARTOLOME, JANICE OCAMPO, AND JOCEL TABIOS, EXTERNS AT ONE HEALTH IN HARDIN

**“ We want teachers to experience the industry first-hand to help bring relevant, real-world contact into classrooms throughout Montana. ”**

**PADDY FLEMING**  
DIRECTOR OF THE  
MONTANA MANUFACTURING  
EXTENSION CENTER

The teacher externship program developed through a partnership between the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, Office of Public Instruction, and Reach Higher Montana. This partnership formed through involvement in the Montana Work-Based Learning Collaborative.



## Participating businesses (past and present)

- 1889 Coffee
- ADF International, Inc.
- Applied Materials
- Atomic Industries
- Big Sky Economic Dev
- CACI Gimbal Technologies
- Deer Lodge Medical
- Diversified Plastics
- Girl Scouts of MT/WY
- Granite Technologies
- HE Parts International
- Intermountain Health
- Mystery Ranch
- Nomad Global Communications
- Northern Ag Network
- Mission West Community Development
- One Health-Hardin
- Opportunity Bank
- Parkside Financial Credit Union
- PureView
- Red Oxx Manufacturing, Inc.
- Riverstone Health
- Spark R&D
- Spika Manufacturing
- Tongue River Winery
- Tuscano Machine
- Visit Great Falls
- West Paw
- Wheat Montana
- Wood's Powr-Grip

## Learn More About the Experience from the Teachers



**Mary Shayne S. Mirador** (Right)  
**Hardin High School**  
**Big Sky Economic Development**

“I was able to identify several ways to incorporate skills observed in various occupations into my classroom instruction. I saw how critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and adaptability are valued across many careers.”



**Kristen Cole** (Left)  
**Polson School District**  
**Mission West Community Development Partners**

“This experience was great and I am so thankful that I was able to participate. I met so many people and everyone of them thought this experience was really cool! I hope more teachers in the valley get involved in this! It was worth the time and effort.”

To learn more, contact,  
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**Suzi Kearns** (Center)  
**Great Falls Public Schools**  
**Visit Great Falls**

“I am grateful to have this experience so that I can see what skills are marketable and what skills are not. I now have a resolve to be more involved



with the community and excite my students.”

**Andy Heck** (Left)  
**Geyser Public Schools**  
**Spika Manufacturing**

“I will be able to better explain to my students what future employers may look for in an employee in this field.”



**Becky Bates** (Right)  
**Columbia Falls School District**  
**Parkside Credit Union**

“This is a great opportunity and I plan to encourage others to participate/apply. It also helps to energize me to increase internship opportunities for students.”



## Work That Matters

Work-based learning (WBL) is a key component of career-connected learning. While career-connected learning includes career awareness and exploration, work-based learning is experiential, on-the-job learning.

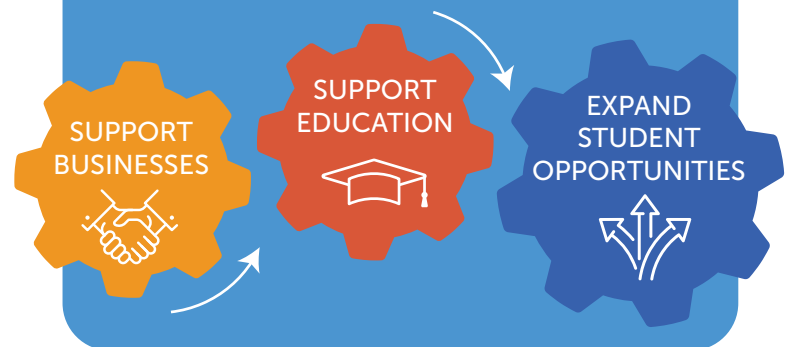
In addition to building employability skills, WBL experiences help students develop meaning from their classroom learning and explore purposeful career opportunities. The Montana Work-Based Learning Collaborative works to promote belonging, meaning, well-being, and purpose for all young Montanans by building capacity for high-quality WBL experiences. Employers who intentionally cultivate belonging in the workplace for young workers benefit from access to future workforce talent.

We work to improve coordination among the K-12 education system, post-secondary education system, public workforce system, and government agencies to benefit Montana's emerging workforce and Montana's businesses.



## Our Vision

Every young adult in Montana will have multiple pathways to economic self-sufficiency, supported by a statewide work-based learning system that honors the potential of students and addresses the workforce needs of Montana businesses, today and tomorrow.



## Who We Are

A cross-section of public and private sector organizations with a stake in work-based learning, working together to ensure Montana students, educators, and businesses are supported by high-quality, accessible, relevant, and measurable work-based learning opportunities. Reach Higher Montana (RHM), a statewide nonprofit organization working at the intersection of education and careers, is the intermediary for this work. RHM provides coordination, bridges connections, and focuses on long-term and system-wide outcomes.

To learn more, contact Gabrielle Rowley at (406) 422-6809 or [growley@ReachHigherMontana.org](mailto:growley@ReachHigherMontana.org)

Learn more about us at [wblmt.org](http://wblmt.org)



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