Don’t miss the perfect chance to broaden your understanding of grape growing and wine making. Classes are forming and now is the time to join this one of a kind online grape and wine education program.

Click http://www.vesta-usa.org for more information.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE— JANUARY 15, 2008

VESTA Student Profile— Judith Walkingstick

Neither fire nor ice could stop VESTA student Judy Walkingstick from establishing her vineyard, Territory Cellars, in Stroud, Oklahoma. Walkingstick's interest in starting a vineyard and winery took root when friends of hers became involved in viticulture and enology. She decided that she would give it a try and she found the help she needed in the VESTA program. Visit the VESTA website www.vests-usa.org to read her complete story.

Wine Sensory Workshop—March 28—29, 2008

Northeast Iowa Community College and Park Farm Winery will host the Spring 2008 Wine Sensory Workshop featuring Ray Johnson, March 28—29, 2008 in Bankston, IA. This two day workshop will focus on sensory components, wine faults and flaws, errors in perception, and tasting methodology. Click http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN_266_Workshop.htm for complete information

VESTA Management Team to Meet

The VESTA Management Team will gather on Monday, February 4 at TanTarA Resort in Osage Beach, MO to review the current status of activities of the VESTA Regional Center of Excellence and plan for activities and events to come. The discussion will focus on VESTA Curriculum, Workshops, Advisory Committees, the VESTA Career Pathway, new state partnerships and marketing activities.

VESTA On The Road

VESTA is on the road with presentations and booths. Look for us at conferences and meetings in your area. If you would like VESTA to present at a conference or meeting in your area please contact the VESTA Regional Center office 417-836-5053.

January— Governor’s Conference on Agriculture, MO
Mid America Small Fruit Conference, NE
Oklahoma Grape Growers Conference, OK

February—Midwest Grape and Wine Conference, MO
Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association Conference