

**Education Committee  
Career Services  
September Monthly Report  
Diane Kelley, Executive Director**

The **Alternative Education Program** had 17 students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of September. Our total graduate count is **110** (101 are Cherokee Nation citizens; **10** are members of other Federally Recognized tribes; **8** are/were clients of the Jack Brown Center) for FY17. Linda Pruitt had 54 graduates, followed by Teresa Catsavis with 23. HSE Graduation was held on 9/14/17 at NSU. A total of **364** people attended, with **74** Graduates attending.

The WorkKeys Conference will be held November 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

**Sector Partnership – National Dislocated Worker** staff participated in professional development training on topics such as Reasonable Suspicion; Strategic Planning & Key Findings for future Employment & Training; [cherokeecareerconnections.com](http://cherokeecareerconnections.com); Excellent Customer Service; and Apprenticeships. Professional Staff Development is important in the work that we do, so we can keep up with labor market demands and providing the best services possible.

Staff participated in the 4 County Four Employment and Training Partners Meeting, which included our partners from Oklahoma Works, the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission from Cherokee, Sequoyah, Muskogee and Adair Counties. Maintaining a good working relationship is important to our jobs for effective and efficient coordination of program services.

Staff participated in the Fundamentals of Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act training, hosted by Oklahoma Works North East Development Area.

**Sector Partnership – National Dislocated Worker Grant Participant Success:**

**It's never too late for a new beginning**



Matthew Frates is a 33 year old Cherokee Citizen residing in Tulsa County. "I dropped out of high school when I was sixteen but was able to earn my GED certification," Frates said. "I was working as a shop helper for quite a while in a welding shop and doing great but made some bad decisions." As a result of bad choices as a young man, Frates got caught up in the drug scene, was eventually arrested, convicted, and spent the next two years in the judicial system. "Two years doesn't sound like a long time, Frates said, but when you're in your twenties and in an embarrassing situation like I was, it made me determined to make the best of a bad situation." When Frates was released from prison he secured a job with International Galvanizing as a fitter and welders helper. Matthew enjoyed this line of work very much and knew he wanted to make it a lifelong career. After

being laid off from International Galvanizing, Matthew visited three different welding schools and decided that Oklahoma Technical College was a great fit for him. He completed the

Welding Technology Program at the top of his class and maintained 85% attendance rate over the 10 month program.

"I graduated from the Welding Program and went to work for MBW Manufacturing Company where I am a welder," said Frates. "I am very grateful for the Cherokee Nation Career Services Department for making it possible for me to attend school. I now have a job where I love going to work every day and support myself."

The Director of **Vocational Rehabilitation** completed her appointment as a member of the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council and received a thank you letter from the Governor of the State of Oklahoma:



*Mary Fallin*  
Governor

September 1, 2017

Ms. Brenda Fitzgerald  
608 Victor Street  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your service as a member of the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council. It is because of hard working individuals like you that Oklahoma has been able to raise standards and achieve excellence. Now that your service as a member of this board has been completed, I want to convey my sincerest appreciation to you for your leadership and the time you committed to serving. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated by the people of Oklahoma.

Once again, thank you for your service. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to this appointment.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mary Fallin in cursive script.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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**College Resource Center**

**Fall 2017 Funding Summary**

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| # of Fall 2017 scholarship awards thru 9/15/17                 | 4,288(2,298 Pell, 1,562 NonPell, 428 Grad) |
| # of Promise students for Fall 2017 thru 9/15/17               | 51 (37 NSU, 10 RSU, 4 CSC)                 |
| # of Fall 2017 concurrent scholarships thru 9/15/17            | 412 (81 Juniors, 331 Seniors)              |
| # of Freshmen Supplemental students for Fall 2017 thru 9/15/17 | 59 (37 NSU, 15 RSU, 7 CSC)                 |

**Outreach & Presentations:**

- August 24: JOM Fall School Training, 75 teachers/administrators
- August 29: Staff Development- "Project and Event Planning"
- August 29: NSU Welcome Event, 75 students
- September 6: Barnsdall College Resource Fair, 50 students
- September 12: Washington County College Fair, Fayetteville, AR, 3,000 students

**Future Plans:**

1. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Tahlequah Area) – October 2017
2. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Pryor Area) – December 2017
3. Scheduling visits to public schools for school year 2017-18
4. December 28, 2017 -- renewal deadline for students funded Fall 2017 to submit transcript and self help forms.
5. October 1, 2017 - application opens for Spring 2018 Concurrent Enrollment, deadline is December 28, 2017.
6. Review and set 2018-19 scholarship deadlines

**Head Start**

Activity

August

YTD

|                                  |                        |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| # of classrooms/sites            | 63 classrooms 21 sites | 63 classrooms 21 sites |
| # of parent meetings conducted   | 22 Meetings Conducted  | 22 Conducted           |
| # of site visits by HS/ECU staff | 96 Site Visits         | 96 Conducted           |
| # of PD hours completed          | 27.75 hours offered    | 27.75 hours offered    |
| CC Expenditures - Travel         | \$6,042.46             | \$31,229.05            |

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement  
August 2017

|                               |               |                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Breakfast – 4,194             | Lunch – 4,248 | Snack – 4,723               |
| Total Food Cost – \$34,351.78 |               | Reimbursement – \$26,204.40 |

**Accomplishments:**

1) The media project was a success with the children from Kenwood Head Start and the Salina Early Learning Academy (SELA) infants and toddlers included in the video teaching tool. The video contractor outlined several activities and interactions to capture and the children did not disappoint. A community elder was interviewed as well to discuss the importance of teaching the Cherokee language at a young age and what Head Start means to the community. The video will be used at national trainings.

2) The ECU received one-time health and safety funds for the following projects:

- installation of fiber optics in the Children's Village to ensure uninterrupted computer and telephone service;
- replace two ramps at SELA
- remove and replace a deck on a Children's Village playground;
- remove 23 trees around the Children's Village. The root systems have invaded the water lines and infrastructure throughout the village resulting in constant plumbing issues.

3) Several sites have completed the annual parent orientation and facilitated election of officers at their local committee level as well as a representative to the Policy Council. The next Policy Council meeting is September 21, 2017.

4) The annual Program Information Report (PIR) was submitted August 31, 2017. The PIR is the report to Congress that profiles the services to 680 Head Start children and 200 Early Head Start infants and toddlers. Content includes all medical screenings, staff credentials, partnerships, in-kind resources and partnerships among other services.

**Upcoming Initiatives:**

1) The ECU will host a national training on Practice Based Coaching on October 3, 2017 in the conference room. Approximately 50 visitors from Head Start programs across the country will attend the training.

2) The next quarterly Education Advisory Board meeting is scheduled September 14, 2107. The EAB will review and discuss the data collection, status of the CLASS observations.

3) The kickoff for the 2017-18 federal monitoring schedule will be discussed on a webinar on September 18, 2017. The CNECU is scheduled for an onsite review during this school year.

4) The National Head Start Association Fall Leadership is September 25-28, 2017 in Washington, DC. Topics include monitoring, funding, future initiatives and reports from Congressional staff.

**JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

| Activity                   | August to September |                  | YTD       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                            | JOM                 | Special Projects | YTD Total |
| # of students on program   | 25,668 (9/13/17)    | -                | 25,668    |
| # of schools participating | 68                  | -                | 68        |

|                                 |   |         |            |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|------------|
| # of communities participating  | 3 | -       | 3          |
| # of special events             |   | 7       | 45         |
| # participants students/adults  |   | 1332/15 | 10,333/105 |
| # of school staff participating |   | 226     | 707        |
| # of contractors participating  |   | 65      | 78         |

**Accomplishments:**

1. 2017-18 JOM Applications – 24 have been approved by contracts
2. 2017-18 JOM Application sent to contracts 8
3. JOM Fall Training ~ 83 in attendance, 56 schools represented, 48 JOM Contacts, 9 IEC Members, 1 Superintendent, 22 School personnel, 2 CN - IT Web Developers, 1 visitor from Choctaw Nation JOM Program.
4. JOM staff working on 2017-18 JOM applications.
5. Staff Development – Tour of Ft. Gibson fort and buildings, National Cemetery and Sequoyah's Cabin. Received some good information on the sites we visited.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

**JOM:**

1. Financial Report Training for JOM Contacts, and Encumbrance Clerks - September 14, 2017
2. 2018 OKJOM Planning Meeting September 21, 2017
3. JOM IEC Election mail out September 21,, 2017.
4. JOM IEC Elections month of October.

**Special Projects / JOM Program**

Activity August 16, 2017- September 13' 2017 # Total YTD

| Activity                        | August 16, 2017- September 13' 2017            | #   | Total | YTD  |
|---------------------------------|--|-----|-------|------|
| # of Special Project Events     | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 1   | 1     | 52   |
| # of students participating     | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 157 | 157   | 7130 |
| # of schools participating      | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 1   | 1     | 349  |
| # of school staff participating | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 10  | 10    | 880  |
| # participants: parents/other   | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 0   | 0     | 670  |
| # con-tractors participating    | Cherokee Enrichment in Schools- Oklahoma Union | 0   | 0     | 166  |

**Up Coming Events:**

- Staff Development and Prep for YLI- Gilcrease Museum Sept. 19
- Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools Sept. 25 – 29
- Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools Oct. 9 – 13
- Cherokee Challenge Bowl Oct. 23 – 27



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**SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS**  
*School of Choice*



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*Deputy Principal Chief*

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**For Sequoyah Schools**  
**October 23, 2017**

- **Overall Student count- 385**
- **Dormitory count- 85**
  
- **SHS Academic Team is competing at Stilwell High School October 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Drama One Act Play Regional at Oologah October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Pride of Sequoyah did an amazing job at the Okmulgee Band Competition finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the finals and Bailey Stone was named outstanding drum major**
- **Volleyball finished the season ranked 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **Football is 5-0 and ranked 7 while being tied for first in the district standings**
- **Softball is ranked #1 and play in state tournament for the 10<sup>th</sup> straight year, state tournament will run Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Lady Indians play Morris 6:30 Thursday at the Oklahoma Softball Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City**
- **Cheer had the best finish ever in the regional (3<sup>rd</sup>) and state competition (8<sup>th</sup>), this is 3 consecutive years for making state for SHS Cheer**
- **Cross-Country will run in the regional meet October 14<sup>th</sup>, possibly in Henryetta**

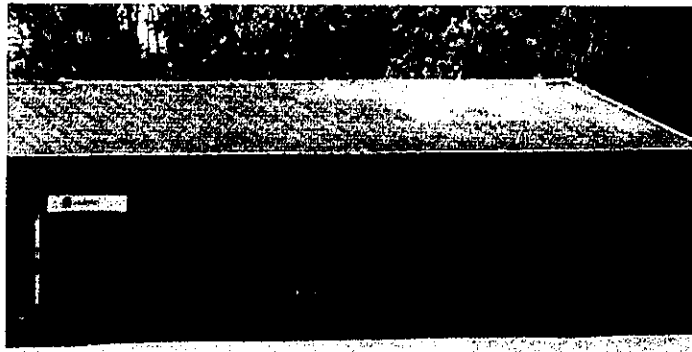
**October 6th is end of the first semester for Sequoyah High School**



**CHEROKEE  
NATION  
FOUNDATION**

## Program Information

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## **Cherokee Nation Foundation Vision Statement**

This vision of the Cherokee Nation Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to Cherokee students so that they can reach their full potential.



# **Cherokee Nation Foundation Programs**

**ACT Prep**

**Cherokee Scholars**

**Cherokee College Prep Institute**

**Junior Achievement**

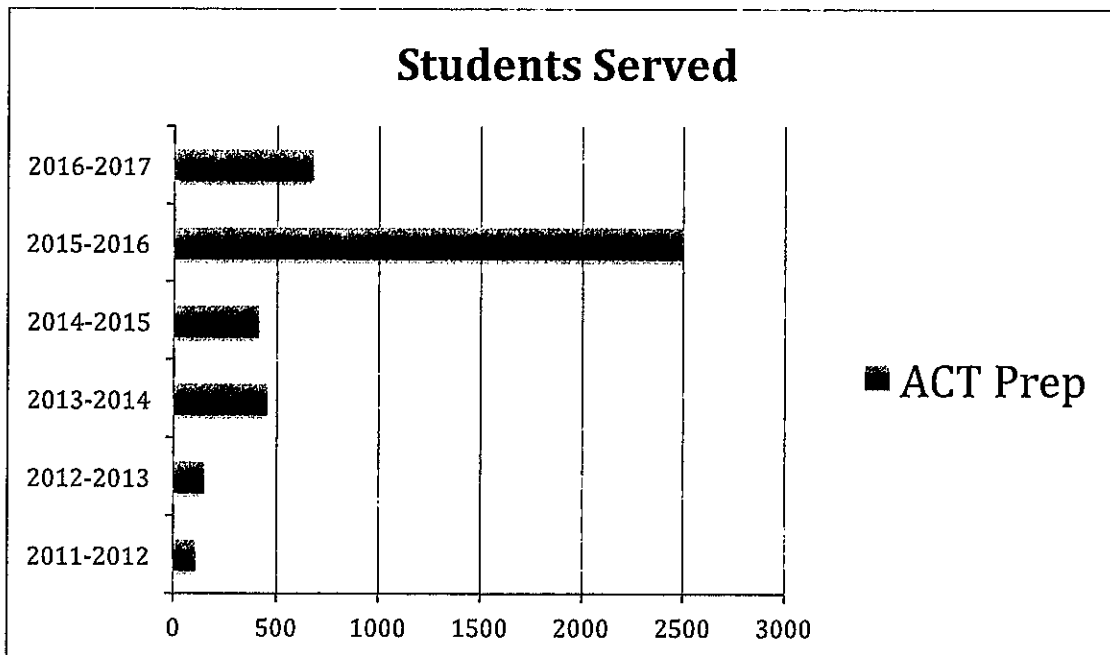
**Scholarships**

# ACT Prep



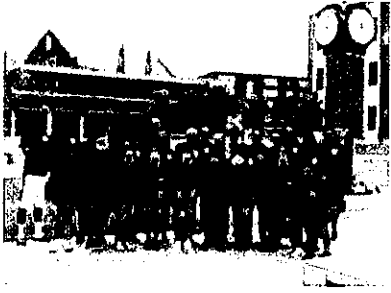
**Mission:**

The mission of the Cherokee Nation Foundation partnership with Princeton Review Foundation and the University of Arkansas College Access Initiative is to provide ACT Prep Instruction for Cherokee high school students. Students that increase their ACT score become more highly qualified applicants for scholarships and selective college admissions. In 2015, testing specialist, Shelly Harris was added to the ACT prep programming for 2 hour in school workshops.



# NSU ACT & College Prep Camp

2015



2016



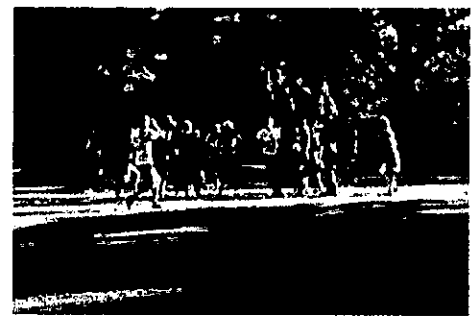
2017



In partnership with Northeastern State University, the Cherokee Nation Foundation hosts a weeklong residential college readiness camp that will provide 30 selected students with intensive Princeton Review ACT prep instruction as well as additional college readiness workshops on topics such as:

- FAFSA
- College Admissions
- Native Life on Campus
- Personal Strengths
- Scholarships
- Financial Literacy

Northeastern State University and Cherokee Nation Foundation will provide all food lodging, materials, and ACT test fees.



The students work diligently throughout the day, but get to enjoy some fun evening activities as well! Students visited the Cherokee Heritage Center and played Stickball. They walked downtown for dinner at Sam & Ella's, and played laser tag at Jack Dobbins Field House. Other evening activities included outdoor game night and movie night before the BIG test!

# Cherokee Scholars

**Mission:**

The mission of the Cherokee Scholars program is to increase the number of highly qualified high school graduates that are Cherokee citizens. Cherokee Scholars mentors students from junior high through high school to ensure that students receive a rigorous education that aids the level of competitiveness in college and scholarship applications.



## Cherokee Scholars Funding Present-2025

| Semester     | Funding        |
|--------------|----------------|
| Fall 2017    | \$34,000       |
| Spring 2018  | \$34,000       |
| Fall 2018    | \$58,000       |
| Spring 2019  | \$58,000       |
| Fall 2019    | \$86,000       |
| Spring 2020  | \$86,000       |
| Fall 2020    | \$84,000       |
| Spring 2021  | \$84,000       |
| Fall 2021    | \$66,000       |
| Spring 2022  | \$66,000       |
| Fall 2022    | \$48,000       |
| Spring 2023  | \$48,000       |
| Fall 2023    | \$14,000       |
| Spring 2024  | \$14,000       |
| Fall 2024    | \$6,000        |
| Spring 2025  | \$6,000        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>792,000</b> |

# Cherokee College Prep Institute (CCPI)

The Cherokee College Prep Institute is a weeklong college-readiness program designed to increase the percentage of Cherokee students completing their college education. This university based residential program mentors high school students through the college application process.

With a 3-to-1 student-faculty ratio, students will analyze, prepare and complete college applications, identify scholarship opportunities and explore schools of interest. They will also take part in interactive sessions focusing on financial aid, essay writing, interview skills and time management.

2013



2014



2015

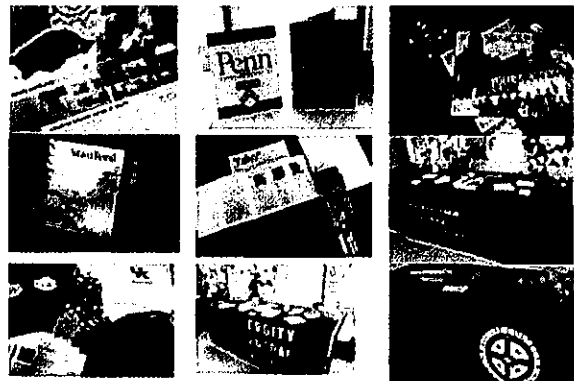


2016



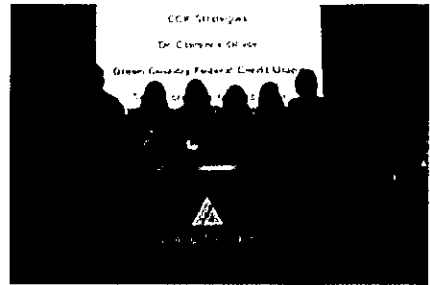
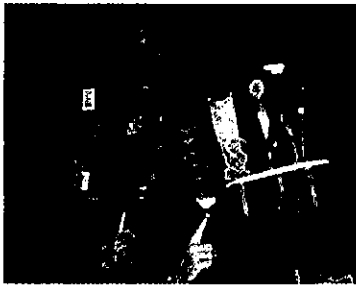
## *Previous Participating Colleges/Universities:*

Bacone College  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
KY-WV- LSAMPS/STEM  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern State University  
Oklahoma City University  
Oklahoma State University  
Rogers State University  
Stanford University  
Texas Christian University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Central Oklahoma  
University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
Yale University



# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

## INITIATION, DEVELOPMENT & LAUNCH



### MISSION

The mission of the Cherokee Junior Achievement Program is to teach and promote financial literacy concepts to students throughout the Cherokee Nation. Civic and Finance programming start as early as kindergarten and continue until the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Skills learned in the program teach concepts that students will take with them to college and help them along their career paths. The Cherokee Junior Achievement program aids in developing financial literacy as well as strengthen bonds to the Cherokee language and culture. The program follows a traditional Junior Achievement course curriculum but is taught by Cherokee Nation Businesses and local community volunteers.

### JA PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN CHEROKEE NATION SCHOOLS

#### Middle School Programs:

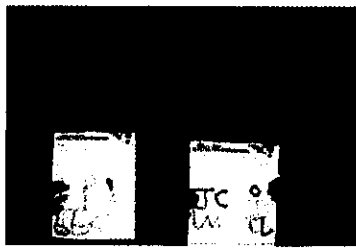
- J A BizTown
- JA It's My Future
- JA It's My Business
- JA Economics for Success

#### High School Programs

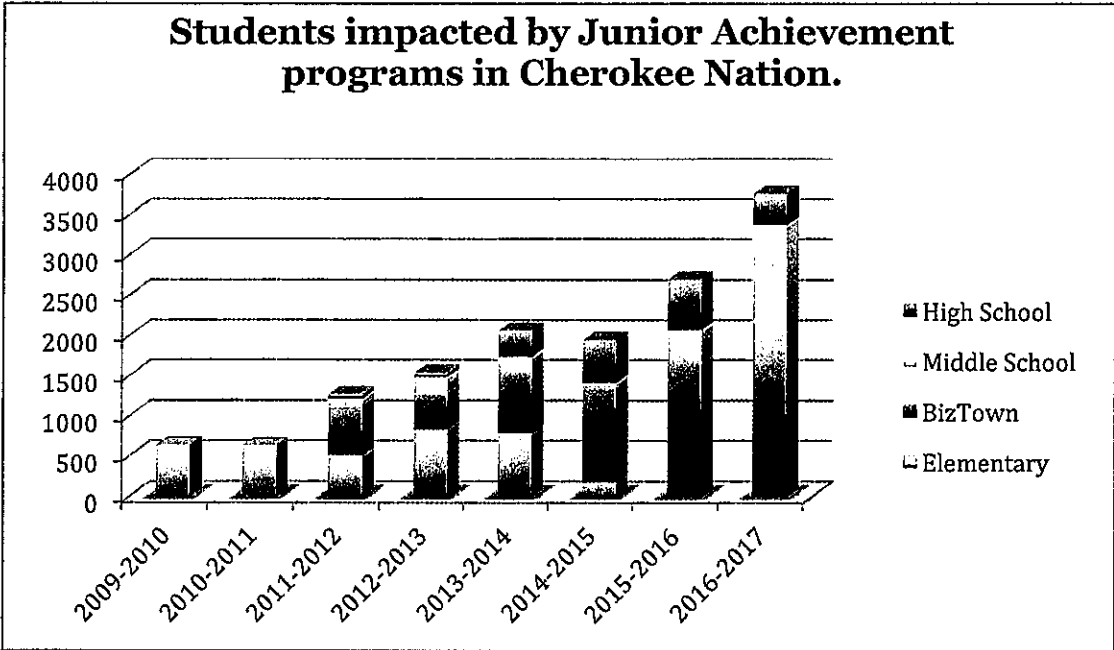
- JA Finance Park
- JA Investor Challenge
- JA Job Shadow
- JA Personal Finance

### IMPACT

Students leave with the confidence of a job well done. The BizTown program gives students the opportunity to serve as a CEO, a Supervisor, a Disc jockey, Public Works official, and many other employment avenues within a community. Students leave with the understanding of a local economy and its effect on Oklahoma



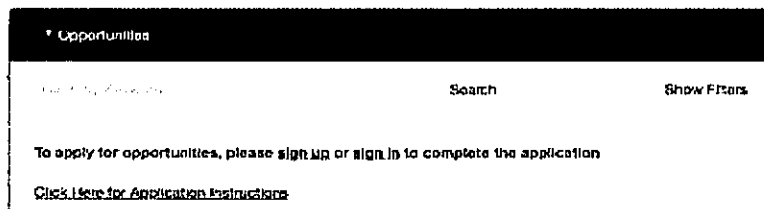
**JA PROJECT REACH**



# Scholarships



Sign Up or [Sign In](#)



**The Cherokee Nation Foundation scholarship cycle is set to open November 1, 2017 and closes January 31, 2018.**

**This year's scholarship opportunities include:**

*Anna Bell Mitchell Memorial Scholarship*

*Audie Baker Memorial Scholarship*

*Bill Rabbit Legacy Art Scholarship*

*Brent & Janees Taylor RSU College of Business Scholarship*

*Cherokee Nation At-Large Tribal Council Scholarship*

*Cherokee Nation Businesses Scholarship*

*District 3 Scholarship*

*District 6 & 8 Scholarship*

*Harold "Jiggs" Phillips Scholarship*

*HP Engineering, Inc., Scholarship*

*James R. Upton Memorial Scholarship*

*Kenneth Comer Scholarship*

*Oklahoma State University/ Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship*

*Peruzzi Family Scholarship*

*Sequoyah High School Alumni Scholarship*

*Susan B. Agnew Leoser Scholarship*

*University of Tulsa/Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship*