

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

The **Alternative Education Program** had six HSE (High School Equivalency) Graduates this month. Our total graduate count is **25** (All are Cherokee Nation citizens, at this time.)

Brad Perry will be holding Math Tutoring classes in Pryor, Sallisaw, Stilwell this year, as needed; dates and times to be determined. He will continue math tutoring classes in Claremore on Tuesday's from 3pm to 6pm.

Teachers will continue Outreach in their respective areas, which includes posting flyers, attending Community Events and Meetings and speaking with various businesses and programs about what our program provides and whom it can will assist.

The **Career Skills Education Classes** had 30 individuals complete the classes.

Disability Employment Initiative Staff presented the first session of a Lunch and Learn series. The trainings focus was on Medical and Enabling Conditions. This is in compliance with the goals of the DEI Grant in providing disability training for internal Career Services staff.

DEI Staff attended Mental Health First Aid training conducted by Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health. This training provided training on working with individuals with behavioral health illnesses.

Marsha White, DEI Program Manager, completed the Leadership Certificate Program conducted by Deer Oaks Employee Assistance Program.

Vocational Rehabilitation Participant Success:

The sound of an alarm goes off at 4:00 am every morning, but you won't find Kylar Welch hitting the snooze button and going back to sleep. Kylar gets out of bed and gets ready for work as a welder at Western Frontier in Peggs, Oklahoma. Kylar, a recent Tulsa Welding School (TWS) graduate, has just begun a career that he loves, thanks to the help of the Cherokee Nation Vocational Rehabilitation (CNVR) Program.



CNVR helped sponsor some of the cost of training at TWS for Kylar, along with the financial aid that he received. "I am so thankful that the Voc Rehab program made it possible for me to go to school and did everything they could to help me be successful." Although he is successful now, Kylar's life was much different before he completed the program and started working in a career he loves. "Life before was very stressful because doing work as an independent contractor was hit and miss. Income was not very steady and I was bringing in \$400 a week, if that. It also put a lot of stress on my relationship

because my wife was the one who carried the weight on her shoulders as far as making sure the household expenses were taken care of.”

Kylar heard about the Vocational Rehabilitation program from his brother-in-law and the rest was history. “I had no idea what Vocational Rehabilitation was but quickly learned that they would do all that they can to help an individual succeed.” Even with the support of Vocational Rehabilitation, Kylar still faced obstacles during the course of his training at TWS. “I was going to school full-time, and had to do some part-time work when I wasn’t in school to help my family pay the bills. It was a challenge overall to juggle school, work, and family but I persevered and now my family has a better life.”

Not only does Kylar earn more than double than what he received as a contractor, he now has an enjoyable career that is compatible with his health condition. “My job is in a relaxed environment now that I enjoy compared to in the past when I had to work jobs that were stressful and cause me to have flare-ups.” Aside from helping sponsor some of the costs of training at an education institution, the counselors with CNVR counsel with the individuals to find out what type of employment they are interested in pursuing and that is conducive to an individual’s limitations, restrictions, and capabilities. “In this job I feel so much better mentally, physically, and emotionally. It’s such a relaxed environment. I don’t mind getting up at 4:00 am every day to come to a job I love.”

The **Coming Home Reentry Program** is in the process of planning a week long Reentry Summit the last week of January. This training summit will provide training to all Career Services Staff to better help them counsel our justice involved clients and their specific needs. This training will include professionals from outside agencies, relevant to the justice involved, speaking about their programs, successes, issues, and partnering opportunities. An Evidenced Based Training organization, Joyfields, will also present a three-day training on Helping Individuals Regain Employment (H.I.R.E.). A large portion of this training is paid by the CTAS Area 3 grant that has required training components which are met by this type of staff training.

The **Trade and Economic Transition Program** has visited with representatives from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning to get insight on lattice apprenticeships in the healthcare field. One goal of the program is to determine whether apprenticeships at the new health clinic opening in Tahlequah, Oklahoma are a viable option to address the skills gap and educational costs in the region. If determined to be a working model, coordination with the Disability Employment Initiative will begin. Both grants will then start a program that may be beneficial for both of the grants, as well as, Cherokee Nation, as a whole.

College Resource Center

Fall 2018 Funding Summary

4,905 scholarship awards to 316 college/universities.

- 68 confirmed graduates.

Spring 2019 Funding Summary

- 378 Concurrent Applications received
- 1421 Undergraduate, Graduate and Promise Renewals have been processed as of 1/15/19
- Processing all renewals for Spring 2019 daily.

Outreach & Presentations:

Christmas Break – no outreach during this period.

Future Plans:

1. Scheduling visits to public schools for assistance in applying for Cherokee Nation Scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. March 1, 2019 – Class of 2019 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarship applications available online at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org>. Deadline will be March 29, 2019 at 11:59pm central time.
3. March 1, 2019 – school year 2019-2020 Cherokee Nation Scholarships open for application, apply online at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org>. Deadline for applications will be June 15, 2019 at 11:59pm Central Time.

Head Start

Activity	December/January	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	15 Meetings Conducted	64 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	102 Site Visits	608 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	26.5 hours offered	203.75 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$13,233.45	\$22,462.11

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement
December 2018

Breakfast 3,125	Lunch 3,184	Snack 3,077
Total Food Cost -		Reimbursement - \$19,681.08

Accomplishments:

- 1) The safe rooms at Cherry Tree and Redbird (behind CNI) in Stilwell are completed and the crew has moved on to the Nowata site and doing preliminary work at the Pryor site. The additions to the existing building are seamless and look natural to the site.
- 2) The Alternative Spring Break student visits have begun and the first group was from George Washington University. They volunteered the week of January 7-11, 2019.
- 3) The month of December was dedicated to numerous hours of training for all staff including re-certifications and preparing for the CDA credential. The training took place during the children's annual Christmas break.
- 4) Several of the ECU staff were recognized for their dedicated years of service at the recent Chief's Christmas gathering. Their years of service ranged from 15 to 35 years.

Upcoming

- 1) The NHSA Winter Leadership Institute is scheduled January 29-31, 2019 in Washington, DC. Hot topics will include future funding, status of federal reviews, updates from congressional staffers on Head Start activities.
- 2) The "Reading Buddies" initiative with Sequoyah High School students will resume in January through May. The Children's Village children and faculty enjoy this collaboration.
- 3) The 19th annual ECU Manager's Institute is scheduled for April 16-18, 2019. Planning is underway with internal (HR) and external presenters to cover supervisory related training.
- 4) The second Spring Break student group from North Alabama University will be here in March.
- 5) Notification was received for the 2019 COLA application. The amount this year is 1.77% and the application is due March 1, 2019.
- 6) Recruitment efforts for the 2019-20 school year will begin in February. Enrollment is ongoing; however, the recruitment team begin intense efforts before the current school year is over.
- 7) A pilot initiative will be launched at two sites in late Feb or March to go paperless with parents and faculty documentation. The two sites are Tahlequah Early Learning Academy and Salina Early Learning Academy.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	December/January			YTD
	JOM	Special	Public School	YTD Total

		Projects	Outreach	
# of students on program	25,664 (11/14/18)	-		25,540
# of schools participating	68	5	23	352
# of communities participating	3	-	9	18
# of special events		5	2	105
# participants students/adults		425/	240	169,992/700
# of school staff participating		20	48	2018
# of contractors participating			3	200

Accomplishments:

1. 2018-19 JOM Applications have been approved.
2. JOM FS Coordinator site visit with Braggs JOM Contact/Principal 12/11/18.
3. JOM Staff 2019 OKJOM Conference Call planning meeting.
4. JOM FS Storytelling at Vinita Middle School 117 students 12/18/19.
5. JOM FS Storytelling Vinita Middle School follow up from 12/18/18 – 117 students 1/8/19
6. JOM FS assisted Robert Lewis with basket making at Coweta Schools 32 students. 1/11/19
7. JOM FS Coordinator attended Chouteau JOM IEC meeting 3 IEC members in attendance, 1 JOM School Contact, 1 JOM Cultural Teacher, and 1 student.
8. JOM Staff Technical Assistance provided via by phone to Braggs, Dahlenegah Jay and Greasy.

Robotic:

Cleora Robotic; Grandview Robotic; and Bell Programing training

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. January 25, 2019 – 2019 OKJOM Conference Planning meeting Ada, OK
2. January 31, 2019 JOM Staff assisting with Science Fair at NSU
3. February 21, 2019 2019 OKJOM Planning meeting Tahlequah, OK

Robotic:

1. Bell 1/19
2. Bartlesville 1/19
3. CNSEF 1/31
4. Camp Cherokee online application release 4/15

Up Coming Events:

Cherokee Elementary CLB Mentorship Jan. 15
 Greenwood Elementary CLB Mentorship Jan. 17
 Cherokee Writing Competition January 25
 CCES in Gans Feb. 4 – 8
 CCES in Grove Feb. 19-22

Sequoyah Schools

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- Drake Brekländer at Heavyweight

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