

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

The **Alternative Education Program** had 18 students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of August. Our total graduate count is **109** (**101** are Cherokee Nation citizens; **eight** are members of different Federally Recognized tribes and **four** are/were clients of the Jack Brown Center.) This year's Graduation was held at NSU in the Ballroom on September, 20, 2018.

Vocational Rehabilitation staff attended the Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Council meeting in Mustang, OK. The Program Director is a member of the Council and our relationship with the other tribal VR programs and the Oklahoma Dept. of Rehabilitation Services is important to co-serve cases (when possible) so our consumers receive services in keeping with their disabling condition.

The **Disability Employment Initiative** Program Manager is working with CN contracts for the contract with American Dream Employment Network. The contract is very near completions for the CN Vocational Rehabilitation/Disability Employment Initiative Grant to become an Employment Network.

Disability Employment Initiative staff presented a three-day staff development training focused on Disability Etiquette, Disability Awareness, Individual Employment Plans, and general Career Services policies.

Vocational Programs Participant Success:



Vance Graves is a 23 year old student who successfully completed his Physical Therapy Assistant training from NEO A&M College Miami, Oklahoma in August 2018. He applied at area jobsites which would require his training and accepted a position with the Green Country Rehabilitation Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Vance is earning \$37.00 per patient visit and the average length of time per patient is approximately 30 to 45 minutes. He states patients he assists are located from Tulsa to Locust Grove and other areas of Northeast Oklahoma. He said he is extremely busy but loves his career choice.

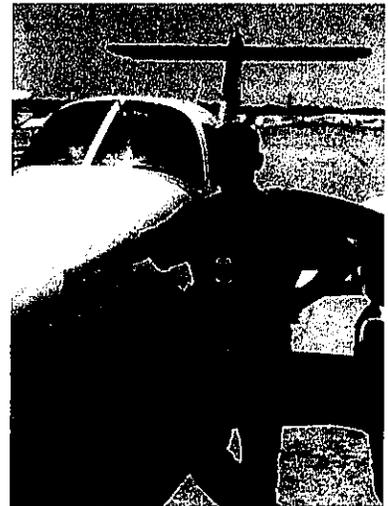
Vance graduated from the Vinita High School in 2013. He thought at that time, he would like to enter college and receive a degree in Criminal Justice. He enrolled at Rogers State University, Claremore, Oklahoma but did not take the training seriously and soon was in trouble. During his first semester he received 1-C, 3-D's, and 1-F. Spring 2014 he received 4-F's. Most students would drop out at this point but Vance did not. He just decided to grow-up, take his education more seriously, and choose another career path that truly interested him.

In Spring 2015 he transferred to NEO A&M College, Miami, Oklahoma and enrolled in 17 credit hours of education. Some of the hours were repeat classes from his previous failures but he persisted. He was rewarded by being placed on the "Dean's Honor Roll" with a GPA of 3.647. By 2016 he was taking the classes he would need to receive his Physical Therapy Assistant, Associates of Applied Science Degree. In 2018, he successfully completed all training.

Vance was a good student he just needed direction and advice. Once on the correct path he was ready to learn. He chose to keep going even when things were difficult and he is an outstanding example of how perseverance pays.

Vocational Programs Participant Success:

Mark Million decided to enroll with Spartan's School of Aeronautics' because of his interest in the Aviation Maintenance Mechanic Program. Mark has worked hard to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout his training and has finally completed his A.A.S in Aviation Maintenance Technology. He has secured employment with BizJet as an A&P Technician. Mark comes from a local community and his family has had a dairy farm for some time where he had worked up until he completed his training. Mark has reached his career goal with an exceptional transcript, A.A.S degree, and employment in his area of training to show for it. Mark had previously attended NSU prior to enrolling with Spartan's and because of that time put in on his education he completed one term earlier than he otherwise would have. He is truly a success story that deserves mention.





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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER REPORT 2018**

Band

Pride of Sequoyah Marching Band placed second in the Cherokee National Holiday Parade. Band will be at Okmulgee September 29th

Cheer

OSSAA Regional Runner-Up at Union High School last Saturday (Sept. 15)

Our best finish ever at Regional

State qualifier for the 4th straight year

State competition at ORU on Sept. 22, we perform at 1:45

Cross Country

Girls are ranked #1 and boys are ranked #2

Girls have placed 1st three times and 3rd once out of 4 meets

Boys have placed 1st twice and 3rd twice in 4 meets

Kayla Harp, Danica Johnson, and Boady Johnson have each placed 1st in a meet

Kayla and Asa Robbins both have runner-up finishes

Fast Pitch Softball

31-3 record

District Champions

Won the Sequoyah Fall Classic

Will host regional the week of Sept. 24

Football

First district game as well as homecoming Sept. 21st

Coronation will be moved to the old gym in case of inclement weather

Football games are livestreamed by Cookson Hills Sports Network at chsn.tv or facebook.com/chsnlive

Volleyball

Ranked #8 in 4A

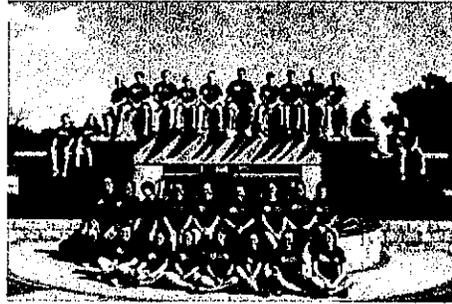
24-2 record

Current 11 game winning streak

Hosting regional September 27th

School of Choice

ACT & College Prep Camp



The fifth annual ACT & College Prep Camp was held June 4-9, 2018 in Tahlequah. This weeklong residential camp provided **30 students** with 15 hours of The Princeton Review ACT prep instruction and various college prep workshops including information on the following:

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

Student Participants by County: 30 Students

At Large - 4	Craig - 1	McIntosh - 0	Ottawa - 1	Tulsa - 4
Adair - 2	Delaware - 3	Muskogee - 3	Rogers - 4	Wagoner - 0
Cherokee - 5	Mayes - 2	Nowata - 0	Sequoyah - 1	Washington - 0

Score Improvements

In just a week's time, students were able to increase their ACT scores in each subject test. The average score improvements are: Composite - 2 points, English - 3 points, Math- 3 points, Reading - 4 points, and Science - 3 points

Individual Improvements:

Points Improved after ACT Prep Instruction									
COMP	# Of Students	ENG	# Of Students	MATH	# Of Students	READ	# Of Students	SCI	# Of Students
1 pts.	6	1 pts.	3	1 pts.	4	2 pts.	2	1 pts.	2
2 pts.	2	2 pts.	1	2 pts.	3	5 pts.	1	2 pts.	3
3 pts.	4	3 pts.	4	3 pts.	3	6 pts.	1	3 pts.	3
4 pts.	2	4-5 pts.	4	4 pts.	2			4 pts.	
5 pts.	3	6-10 pts.	3	5-6 pts.	3	12 pts.	1	5 pts.	2

Cherokee College Prep Institute



The seventh annual Cherokee College Prep Institute was held July 15-20, 2018 in Tahlequah at Northeastern State University. This weeklong residential camp provided **35 students** with information about the following topics:

- Types of Colleges/Universities
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Resumes
- College Admissions & Interviews
- Personal Strengths
- Essay Writing



Student Participants by County: 35 Students

At Large - 7	Craig - 1	McIntosh - 0	Ottawa - 0	Tulsa - 2
Adair - 2	Delaware - 0	Muskogee - 2	Rogers - 2	Wagoner - 2
Cherokee - 7	Mayes - 4	Nowata - 0	Sequoyah - 6	Washington - 0

Participating Colleges/Universities

University of California-Los Angeles, University of Central Oklahoma, Duke University, KY-WV-LSAMPS/STEM, Northeastern State University, University of Notre Dame, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania, Pomona College, Rogers State University, Stanford University, Swarthmore College and Yale University.



Junior Achievement

JA BizTown has had exciting software updates this year! Students will now be e-billing, using e-payments, e-signature, and keeping their debit cards with card readers that actually deduct their purchase from their accounts. Also, some students will be using Tablets, etc. Cherokee Nation Foundation is so excited to have so many schools participating in JA and will not get to experience the updated technology

2018-2019 BizTown Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>District/School & Approx. Student Numbers</u>
Sep 26	Grandview (60)
Oct 2	Ketchum (50) & Oaks Mission (30)
Oct 3	Kansas (54) & Shady Grove (40)
Oct 8 & 9	Hilldale (75/75)
Oct 10	Nowata (45) & Peggs (25)
Oct 11	Verdigris (100)
Oct 12	Tahlequah/Greenwood (93)
Oct 15 & 16	Sallisaw/Eastside (70/70)
Oct 17	Hulbert (95)
Oct 25	Tahlequah/Cherokee (70)
Nov 7	Tahlequah /Heritage (100)
Dec 5	Briggs (50) & Tenkiller (23)
Dec 14	Norwood (36)
Dec 19	Keys (60) & Marble City (17)
Jan 9	Salina (65)
Jan 10	Dahlongegah (60)
Jan 14	Vian (75)
Jan 16	Kenwood (25)
Jan 22 & 23	Central Intermediate-Wagoner (80/80)
Jan 25	Inola (100)
Mar 8	Sallisaw/Central (37)
Mar 12	Warner (75)
Mar 14	Gans & Cherokee Immersion (19)
Mar 26	Oklahoma Union (50) & Osage Elementary (20)
Apr 4	Moseley
Apr 22	Foyil (40), South Coffeyville (15)
Apr 24	Locust Grove (100)
Apr 29 & 30	Ft. Gibson (60/60)
May 10	Justus Tiawah (50)

Scholarships

Opens **November 1, 2018** and closes **January 31, 2019**

Apply at: ***cherokeenation.academicworks.com***

This year's scholarship opportunities include:

Anna Belle Mitchell Memorial Scholarship — Applicant must be an undergraduate, graduate student or community member who is currently pursuing pottery. Three pictures of artwork must be submitted with application. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

At Large Tribal Council Award — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must reside outside of the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area and be enrolled full time in a four-year, postsecondary institution. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Audie Baker Memorial Scholarship — Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum 3.0 GPA, majoring in special education at Northeastern State University. This is a one-year scholarship awarded in the fall semester, reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Bill Rabbit Legacy Art Scholarship — Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited four-year, postsecondary institution pursuing a degree in fine arts or art education with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Accepted focuses include drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery, traditional beadwork and textiles. Must submit three pictures of artwork for review. This is a renewable scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation and United Keetoowah Band citizens residing within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area.

Brent & Janees Taylor, RSU Business Scholarship — Applicant must be an undergraduate student majoring in business at Rogers State University with a minimum 2.5 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship given in the fall semester to a Cherokee Nation citizen residing in Rogers or Mayes County.

Carl Albert State College Scholarship — Applicant must be enrolled at Carl Albert State College in Sallisaw, OK, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship given in the fall semester to a Cherokee Nation citizen residing in Adair or Sequoyah County.

Charles Alan Beauchamp Scholarship — Applicant must be a first generation undergraduate student majoring in an approved environmental field with a minimum 3.0 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens residing within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Scholarship — Applicant must be enrolled full time and accepted into a professional, master's or upper level bachelor's program or school with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Approved areas of study include accounting, finance, engineering (biomedical, chemical, mechanical and electrical), corporate law, marketing and mass communications. This is a renewable scholarship available to Cherokee Nation citizens.

Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship — Applicant must be enrolled at a junior college, community college or technical school with a minimum 3.0 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens, with preference given to students who participate in CNF programs such as Junior Achievement, NSU ACT Prep Camp, CCPI or ACT Prep classes.

Harold "Jiggs" Phillips Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from an Adair County high school (Cave Springs, Stilwell, Watts or Westville) with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Student must enroll in a higher education institution the semester immediately following receipt of award. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

HP Engineering Inc. Scholarship — Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student who has a declared major in an ABET-accredited engineering program and has been accepted as either an electrical or mechanical engineering major. Applicant must have completed at least 60 credit hours or be an enrolled junior, senior, master's or terminal doctorate student. Scholarship requires commitment to participate in a two-day job shadowing experience (one day fall/one day spring) at HP Engineering Inc. offices located in Tulsa, OK, and Rogers, AR. This is a **one-year** scholarship reserved for an enrolled citizen of Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or United Keetoowah Band.

Indian Women's Pocahontas Club Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or undergraduate student with a minimum 2.5 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

James R. Upton Memorial Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, OK, with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Student must enroll in a higher education institution the semester immediately following receipt of award. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Kenneth Comer Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduate student with a minimum 3.0 GPA majoring in psychology or counseling psychology who has the intent of becoming a licensed professional counselor or licensed drug and alcohol counselor. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens attending Northeastern State University, Oklahoma State University or the University of Oklahoma. If enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, student has the opportunity to serve as an intern at the Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive Gambling (OAPCG) office in Norman. OAPCG will pay for the certification of Problem Gambling Counselor.

Oklahoma State University/Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship — Applicant must be a current, full-time student or be a graduating high school senior accepted to the university. This award is reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens and is renewable for up to five years. Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA, stay in good standing with the university and pursue only one degree. A letter of reference is required for consideration.

Perruzzi Family Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA and enroll full time in a four-year, postsecondary institution. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens residing within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area.

Sequoyah High School Alumni Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, OK, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Student must enroll in a higher education institution the semester immediately following receipt of award. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Senior Master Sargent Texie C. Taylor, USAF Memorial Scholarship — Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, nursing (RN), engineering (aerospace, civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical) or mathematics with a minimum 3.0 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens residing within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area.

Susan B. Agnew Leoser Scholarship — Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or undergraduate student with a minimum 2.0 GPA. This is a one-year scholarship reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens residing outside the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area and attending a junior college, community college or technical school. Preference is given to students who show a history of volunteer service.

University of Tulsa/Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship — Applicant must be a current, full-time student or be a graduating high school senior accepted to the university. This award is reserved for Cherokee Nation citizens and is renewable for up to five years. Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA, stay in good standing with the university and pursue only one degree. A letter of reference is required for consideration.