

**Group:** Career Services-Education **Month/Year of Report:** March, 2015

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**I. Budget Highlights – Please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

None

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

	<i>February</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>% of Goal</i>
<i>GED Completions</i> – includes individuals completing and receiving a GED or High School Diploma from Talking Leaves Job Corps and Career Literacy.	18	59	250	23.6%
<i>Training Completions</i> – includes individuals receiving a nationally-recognized certification, credential, or degree while enrolled in one of 11 different vocational training programs.	48	224	450	49.8%
<i>Employment Completions</i> – includes individuals who completed a Work Experience or TERO OJT assignment.	30	117	300	39.0%
<i>Unsubsidized Placement</i> – includes all individuals who entered unsubsidized employment (they got a job!) while enrolled in one of 15 different programs, both employment and vocational.	94	425	500	85.0%
<i>Retention</i> – includes individuals who were retained in their unsubsidized employment through assistance from a Career Services Program.	18	120	200	60.0%
<i>Job Readiness Training</i> – includes individuals who completed the Life/Employment Skills Training.	31	236	250	94.4%
<i>WorkKey Credentialing</i> – includes individuals who received a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum WorkKeys credential.	17	90	500	18.0%
<i>Job Bank</i> – includes the number of new individuals entering the TERO Job Bank.	30	172	500	34.4%
<i>Indian Owned Businesses</i> – includes the number of businesses newly certified as an Indian Owned Business.	16	64	100	64.0%

<i>Job Fairs</i> – includes the number of Job Fairs held by Career Services.	2	13	15	86.7%
<i>Community Service Projects</i> – this is the number of Community Service Projects completed by youth, both through the Summer Youth Employment Program and Talking Leaves Job Corps.	6	25	50	50.0%

**b. Accomplishments**

1. We are currently recruiting participants for the Child Care Occupations class in both Tahlequah and Stilwell. This is part of our Career Pathways expansion with JD-NEG.
2. We have expanded the Business Technology classroom by seven (desks, computers, etc.) in order to accommodate new JD-NEG participants.
3. About 20 Talking Leaves Job Corps students volunteered March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cherokee Heritage Center for Indian Territory Days. Indian Territory Days is an annual event held at the Cherokee Heritage Center. This event brings in hundreds of elementary students from Cherokee County and surrounding areas to learn about the Cherokee Culture and participate in cultural games and activities. Talking Leaves Job Corps students serve as volunteers and help with all activities over two days.
4. About 20 Talking Leaves Job Corps students participated in NSU's "The Big Event" on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Big Event is a one-day event that allows Northeastern State University students, faculty and staff to say "thank you" to members and businesses of the Tahlequah community for their continued support. NSU is allowing a few extra community organizations, including TLJC staff and students, to participate in the day's activities. The Big Event jobs include painting houses, raking, weeding, cleaning, window washing, working school carnivals and much more!

**c. Initiatives**

1. We will be conducting a Pre-Apprenticeship Training in Welding in partnership with the 584 Ironworkers Union in Tulsa for JD-NEG participants.
2. We are advertising for an instructor for our Building Trades expansion into Construction Technology.

**College Resource Center****Spring 2015**

# of Spring 2015 scholarship awards thru 3/22/15	3,118 (1,631 <b>Pell</b> , 1,167 <b>NonPell</b> , 320 <b>Grad</b> ) 12 UKB (Pell eligible only)
# of Promise students for Spring 2015 thru 3/22/15	66
# of Spring 2015 concurrent scholarships thru 3/22/15	203 funded 281 applications received
New Directed Studies students Spring 2015	1 (Substance Abuse Counseling)

**Fall 2014**

# of Fall 2014 scholarship awards	3,430 (1,865 <b>Pell</b> , 1,243 <b>NonPell</b> , 322 <b>Grad</b> ) 30 UKB (Pell eligible only)
# of Promise students for Fall 2014	68 (51 <b>NSU</b> , 17 <b>RSU</b> )
# of Fall 2014 concurrent applications to date	206 (37 Juniors, 169 Seniors)
New Directed Studies students Fall 2014	3 (1 <b>MD</b> , 1 <b>Dental</b> , 1 <b>Masters of Social Work</b> )

**Accomplishments:**

1. Installation of technologies allowing staff to accept applications via tablet devices (testing on 2 ipads assigned to Outreach staff)

**College Resources Outreach & Presentations** *(provides overview of CN scholarships, one-on-one technical assistance to apply for FAFSA and CN Online scholarship)*

2/18- Oologah HS  
2/18 - Skiatook HS  
2/19- Nowata HS-Parent night  
2/23-Pryor HS  
2/25-SCAA Workshop @ Sallisaw  
2/25-SCAA Workshop @ Stilwell  
3/3, 3/4 & 3/5- JOM Conference, Scholarship booth and Q&A session  
3/9- Berryhill HS  
3/9 - Dewey HS  
3/10- Jay HS  
3/10 - Cave Springs  
3/11- Salina HS  
3/12- Claremore-Sequoyah HS

**Future Plans:**

1. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions with 14-county and contiguous area schools

**Upcoming deadlines:**

1. Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarship (school year 2014-15)
  - a. Deadline: April 10, 2015
  - b. Paper application, letter from school, W-9 form, transcript
2. Promise Scholarship
  - a. Deadline: April 10, 2015
    - i. Online application
    - ii. Student Aid Report
    - iii. Recent Transcript
    - iv. Driver's License
    - v. Proof of Address
    - vi. Acceptance letter to university/college
    - vii. Parents income tax (1<sup>st</sup> page only)
    - viii. Reference Letter
    - ix. Essay
3. 2015-2016 Cherokee Nation Scholarship (online application) <https://scholarships.cherokee.org>
  - a. Deadline: April 10<sup>th</sup> for new freshmen
    - i. High School Transcript
    - ii. Student Aid Report
  - b. Deadline: June 5<sup>th</sup> for renewal (continuing) students
    - i. Transcript with Spring 2015 grades
    - ii. Student Aid Report

**Self Assistance Form****Community Language Programs**

Activity	February/March	YTD
# of off-site presentations	0	25
# of participants-Outreach	12	644
# of on-site classes	2	26
# of participants in on-line class	N/A (classes not in session; Registration begins March 30)	0

**Accomplishments:**

1. Ed Fields taught a 40 hours employee language class
2. 12 Spring 2015 Community Language Classes taught by Contract Teachers have started throughout the 14 county area
3. Assisted with March Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
4. Recorded spoken Cherokee language lessons for Cherokee Teacher Training Program Students
5. Assisted Cherokee language Teacher Training Program students with language lessons
6. Provided translation assistance to the Cherokee Translation Department
7. Mailed out Cherokee Cultural packets

### Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Finding a permanent classroom space for the Online Cherokee Language class
2. Offer Cherokee Online Class at the University Level
3. Develop a second Cherokee Language online class

### Language Technology

#### Accomplishments:

1. Continue working with Microsoft on consistency checks of Office Online
2. Upload and maintain language materials on the Cherokee Nation website
3. Assist the Curriculum and Instruction staff at Immersion to develop a publicly accessible webpage of Cherokee language curriculum
4. Participated in the International Mother Language Day Twitter event by tweeting Cherokee language words, phrases, and trivia
5. Microsoft published a blog about its collaboration with the Cherokee Language Program:  
<http://blogs.office.com/2015/02/23/office-cherokee/>
6. Daily uploads of photos to Instagram with Cherokee syllabary questions and comments
7. Began working with Microsoft on the translation of Windows 10. First hand off is translating 6,000 new technology terms.
8. Helped facilitate Cherokee Nation Speaker's Bureau meeting
9. Recorded and edit audio to go along with the Cherokee Language Program textbook
10. Created Syllabary stencils for Cherokee Immersion School and also added them to our website for download by the public.
11. Began designing a set of Cherokee language playing cards.
12. Working on Camp Cherokee materials
13. Downloaded and compiled Cherokee documents from the Smithsonian website to be used as reference material

### Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Develop Cherokee dictionary app based on Cherokee verb stems
2. Hold more workshops for organizations that create materials that use the syllabary.
3. Create more instructional videos on how to use various technologies in the Cherokee language

### Translation

Activity	February/March	YTD
# of internal requests completed	10,150	87,323
# of external requests completed	96	11,907
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification

#### Accomplishments:

1. Hosted March Speakers Bureau meeting

2. Met with Immersion Lead Teaching Staff to discuss curriculum
3. Begin planning for hosting the Cherokee Speakers Consortium Meeting for April
4. John Ross, David Crawler, and Roy Boney, Jr. presented at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation on "*Designing Pedagogy from Cherokee Language and Ecological Documentation*." It was a joint presentation with the University of Texas – Arlington Linguistics Department about their collaboration with the Cherokee Language Program.
5. Cherokee Teacher Training Program Students continue Cherokee language studies with Cherokee Language Program Staff
6. Recording of spoken Cherokee language content for learning Cherokee
7. Advising as language and cultural knowledge consultants on Cherokee History book project
8. Continued recording audio stories for the *Cherokee Phoenix* and translating stories for the newspaper
9. Continue working closely with Language Technology to work on updates on Microsoft and Google translation projects.
10. Collaboration with Language Technology on the translation of Gilcrease archival materials.

#### **Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting April 2015 at the Community Ballroom.
2. Host the Cherokee Speakers Consortium in April
3. Digitize all of the Translation Office's files

#### **Sequoyah Schools**

Activity	March	YTD
Student GPA	3.52	3.52
ADA	93.41	95.87
EOI Pass Rate	72% (winter 2013 test administration) 72% (spring 2014 test administration)	72% (2013-2014 school year)
ACT Average	18.28 (avg of February 2014 ACT tests) 20.0 (avg of June 2014 ACT tests) 22.44 (avg of September 2014 tests) 19.22 (avg of December 2014 tests)	19.49 (avg of highest scores for all current students)

#### **Accomplishments:**

- The Lady Indians are the 2015 3A State Basketball Champions.
- Sequoyah sophomore Cenia Hayes set the record for the most points scored in a 3A girls final in the history of 5-on-5 in Oklahoma. Cenia, along with Jhonett Cookson, was named to the State Tournament All Tournament 1st Team.
- SHS junior, Justin Hooper, won the 3A Powerlifting 145 Pound State Championship.
- Seniors Will Tiger and Nolan Philpott made history by being Sequoyah's first teammates to qualify for the State Wrestling Tournament in the same year. Will Tiger is the first Indian wrestler to qualify for 2 state tournaments. Nolan Philpott placed 3rd, tying the best state tournament finish for SHS and Will Tiger made it to the consolation semifinal.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

- There is no school during Spring Break March 16-20. Classes will resume on March 23.
- There will be no school on Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.
- End of Instruction testing will be administered April 28-May 13.

**Head Start**

Activity	February/March	YTD
# of students enrolled	210 EHS 675 Head Start	680 HS 210 EHS
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 23 sites	63 classrooms 23 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	22 Conducted	112 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	70 Site Visits	440 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	1 hours offered	67.5 hours offered
Credit Card Expenditures - Travel	\$3,378.69	\$23,521.16

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)  
 Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement  
**February**

Breakfast - 4421	Lunch - 4634	Snack - 4460
Total Food Cost - \$		Reimbursement - \$25,775.40

**Accomplishments:**

1. Two staff members received their CDA's and 1 renewal CDA this month.
2. Shady Grove facility was inspected and found 100% compliant this month.
3. The new (30 passenger) bus was delivered to the Kenwood children.
4. Three Spring Break groups visited the week of March 9-13, 2015 from North Eastern University, George Washington University and Michigan State University generating volunteer services to match the non-federal in-kind requirement.
5. Three Administrative staff received scholarships that absorbed all costs to attend the Health Care Institute, a health initiative between Office of Head Start and UCLA. The train the trainer session was held in Washington, DC on February 18-20, 2015.
6. The quarterly Education Advisory Board meeting was held on March 12, 2015.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. The quarterly Health Advisory Board meeting is April 23, 2015.

2. The fifteenth GPS Leadership Institute will be held on March 30-April 1, 2015 in Tulsa, Ok. This involves all ECU Administrative staff.
3. Two Administrative staff received scholarships to attend the ECHO training, Early Childhood Hearing Outreach training scheduled for March 23 - 24, 2015 in Salt Lake City.
4. The last day of school for Head Start children is April 29, 2015.
5. The last day for Head Start staff is May 1, 2015.

### **JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

Activity	March		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	24,093 (3-18-15)	-	24,482
# of schools participating	67	-	67
# of communities participating	5	-	5
# of special events	1	2	32
# participants students/adults	44	682/	8,997/90
# of school staff participating	36	245	517
# of contractors participating		9	19

### **Accomplishments:**

1. 2015 Oklahoma JOM Conference held March 3 & 4, 2015. There **44** Indian Education Committee members attended, **36** JOM School Contacts/Coordinators, **6** Co-Partner Program (JOM) Staff and **1** Education Department PR and Liaison attended.
2. Provided technical assistance to Coffeyville, Grandview, Ketchum, Oaks, Okay, Westville and Wickliffe schools
3. Attended 2 Community Meetings at Caney Valley for the Johnson O'Malley Program there a total of **7** parents, **1** grandparent, **2** children, **5** school personnel/Superintendent, **1** Tribal Council member and **1** Cherokee Nation Co-Partner Program Staff in attendance. A total of **17** for the 2 meetings.
4. Attended 1 Indian Education Committee meeting in Vinita. **5** parents, **1** JOM Contact, **3** Students and **1** School Staff.

### **Special Projects**

1. Special Projects sponsored 2 events during this reporting period.
2. Special Projects presented 7 Workshops at the 2015 OKJOM Conference.

### **Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

#### **JOM:**

1. March 29 & 30, 2015 present 2 workshops at the National Johnson O'Malley Conference
2. Application workshop April 30, 2015
3. Attend and assist Grandview School with their Cultural Night March 26, 2015

### **FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES:**

#### **Special Projects**

1. March 24 - Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 2
2. March 31 - Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3
3. March 26 & 27 - Cherokee Heritage Center Indian Territory Days (2 employees assist)



4. April 2 – Cherokee Challenge Bowl – Division 4
5. April 6 & 7 – Cherokee Teacher Enrichment
6. April 9 & 10 – Cherokee Language Methods for Teachers

### Special Projects / Co-Partner Program

Activity	February 2015 – March 2015	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11		3	24
# of students participating	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11	606 0 80	686	9,001
# of schools participating	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Bell, Briggs, Central, Claremore, Coffeyville, Fairland, Gore, Grand View, Hulbert, Inola, Ketchum, Keys, Lowery, Maryetta, Oologah, Oologah Talala, Owasso, Salina, Sallisaw, Sequoyah-Claremore, Stilwell, Vinita, Warner, Woodall Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11 Salina, Grove, Sequoyah-Claremore, Vinita, Tahlequah, Owasso, Collinsville, Grandview	24   20 8	52	98
# of school staff participating	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11	48 180 17	245	481
# participants: parents/other	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 (workshop attendees) Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11	13 350 11	374	532
# contractors participating	JOM Student art competition- February 19 Oklahoma JOM Conference- March 3-4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Grades k-2- March 11	2 4 3	9	22

### Heritage Center

#### News/Accomplishments

- Accessioning method was changed to insure no duplication.
- 422 objects accessioned from the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey donation. Total objects accessioned into Collections: 5,245
- Trail of Tears Art Show fully funded through private donations.
- Exhibits continues to coordinate for planning of upcoming Miss Cherokee exhibit and Cherokee Syllabary; From Talking Leaves to Pixels and on the Atrium Art Series.
- Lisa Rutherford joined staff as a part-time employee in Diligwa Village.
- Accepting volunteer help for Indian Territory Days, March 26-27
- Tonia Weavel continues to serve on the Tahlequah Tourism Council
- Spring membership drive underway and social media marketing campaign promoting membership.
- Attended Nonprofit Day and Cherokee Day at State Capitol.

## Items of Concern

- Humidity and structural limitations in the basement where Archives and Collections are housed continue to be an issue. Four threats to collections are temperature, humidity, light, and pests. It is impossible to control temperature and humidity in the basement under the current structural conditions. This is affecting the collections and archives.

## Upcoming Dates

March – April	JOM Childrens Art Show Winners Atrium Art Series
March 26-27 10:00am – 2:00pm	Indian Territory Days Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah OK
April 11	Last Day of Hands-On Exhibit in CHC Museum
April 11	Cherokee Pottery Class
April 17, 1:00pm	<b>CNHS Board of Trustees Meeting</b> Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah OK
April 17, 6:00pm:	<b>Trail of Tears Art Show Awards Reception</b> Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah OK
September 26, 2015	<b>Seven Star Gala</b> Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Catoosa, OK

	Events and Offsite Services # of Attendees			
	Off site	Onsite	Visitors To Museum & Diligwa	Volunteer Hours
January	1045	12	493	357
February	495	8	928	276
March				
	1540	20	1421	633
		Total Number of Onsite Visitors		
			<b>1,441</b>	

**Visitors from: 8 Countries**

**27 States**

**Education Liaison**

Activity	February/March 2015	YTD
TEDNA	Quarterly Meeting	02
Public School Coop/MVT	Monthly Meeting" Tahlequah, Adair	10
	Professional Development: Westville PS, Cleora PS, Stilwell PS	
Institutional Review Board (IRB)	Reviewed 2 Presentations  Reviewed 2 Proposal	4 Meetings
Community Meetings/ID Events	0	6

**Accomplishments:**

1. TEDNA – Provided input into the Office of Indian Education (BIA) on the new BIE grant rules and regulations.
2. RTR Participants were selected and notified.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Planning for Teacher Institute on June 3 and 4, 2015 at Northeastern State University.
2. Notify selected RTR participants for 2015;
3. Cherokee Teacher STEM Scholarship (new initiative)
4. Development of History Lesson for the Remember the Removal project.
5. Working with schools north of HWY 412 to secure a visit from Superintendent Hofmeister.

**Program Liaison**

Activity	February/March 2015	YTD
# of Participants		
-TYC	17	
-Miss Cherokee	1	
-Outreach	Thousands	
# of Cherokee participants		
-TYC	17	
-Miss Cherokee	1	
-Outreach	Thousands	
# of Non-Cherokee Participants	?	

**Partners: Tribal Youth Council, Miss Cherokee, Outreach**

1. CN Behavioral Health
2. CCO (Cherokee Cultural Outreach)
3. CN Communications

**Accomplishments:**

1. Ongoing, answering various inquiries regarding Education Services via email, phone, Facebook, etc.
2. Assisting with the RTR Bike Ride Planning Committee. I will work with Communications to coordinate the Send Off and the Return Ceremony.

3. Assisting with Language Programs Project.
4. Serving on the My Brother's Keeper working committee.
5. Create and maintain a monthly Education Services Calendar.
6. Assist various programs with editing documents, and continue to do so.
7. Assist as needed and coordinate Public Relations efforts for Education Services with the Communication Department.
8. Manage Miss Cherokee budget. Coordinate monthly Miss Cherokee Committee meetings and Miss Cherokee activities, also serve as chaperone for Jr. Miss Cherokee as needed.
9. Coordinates Miss Cherokee Committee with Jr. Miss Cherokee and Little Cherokee Ambassadors to streamline Policy and procedure for consistency
10. Coordinated booth workers and materials for the Education Services Booth during Cherokee Nation Community

Meetings (Chaperone Miss Cherokee at several of the meetings).

- a. Worked Education Services Booth on March 14, held at Carrollton, TX with Jr. Miss Cherokee (Miss Cherokee was ill with the flu)
11. Coordinate Education Services Booth for Photo ID event, when scheduled. The Tribal Youth Council members met on March 16. Thirteen of the 17 were present.
12. The TYC gave up a day of their Spring Break to conduct our Monthly meeting along with extra guest speakers (Chief Bill John Baker, Deputy Chief Joe Crittenden, Secretary Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Bruce Davis, Dr. Neil Morton, Dr. Gloria Sly, Brad Perry and Brian Jackson), tour of the complex given by Avo Fivekiller, participated in a planning meeting for National Prevention Week with CN Behavioral Health Preventions Services, attending the Education and Culture Council Committee Meeting, as well as, the Tribal Council Meeting that evening. Since October 2014, the swearing-in of the Tribal Youth Council 2014-15, we have been involved in the following activities, outside of our monthly meetings.
  - HERO Youth Movement, CN Behavioral Health
  - Shopping for the CN Angel Tree, CN ICW
  - Made Valentine's for Vets, CN Veteran Center
  - Attended Council Community meetings (Fall 2014)
  - Participated in GOTV efforts, CN Government Relations
  - Participated in Promotion of the Prevention of Teen Dating Violence, CN ICW
  - Participating in the planning and implementation, of national Prevention Week, CN Behavioral Prevention Services.

Needless to say, I am very proud to be a small part of this program that Cherokee Nation established 25 years ago. I also appreciate members of the TYC Steering Committee (Reba Bruner, Choogie Kingfisher, Dr. Misty Boyd and Jennifer Kirby.)

#### **Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. TYC Immediate future goals include:
  - A. Become affiliated with UNITY, Inc.
  - B. Discuss ideas for Gen-1 (Generation Indigenous)
  - C. Finish Revising the TYC By-laws
2. Develop New Promotional Materials for Education Services and Programs as needed.
3. CN Community Meetings/Event to set up Education Services Booth with materials and workers, as needed:
  4. The next Tribal Youth Council Meeting will be April TBA, 2015. The date will be determined due to the Easter Holiday and the Cherokee Days.
  5. Monitors future travel for Miss Cherokee with Miss Cherokee Committee approval. The Miss Cherokee Committee has oversight of Miss Cherokee, Jr. Miss Cherokee and Little Cherokee Ambassadors Policy and Procedure
  6. Photo ID Events:

## Language Tech Specialist

### Accomplishments:

1. Weekly Remember the Removal Committee meetings
2. Presentation to the National Park Services about the Mapping Planning for the Remember the Removal bike tour 2015.
3. Meetings with Google mapping team about the journals written on the Trail of Tears and map out where they were written.
4. Trainings and classes every weekend for the RTR.
5. RTR candidates have bikes.

### Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Pubic map of the Trail of Tears so people can travel the trail of tears with turn by turn directions.
2. High School Curriculum of the Cherokee Removal (trail of tears) so that it can be downloaded and taught in school.

## Outreach Specialist

### Activity

February/March 2015

YTD

# of Participants	4, I Believe Programs/11 Archery Classes.	
I Believe Programs	260 Participants	
Archery Programs	250 Participants	
- NASP Regionals in Tulsa	3600 Participants	

### Partners:

1. Oklahoma Wildlife Department, NASP Regionals in Tulsa, February 4th, 5th, and 11th.
2. Okay Jr. High – introduce Archery in the Schools Program.

### 1. Accomplishments:

Working on building partnership with Oklahoma Wildlife Department of Wildlife

### Future Plans/New Initiatives:

**Being** a part of the NASP, Archery State tournament on March 27<sup>th</sup> with Oklahoma Department of Wildlife. Meeting with Tahlequah Mayor Jason Nichols, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, Colin Berg, and Bruce Davis on possible Archery Range funded through the Department of Wildlife on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Program Data

### Accomplishments:

1. Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Tax – Filling requests for data.
2. Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Tax – Preparing for the Fall 2015 MVT.
3. Sent MVT Public School Appreciation Day memo and 2015 Trail of Tears Awards for 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades to all superintendents.
4. Preparing data spreadsheet for the Trail of Tears scholarship applicants

## Public School Outreach

Activity  
Off Site Visits

February/March 2015

# of off-site visits/Presentations	4	
# of Participants-Outreach	Cleora-119; Pryor Jefferson Elementary	
# of Participants on-site students/adults	VEX Robotics Event Science Fair	

### Partners:

1. NSU College of Education

### Accomplishments:

1. Planetarium was set up at Cleora and Pryor Public Schools
2. Successfully completed the Cherokee nation Science Fair and the VEX Robotics Event

## SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS APRIL 2015 REPORT

### Speech/Drama/Debate:

- 5 Students qualified for OSSAA State Tournament at OU April 9-11
- Garrett Million- MONOLOGUE, Humorous Duet & Dramatic Duet
- Diamond Bailey- Humorous Duet
- Seif Drywater- Standard Oratory
- Kylie Guthrie- Dramatic Duet
- Bretly Crawford- Prose

\*Garrett Million has been accepted into NYU's Tisch School for the Arts along with a \$65,000 scholarship!

### Mr. and Ms. Sequoyah High School for 2015:

Garrett Million- Mr. SHS     Ashley Anderson- Ms. SHS

### SHS Prom:

Friday, April 3 at the NSU Ball Room

### Robotics:

SHS Robotics team is competing in the World Tournament Competition in Louisville, Kentucky on April 15 through the 19th

### Athletics Department:

The Sequoyah High School athletic department received a \$15,000 donation from Oklahoma Celebrity Charities (former NFL Players of Oklahoma)

### Volleyball:

Alison Holcomb will sign to play volleyball for Oklahoma Panhandle State University at noon on April 15. Holcomb will be our 9<sup>th</sup> student athlete this year to sign for a scholarship to compete at the collegiate level.

## Softball:

Lady Indians are currently ranked #1 in class 5A with a 14-1 record

## Basketball:

Jhonett Cookson named to 2015 Oklahoma Coaches Association All State Basketball Team and the game will be held during the last week of July

Jhonett was also selected to the Oklahoma Girls Basketball All-State Team and that game will be held on May 30

Sophomore, Cenia Hayes, was named MVP in the class 3A State Basketball Tournament. Cenia scored 33 points in the finals which sets a record for most points in 5 on 5 girls' basketball finals. It also was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest scoring performance of all time for a 5 on 5 championship game for any class

Jhonett Cookson was selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> team all-tournament team along with Hayes

Ceirra Polk was selected to the all-tournament second team for the state tournament

Head Girls Coach Larry Callison has selected as the Muskogee Phoenix Coach of the Year

Coach Callison was also selected to coach the girls Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State game in July during the Oklahoma Coaches Clinic week

BJ Leach, Cenia Hayes, and Jhonett Cookson were selected to the All-Phoenix Basketball Teams

Sequoyah Lady Indians were honored at an informal State Championship "celebration reception" on March 29 at The Place Where They Play

\*Our State Champions will be recognized on the House floor at the Oklahoma State Capitol sometime in April



# Cherokee Nation Foundation

## Program Report

### Spring 2015

## ACT Prep

Since the 2014-2015 school year has begun, Cherokee Nation Foundation (CNF) has had **5 University of Arkansas ACT prep** classes and **10 Princeton Review ACT prep** classes for a total of **15 ACT Prep classes**. There is currently a Princeton Review ACT Prep classes being held in Sallisaw, Muskogee, and Tahlequah. So far CNF has reached a total of **378** students.

Number of Students Reached in 2014-2015			
County	High School	Students	ACT Program
At- Large	Arkoma High School	1	Princeton Review
Adair	Stilwell High School	30	University of Arkansas
Adair	Watts High School	20	University of Arkansas
Adair	Westville High School	25	University of Arkansas
Cherokee	Tahlequah High School	22	Princeton Review
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	100	Princeton Review
Cherokee	Keys High School	25	University of Arkansas, Princeton Review
Cherokee	Tahlequah High School	81	University of Arkansas
Craig		0	
Delaware		0	
Mayes	Pryor High School	20	Princeton Review
Mayes	Salina High School	29	University of Arkansas
McIntosh	Checotah & Coweta High School	10	Princeton Review
Muskogee	Hilldale, Muskogee, Warner, & Webbers Falls High School	15	Princeton Review
Nowata		0	
Ottawa		0	
Rogers		0	
Sequoyah	Roland, Central, Gans, Sallisaw, Vian, & Muldrow High School	65	Princeton Review
Tulsa		0	
Wagoner	Wagoner High School	3	Princeton Review
Washington		0	
<b>Grand Total Students</b>		<b>378</b>	
<b>Grand Total CN Districts</b>		<b>7/14</b>	

## **Cherokee Nation Foundation & Northeastern State University ACT & College Prep Camp**

The second annual ACT prep camp is scheduled for the week of June 8-13, in preparation for the June National ACT. Students will stay on campus all week and receive 20 hours of Princeton Review ACT prep instruction. We will be accepting 40 students to attend the camp. Students can apply on our scholarship website at <https://cherokeemnation.academicworks.com> on March 27th and the application will close on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarships are scheduled to be announced by April 3, 2015. CNF had a total of 222 applicants.

The following scholarships will be awarded: At-Large Tribal Council, Bill Rabbit Legacy Art Scholarship, Cherokee Nation Businesses, Cherokee Scholars, Gammon Scholarship, Harold "Jiggs" Phillips Scholarship, HP Engineering Scholarship, James R. Upton Memorial Scholarship, Martha J. (Marti) Aleshire Farrington Scholarship, University of Tulsa/CNF Scholarship.

Students will be notified via email and it will also be posted on their account on the academic works website when they log into the application.

\*\*Thank you to Mr. Jack Baker, At-Large Tribal Council member, who has again donated community funds to award scholarships to At-Large applicants.

### **Cherokee Scholars**

Students interested in applying for the Cherokee Scholars Mentoring program can access the application at <https://cherokeemnation.academicworks.com> starting on April 1, 2014 and close June 1, 2015. Please use the PDF download to assist in filling out the application.

### **Cherokee College Preparatory Institute**

Cherokee College Prep Institute will be held this summer at the University of Central Oklahoma, July 12 - 17, 2015. Students can apply on our scholarship website at <https://cherokeemnation.academicworks.com>. Participants are selected on a first come first serve basis of a complete application and is limited to 50 rising juniors and seniors only. Application will open March 24, 2015 and close April 24, 2015.



This is college-readiness program that connects rising high school juniors and seniors with university representatives from across the nation. 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 ACT strategies, essay writing, interview skills and time management.

## Junior Achievement

Cherokee Nation Foundation also helps schools in the 15 districts to participate in Junior Achievement programs for the 2014-15 year.

Number of Students Impacted by Curriculum Fall 14 – Spring 15			
County	School	Class	# of Students
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	(4) JA Personal Finance – Fall	80
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	(1) JA Finance Park Virtual – Fall	5
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	(2) JA Career Success – Fall	40
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	(1) JA Job Shadow - Spring	40
Cherokee	Sequoyah High School	(1) JA Finance Park Virtual – Spring	10
Cherokee	Tahlequah High School	(6) JA Finance Park Virtual – Fall	120
Cherokee	Tahlequah High School	(6) JA Finance Park Virtual – Spring	120
Delaware	Jay High School	(4) JA Personal Finance	100
Adair	Watts High School	(1) JA It's My Future	15
Grand Total Students		26 Classes	530

## FALL 2014

Number of Students Impacted by JA BizTown Fall 2014		
County	School	# of Students
Muskogee	Cherokee Elementary	22
Muskogee	Creek Elementary	50
Muskogee	Grant Foreman Elementary	50
Muskogee	Harris Jobe Elementary	25
Muskogee	Heartland Home Educators	15
Muskogee	Irving Elementary	52
Muskogee	Pershing Elementary	50
Muskogee	Sadler Arts Academy	51
Muskogee	Tony Goetz Elementary	50
Muskogee	Whittier Elementary	50
Rogers	Catalaya Elementary	60
Rogers	Claremont Elementary	70
Rogers	Roosa Elementary	65

Rogers	Westside Elementary	122
<b>Grand Total Students</b>		<b>732</b>

## SPRING 2015

<b>Number of Students Impacted by JA BizTown Spring 2015</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>School</b>	<b># of Students</b>
Adair	Rocky Mountain Elementary	38
Cherokee	Briggs Elementary	50
Cherokee	Cherokee Elementary	70
Cherokee	Cherokee Immersion	18
Cherokee	Grand View Elementary	55
Cherokee	Greenwood Elementary	64
Cherokee	Lowrey Elementary	21
Cherokee	Keys Elementary	57
Cherokee	Heritage Elementary	80
Cherokee	Norwood Elementary	45
Cherokee	Tenkiller Elementary	31
Craig	Ketchum Elementary	35
Delaware		0
Mayes	Jefferson Elementary	37
Mayes	Lincoln Elementary	71
Mayes	Roosevelt Elementary	65
McIntosh		0
Muskogee	Benjamin Franklin Sci. Academy	46
Nowata		0
Ottawa		0
Rogers	Justus- Tiawah Elementary	57
Sequoyah	Central Elementary	38
Tulsa		0
Wagoner		0
Washington		0
<b>Grand Total Students</b>		<b>878</b>



# THINK CHEROKEE

## Fourth Annual Cherokee College Prep Institute

at University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond

**July 12-17, 2015**

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 5-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. The engaging curriculum was developed in partnership with the participating university faculty.

This year's participating universities include:

**University of Central  
Oklahoma  
Bacone College  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
Northeastern State  
University  
Oklahoma State  
University  
Rogers State University  
Stanford University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Central  
Arkansas  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
Yale University**

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