

Group: Career Services-Education Month/Year of Report: April, 2016

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I. Budget Highlights – Please refer to Monthly Financial Report

None

II. Program Highlights

a. Balanced Scorecard Measures

<i>Activity</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>% of Goal</i>
<i>HSE Completions</i> – includes individuals completing and receiving a High School Equivalency or High School Diploma from Talking Leaves Job Corps and Career Literacy.	17	84	175	48.0%
<i>Training Completions</i> – includes individuals receiving a nationally-recognized certification, credential, or degree while enrolled in one of 11 different vocational training programs.	52	323	550	58.7%
<i>Employment Completions</i> – includes individuals who completed a Work Experience or TERO OJT assignment.	36	147	500	29.4%
<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.	119	605	750	80.7%
<i>Retention</i> – includes individuals who were retained in their unsubsidized employment through assistance from a Career Services Program.	31	184	300	61.3%
<i>Career Skills Training</i> – includes individuals who completed the Life/Employment Skills Training.	21	135	400	33.8%
<i>WorkKey Credentialing</i> – includes individuals who received a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum WorkKeys credential.	10	31	250	12.4%
<i>Job Bank</i> – includes the number of new individuals entering the TERO Job Bank.	43	218	400	54.5%

<i>Indian Owned Businesses</i> – includes the number of businesses newly certified as an Indian Owned Business.	8	68	200	34.0%
<i>Job Fairs</i> – includes the number of Job Fairs held by Career Services.	0	4	25	16.0%
<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.	2	14	50	28.0%

b. Accomplishments

1. Career Literacy hired a Testing Assistant for the Pryor Area. She went for orientation on 4/18/2016.
2. Completed an OK Career Guide & TABE staff training on April 1st, at West Siloam Springs, Cherokee Casino.
3. Administered the first HiSET test at the Tahlequah Testing Center on 4/21/2016.
4. Talking Leaves Job Corps volunteered at the Cherokee Heritage Center March 31 and April 1 for their annual Indian Territory Days, serving over 800 elementary children.
5. Vocational Rehabilitation staff attended the CANAR mid-year conference.

Coming Home Re-entry Participant Success:

Arthur Gillum Jr. is a 46 year old Cherokee Citizen from Locust Grove, OK. He was released from incarceration on December 9, 2015. He had been incarcerated three times previously, but he was ready to turn his life around. A couple weeks after his release he came to the Career Services office requesting assistance from the "Coming Home" Re-entry program. He received \$250 to help him purchase clothing for job search. He stated he could obtain employment on his own.

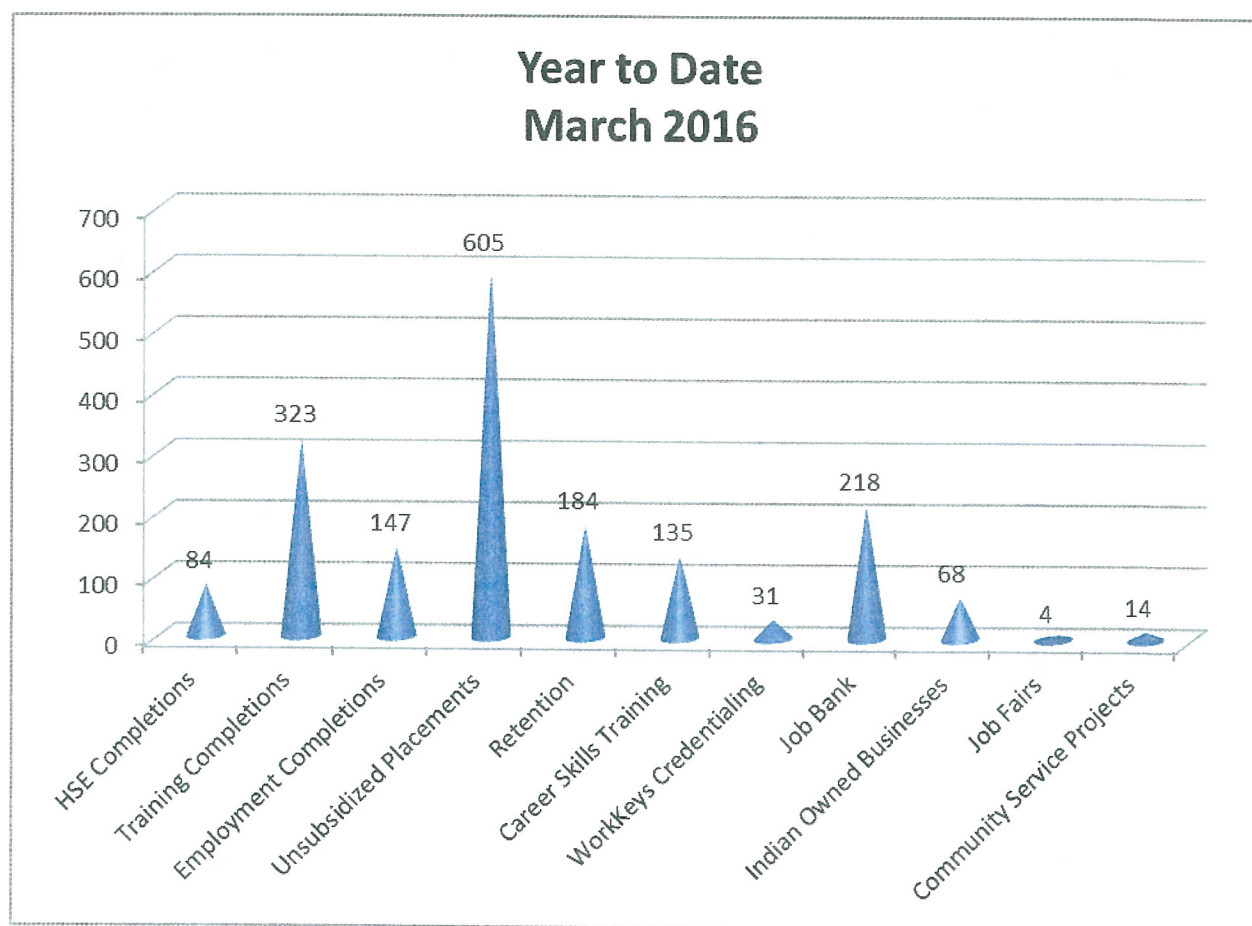


A few days later he came in and had gained employment, but he needed help to acquire tools for his job. The Re-entry program helped with purchasing his tools for job security. He retained employment with one of our TERO vendors working here at the complex. He started out making \$14.00 an hour and within a two month period, he was given a raise to \$16.00 per hour. He was also given extra duties as a foreman for his crew.

While working 40+ hours a week and taking on the extra duties of foreman he was able to secure housing for himself and his son. He also purchased a pickup truck for getting back and forth to work. He stated, "It's not brand new, but it's new to me." He really appreciates all the help he received from the Cherokee Nation Re-entry Program to help him get his life started in a positive direction. He stated he is especially thankful for the help he received getting his tools.

c. Initiatives

1. Talking Leaves Job Corps students and staff will volunteer for the following events in April; CASA Annual Rally Against Child Abuse, Cherokee Nation Safety Fair, and the Cherokee Nation Environmental Festival.
2. Talking Leaves will host the Leadership Tahlequah Group on center for an informative luncheon.



College Resource Center**Spring 2016****As of April 11, 2016**

# of Spring 2016 scholarship awards thru 4/11/16	3,116 (1,541 Pell , 1,247 NonPell , 328 Grad)
# of Promise students for Spring 2016 thru 4/11/16	81 (54 NSU , 23 RSU , 4 CSC)
# of Spring 2016 concurrent scholarships awards	309 as of 4/11/16
# of Directed studies scholarships thru 4/11/16	7
# Valedictorian & Salutatorian Applications	92

School Year 2016-17 Applications:

Applications received (4/11/2016) = 888

Accomplishments:

1. College & Career Fair held at Tri County Technology Center, March 31st in Bartlesville
2. Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarship application deadline, April 8, 2016
3. Scholarship Advisor vacancy filled

Outreach & Presentations:

March 14 - Tribal Youth Council Scholarship Presentation
 March 21 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Owasso
 March 21 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Oologah
 March 22 - Scholarship Presentation - Wyandotte
 March 22 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Vinita
 March 23 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Muldrow
 March 31 - College & Career Night - Bartlesville
 April 4 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Sperry
 April 5 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Catoosa
 April 5 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Claremore Sequoyah
 April 6 - ICTC Career Fair - Stilwell
 April 6 - College Fair - Jenks HS
 April 7 - Scholarship Presentation & Application Assistance - Keys
 April 7 - Scholarship Presentation After School Immersion Program
 April 10-12 - JOM Conference Tulsa
 April 13 - Youth Leadership Fair Complex

Upcoming scholarship deadlines:

1. Cherokee Nation Undergraduate & Graduate deadline, June 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm
2. Directed Studies Scholarship application deadline is June 15, 2016
3. Cherokee Language Teacher Training scholarship application deadline is June 15, 2016

Sequoyah Schools

Activity	April 2016	YTD
Enrollment	School: <u>357</u>	Dorm: Girls <u>35</u> Boys <u>33</u>
Student GPA	Average 3.36	
ADM	363.09	Dorm 73.7

- Prom was March 25th
- Spring EOI's are scheduled for April 24-26 and May 5th
- Prepare VEX robot for World Championships in Louisville, KY April 19-24 2016
- SHS Drama Department is performing West Side Story Thursday April 21st-23rd
- Slow pitch softball team is ranked #1 in 5A.
- The Sequoyah Spring Classic Slow Pitch Tournament is April 15 & 16 at the CN fields.
- Boys track team has won 1 meet, placed 2nd in 4 meets, and placed 3rd in 1 meet. Girls track team has placed 3rd in 1 meet and 5th in 4 meets.
- Baseball team is undefeated at home so far this year (6-0) and 9-5 overall.

Head Start

Activity	March	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	27 Meetings Conducted	192 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	35 Site Visits	694 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	18 hours offered	169 hours offered
Credit Card Expenditures - Travel	\$4,970.05	\$24,871.67

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement
March 2016

Breakfast 4479	Lunch 4861	Snack 4710
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Total Food Cost – \$37,215.78

Reimbursement – \$27,469.27

Accomplishments:

- 1) The ECU has implemented the FMX software to monitor and track all maintenance and repair projects and schedules for work orders for individual facilities and playgrounds. This will track costs and standardize replacement parts on equipment.
- 2) The ECU will implement a new child tracking program through ChildPlus. This program will track home visits, credentials, attendance, supplies and health screenings.
- 3) The Child Care application was approved to initiate a summer school for Head Start in the Children's Village.
- 4) 2 CDA's were renewed this month.
- 5) The 16th annual GPS Management training was March 30-April 1, 2016 in Tulsa. The administrative staff developed plans for the 2016/17 school year that begins August 8, 2016. The faculty will return July 25, 2016.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The quarterly Public School Superintendents meeting is April 20, 2016.
- 2) The Policy Council meeting is April 21, 2016.
- 3) The ECU Leadership Academy Graduation is April 26, 2016.
- 4) The quarterly Health Advisory Board meeting April 28, 2016.
- 5) The Office of Head Start Program Specialist will visit the ECU on April 19-20, 2016 and May 23-24, 2016.
- 6) The last day for Head Start children will be May 4, 2016 and faculty will furlough on May 6, 2016.
- 7) The ECU food service personnel will travel to OKC for the annual training on food demonstrations and record keeping.
- 8) Week of the Young Child activities was scheduled April 11-15 throughout the program.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	April		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,749 (4/13/16)	-	24,760
# of schools participating	69	-	67
# of communities participating	4	-	5
# of special events		5	38
# participants students/adults		1087	10,088/90
# of school staff participating		185	666
# of contractors participating		21	43

Accomplishments:

1. Field Specialist assisted Greasy School with their cultural Day.
2. Attended JOM Awards banquet at Greasy School 60 in attendance.
3. Technical assistance Gore, Lowery, Kenwood.
4. Attended Lowery IEC meeting 2 parents and JOM Contact in attendance.
5. Set up Education Booth – Muldrow Community Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2016
6. Assisted Greasy with finding judges for their JOM art competition.

7. Attended Inter-Tribal banquet chaperone Miss Cherokee and Jr. Miss Cherokee.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. 2016 OKJOM Conference April 11 & 12, 2016 Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills.
2. Set up Education Booth – Oologah Community Meeting – April 18, 2016
3. Set up Education Booth – Vinita Community Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2016.
4. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator meeting with RTR Committee April 27, 2016.
5. JOM Application workshop April 28, 2016

Special Projects

Activity	March 16, 2016 to April 13, 2016	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	March CLMT March CTE Cherokee Art Competition Reception Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 4 Indian Territory Days	1 1 1 1 1 1	6	41
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# of schools participating	March CLMT March CTE Cherokee Art Competition Reception Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 4 Indian Territory Days	12 10 9 11 8 10	60	318
# of school staff participating	March CLMT March CTE Cherokee Art Competition Reception Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 4 Indian Territory Days	13 12 10 18 20 100	173	741
# participants: parents/other	March CLMT March CTE Cherokee Art Competition Reception Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 4 Indian Territory Days	0 0 15 14 5 101	44	335
# con-tractors participating	March CLMT March CTE Cherokee Art Competition Reception Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 3 Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 4 Indian Territory Days	1 4 0 3 3 0	11	73

Up Coming Events:

April 18th – 19th- CLMT
 April 25th – March 26th- CTE
 April 16 – 17th- REL Conference workshop
 May 21st- CLMT and CTE Cookout

Education Liaison

Activity	March	YTD
TEDNA	Six (6) Committee Mtgs	12
Public School Coop/MVT	Four (4) TOSS Superintendents	12
	TOSS – Professional Development	Teachers of Successful Students Institute
Institutional Review Board (IRB)	One (1)	Six (6) Meetings
Community Meetings/ID Events		Four (4)
Community School Outreach	One (1)	Two (2)
Inter-Tribal Council		Two (2)

Accomplishments:

1. TEDNA – worked with TEDNA on the testimony content for March 17th on the Department of Interior Budget.
2. RTR- The candidates continue language classes and training classes. Received the RTR Bikes on February 27th and distributed them to the RTR candidates. Ordered the Kits and expect deliver of them at the end of April. Making hotel and camping arrangements.
3. DATA Management – completed the Trail of Tears merit awards and mail outs, assisting with a mail out to area superintendents for the March 25th and April 1st meetings.
4. Attended the National Forum on Dropout Prevention (March 6-9). The forum provided information on strategies and programs that have proven effective in dropout prevention with Native students. Four speakers were highlighted Albert Pooley, The Impacts of Lifelong Learning; Consuela Kickbursh, Going Forward Without Forgetting; Dr. Joe Hedershott, Reaching The Wounded Student; and Bill Mendoza, Challenges Facing American Indian students, educators and tribes. Fifty-nine concurrent workshops were offered during the 2 1/2 days.
5. On March 4 attendance at the Sequoyah County Administrators meeting; March 8 attendance 3 at the NORA Education Summit in Pryor; March 23 attendance at the Oklahoma Schools Advisory Council; and on March 25 sponsored the TOSS meeting at the Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs in Claremore. The meeting was attended by Oklahoma State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister.

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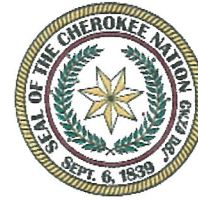
1. TEDNA – To give Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Hearings” March 17th and 18th.
2. DATA MANAGEMENT – NEED to finalize the data template for keeping track of Cherokee students in the Cherokee Nation tribal jurisdictional service area.
3. TOSS – Planning for the summer institute Teachers of Successful Students (June 7th and 8th)
4. TOSS—Superintendents’ meeting in Claremore on April 1st.

5. RTR – Coordinating calendars; hotel reservations, coordinating training sessions, staffing for the ride; and other tasks.



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FROM: Leroy Qualls, Superintendent – Sequoyah Schools
SUBJECT: Sequoyah School's Monthly Report to Education
DATE: May 3, 2016

April

- 25th Senior Trip parent meeting 5:30 p.m. in the library
Baseball vs. Kansas here at 4:30 p.m.
Boy's Golf Qualifying Tournament at Cherokee Trails (Tahlequah)
Softball vs. Red Oak here at 4:30 p.m.
- 26th EOI Test: English II & English III
Youth Entrepreneurship Day
Baseball vs. Coweta here at 4:30 p.m.
Girl's Regional Tournament TBA
- 27th EOI Test: English II & English III
- 28th Softball Regional Tournament Starts at 1 p.m. – Champs!
- 28th & 29th
BIE Visit (model school) – student & possibly teacher forum, student focus group & tour
- April 29th - May 1st
Band at Music in the Parks – St. Louis – tied for top rating (2) Excellent!
- 30th Track Regional TBA – Boys Champs & Girls 2nd

May

2nd Honors English reward trip to Tulsa
Boy's Golf Regional Tournament TBA
Professional Development 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

3rd NHS Induction Banquet 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
Softball State TBA

3rd & 4th
Senior Semester Tests

4th & 5th
Girls Golf State at Cherokee Trails (Tahlequah)

5th EOI Test: US History
Professional Development 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

May 5th – 7th
Baseball Regional Tournament TBA

6th No School – Professional Day

6th – 7th
Track State TBA

7th Alumni Banquet; HOPE Club Graduation Pow wow 12:00p.m. – 11:00 p.m. in the old gym

8th – 12th
Senior Trip

9th Achieve 3000 Spring Luncheon at Chili's (Mrs. Thompson); Achieve 3000 final test window opens

9th – 10th
Boys Golf State at Lincoln Park – West (OKC)

10th EOI Test: Biology I

11th EOI Test: Geometry, Algebra I & II

13th Faculty Meeting 7:30 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

16th StuCo/OBI Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
SR graduation practice 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

17th Semester Test 2nd Block & 4th Block

- 18th Semester Test 1st Block & 3rd Block
SR luncheon & activity in Tulsa from 9:00 a.m. – 3:10 p.m. & Baccalaureate 6:30 p.m.
- 19th Senior graduation practice 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
9th – 11th Grade Awards Assembly 11:45 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.
- 20th Senior Assembly 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
condensed class schedule
release 12:00 p.m.
Graduation 6:30 p.m.

Sequoyah Track Results

Sequoyah qualified 24 entries for the 3A State Track Meet, 21 auto qualifiers (Regional Champs =7, Runner -up=9, 3rd=5) & 3 additional qualifiers. State will be at Catoosa on May 6th and 7th.

Sequoyah boys are Regional Champs! Sequoyah girls are Regional Runner-up!

Sequoyah freshman, Jerry Logsdon set school record with 2:02.49 in 800m run.
(David Walkingstick had the previous record that stood for 2 years)

Regional Champions:

Brittany Poe - shot & discus
Jerry Logsdon - 800m run
Troy Hardbarger – 3200m run
Allison Foster - 100m hurdles
Barry Neugin – discus
Brett Brown – high jump

Regional Runner – up:

Boys - 4x400m relay
Boys & girls - 4x800m relay
Presley Hair - 3200m run
Cody Christie - 800m run & 1600m run
Bo Deer - 300m hurdles
Elan Eagle - long jump
Jolie Morgan - high jump

Regional 3rd:

Girls - 4x400m relay
Ashley Brown - discus
Bryan Francis - 3200m run
Allison Foster - 300m hurdles
Kyla Holmes - 1600m run

Additional Qualifiers:

Boys & girls - 4x200m relay

Rodney McCoy - 800m run

Cherokee Immersion School Schedule**May**

- 2nd 7th & 8th to Tulsa Drillers
- 3rd Kindergarten to Tulsa's Incredible Pizza
- 3rd 5th grade Reading test
- 4th 6th grade to Branson, MO
- 4th 5th grade Social Studies test
- 5th 6th grade still in Branson, Silver Dollar City
- 5th 5th grade Science test
- 5th 1st thru 4th grade to Wickliff Track meet
- 6th No School (Professional Day)
- 9th 7th & 8th to Tulsa's Incredible Pizza
- 12th Kindergarten to 6th grade to Golden Corral, Muskogee
- 13th Immersion School Track meet
- 16th 8th to Silver Dollar City, Branson, Mo
- 17th Kindergarten Graduation at 9:30 am and 6th grade graduation at 6 pm in the New Gym SHS
- 19th All day finance meeting at NSU, Holly Davis, Kathy Vanbuskirk, Shelly Hyslope
- 20th Last Day of School