

Education & Culture Committee

Career Services

January Monthly Report

Diane Kelley, Executive Director

Career Services is starting off the New Year with lots of exciting and rewarding projects. Our Alternative Education Program had four students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of January. Our total graduate count is **12** (All 12 are Cherokee Nation citizens) for FY17. We are continuing Outreach with various programs/events in the jurisdictional area and we are preparing a new Testing Center at Pryor 69A Office.

Linda Pruitt (Tahlequah's Adult Education teacher) will be conducting a, 6-week; 2-night per week, Math class for those students who only lack Math to earn their HSE (GED®, HiSET®) diploma. Classes will begin January 30, 2017 and run through March 7, 2017. Staff will be presenting at Tahlequah's Early Learning Academy on January 19th, starting at 5:30pm and will at Grandview School on Jan. 26th, starting at 5:30pm.

Our Sector Partnership – National Dislocated Worker Grant (SP-NDWG) program staff attended and participated in NORA Leadership Manufacturing Day in January.



January 10, 2017 Manufacturing Day
Rogers State University, Pryor Campus
2155 Hwy 69A Pryor, OK 74361

- 8:30am Breakfast Provided by MidAmerica Industrial Park
- 8:30-9:30am Class Project Pitches
- 9:30am Welcome to Pryor-More than a Rocklahoma Good Time
- 10:30am MidAmerica Industrial Park-Scott Fry
- 10:45am Tour of RAE Corp
- 12:00pm Lunch provided by MidAmerica Industrial Park
- More discussion on class project lead
- 12:30pm Why Manufacturing is a driver in northeast Oklahoma
- Joe Genet-Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance
- 1:00pm How Manufacturing impacts a community
 - Judy McCombs, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance – Panel Facilitator
 - Mike Mitchell, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance
 - Steve Gilbert, Miami Chamber of Commerce
 - Marie Synar, Port of Muskogee
- 1:30pm Training for NORA Day at the Capitol-Kanati Strategies
- 3:00pm Adjourn




They also attended and participated in recruitment meetings with OESC for outreach to fill our March 2017 Welding Training and attended and participated in the Elevate planning meeting. In

addition, the Iron Workers class has started up again with 13 participating in the class and the instructor said that all are likely to get certified.



Free Welding Training
Cherokee Nation Career Services
10-Week Certification
Next Class: March, 2017
Ironworkers Union 584, Tulsa, OK



Cherokee Nation Career Services is accepting applications for our FREE, fast-track Welding Certification Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

You must meet one of the following criteria:

- *If you have been laid off or given a notice of an upcoming layoff.
- *Self-employed without work due to economic conditions. Tax forms must have been filed.
- *Separating Service Member and their spouse.
- *Displaced Homemaker.
- *Unemployment Insurance (U.I.) recipient who is likely to exhaust their benefits.

You do not have to be Native American to qualify for this program

Location: 10837 E. Marshall St., Tulsa, OK 74166
Class size is limited. *Must be able to pass a drug test.
To determine eligibility and register, contact

Tulsa Office: 918-574-2749
Claremore Office: 918-342-7450
Pryor Office: 918-825-7988
Tahlequah Office: 918-453-5555

SP-NDWG staff will attend meetings with Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) for Manufacturing, Hospitality, and Healthcare, dates TBA. Staff will also be meeting with our new Federal Project Officer and the Department of Labor, February 7, 2017 (Dallas, TX). Additionally, staff will co-host Sector Partnership Leadership Team meetings following the last round of NORA meetings and will host Recruitment Fairs with our Field Offices, designed to hit our target audience of Dislocated Workers.

The Coming Home Reentry Program is working with the Commerce Department on training at the Kawi Café. Three participants received employment; one with Wilson Sand Blasting, one with the kitchen at WW Hastings, and one as Assistant Manager at Arby's. Staff attended national training to increase knowledge of evidenced-based practices for reentry. Staff are currently looking at a couple of funding opportunities and will continue to seek additional funding from outside sources.

Coming Home Reentry Participant Success:

Christopher Wilson is a 42 year old male from Tulsa, OK. He was released from incarceration on September 19, 2016 after serving eight years. He was ready to turn his life around. Soon after



his release he came in the Career Service office requesting assistance from the "Coming Home" Reentry program. He received the \$250 to help him purchase clothing for job search, help with his first month rent, and the cost of reinstating his driver's license. He stated he could obtain employment on his own.

A few days later he came in and had gained employment, he requested help to acquire tools for his job. The Reentry program helped him with purchasing his tools for job security. He retained employment with Lawson Electric, Inc. He started out making \$19.00 an hour. He also received assistance from the Reentry Program to purchasing required tools for his new job.

He really appreciates all the help he received from the CN/CS Reentry 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 driver's license and tools.

Talking Leaves Job Corps Culinary students served at Chief Baker's Christmas party held for all Cherokee Nation employees. The CCMA students will host a blood drive in partnership with the OBI.

Talking Leaves students, along with all Job Corps students across the nation, will be participating in a MLK, Jr. Day "Day of Service" project during the week of January 16th. Students will be participating in community service projects within the community throughout the week.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program completed and submitted the Annual Report for FY 16. VR Counselor Ross attended and participated in the Regional WIOA Peer to Peer Training in Florida.

Voc Rehab staff will attend the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum in March and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Conference in May.

College Resource Center**SPRING 2017 – In progress thru 1/12/2017**

# of Fall 2015 Cherokee Nation scholarships	1,058 (476 Pell, 450 NonPell, 132 Grad)
# of Spring 2017 Promise scholarships	37 (25 NSU, 9 RSU, 3 CSC)
# of Spring 2017 Concurrent scholarships	365 (13 college/universities)
# of Spring 2017 Directed Studies scholarships	8

Accomplishments:

1. Spring 2017 funding underway
2. 2 Directed Studies graduates – Masters of Science Counseling Addiction

Outreach & Presentations:**December 2016**13th – Westville HS Presentation14th – Owasso HS Presentation16th – Skiatook HS Presentation/FAFSA Help**January 2017**9th – Sperry HS Presentation12th – NTC Pryor College & Career Fair**Future Plans:**

1. Completion of Spring 2017 funding review, notification of award/denial, and funding to schools.
2. Schedule 2nd Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (northern area).
3. Release 2017-18 online application March 1, 2017.

Head Start

Activity	December	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	19 Meetings Conducted	79 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	59 Site Visits	379 Conducted

# of PD hours completed	43.25 hours offered	110.75 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$15,322.62	\$16,700.00

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

Breakfast 2,822	Lunch 3,029	Snack 3,021
Total Food Cost – \$20,321.55		Reimbursement – \$17,691.99

Accomplishments:

- 1) All ECU faculty and support staff completed annual re-certifications and renewal of required health credentials during the recent holiday break. Staff also attended a refresher session on Child Abuse and Neglect training. Thanks to the AG's office for repeatedly providing this session.
- 2) In preparation for the federal review (not yet scheduled), the staff received two and half days of training in the area of instructional support, analyzing and aggregating data that are segments of the CLASS observations. (Classroom Assessment Scoring System). In the 2014 federal review, the CLASS scores revealed the need to concentrate on the areas covered in the December training.
- 3) Faculty continue to renew and apply for the CDA credential. This month nine renewals were submitted as well as one faculty receiving the CDA credential. The ECU is fortunate that the CDA preparation is all done among management staff who are certified to conduct the training and results in a great cost savings to the program.
- 4) All tribal budgets were completely expended with a zero balance. The ECU program is grateful for this funding to complement and often fulfill major goals in the program. It is the ultimate goal to expend all funds from the primary Early/Head Start budget as well and the final closeout will be included in the Fed report. Kudos to the ECU program finance staff for working closely with the CN Finance office to make this happen year after year.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- 1) Several quarterly board meetings this month with the exception of the Policy Council and OIHSDA meetings which are monthly. They're all scheduled in the conference room with the exception of OIHSDA:

OIHSDA monthly meeting	Jan 18	10:30
CTSA Office in Shawnee, OK		
Policy Council	Jan 19	11:30
Superintendent's meeting	Jan 25	11:30
Health Advisory Board	Jan 26	11:30

- 2) One of the classrooms in the Children's Village is closed for a few weeks for repair and maintenance due to a water leak over the Christmas vacation. The children have temporarily been assigned throughout the other village classrooms. Fortunately, children and parents were amenable to the temporary inconvenience.

- 3) Two admin staff will attend the bi-annual NHSA Leadership Institute in DC the week of Jan 23-26 to learn the new administrations platform on Early Childhood education. New appointments have not been announced in the OHS Director position.
- 4) Three ECU admin staff received scholarships to attend the annual NIKE Starting Block training Jan 30- Feb 3 in Beaverton, OR. The agenda covers leadership, new initiatives in the Head Start community, parent engagement ideas, dynamic motivational speakers from education, business and innovation areas. Forty staff from across the country comprise the class for a great networking opportunity.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	December/January	YTD	
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,644 (1/09/17)	-	25,600
# of schools participating	69	-	69
# of communities participating	3	-	
# 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. All 72 JOM Applications approved 2016-17 School year.
2. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator attended retirement reception for John Ann Thompson JOM Contact retiring after 43 yrs. at Grove Public School.
3. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator attended Remember the Removal Committee meeting 12/14/16
4. 2017 OKJOM Planning Meeting River Wind Casino – Norman, OK 12/16/16
5. Technical Assistance Adair, Chelsea, Copan, Grandview, Oologah, Pryor, Tenkiller, Tulsa, and Warner

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. JOM Staff Assisting Special Projects – art judging January 11, 2017
2. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator RTR Orientation January 12, 2017
3. JOM Staff Assisting Special Projects at Science Fair January 13, 2017
4. JOM Staff Development – January 16, 2017
5. 2017 OKJOM Planning meeting Conference Call January 19, 2017
6. JOM Staff Development – February 14, 2017
7. 2017 OKJOM Planning meeting February 24, 2017

Special Projects

Activity	December 12, 2016- January 9, 2017	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	Planetarium (CDC and Immersion School) Greenwood Boys and Girls Club Cherokee Art Competition	1 1 1	3	20
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# of schools participating	Planetarium (CDC and Immersion School) Greenwood Boys and Girls Club Cherokee Art Competition	2 1 25	28	150
# of school staff participating	Planetarium (CDC and Immersion School) Greenwood Boys and Girls Club Cherokee Art Competition	16 6 0	22	484
# participants: parents/other	Planetarium (CDC and Immersion School) Greenwood Boys and Girls Club Cherokee Art Competition	0 0 0	0	525
# con-tractors participating	Planetarium (CDC and Immersion School) Greenwood Boys and Girls Club Cherokee Art Competition	1 0 2	3	20
# con-tractors participating	Robotic schools Robotic Teams Robotic Students New Robotic Programs Starts	11 34 72 2	118	Total Schools To Date 53

We also collaborated with JOM and set up the planetarium at three different locations Vian, Oaks, and Caney Valley for a total of 25 students. The numbers are included in the JOM report.

Up Coming Events:

- Jan. 13 – Cherokee Nation Science and Engineering Fair
- Jan. 14- Westville Robotics Tournament
- Jan. 17- Heritage School Boys and Girls Club Gourd Art
- Jan. 21- Nowata Robotics Tournament
- Jan 24- 27- CCES in Grandview
- Jan 27 – Writing Competition Deadline
- Feb. 6 – 10 – CCES in Gans
- Feb. 10 – 11 – State Robotics Event

Sequoyah Schools

TOP STUDENTS AND TOP 10% GRADUATING SENIORS NAMED:

- Valedictorian –Taylor Armbrister, Salutatorian, Whitney Roach. Others include; Seif Drywater, Emma Elrod, Savannah Edgar, Makala Murphy, Jessica Martinez, Merissa Smith.
- Seif Drywater placed in the local high school essay contest for the Daughters of American Revolution, one student from each school is in competition for a scholarship and he is in the top three at this point.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Gifted and Talented After-School Activities for students include; Band/Drum Line, Cultural Drum/Singing/Dance, Drama, 4-H, Robotics.
- The 21st CCLC Grant After-School program include: Tutoring, Art, Archery, Building Trades, Resume Building, Job Applications, Newspaper, Sewing, Edible Art, Building Trades, SEL/leadership.

ROBOTICS:

- Another robotics team qualified for state at the Nowata Tournament this past weekend. That brings our total of state qualifying teams to 5.

WRESTLING:

- 5 of our wrestlers placed in the top-2 at the Pawhuska Tournament this weekend. Noah Wilson, Noah Bennett, and Landen Girty 1st, Tyler Barnett and Ty Fixin 2nd.
- We are currently tied for 3rd in wrestling district dual standings.

BASKETBALL:

- Most of the remaining Sequoyah basketball games will be broadcast on Billy Country 96.3 FM and 1350 AM. Billy Country has a live stream available at the Billy Country page of the Lakes Country website.
- For the 10th consecutive week, Sequoyah Girls are ranked #2. Sequoyah boys are ranked #6. Girls are 15-1, boys are 11-5.
- Basketball games at Adair have been rescheduled for this Saturday, January 28. Varsity girls at 5:00, varsity boys at 6:30. No JV games. The varsity girls game will be #1 vs. #2 matchup.
- Sequoyah boys won the Lincoln Christian Tournament Championship last week, beating the 11th-ranked home team by 28 points in the championship game. The Lady Indians were tournament runner-up after battling the 5A#1 team and coming up 4 points short.
- Our next home game will be Friday, January 27 vs. Keys. Varsity girls at 6:00, varsity boys at 7:30. JV girls will play at 5:00. There won't be a JV boy's game. This will be Operation K-9 Night and juniors will do a silent auction.
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Education Liaison

Activity	Dec	YTD
TEDNA	2 Meetings	20
Public School Coop/MVT	3 Meetings	25
Institutional Review Board (IRB)	0	2 Meetings
Community Meetings/ID Events	0	5
Community School Outreach	0-School Visits 3 – County Admin Mtgs 1-OSAC Mtgs	0-School Visits 9-County Admin Mtgs 3-OSAC Mtgs
Inter- Tribal Council	0	1
Cherokee Cabinet for Children and Families	0	4

Accomplishments:

1. TEDNA- worked on completing an MOU with BIE. It is anticipated that the MOU will be approved in January.
2. DATA Management—Completed the report of the number of Cherokee students attending schools sponsored through the MVT funds.
3. Ten Candidates and two alternates Remember the Removal applicants were selected by the RTR Selection Committee and vetted through Administration.
Orientation will be held on January 12, 2017.
4. Cherokee Cabinet for Children and Families—participated in the program evaluation.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. TEDNA—MOU with BIE
2. DATA MANAGEMENT—Prepare state report cards and series of reports from the student data count. Prepare notification addresses for School Appreciation Day
3. T.O.S.S. Superintendents—Attend Cherokee and Adair County Superintendents' Meetings and OSAC meetings with the Superintendents. Plan two meetings with the School Administrators
4. Remember the Removal—Set up and hold an orientation meeting for the selected candidates, prepare bike bid, set up date for nutrition training, set up CPR training, set up bicycle training dates and contracts for instructors.



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School of Choice