

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

The **Alternative Education Program** had 12 additional students pass all components of the High School Equivalency Test during the month of March, bringing the FY 17 total to 35. Our annual graduation will be held September 14, 2017. Invitations will be forthcoming. Alternative Education staff will be attending the Commission on Adult Basic Education Conference in April and the GED Conference in July.

The **Career Skills Education Classes** staff aided Kawi Café participants with various trainings, field trips, worksite placements, etc. while the Kawi Café was closed. In February, staff provided Professional Skill Building training for the Business Technology class and Resume Training at Northeastern State University.

**Talking Leaves Job Corps** Facilities Maintenance staff is working with the Zoe Institute to assist in the building of wheel chair ramps for disabled individuals. The Electrical Wiring class works with Habitat for Humanity. In February, the Student Government Association hand-delivered Valentine's Day cards made by students to local veterans. Certified Clinical Medical Assistant students partnered with the Wellness Center and the Oklahoma Blood Institute to host a blood drive in the local community. The Center generated a total of 55 units of blood. Platelets from the blood donated will be used by cancer patients at a nearby children's hospital. Talking Leaves is experiencing a high with their performance measures. Kudo's to the math and reading department in their high scores nationally. The center is having weekly conference calls with the Regional Director. We have experienced positive feedback last month we were ranked #54 out of 124 centers in the Nation. The Center is full and they are working on the inventory. We continue to have tours every Thursday from 10:00am till noon.

The Culinary Arts students volunteered at the following local community events:

- Soroptimist International of Tahlequah annual benefit soup luncheon
- Cherokee Nation Community Meeting in South Coffeyville
- Groundbreaking for Cherokee Nation's newest hospital

Staff from the **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** participated in the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council meeting, the Oklahoma Trial Vocational Rehabilitation Council meeting, and the OK DRS Academy. Staff will be participating in the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum in March, the Disability Awareness Day at the State Capitol in April and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Conference in May. The Cherokee Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program will be the co-host for the CANAR mid-year conference in June.

Staff from our **Vocational Programs** met with representatives from Carl Albert Jr. College on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff also attended the Cherokee Nation Legislative Day at the State Capital on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was an opportunity to showcase our departments and services and to educate legislators on issues important to Cherokee Nation and to the State of Oklahoma.

The **Sector Partnership – National Dislocated Workers Grant** staff attended NORA Leadership Education Day in Claremore and will be meeting with the Local 798 Pipefitters

Union for a Memorandum of Understanding. Additional Apprenticeship Training will be held in April. Our welding classes have started back up. We have all Sector Partnership clients in this class which is #10 and it's the largest of all the classes (16 participants). Eight students graduated from the last Local 584 Welding class:



Our department will be attending the Education Summit at Mid America Expo Center Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and also the State workforce Partners Conference in Oklahoma City April 11-14<sup>th</sup> of 2017.

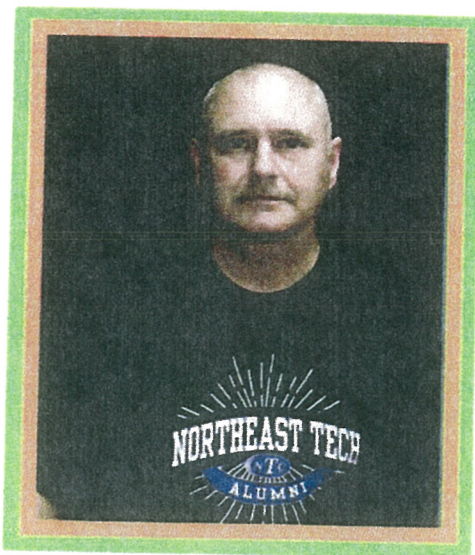
Brenda Fitzgerald & Diane Kelley will be attending the National Workforce Conference in Washington D.C. March 25-28<sup>th</sup> 2017 with the State Workforce in Eastern, NE and Tulsa.

### **Partnership Success Story:**

In September, we shared the success story of Ron Chaney, a participant of our Job-Driven National Emergency Grant. Attached is a page from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission's Annual Report of 2017 that also highlights Ron's success. This is a perfect example of how working in partnership can assist participants achieve.



# Partnership Success



Ron Chaney

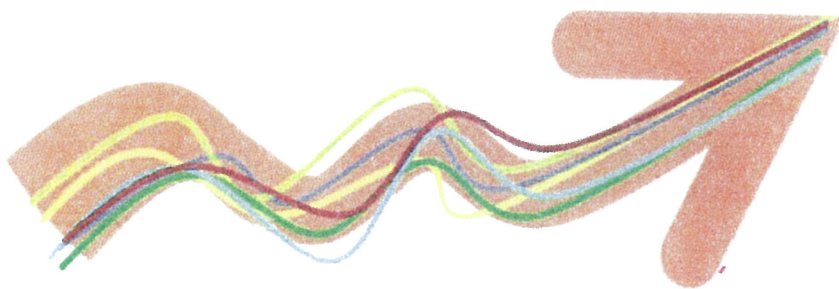
**T**his story is an example of the wonderful success that agency and program partnering can accomplish on behalf of clients.

On April 25, 2015, Mr. Ron Chaney, a 44-year old Army veteran, found himself in the middle of a massive layoff due to a downturn in the economy. After working for two years at TMK IPSCO at the Port of Catoosa, he was laid off. TMK, an oil-based company only had two layoffs before closing their doors. Ron went to the Claremore Workforce Center and registered for his unemployment benefits. There he spoke with the veterans' representative and was referred to the Claremore Career Services Office for the Job Driven National Emergency Grant.

Ron was happy to discover there was a program that could pay for retraining. He used to talk to some of the guys in the department next to his when he worked for TMK because what they were doing intrigued him. This encouraged him to make the choice to become a CNC Manufacturing Technician at Northeast Technology Center, where Shawn Christian was his instructor. Ron graduated in May 2016, and was inducted into the National Honor Technology Society due to receiving excellent ratings in every facet of his education. These accomplishments have allowed Ron to obtain a position at Sofidel, a global paper manufacturing company.

The Cherokee Nation, as the grant recipient for the **Job-Driven Emergency Grant**, paid for Ron's training while attending Northeast Technology Center. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission was able to qualify Ron for **Trade Reemployment Allowance (TRA)** unemployment insurance benefits, which helped to support him financially, while he attended school. TRA is a weekly allowance payment to workers covered under a certified Trade Act petition who have been separated because of lack of work in employment covered by the Petition Certificate.

Ron was a combat Army veteran from 1989 to 2003. He and his wife have grown children and nine grandchildren. He is enjoying his new skill.



**Group: Education Services**

**Month/Year: March 2017**

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## **College Resource Center**

### **Spring 2017**

# of Spring 2017 scholarship awards thru 3/13/17	3,196 (1,446 Pell, 1,410 NonPell, 340 Grad)
# of Promise students for Spring 2017 thru 3/13/17	79 (49 NSU, 23 RSU, 7 CSC)
# of Spring 2017 concurrent scholarships awards	392

### **School Year 2017-18 Applications:**

- 351 applications received as of 3/12/2017
- Open March 1, 2017, deadline June 15, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
- Fall 2017 Concurrent Enrollment, opens May 1 to August 10, 2017
- Both applications at [scholarships.cherokee.org](http://scholarships.cherokee.org)

### **Outreach & Presentations:**

#### **February: (ALL PRESENTATIONS)**

- 13 – Bluejacket HS; Welch HS
- 15 – Afton HS
- 16 – Webbers Falls
- 17 – Poteau HS
- 21 – Roland HS; Jenks HS Native American College Fair
- 22 – Warner HS
- 23 – Collinsville HS; Collinsville Photo ID Event
- 27 – Pryor HS; Tahlequah Sequoyah HS Afterschool Program
- 28 – Woodland HS

#### **March: (APP HELP & PRESENTATIONS)**

- 1 – Vinita HS; Sequoyah County Counselors Meeting
- 2 – Sequoyah Claremore HS
- 3 – Locust Grove HS
- 4 – AIGC College Fair at NSU
- 6 – Salina HS
- 7 – Watts HS; Jay HS
- 8 – Ft. Gibson HS; Hulbert Trio Program (Office Visit)
- 9 – Chelsea HS, Caney Valley HS Parent Resource Fair

### **Future Plans:**

1. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions with 14-county and contiguous area schools for 2017-18 online applications.
2. Planning College & Career Fair in Northern area in Spring 2017.

### **Education Liaison**

**No Report Received**

## Head Start

02/10/2017

Activity	February	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	22 Meetings Conducted	127 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	106 Site Visits	539 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	47 hours offered	189.75 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$607.81	\$21,752.71

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

#### February 2017

Breakfast 4,615	Lunch 4,806	Snack 4,7646
Total Food Cost - \$30,034.12		Reimbursement - \$28,265.55

#### Accomplishments:

- 1) The ECU hosted two Alternative Spring Break students from James Madison University and Michigan State University. They volunteered in the classrooms and worked on playground improvement projects for a week and generated approximately \$3,000 in in-kind services.
- 2) 1 CDA's was obtained this month and 9 renewals.
- 3) Five administrative staff traveled to Albuquerque, NM for the Native Child and Family Conference. They will receive 20 hours of training in their respective areas of interest. They will also recommend trainers from this conference for the ECU 24<sup>th</sup> Early Childhood conference in November.
- 4) Due to the numerous screenings that must be completed before the end of school and remaining time does not allow completion, as of March 3, 2017 the 2016-17 Head Start school year is closed to new enrollment.
- 5) A total interior renovation of one of the classrooms in the Children's Village is near completion. Due to a water leak during the Christmas break, the floor, cabinets and duct work were replaced.
- 6) The annual WILLs meeting was held Friday, March 10, 2017 in the ECU conference room. The "Women in Long-term Leadership" is a celebration of the women in the ECU and coincides with Women's History Month.
- 7) According to the evaluations, the first New Staff Orientation in February was well received by the newest faculty hired in the last two months. This training will be scheduled every month. New staff received information on all aspects of the program from purpose of various reports, screening schedules, timelines to obtain credentials, policies and procedures and performance standards.

#### Upcoming Initiatives

- 1) Plans are being finalized for the 17<sup>th</sup> GPS Institute on April 11-13, 2017 in Tulsa. This training is designed for the ECU supervisors and managers to develop training plans for the fall year, to make supervisory assignments, and prepare for a possible federal review in the 2017-18 school year.

- 2) The next quarterly meetings: Culture and Language Advisory Board meeting is March 27, 2017 and the Health Advisory Board will meet April 27, 2017. The next Policy Council meeting is March 16, 2017.
- 3) Training for the new child tracking program, ChildPlus, is scheduled for April 4, 2017. The training will cover more in-depth features of the program in regard to data that can be extrapolated for program planning. Implemented in the 2016-17 school year, the ChildPlus program is a new and improved enrollment process that has proven to be efficient in enrollment and tracking health screenings.
- 4) Seven administrative staff will attend the International Early Childhood Conference in Tulsa in April. The focus on the training will be on Early Head Start ages and stages.
- 5) End of school year 2016-17 for Head Start children is May 3, 2017 and the faculty will be furloughed for the summer beginning May 8, 2017.

### JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	Feb		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,907 (3/15/17)	-	25,600
# of schools participating	69	-	69
# of communities participating	3	-	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. 2017 OKJOM Planning Meeting McAlester, OK 2/17/17
2. JOM Field Specialist attended Cherokee Nation Legislative day at the Capitol - took Jr. Miss Cherokee
3. School site visits: Afton, Bartlesville, Bluejacket, Brushy, Cave Springs, Central, Claremore, Coffeyville, Colcord, Collinsville, Copan, Dahlenegah, Fort Gibson, Foyil, Gans, Greasy, Grove, Hulbert, Jay, Justus-Tiwah, Ketchum, Leach, Maryetta, Oaks, Oklahoma Union, Oologah, Osage, Owasso, Porum, Roland, Sallisaw, Vian, Warner and Zion.
4. JOM Field Specialist provided Stickball activity at Jay Upper Elementary 125 students.
5. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator attended and worked Education booth at the At Large Community meeting in Dallas 3/4/17.
6. JOM Staff assisted with the Cherokee Challenge Bowl March 6,7,8,9, 2017.
7. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator attended Jay IEC meeting 3/6/17 5 IEC, 1 School administrator, 4 students in attendance.
8. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator assisted with CNTYC 3/13/17.

#### Future Plans/New Initiatives:

#### JOM:

1. 2017 OKJOM Planning Meeting Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 3/17/17
2. Spring Count Week March 27 - 31, 2017
3. Chaperone Jr. Miss Cherokee attending Cherokee days in Washington D.C. March 29 - April 3, 2017
4. 2017 Oklahoma JOM Conference April 10 & 11, 2017 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
5. 2017-18 JOM Application Workshop - Sycamore Springs Ranch April 20, 2017
6. Grove JOM Awards Banquet - JOM Field Specialist Coordinator will be attending April 24, 2017
7. 2017 National JOM Conference JOM Staff presenting workshops. April 25 - 28, 2017

#### Special Projects

Activity	February 13, 2017—March 14, 2017	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	CCES Owasso Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 - 4	1 4	10	37

	Bell Drone competition	1		
	Westville Drone competition	1		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	1		
	Bell Robotics consultation	1		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	1		
# of students participating	CCES Owasso	90		5697
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 – 4	332		
	Bell Drone competition	6	454	
	Westville Drone competition	6		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	6		
	Bell Robotics consultation	5		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	9		
# of schools participating	CCES Owasso	1		199
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 – 4	14		
	Bell Drone competition	1	20	
	Westville Drone competition	1		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	1		
	Bell Robotics consultation	1		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	1		
# of school staff participating	CCES Owasso	4		557
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 – 4	12		
	Bell Drone competition	1	21	
	Westville Drone competition	1		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	1		
	Bell Robotics consultation	1		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	1		
# participants: parents/other	CCES Owasso	0		589
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 – 4	63		
	Bell Drone competition	0	63	
	Westville Drone competition	0		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	0		
	Bell Robotics consultation	0		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	0		
# contractors participating	CCES Owasso	0		22
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl Division 1 – 4	2		
	Bell Drone competition	0	2	
	Westville Drone competition	0		
	Muskogee Drone Competition	0		
	Bell Robotics consultation	0		
	Muskogee Robotics consultation	0		

STEM has also been working with NSU toward a summer STEM research grant project

#### Up Coming Events:

State VEX competition- Judge

World VEX competition- Judge

NSTA Conference- Attendees

NJOM Conference- Presenters

OKJOM Conference-Presenters/Hosts.

#### **Sequoyah Schools**

**No Report Received**





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## EDUCATION REPORT SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS 2017

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Sequoyah Ladies basketball team will be featured on the front page of Vype Sports Magazine for the April edition.
- Sequoyah High School held a celebration for the State Champion Lady Indians for their accomplishment and winning the State Class 3A basketball tournament.
- State testing for Sequoyah High School will be held in Mid-April
- Sequoyah Administration attended the Cherokee Nation School Appreciation Day held at the hardrock. It was a great event and thank you from us at Sequoyah Schools for the tag money received. The MC, Speakers in the crowd were all great.
- The BIE visited Sequoyah High School which was an informal visit and all went well.
- Sequoyah High School Prom will be held on April 13, 2017.
- Sequoyah will be hosting its own slow pitch softball tournament the week of April 10.
- Class III Softball Playoffs will begin the weekend of April 21, 2017

### IMMERSION SCHOOL

- Immersion students recently took a trip to biz town for hands-on experience with economics.
- Holly Davis and Jeromie Hammer will attend the Isa Conference which will be held at Intertribal in Tulsa on April 5 and will also attend the Education meeting to be held in Claremore on April 7.
- Immersion teachers are attending state testing to be held in Mid-April.

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