

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

Brenda Fitzgerald, Director of the **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** attended OU's Economic Development Institute. We will host the Oklahoma Tribal VR Council at the Hard Rock and co-host the CANAR mid-year conference in June.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Participant Success:**

One of Cherokee Nation Vocational Rehabilitation (CNVR) recent success stories is a consumer who was 18 years old and a recent High School graduate when he came to the Voc Rehab office. He had been referred by his High School counselor. He said his goal was to attend and graduate Oklahoma State University (OSU), which he had already been accepted, and had been awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship from OSU. However, the scholarship along with the Financial Aid he was eligible to receive would not be enough to cover all the expenses such as tuition, fees, and books and since he would have to live on campus dorm and meal plan would also be included.

Once all documents were received, including medical documents, and his case was processed it was determined he met the eligibility criteria for Vocational Rehabilitation. Once it was decided what CNVR services he was eligible to receive he was able to obtain his goal of attending OSU with all his expenses being covered by Financial Aid, Academic Excellence Scholarship, and CNVR. The consumer's field of study was Agriculture Economics and Accounting. He graduated OSU the fall of 2016 with an overall GPA of 3.0 and was listed on the President's Honor Roll. He just recently became employed at Farmer's Elevator Company, in Ames, OK, as Assistant Controller with a starting salary of \$30,000. This is also the same company where he did his Internship. This position is compatible with his disabling condition.

He is quite happy and thanks CNVR for helping him accomplish his goal and able to be to be self-sufficient.

The **Alternative Education Program** had ten students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of May. Our total graduate count is **53** (47 are Cherokee Nation citizens; six are members of other Federally Recognized tribes; four are/were clients of the Jack Brown Center) for FY17.

The HSE Graduation has been set for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:30pm in the NSU Ballroom. Alternative Education staff will be attending the GED Conference in July.





**Career Services** in support of Million Women Mentors Native Council and promoting STEM academic pursuits for female students:



**Sector Partnership National Dislocated Worker Grant** staff attended and participated in the Strawberry Festival (Resource Tent). Staff attended and participated in the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. Staff attended and participated in Muskogee Dream It. Do It. Staff attended and participated in Mid America Delivers. Staff attended and participated in the Local 584 Welding Graduation. Staff will attend and participate in additional Apprenticeship Training, as well as additional Database Training. Staff to attend and participate in Photo ID Community Events. Staff to attend and participate and Co-Host/sponsor the Elevate Youth Conference. Staff to attend and participate in the Tulsa Welding Graduation. Staff gearing up to continue the Sector Partnership grant extension. Photo with DOL Dallas Regional Administrator Nick Lalpui:



Front Row Left to right: Mary Ross, Christy Stites, Debra Pritchett and Brenda Fitzgerald. Back Row left to right: Isaac Barnoskie, George Roach, Nick Lalpui, Matt Lamont, and Larry Daugherty.

### Sector Partnership National Dislocated Workers Grant Participant Success:



Wayne Barnes, a veteran, had been laid off from his previous job and was a participant on our Sector Partnership Grant. He visited the Claremore Career Services office where we discussed re-training in a more stable field of employment. He decided to attend Oklahoma Technical College and attained his certification in Automotive Technology. Before he graduated he was offered employment with Jaguar of Tulsa and is currently an Automotive Tech earning a sustainable wage working 40 hours a week in a new career field. He was extremely grateful for this opportunity.



The Career Skills Education Program held two classes with 17 individuals completing. Staff also attended Mental Health First Aid Training.



**College Resource Center**

**School Year 2017-18 Applications:**

- 1,436 applications received as of 5/17/2017, deadline June 15, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
- 32 concurrent enrollment application received as of 5/17/2017, deadline August 10, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
- Both applications available online at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org>

**Accomplishments:**

**Graduates:**

Promise = 8 (6 NSU; 2 Connors)

CN Scholarship = 67 confirmed

**Outreach & Presentations:**

**April**

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Vian HS
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Owasso HS & Catoosa HS
- 20<sup>th</sup> – JOM Application Workshop Presentation at Sycamore Springs
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Photo ID Event CASC Sallisaw
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Application Help CASC Sallisaw
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Southside HS Ft. Smith
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Riverton HS Kansas
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Owasso HS
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Application Help Oklahoma Union HS

**May**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Booth Tahlequah HS Sr. Night
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Booth CNB Education Fair Hard Rock Catoosa

**Future Plans:**

1. Scholarship deadlines
  - a. Undergraduate & Graduate – June 15, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
  - b. Directed Studies – June 15, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
  - c. Language Teacher Training Scholarship – June 15, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
  - d. Concurrent Enrollment – August 10, 2017 at 11:59pm CST
2. Planning Cherokee Nation College & Career Fairs
  - a. October 2017 – Tahlequah
  - b. December 2017 – Pryor

## Head Start

| Activity                         | May                    | YTD                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| # of classrooms/sites            | 63 classrooms 21 sites | 63 classrooms 21 sites |
| # of parent meetings conducted   | 29 Meetings Conducted  | 174 Conducted          |
| # of site visits by HS/ECU staff | 112 Site Visits        | 723 Conducted          |
| # of PD hours completed          | 29 hours offered       | 283.25 hours offered   |
| CC Expenditures - Travel         | \$5,000.71             | \$30,200.18            |

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

#### April 2017

|                               |             |                             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Breakfast 4,672               | Lunch 4,916 | Snack 4,790                 |
| Total Food Cost – \$29,590.28 |             | Reimbursement – \$28,773.76 |

#### Accomplishments:

- 1) All Head Start performance appraisals were completed before they furloughed for the summer. They will return July 24, 2017 and children will return Aug 7, 2017. EHS performance appraisals will be completed in July.
- 2) The 14th Leadership Academy class graduation was May 4, 2017 with a former Head Start student, Dr. Whitener, providing an inspirational message.
- 3) The quarterly Superintendents, Health Advisory Board and Policy Council met this month to review and approve policies and revise forms.
- 4) 1 staff member received their CDA credential and 6 staff members received their renewals.

#### Future initiatives:

- 1) Applications are being accepted by the OHS for one-time health and safety projects. The ECU will request funds to replace ramps, remove trees and replacing a porch and steps.
- 2) The fourteenth class of the Leadership Academy is scheduled for June thru July and the participants will mostly be EHS faculty.
- 3) The state OIHSDA pre-service conference is scheduled for August 1-3 at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa.
- 4) The ECU will celebrate Red Nose Day on May 25 to contribute to helping end child poverty.
- 5) The ECU will celebrate Head Start's 52nd birthday on May 18, 2017 with a cake and stories of the impact CNECU has made in the lives of children and families.

**JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

Activity

June

YTD

|                                 | JOM                 | Special Projects | YTD Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| # of students on program        | 26,119<br>(5/17/17) | -                | 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. April 10 – 11 2017 OKJOM Conference Hard Rock Hotel & Casino overall attendance from the 4 tribes and Special Registration 490. 90 from Cherokee Nation JOM Program – 46 IEC members, 35 JOM contacts/school staff, 1 Education Program Liason, 8 Cherokee Nation JOM Staff
2. April 20 – JOM Application Workshop 39 schools represented, 61 in attendance – 3 Superintendent, 3 IEC members, 40 JOM Staff, 1 School Staff, 1 Cherokee Nation Education Foundation, 1 Higher Education Staff, 2 IT Staff and 10 JOM Staff.
3. Field Specialist school visits and delivered ribbons for art competition and their money cards for students Briggs, Grandview, Greasy, Justus-Tiawah, Maryetta, Pryor, Stilwell, and Wickliffe
4. JOM Fields Specialist and Coordinator assisted at several Cultural Heritage Days – Greasy 98 students, Jay Cultural Day 411 students, and Stilwell, 551 students.
5. Field Specialist attended Pryor IEC meeting.
6. Technical Assistance Adair, Bartlesville, Chelsea, Claremore, Collinsville, Copan, Dahlenegah, Dewey, Greasy, Grove, Justus-Tiawah, Ketchum, Marble City, Okay, Oklahma Union, Oologah, Osage, Pryor, Sallisaw, Stilwell, Verdigris, Warner and Wickliffe
7. Presented at National Johnson O'Malley Conference 4 workshops – total 200 plus attended our workshops. Lacee Jarvis and I presented JOM 101 on By-Laws, Roles and Responsibilities of IEC, Meeting Minutes & Motions, and Annual Report.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:****JOM:**

1. Attend Parent RTR meeting 5/23/17
2. Attend RTR meeting 5/24/17
3. Depart on RTR 5/30/17 JOM Field Specialist Coordinator
4. Begin working on 2017-18 JOM applications
5. Closing out claims for 2016-17 School year.

**Special Projects**

Activity

April 8, 2017 – May17, 2017

#

Total

YTD

|                             |                            |   |   |    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|----|
| # of Special Project Events | OK JOM Conference Workshop | 1 | 3 | 44 |
|                             | Planetarium in Jay         | 1 |   |    |

|                                 |                    |     |     |      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|------|
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 1   |     |      |
| # of students participating     | OK JOM Conference  | 0   |     | 6329 |
|                                 | Planetarium in Jay | 120 | 120 |      |
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 0   |     |      |
| # of schools participating      | OK JOM Conference  | 75  |     | 317  |
|                                 | Planetarium in Jay | 1   | 101 |      |
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 25  |     |      |
| # of school staff participating | OK JOM Conference  | 200 |     | 827  |
|                                 | Planetarium in Jay | 5   | 250 |      |
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 45  |     |      |
| # participants: parents/other   | OK JOM Conference  | 90  |     | 652  |
|                                 | Planetarium in Jay | 0   | 110 |      |
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 20  |     |      |
| # con-tractors participating    | OK JOM Conference  | 2   |     | 26   |
|                                 | Planetarium in Jay | 2   | 4   |      |
|                                 | NJOM Conference    | 0   |     |      |

### **Up Coming Events:**

Camp Cherokee Dwight Mission, RSU, Nowata May 30 – June 2

Camp Cherokee Kansas June 6 – June 9

IGNITE Conference June 17 - 22

Camp Cherokee Briggs June 27 – June 30

Alligator Snapping Turtle Research June – July

Camp Cherokee Residential Camp July 17 - 21

### **Sequoyah Schools**

May 2017 Education Committee Meeting

Total Enrollment—358

Dorm Enrollment—65

9<sup>th</sup> Grade—99

Boys—33

10<sup>th</sup> Grade—95

Girls—32

11<sup>th</sup> Grade—101

12<sup>th</sup> Grade—63

75 Senior's graduating

Wrapping up classroom work

School is dismissed 5/19/17



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**SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS**  
*School of Choice*



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## **JUNE EDUCATION REPORT** **2017**

### SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS:

- Sequoyah High School graduated 74 seniors for 2017
- Graduation ceremonies went smooth with the senior class hosting a reception afterward
- SHS Graduates collectively earned college scholarships totaling \$2119,568.50
- For the third straight year a Sequoyah graduate will be attending an Ivy League University
- Taylor Armbrister earned a full scholarship and will be attending Dartmouth University next fall, making it the third consecutive year a Sequoyah student has earned an Ivy League school scholarship.
- Last year SHS had a student attend Brown University on scholarship.
- Two years ago, an SHS earned a scholarship and attended Harvard University

Sequoyah Schools earned 4 state Championships this past year

- Academic State Champions – Girls Fast Pitch Softball (first academic championship ever for SHS)
- Girls Basketball Team
- Boys Track Long Jump
- Boys Track Relay Team

A total of 13 SHS Students made Oklahoma All-State this year

Sequoyah hosted both girls and boys' basketball camps the last two weeks of May

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