

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

The **Alternative Education Program** had five students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of October. Of these, three are Cherokee Nation citizens and two are members of other Federally Recognized tribes.

The WorkKeys Conference will be held November 8-10th, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

The **Career Skills Education Program** held five classes with 36 individuals completing. In addition, one two-day class on Communication Skills was held for Reentry clients with eight individuals completing.

Sector Partnership – National Dislocated Worker staff participated in the Tulsa Workforce Partners Meeting, which included our partners from Oklahoma Works, Grant Associates, the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission from Counties in the Tulsa Area. Maintaining a good working relationship is important to our jobs for effective and efficient coordination of program services. Staff also participated in the Fundamentals of Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act training, hosted by Oklahoma Works Eastern Development Area.



In addition, staff participated in the Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Alliance Leadership Class. The Sector Partnership National Dislocated Worker Program sponsors staff to participate in the Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) and the Livesay Orchards are they had the most recent NORA meeting. This was the month to learn about

agriculture and how it affects Economic Development. Professional Staff Development is important in the work that we do, so we can keep up with labor market demands and providing the best services possible.

Staff attended and participated in the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair. Another important component of our work, is to provide outreach and networking in areas of high traffic---so we can get our name out there. And Career Services did just that!

Staff attended and participated in Muskogee Dream It. Do It. This is a partnership Manufacturing endeavor with the Muskogee Port Authority. Our Sector Partnership staff

participate in helping to spread the word about careers in manufacturing to youth who are not necessarily interested in going to college and/or vocational training from high school. Just another way to help our tribal citizens with jobs!

Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin, Jr. met with leaders from Cherokee Nation Career Services, Health and Education, among others, to dialogue on the expected needs of the tribe's new clinic, which is being built near the existing WW Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah. More than 850 new health jobs will be created over time from the project.



The **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** staff attended and participated in the Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation meeting in Mustang, Oklahoma. The nine tribal VR programs meet on a regular basis and this month, the meeting included Medicare, Advantage Plans & Supplement Plans. These meetings keep staff up to date with any policy changes that occur, so we can better serve our consumers.

VR staff attended and/or participated in three District Community Meetings this month, with Councilman Keith Austin and Councilwoman Janees Taylor and Councilman Dick Lay. Having our Vocational Rehabilitation program information on hand for our Tribal Citizens, gives ample opportunity for our Tribal Communities to be away of the services that we provide.

VR staff attended and participated in the Mayes County Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) night at the RSU Pryor campus, which was a success. It is important that our consumers apply for the PELL grant and other free student aid (if eligible) because it is a federal requirement and it helps the student with financial means in which to live on.



VR staff attended and participated in the Grand View School Resource Fair, Parent University. Vocational Rehabilitation Program works with local schools such as Grand View School, who offers a Resource Fair, Parent University, for families and community members to help educate on the resources and services offered in the Grand View community. Cherokee Nation Career Services has partnered with Grand View School by educating those families with the many opportunities that Career Services has available.

PL 102-477 Vocational Training Participant Success:



Caleigh Mitchell is a 23 year old graduate of Fairland High School. She previously worked at Oklahoma Alliance and at the Ottawa County Boys and Girls Club. As she had always maintained excellent grades in school, she knew she would like to attend college. She chose the Dental Hygiene Program at Missouri Southern State University because it would allow her to receive a degree and be able to go to work in two years.

Caleigh met her goal by learning about explorer instruments and dental procedures, radiation biology, and more. She spent many hours in clinical training. Most clinical training hours are observed by the licensed dentist but students also participate and offer services in the community. Caleigh provided smoking cessation counseling to patients who smoked, provided oral hygiene information to mothers and expectant mothers through WIC offices, and cleaned teeth at area Indian Clinic Dental Offices.

Caleigh earned excellent grades and completed her training with a 3.6 GPA, receiving an Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. She moved from Fairland to Oklahoma City and is now an employee of Aspen Dental earning \$35 per hour.

Vocational Assistance Participant Success:

Sonya (Roberts) Carper from Grove is married with no children. She also attended the Dental Hygiene Program Missouri Southern State University. Sonya did excellent in her studies and received her Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene May 2017.

She is currently employed at Northeastern Tribal Health System in Miami as a Dental Hygienist, earning \$22.83 per hour. Sonya has decided to continue her education part-time in order to receive her Bachelor of Science Degree. She should complete this degree in one more year.



College Resource Center**Fall 2017 Funding Summary**

# of Fall 2017 scholarship awards thru 9/15/17	4,288(2,298 Pell, 1,562 NonPell, 428 Grad)
# of Promise students for Fall 2017 thru 9/15/17	51 (37 NSU, 10 RSU, 4 CSC)
# of Fall 2017 concurrent scholarships thru 9/15/17	412 (81 Juniors, 331 Seniors)
# of Freshmen Supplemental students for Fall 2017 thru 9/15/17	59 (37 NSU, 15 RSU, 7 CSC)

Outreach & Presentations:

- September 18 – Sequoyah County Counselors Meeting
- September 22 – Indian Youth Career Day, OKC Community College
- September 26 – Elder Summit (Tahlequah)
- September 28 – Elder Summit (Will Rogers Downs)
- October 3 – Claremore Community Meeting
- October 4 – Claremore Sequoyah HS Presentation
- October 5 – Caney Valley High School College Night
- October 9 – Beggs HS College Fair
- October 10 – Locust Grove FAFSA Night
- October 10 – Oaks HS Presentation
- October 11 – Junior Achievement Training (all staff)
- October 12 – Skaitook Resource Fair
- October 12 – Coweta HS College Fair
- October 12 – RSU Pryor FAFSA Night
- October 13 – Grove HS Resource Fair
- October 17 – Siloam Springs HS
- October 17 – Skiatook HS – Parent Night
- October 17 – Ada HS College Fair
- October 17 – Hilldale Financial Aid Night

Future Plans:

1. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Tahlequah Area) – November 13 @ 5:30pm, location pending.
2. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Pryor Area) – December 2017
3. Scheduling visits to public schools for school year 2017-18
4. December 28, 2017 – renewal deadline for students funded Fall 2017 to submit transcript and self-help forms.
5. October 1, 2017 - application opens for Spring 2018 Concurrent Enrollment, deadline is December 28, 2017.

Head Start

Activity	September	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	22 Meetings Conducted	44 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	166 Site Visits	262 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	57 hours offered	84.75 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$5,666.71	\$36,895.76

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement September 2017

Breakfast - 4,325	Lunch - 4,468	Snack - 5,270
Total Food Cost - \$31,325.05	Reimbursement - \$27,676.77	

Accomplishments:

- 1) The monthly New Staff Orientation had three new faculty. They are staff from Tahlequah Sequoyah, Cherry Tree and Salina. Currently, there are 11 openings throughout the ECU.....Children's Village (7), Jay (2) and Pryor (2). Refer interested applicants to TJ Spears at (918) 453-5000 ext. 6971.
- 2) The initial planning meeting for the seven storm facilities was productive with several departments involved in completing this project. Under the direction of Jeremie Fisher, Manager of Emergency Management, this project will actually begin in May with all the preliminary work between now and then. This will result in a wonderful coordinated effort.
- 3) The Children's Village tree removal has begun this week with ultimately no sign of 23 trees. The vendor is local and does an exceptional job of tree and stump removal. Plans are to find replacement trees that are less invasive and indigenous to our area with some cultural relevance as well.
- 4) The one-time funding projects are underway. October is an extremely busy month to complete the fiscal year in addition to last quarter funding for special projects like the tree removal, porch and ramp replacements, fiber optic installation and restroom handicap accessible renovation. All the projects must be completed by Oct 31, which is the end of the Head Start fiscal year.
- 5) The ECU received the official letter of a federal onsite review this school year. The letter states we will be given a 60-day notice and under the new system we will be reviewed in the CLASS and Area 2. Basically, that interprets to classroom instruction in three areas and the Area 2 includes ongoing monitoring, data collection and how it's used, school readiness goals, the community assessment, self-assessment and interviews with faculty, governing board and policy council. We have begun to compile all data that is required in this section of the review.
- 6) 4 CDA's and 1 renewal were awarded this month!

Upcoming Initiatives:

- 1) The following quarterly and monthly meetings are scheduled in October:
 - Public School Superintendents--- October 18th
 - Policy Council-----October 19th
 - Health Advisory Board---October 26th
- 2) The following training will be attended by admin staff:

- ChildPlus Administrators Training (4)---October 23-26, 2017
- CLASS training---October 23-27, 2017
- 3) The 24th Annual Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Conference is scheduled for all ECU staff and faculty November 20-22, 2017 at the Marriott in Tulsa on 71st and Lewis.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	September/October		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,679 (10/17/17)	-	25,679
# of schools participating	68	-	68
# of communities participating	3	-	3
# of special events		7	45
# participants students/adults		1332/15	10,333/105
# of school staff participating		226	707
# of contractors participating		65	78

Accomplishments:

1. 2017-18 JOM Applications – 56 have been approved by contracts
2. 2017-18 JOM Application sent to contracts 5
3. JOM Financial Report Training – 42 in attendance, 34 schools represented, 29 JOM Contacts, 13 encumbrance clerks, 5 JOM staff.
4. JOM staff working on 2017-18 JOM applications.
5. Coordinator attended Jay IEC meeting 9/18/17.
6. JOM staff attended 2018 OKJOM Planning meeting Tulsa, OK – 9/21/17
7. Coordinator attended Justus-Tiawah IEC meeting 9/21/17.
8. Field Specialist and Coordinator attended IEC elections at Justus-Tiawah, October 9th.
9. JOM Coordinator attended IEC elections at Greasy school October 12th.
10. Field Specialist and Coordinator attended IEC meeting at Justus-Tiawah , October 16th.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. 2018 OKJOM Planning meeting October 19, 2017
2. Cherokee Challenge Bowl Competitions October, 23, 24, 25 & 26.
3. 2018 OKJOM Planning meeting November 9, 2017
4. JOM 101 Pryor Public schools November 16
5. JOM 101 Warner Public schools November 28
6. JOM 101 Tahlequah Public Schools November 30
7. Finish up 10 JOM 2017-18 JOM Applications.

Up Coming Events:

Cherokee Challenge Bowl Oct. 23 – 27
 Cherokee Heritage Days Nov. 2 – 3
 Amayetli Nov. 7
 Veterans Day Cultural Nov. 9

CCES Foyil Nov. 13-17
 Meet Sequoyah Kansas Nov. 13
 Meet Sequoyah Gans and Central Nov. 14
 JOM 101 Pryor STEM Night Nov. 16
 Smart Board Training Nov. 21
 JOM 101 Warner STEM Night Nov. 28
 Anigaduwagi Nov. 29
 JOM 101 Tahlequah STEM Night Nov. 30
 VEX Teacher Training for Cherokee Nation Schools – Nov. 2
 Ranger Robotic VEX “In The Zone” Robotic Competition – Nov. 11

Sequoyah Schools

October 2017 Education Committee Meeting

Total Enrollment—384

Dorm Enrollment—83

9th Grade—92

Boys—48

10th Grade—99

Girls—35

11th Grade—92

12th Grade—101

1. Sequoyah Chess attended Carl Albert Chess Tournament, September 23, 2017. Jason Levine scored 2.5 points out of 5 rounds.
2. Cherokee Nation Chess Tournament hosted by Sequoyah Chess Club is scheduled for October 14, 2017 on National Chess Day. Jason Levine, William Watie, Adam Seine, and Noah Wilson will be playing in the tournament Saturday.
3. Laurin Keen hired on as new Algebra 1/Pre-algebra teacher at Sequoyah this SY2017-18.
4. Tony Speaks hired on as new Algebra 1 teacher at Sequoyah this SY2017-18.
5. Okmulgee Bulldog Invitational – received 2nd place in class in preliminaries and Bailey Stone was named outstanding Drum Major for class in preliminaries, placed 6th in finals (were 11th last year)
6. Verdigris Big Red Sound – received superior rating (received 3 ones, highest score you can get)
7. Chickasaw Nation Festival & Annual Meeting and Band Day Extravaganza – 1st place in class at parade, 1st place in class at field competition, Bailey Stone received Outstanding Drum Major out of all 28 bands that participated
8. Congratulations Drama – 2nd Place at OSSAA One Act Play Regionals! Katelyn Morton and Hannah Jimenez received individual All-State medals. Headed to State Oct. 28th.
9. New teacher, Mrs. Doyle, has adjusted to her new school and has been doing great things such as DNA collection and heart dissections with her Anatomy and Physiology class and doing many hands-on activities with her Physical Science classes.
10. New textbooks have been ordered and partial order received. The subjects are Physical Science, Honors Biology, Biology, and Environmental Science.
11. Robotics has been visited by a couple of schools that are setting up new robotics programs.

Cross Country runners Kayla Harp and Asa Robbins made Oklahoma All-State.

This brings the total to 5 students who made All-State for Sequoyah High School this fall.

School of Choice