

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

The **Alternative Education Program** had seven students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of April. Our total graduate count is **43** (**48** are Cherokee Nation citizens; **six** are members of different Federally Recognized tribes and **two** are/were clients of the Jack Brown Center.)

The new TABE test Forms 11 & 12 are available, however, the administration manuals and scoring sheets won't be ready until May. We will start using them on July 1, 2018.

The **Career Skills Education Classes** had 34 completions this month.

**Talking Leaves Job Corps** has been very busy identifying and undertaking changes needed to address the issues identified in an unexpected visit from the Department of Labor, Job Corps Division last week to check the integrity, safety, and security of the center.

Staff from **PL 102-477** attended the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/477 Conference (NINAETC). Ms. Dora Luna was named the Outstanding Participant at the Conference. She was selected from employment and training participants from across the United States and received a Pendleton blanket, a plaque, and a check for \$300. Her counselor Christy Stites traveled with her to the conference that was held the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> in Marksville, Louisiana. Ms. Luna is from Rogers County and district fourteen. She was our featured Vocational Participant Success in last month's Education Committee Monthly Report. Dora is another of our successful program participant of whom we are very proud.



**Disability Employment Initiative Program Participant Success:**



Melissa Crawford is a 42 year old Cherokee Citizen. Over the past 8 years, Melissa has faced many obstacles: In 2012, Melissa had a Craniotomy to remove a benign meningioma tumor. In 2016 she had a knee reconstruction and scope to replace her ACL. In 2016, she had Ovarian Cancer and had to have a complete hysterectomy. As a result of these issues; Melissa had been receiving social security disability insurance.

It has been Melissa's dream to drive a Semi Truck over the road. When she had brain surgery, she felt those dreams were crushed. After recovering from her last

medical issue and having been cancer free for a year she received a doctor's release stating that her driving restrictions had been reinstated.

Melissa visited Travis Gulley at CN Career Services and he was able to help her get admitted to the American Truck Driving School in Tulsa with funding from the Disability Employment Initiative Grant.

Melissa passed her DOT physical and her CDL-A permit test within the first week. After 5 weeks of training, she passed all exams and received her Class A CDL and certification of completion. She was hired full time with Covenant Transport. Melissa is making \$27.00 per hour while team driving and will make close to \$47.00 per hour when she has completed the team driving phase and will be driving on her own. Melissa's goal is to take her HazMat test and receive her certification to be able to transport Hazmat materials.

Melissa is very proud of herself and feels that she can overcome any obstacle that she is dealt with. Melissa says she is very thankful for the Cherokee Nation and financial assistance that they were able to provide to her.

The Cherokee Nation **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** participated in the statewide People with Disabilities Awareness Day at the Capitol. Mary Ross, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Cheryl Adams, Disability Resource Navigator and Marsha White, Disability Employment Initiative Program Manager, represented the Cherokee Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program and **Disability Employment Initiative Grant**.



**Vocational Rehabilitation**, in conjunction with the **Disability Employment Initiative**, hosted staff development for the Career Services professional counseling staff. We are proud of our disability employment related programs.



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## **College Resource Center**

### **Spring 2018**

# of Spring 2018 scholarship awards thru 3/12/2018	3,419 (1,578 Pell, 1,487 NonPell, 354 Grad)
# of Promise students for Spring 2018 thru 3/12/18	39 (30 NSU, 8 RSU, 1 CSC)
# of Freshmen Supplemental students for Spring 2018 thru 3/12/18	43 (28 NSU, 9 RSU, 6 CSC)
# of Spring 2018 concurrent scholarships awards	398 (88 Juniors, 310 Seniors)

### **School Year 2018-19 Applications Received as of April 15, 2018:**

- 107 Valedictorian/Salutatorian (Deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup>)
- 994 Cherokee Nation Scholarships (Undergraduate, Graduate and/or Concurrent Enrollment) (Deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>)

### **Accomplishments:**

1. 101 Fall 2017 graduates - 4 continued on to graduate school
2. 119 Spring 2018 graduates
3. 2018-19 Scholarships now open, accepting applications at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org>

### **Outreach & Presentations:**

- 3/13-14/18—Seminole State College, Transfer Bound Tribal Fair
- 3/15/18—Maryetta School, Resource Table
- 3/16/18—Vian HS, Application Help
- 3/18-21/18—JOM Conference- Tulsa, Resource Table
- 3/27/18—Ft. Smith HS, Presentation
- 3/29/18—Bartlesville HS, Presentation
- 4/5/18—Chouteau HS, Presentation
- 4/10/18—CN Immersion Charter School, Presentation
- 4/11/18—Salina HS, Application Help

### **Future Plans:**

1. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions with 14-county and contiguous area schools for 2018-19 online applications.
2. Planning 2018 College & Career Fairs 2018 – Tahlequah and Northern Areas – October/November 2018 TBD

## Head Start

Activity	December	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	35 Meetings Conducted	220 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	92 Site Visits	792 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	58.50 hours offered	312.25 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$1,335.02	\$15,524.09

### Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement February 2018

Breakfast -	Lunch -	Snack -
Total Food Cost - \$	Reimbursement - \$	

#### Accomplishments:

- 1) Due to the teacher walkout, the federal review originally scheduled for April 16-20, 2018 is rescheduled for the fall. Availability dates will be submitted by April 30, 2018 for the fall session.
- 2) The internal partners involved in the storm shelters met and tentatively scheduled the bid process to begin in the next month or so.
- 3) The annual GPS Management Institute was productive in plotting and planning the next school year. The process of updating, revising and adding required documents was assigned to various work groups and the process will be completed by April 30, 2018 for internal review and approval.
- 4) 2 staff members received their CDA's and 1 staff member renewed their CDA.

#### Upcoming Initiatives:

- 1) The quarterly Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2018 in the ECU conference room. The HAB is instrumental in revising and updating the health component of services to children.
- 2) National education managers training is scheduled May 8-10, 2018 at the Choctaw resort. The ECU is sending four education managers.
- 3) Fall enrollment is ongoing; however, pre-enrollment dates are scheduled in April and May to fill most of the fall slots.
- 4) Currently, there are 8 position vacancies in the ECU for the sites in Tahlequah, Salina, Jay and Cherry Tree.
- 5) End of the school year for Head Start children is May 2, 2018 and the Head Start faculty will be furloughed for the summer on May 7, 2018. They will return on July 23, 2018.

**JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

Activity	March/April			YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	Public School Outreach	YTD Total
# of students on program	26,007 (4/6/18)	-		26,007
# of schools participating	68	6	27	177
# of communities participating	3	-		3
# of special events	1	2	1	63
# participants students/adults	43	1033/	567	13,007/153
# of school staff participating		167	53	1164
# of contractors participating	2	2	3	96

**Accomplishments:**

1. JOM Staff worked Cherokee Language Bowl 3/14-15/18 Division I and III.
2. JOM FS told stories at the Heritage Center 50 students from Texas Tech, Ohio State and Washington D.C.
3. JOM Staff worked the 2018 OKJOM Conference March 19 & 20 – presented workshops, assisted where needed.  
We had 43 participants, 10 staff, 6 presenters total of 59 from Cherokee Nation attended. Full conference we had 361 in attendance
4. JOM FS Coordinator attended RTR meeting 3/27/18
5. Technical Assistance provided to school JOM Contacts via phone – Claremore, Foyil, Grandview, Locust Grove, Vinita, Warner Woodall
6. JOM FS Storytelling at ICTC 38 students in attendance.

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

1. JOM Coordinator and Field Specialist will present at NJOMA Conference April 9 & 10, 2018 At River Spirit Casino Resort – Tulsa, OK
2. JOM Coordinator chaperone Jr. Miss Cherokee attending Cherokee Days in Washington D.C. April 13-15 also attending at large meeting in Arlington, VA April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. JOM Coordinator working Education Booth April 19 at Vinita Community meeting.
4. JOM Coordinator attending RTR meeting 4/24/28
5. JOM 2018-19 JOM Application Workshop April 26, 2018

**Up Coming Events:**

NJOM Conference April 9 – 13  
JOM Art Reception April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Accomplishments:****List of Robotic teams that will be competing at VEX Robotic World Championship**

Team #	School	Town
1164A	Belfonte/Bell Elementary (Middle School)	Bell Campus, Stilwell, OK
1164B	Belfonte/Bell Elementary (Middle School)	Bell Campus, Stilwell, OK
9545A	Roland Middle School	Roland, OK

9545W	Roland High School	Roland, OK
23009A	Okay Elementary School	Okay, OK
74403B	Hilldale Middle School	Muskogee, OK
8856C	Cleora Middle School	Afton, OK
49464A	Cherokee Elementary-Tahlequah	Tahlequah, OK
49464B	Cherokee Elementary-Tahlequah	Tahlequah, OK
8827B	Greenwood Elementary-Tahlequah	Tahlequah, OK
88227D	Greenwood Elementary-Tahlequah	Tahlequah, OK
31408B	Tahlequah Middle School	Tahlequah, OK
31408C	Tahlequah Middle School	Tahlequah, OK

We had Westville and Bell schools as the repeat Champions of the Aero Games (Drone competition)

Camp Cherokee application is post on March 16<sup>th</sup>

Cherokee Nation Citizen won Muskogee Regional Science Fair Middle School Division and will compete at the ISEF

### **Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Nowata - Camp Cherokee (day camp) May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>
2. RSU - Camp Cherokee (day camp) May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>
3. Dwight Mission - Camp Cherokee (day camp) May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>
4. Summer Research Experience June and July (Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge)
5. Kansas - Camp Cherokee (day camp) June 12<sup>th</sup> thru June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Sequoyah Schools**

April 2018 Education Committee Meeting

Total Enrollment—354

Dorm Enrollment—57

9th Grade—89

Boys—34

10th Grade—95

Girls—23

11th Grade—90

12th Grade—81

15 Mid-graduates

Physics just got done verifying drag coefficients for parachutes they designed and built. This is to be used in parachuting loads launched from a trebuchet next week and recovery of water rockets and cameras the following weeks

Honors Biology is completing a Genetics unit and had the opportunity to extract their own DNA from their cheek cells during a lab activity

Robotics went to Council Bluff Iowa, first trip ever to Nationals. Students have displayed a competitive drive for next year's competition.