

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

Alternative Education had **eight** student pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of August. Our total graduate count is **61** (**53** of which are Cherokee Nation citizens. **Eight** are members of a different federally recognized tribe.)

Brad Perry, **Alternative Education** Supervisor, and Jana Kingfisher, Testing Assistant, attended the 2019 GED Testing Service Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from July 23-27th.

Alternative Education has developed a new HSE Class schedule for the 2019-20 year that will be in effect starting September 3, 2019:

- * Donna McNabb will hold classes at the Claremore CS Office, Cherokee Heights in Pryor, the Pryor 69A CS Office and at Catoosa Library;
- * Tammy Heflin will hold classes at the Sallisaw CS Office and Belfonte Community Building;
- * Marcie Harris will hold classes at the Stilwell CN Tribal Complex and Westville Library; and
- * Brad Perry will hold classes at the Tahlequah Learning Center and Kansas VoTech.

Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Program Manager, Marsha White and Chrystal Lofton, Disability Resource Navigator, completed and passed the Certified Work Incentive Practitioner course. They also completed the required training with American Dream Employment Network and will begin taking Ticket to Work clients in September, 2019.



DEI Disability Resource Navigator Chrystal Lofton attended the Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Conference held in Durant, Oklahoma. She received training on working with individuals with disabilities.



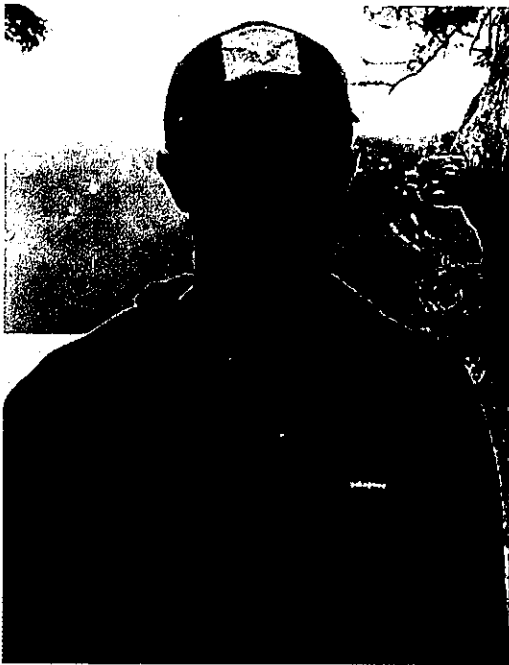
The **DEI** Lunch and Learn was presented to 45 Career Services Staff; the topic of the email and Lunch and Learn presentation was Ticket to Work.

The Department of Labor visited the Cherokee Nation complex to meet with the members of the **Trade and Economic Transition (TET)** Program. The technical assistance visit allowed a partnership with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to begin, as the Department of Labor wanted to use the Trade and Economic Transition team of Cherokee Nation as the shining example of how to operate a federal grant program. The team was allowed opportunities to talk about their operating procedures and best practices and show the federal project officers successful work experiences in action.



TET welcomed the newest and final addition to the team this month to complete the employment needs of the grant. Pryor Job Developer, Courtney Donkor, joins the team with an extensive background in academics and teaching. Courtney is originally from Locust Grove and she has worked with Native tribes in the southwestern region of the United States. She is glad to be back home and raising her family within the jurisdiction of her tribe.

Vocational Programs Participant Success:



Forrest Garner is currently a Power Plant Technology student at OSIVIT, Okmulgee. The student started his training in September 2017 and will complete in August 2019 with an Associate's of Applied Science in Power Plant Technology. With this degree he can start a career in the electrical power generation industry.

When Forrest chose this career, he wanted to have a job that would financially allow him to continue living in Northeast Oklahoma, but support family and personal expenses. As this area of Oklahoma has many large manufacturing industries plus water and electrical companies, Forrest believed this would be a good opportunity and career for him.

In the Power Plant Technology program, he learned how to utilize the latest technology and equipment with hands on training. He also participated in internships, a requirement for this program, so students can gain experience before they graduate. The students were

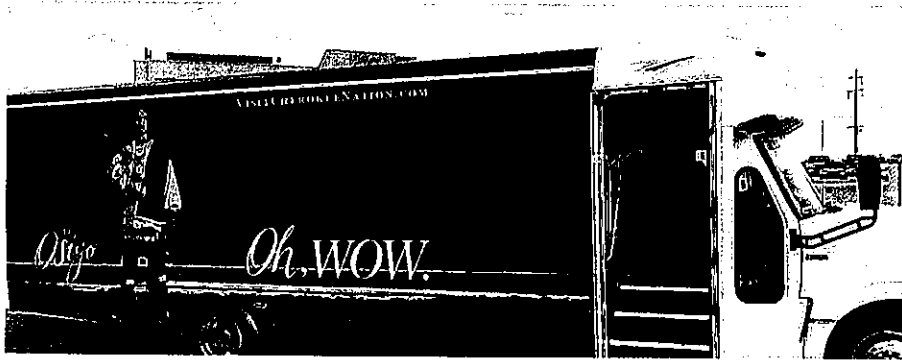
allowed to explore different aspects of a power plant from water chemistry to electrical distribution.

While participating in the internship at Grand River Dam Authority in Langley, and after becoming a second year student, Forrest was asked if he would like to continue working with the GRDA and receive a permanent position at completion of training. This was an exciting opportunity; the location was in the area he wanted and this allowed the student to receive pay of \$15.96 per hour while on his internship rotation. Forrest was also informed that at completion of training and with permanent employment, his salary would immediately increase to \$31.00 per hour. He gladly accepted this offer and will be eligible for a permanent position in August 2019.

The student is happy with his choice of the Power Plant Technology program and states he would like to encourage other individuals to consider this two year training. With ten power plants in Eastern Oklahoma, this particular training will always have a need for new ideas and employees to fill the jobs.

The **Career Skills Education Class** had 121 individuals complete training.

Diane Kelley, Career Services Executive Director assisted with the new Council Orientation.



Career Services staff participated in staff development for training to improve services to participants.



College Resource Center**School Year 2019-20 Applications Received as of August 14, 2019:**

- 5,548 Cherokee Nation Scholarships (Undergraduate, Graduate and/or Concurrent Enrollment)
 - 4,866 Applications approved as of 8/14/19.
- Payment to schools mailed weekly beginning August 19th, and continue weekly until complete.

Outreach & Presentations:

- July 13th Conference of Community Leaders – set up table Nancy Scott .
- July 18th Cherokee Nation Foundation presentation at NSU- Nancy Scott .
- July 20th Drillers game – set up table Savannah Smith .
- August 8th Cherokee casino employee appreciation day – set up table Nancy Scott and Chris Stilwell.

Future Plans:

1. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions with 14-county and contiguous area schools for 2019-20 school year.
2. October 8, 2019 – 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Vinita College & Career Night – Vinita Fairgrounds - Planning in progress.
3. October 22, 2019 – 5:30pm to 8:00pm – Tahlequah College & Career Night – Tahlequah Casino - Planning in progress.

Head Start

Activity	July	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	2 Meetings Conducted	134 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	52 Site Visits	1,322 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	74.25 hours offered	491.50 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$17,965.99	\$46,754.62

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement July 2019

Breakfast 1,435	Lunch 1,369	Snack 1,266
Total Food Cost – \$17,641.42		Reimbursement – \$8,823.85

Accomplishments:

- 1) Two management staff attended a "train the trainer" session in Portland, OR for CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) certification. Their credential qualifies them to provide the necessary training for the CLASS audits and will save the program a significant amount of training funds. They will also conduct training for our public school teachers.
- 2) The ECU submitted two grant applications. One is the annual continuation for Early Head Start and Head Start services. The second application includes one-time health and safety projects. If funded, the driveway and parking at the Salina site will be improved, as well as playground equipment and fencing and additional classroom cameras.
- 3) Replacement items have been ordered for the Webber Falls classroom and playground. A complete classroom kit and impact material and border will be replaced around the playground piece.
- 4) The Head Start children began school August 12, 2019 after the faculty completed two weeks of renewing health related certifications and setting up their classrooms.

Upcoming initiatives:

- 1) The quarterly public school Superintendents meeting is scheduled August 22, 2019 at 11:30 in the ECU conference room. This meeting kicks off the school year planning and review of goals and expectations of teachers and supervisors as well as plotting the training schedule for CLASS reliability certification.
- 2) A strategic planning session for management staff is scheduled for August 28-29 in the areas of training, recruitment/retention/reward, documentation and events.
- 3) Representatives from the FACES research project (Family and Child Experiences Survey) will make a site visit in Sept or Oct. The research project involves interviewing parents to collect data on services provided. Research will provide descriptive, nationally representative information on the characteristics, experiences and development of Head Start children and families, and the characteristics of the Head Start programs and staff who serve them.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	July/August		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,849 (8/14/19)	-	26,297
# of schools participating	68	9	409
# of communities participating	3	-	22
# of special events		2	137
# participants students/adults		209	172,488/834
# of school staff participating			2125
# of contractors participating			212

Accomplishments:

1. JOM FS working on JOM Claims 2018-19 school year close out.
2. JOM FS Reviewing 2019-20 JOM Applications for approval.
3. JOM Manager and Field Specialist Coordinator met with a group from Washington D.C. Government Audit Office 7/17/19.
4. JOM FS Coordinator presented Cultural Presentation at Foster Kids Camp in Stilwell 30 students - 7/18/19.
5. JOM FS Staff attended 2019 OKJOM close out meeting in McAlester, OK 6/24/29 .
6. JOM FS presented Stickball at Cherokee Heritage Center for the ACT Camp students there were 25 students 7/18/19.
7. JOM FS and Coordinator assisted with Camp Cherokee registration and bus transportation 7/21 - 26/19.
8. JOM Staff strategic planning 7/28 – 31/19.
9. JOM FS Coordinator attending a meeting at Roger County Community Organization building spoke to JOM contacts from Rogers County about JOM 10 JOM Contacts or school personnel in attendance, 8/1/19.
10. JOM FS Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and JOM Manager attended 2020 OKJOM Planning meeting in Thackerville, OK 8/5/19.
11. JOM FS met with new Superintendent at Leach Public Schools 8/6/19.
12. JOM FS met with new Superintendent at Hulbert Public Schools 8/7/19.
13. JOM FS met with Belfonte/Bell JOM contact 8/7/19.
14. JOM FS Coordinator met with Woodall JOM Contact 8/9/19.
15. JOM FS Coordinator met with Jay JOM Contact 8/12/19.
16. JOM FS Coordinator provided technical assistance to Bell, Claremore, Kansas, Sequoyah, and Dahlongegah.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. August 20 – JOM Staff meeting .
2. September 5 – 2020 OKJOM Planning meeting Tahlequah, OK .
3. August 26 – 30 Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools at Dahlongegah.
4. September 9 – 13 Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools and Language Mentor Program.
5. September 16 – 20 Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools and Language Mentor Program.
6. September 30 – October 4 Cherokee Challenge Bowl.
7. October 3 -4 Ancient Cherokee Days.
8. October 21- 25 Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools.
9. November 7 -8 Cherokee Heritage Days.

Sequoyah Schools

August 20- Cherokee County Superintendent Meeting.

August 20- BIA Minnesota Regional Officer, Loren Welch, here for facilities inspection.

August 26- BIA Condition Assessment Audit.

August 27- Parent Teacher Conferences 4- 7pm.

August 29- Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm.

August 29- Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools here for Facility Condition Assessment.

Future Meeting:

Sept. 5- Sequoyah Board of Education Meeting.



SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS
School of Choice



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Principal

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**SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER
REPORT TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

August 20- Cherokee County Superintendent Meeting
August 20- BIA Minnesota Regional Officer, Loren Welch, here for facilities inspection
August 22- Volleyball at Wagoner
August 23- Football scrimmage at Sallisaw
August 24- Country at Hennessey
August 26- BIA Condition Assessment Audit
August 26- Softball at Kansas
August 27- Volleyball at Verdigris
August 27- Parent Teacher Conferences 4- 7pm
August 29- Football scrimmage vs. Roland here
August 29- Volleyball at East Central
August 29- Cross Country at Tahlequah High School
August 29- Softball at Wilburton
August 29- Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
August 29- EOTS here for Facility Condition Assessment
Sept. 5- Sequoyah Board of Education Meeting
Sept. 5- Volleyball at Inola
Sept. 5-7- Softball at Silo Tournament
Sept. 6- First home football game vs Muldrow
Sept. 6&7- Volleyball at Wagoner Tournament
Sept. 7- Cross Country at Riverside
Sept. 9- Softball vs Dewey home game
Sept. 10- Volleyball at Westville
Sept. 10- Softball at Oktaha
Sept. 12- Volleyball vs Salina home game
Sept. 13- Football at Miami
Sept. 16- Softball at Vian
Sept. 17- Volleyball at Okay
Sept. 17- Softball vs Sperry home game
Sept. 17- Cross Country at Adair
Sept. 19- Volleyball vs Inola home game
Sept. 19-21- Sequoyah Softball Tournament

Sept. 20- Football vs Locust Grove home game

Sept. 23- Softball at Adair

Sept. 24- Volleyball at Salina

Sept. 24- Softball at Skiatook

Sept. 26- Volleyball vs Wagoner home game

Sept. 26- Softball vs Lincoln Christian

Sept. 27- Football at Keys

Sept. 28- Sequoyah hosts Sequoyah Cross Country Meet

Sept. 30- Volleyball at Claremore Sequoyah

Dorm count on 8/29/19 was 79 students

Student enrollment is 370

Sequoyah CCLC After School Program is now underway

SHS Lady Indian softball team is currently undefeated with 13-0 record

Lady Indian volleyball finished second in the Salina Tournament

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