

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

**Alternative Education** had two student pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of October. HSE (High School Equivalency) Graduation was held at the Chota Center in Tahlequah on September 19, 2019. Cherokee Tribal member students were rewarded with a \$300.00 stipend and all graduates were presented with a framed diploma. There were a total of 279 guests in attendance, including Principal Deputy Chief Bryan Warner, who served as guest speaker; Councilman Keith Austin, who presented the "Graduation Welcome"; Councilmembers Mike Dobbins and Daryl Legg; and S. Diane Kelley, Executive Director of Career Services. After the ceremony, guests were treated to a dessert reception.



**Career Skills Education Classes** had 77 individuals complete. CSEC staff assisted with facilitation efforts for both the TANF Joint Training (9/4) and Internal/External Training (9/6) – 25 participants; and with the GED/HSE Graduation (9/19)

The Cherokee Nation **TERO** offered Lead Base Paint (LBP) Abatement Supervisor training to TERO certified vendors. Initially contact was made with 117 TERO vendors. Of those, 25 had responded that they would be attending. Ten received voice mails but did not respond and the remainder showed no interest in the certification.

Training was scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and seven individuals representing six companies attended the training. These companies will be able to bid on future LBP Abatement projects. The companies represented were:

- TTA Construction, Sallisaw, OK
- Rivervalley Construction, Marble City, OK
- Heritage Construction, Marble City, OK
- J&S Remodeling, Eufaula, OK
- Renovation by Helms, Bixby, OK
- RPL Construction, LLC Tahlequah, OK

The TERO is currently sending out invitations to the contractors listed above to send individuals to attend a LBP Workers Training. All had committed to sending people to be worker certified during the supervisor training. LBP Abatement Worker training is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>

and 30<sup>th</sup> Invitations are not only going to the six companies that attended the training, but also the additional 20 that had previously said they were interested in the LBP training.

TERO is also planning on offering another LBP supervisors training. This has not been scheduled yet but plans are to have it in November or early December. All of these training are scheduled at the Instructor's discretion.

Here's the first look at the **Tribal Career Readiness Construction Training** that started this evening at NTC in Pryor. All 14 participants showed up ready to go.



### **Vocational Participant Success Story:**

NACTEP – Business Tech 2019 student Cayla Mounce submitted the following:



My name is Cayla Mounce, I am 25 years old, and I have two of the most precious little humans that have ever walked this earth! I only mention them because every decision I make in life, it has to benefit them. I'm a current Business Tech student. I have lived in Tahlequah for four years. Three out of the four years, I was working fulltime. After I had left my previous job, I was in a rut finding a new job. It wasn't easy, I was on the Tribal Day Training program through Career Services for a few months until my time ran out.

While on Day Training, I was placed at the Veteran's Center working with Kim Lack who told me about a class she attended that helped her get her position at the center. I was able to be put in on the waiting list. I was growing impatient with the

wait so I looked into classes at ICTC, where I was accepted into the Medical Office Assistant program. My first week in the class, I got the call about doing an interview for the NACTEP-Business Tech class. I was so excited, I went and talked to a counselor in Career Services about my options to see which direction I should go since getting the interview doesn't guarantee me a place in the class. She told me that it was up to me but I should definitely pray about it... so that's what I did. I prayed and prayed some more. Then when the time for final un-enrollment came at ICTC I decided to take my chances with the Business Tech class.

I went to my interview and was told that if I was chosen for the class, I would get a phone call. It felt like the longest wait of my life. If this class didn't work out, I would be back to square one. I finally got the call and after I hung up, I was literally crying tears of joy. I wasn't sure how the

class was going to go but being a “millennial” I was very knowledgeable when it came to computers so I felt like I had a good chance of doing well in the class. My goal was to get in and get out, as fast as I can with as many certifications as I can because the faster I got done with the class the closer I was to being more qualified to apply at jobs within Cherokee Nation and hopefully getting hired on. I started the class in March of this year. In 3.5 months, I was able to get six certifications in MOS Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel, SharePoint and OneNote. In July, I started a practicum back at the Veteran’s Center. Even though I loved being at the Veterans Center, I was looking for something more because a full time position there wasn’t going to open up and I wanted to stick to my goal of getting a full time position within Cherokee Nation. That’s when Jan called me and told me about a position down at Career Services and that she had everything set up for me to get into the practicum until the position fully opens up.

So working the front desk in Career Services on my practicum is where I am currently at and waiting for the position of Customer Service Rep to open so I can apply. I’m hoping that my practicum experience here will help my chances of getting hired full-time. I am super grateful to be in the Career Services Department because if it wasn’t for the department and the services they offer, I wouldn’t have gotten this amazing opportunity because it is giving me the chance to provide a better life for my kids and myself. I am super thankful to have Jan Grogan as my counselor, who was/is always so encouraging and was there for me whenever I needed her. Things in the class weren’t always perfect but at the end of the day I had to focus and keep my goal in mind and put all the negative things aside but my overall experience with the Business Tech program, was definitely a good experience!

Sincerely,

Cayla Mounce, Student  
NACTEP Business Tech Program

**College Resource Center**

## Fall 2019 Funding Summary

# Funded = 4,904

# Undergrad (P/NP) – 4,104

# Grad - 470

# CE - 323

**Outreach & Presentations:**September 16<sup>th</sup> - Union HS - College FairSeptember 17<sup>th</sup> – Amherst College Representative - PresentationSeptember 18<sup>th</sup> – Sallisaw – Sequoyah County Counselors meeting presentationSeptember 18<sup>th</sup> – Fort Lewis College Representative - PresentationSeptember 20<sup>th</sup> - Muskogee HS - College FairSeptember 24<sup>th</sup> - Bartlesville HS - College FairSeptember 26<sup>th</sup> - Tahlequah HS - College FairOctober 1<sup>st</sup> – Skiatook HS - College FairOctober 3<sup>rd</sup> – Collinsville HS - College FairOctober 5<sup>th</sup> – Foyil – Block Party - TableOctober 4<sup>th</sup> – Owasso HS - College FairOctober 7<sup>th</sup> – Muskogee – Three Rivers - Community MeetingOctober 8<sup>th</sup> – Vinita - College Resources College and Career Fair – **88 Attended**October 10<sup>th</sup> - Mayes County FAFSA Night - TableOctober 11<sup>th</sup> - Vinita HS – Presentation**Future Plans:**

1. October 1, 2019 Concurrent Enrollment Application opened online at [scholarships.cherokee.org](http://scholarships.cherokee.org) for Spring 2020 with a deadline of December 28, 2019 at 11:59pm CST
2. Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Tahlequah Area) – October 22, 2019 at “Chota Conference Center” Tahlequah Casino
3. December 28, 2019 at 11:59pm CST – renewal deadline for scholarship students (UG, Promise & Grad) funded Fall 2019 to submit transcript and self-help forms.
4. Scheduling visits to public schools for school year 2019-20

**Head Start**

## Activity

## September

## YTD

# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	14 Meetings Conducted	28 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	194 Site Visits	315 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	43.75 hours offered	76.50 hours offered

CC Expenditures - Travel	\$24,486.86	\$84,373.11
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Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement  
September 2019

Breakfast 5,021	Lunch 5,317	Snack 5,141
Total Food Cost – \$		Reimbursement – \$33,464.88

Accomplishments:

- 1) The storm safe room in the Children's Village is complete. Currently, teachers are scheduling story time and gross motor activities in the safe room for the children to get well acquainted with it if/when it's needed. We're very proud and thankful for all the safe rooms.
- 2) The parent orientation sessions are completed at all sites. These sessions assist parents in becoming familiar with program practices, policies and systems. The orientation is a proactive approach to fielding many questions parent have about the program.
- 3) The ECU must complete all the comprehensive health screenings within 45 days of enrollment. Kudos to the staff for once again meeting this deadline for all children enrolled and moving on to address any required follow up appointments or additional screenings.
- 3) Approval from the Office of Head Start in Washington, DC was received to purchase program vehicles, additional portable display boards for the classroom, cameras and playground equipment. This will complete the camera project in all classrooms. Installation is on a phase in schedule.
- 4) A representative of the Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES) Research made the initial visit to recruit parents to participate in the project. One of our public school partners, Maryetta Public School, and the Children's Village were selected for the first round.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- 1) The quarterly Health Advisory Board (HAB) meeting is scheduled for October, 22, 2019. The HAB typically addresses questions that faculty experience that are health related.
- 2) The water line replacement in the Children's Village will be in full swing during November and the sewer line replacement will follow or take place concurrently. There will be temporary inconveniences with sidewalks, driveways and fences taken down or removed.
- 3) Several supervisors and faculty will attend training conferences in October and November. Topics include health and disabilities, recruitment and enrollment, instructional leadership, Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and Practice Based Coaching.

**JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

Activity	September/October		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total

# of students on program	25,475 (10/16/19)		26,297
# of schools participating	68	37	448
# of communities participating	3		22
# of special events	1	5	146
# participants students/adults		1686	174,174/834
# of school staff participating		148	2281
# of contractors participating		6	218

**Accomplishments:**

1. 68 - 2019-20 JOM Applications have been approved.
2. Reviewing 3 - 2019-20 JOM Applications for approval.
3. School visit to Chelsea 9/18/19
4. Cherokee Heritage Center in OKC at the Cowboy Hall of Fame did Cultural presentations 9/24/19. Over 750 students were in attendance.
5. Cherokee Challenge Bowl 9/30/19 – 10/1-3/19.
6. Attended the National Indian Education Association Convention in Minnesota 10/7 – 11/19.
7. Provided technical assistance to Braggs, Dahlenegah and Sequoyah ( Claremore)

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. October 21 – JOM Staff will attend Watts JOM Indian Education Committee Elections
2. October 24 – Attend 2020 OKJOM Planning meeting – Okmulgee, OK
3. October 25 – JOM Staff will attend Chouteau-Mazie JOM Indian Education Committee Elections
4. October 21- 25 Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School
5. November 7 -8 Cherokee Heritage Days

**JOM Program Activities**

Activity	September 19, 2019 – October 16, 2019	#	Total	YTD
# of students participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Grand View	23	1686	1686
	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Zion	98		
	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Greenwood	86		
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl	372		
	Ancient Cherokee Days	1107		
# of schools participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Grand View	1	37	37
	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Zion	1		
	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment School Greenwood	1		
	Cherokee Challenge Bowl	22		
	Ancient Cherokee Days	12		



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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOVEMBER REPORT 2019

**Sequoyah High School's H.O.P.E. Club is recognizing Native American Month with activities throughout the month on the following dates;**

- Nov. 1- Play marbles at 11 am**
- Nov. 2- Stomp Dance at 3 pm (Saturday)**
- Nov. 4- Movie "Smoke Signals" after school**
- Nov. 6- Stickball (during lunch)**
- Nov. 7- Cherokee Heritage Festival at Heritage Center at 9 am**
- Nov. 7- Moccasin workshop at NSU UC after school**
- Nov. 8- Cherokee Heritage Festival 9 am**
- Nov. 11- Movie "Crooked Arrow"**
- Nov. 12- Beadwork class NSU UC 225-226**
- Nov. 13- Stickball**
- Nov. 14- Powwow Presentation Muskogee High School 8 am**
- Nov. 14- Storytelling Gayle Ross Center**
- Nov. 15- Powwow Presentation Stilwell High School**
- Nov. 15- Making Fry Bread after school**
- Nov. 18- Beadwork-earrings 11 am**
- Nov. 18- Movie "Thunder Heart" after school**
- Nov. 19- Native American Month Assembly SHS Gym 9 am**
- Nov. 20- Powwow Presentation Creek and Sadler Elementary 8 am**
- Nov. 20- Metalwork class NSU UC 223-224**
- Nov. 21- Beadwork 11 am**
- Nov. 22- Marbles 11 am**

**SHS Events**

**Nov. 8- Students put on Veteran's Day/Freedom Assembly 9:30 am**

**Nov. 8- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter**

**Nov. 11- Veteran's Day No School**

**Nov. 21- Thanksgiving Meal**

**Nov. 25-29- Thanksgiving Break**

### **SHS Drama**

**Finished as Regional Runner-up for the third year in a row**

**Oct. 25- State Meet at Bixby High School**

### **Academic Team**

**Nov. 16- Academic Regional Competition**

### **Sequoyah Football**

**Nov. 1- Senior night vs Panama**

**Nov. 8- Play at Spiro**

**Nov. 15- OSSAA Playoffs TBA**

### **Cross Country**

**Oct. 19- Girls finished as Regional Runner-up and qualified for state 30 times out of the last 31 years**

**Oct. 19- Boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Regionals and qualified for state for the 33<sup>rd</sup> straight year (which was when Coach Horsechief became head coach)**

**Nov. 2- Meet of Champions**

**Nov. 9- Oklahoma/Arkansas Classic**

### **Basketball**

**Nov. 11-16 Sequoyah Freshman Tournament**

**Nov. 18- Freshman vs Bishop Kelley 6 pm**

**Nov. 21- Freshman vs Kiefer 6 pm**

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