

## Kelly's October 2011 Monthly Email

### **Newly Revised and Expanded Business and Industry Recognized Endorsements (Attachment)**

Students who have attained an ODCTE approved business and industry recognized endorsement will now have that credential transcribed.

Senate Bill 497 states: "Beginning with students who enter the 9th grade in 2008-2009 school year, school districts shall report the student's performance levels on end of instruction tests and any business and industry-recognized endorsements attained on the high school transcript." ***Those students are now this year's seniors.***

These Business and Industry-Recognized Endorsements have been approved by the OK Department of Career and Technology Education using the following criteria: 1) rigorous, 2) standardized, 3) independently graded, 4) knowledge-based, 5) administered on a multi-state or international level, and 6) covers a program of study (not individual course).

The technology center will notify their partner school when a student of theirs has attained this credential. The partner school will then put it on the student's transcript. We will be emailing this out to high school counselors as well, but feel free to share with them so if a comprehensive high school student earns one, they will have that information. You can also find this at:

[www.okcareertech.org/cac/Pages/guidance/B%20&%20I%20Endorse%20List%202011%20Ver%20%20by%20alpha.pdf](http://www.okcareertech.org/cac/Pages/guidance/B%20&%20I%20Endorse%20List%202011%20Ver%20%20by%20alpha.pdf)

### **GuidanceFest**

We have held our first session of GuidanceFest 2011 at Canadian Valley - Yukon Campus. A big thank you to our hosts and to all the technology centers who encouraged their partner school counselors to come! We had over 60 counselors attend. These workshops are designed with comprehensive school counselors in mind so please encourage your partner schools to come. At each site, there will be time dedicated for each tech center to update/share/network with their partner school counselors. These workshops are free but as always, online registration is needed for accurate counts for refreshments and materials. Upcoming GuidanceFest sessions:

November 1, 2011 - Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Ft. Cobb

November 3, 2011 - Northwest Technology Center, Alva

November 9, 2011 - Kiamichi Technology Center, McAlester

November 17, 2011 - Northeast Technology Center, Claremore

Register for the GuidanceFest 2011 nearest you:

[www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm](http://www.okcareertech.org/techprep/guidancefest.htm)

### **PLTW Counselor Conference** (attachment)

Hopefully, you have this information, but there is a Project Lead the Way Counselor Conference November 7 in Oklahoma City at the Magnuson Conference Center, formerly the Clarion Meridian Convention Center. This conference is for counselors in the tech centers or comprehensive schools that have Pre-Engineering, Gateway or Biomedical programs or are interested in starting one. Please contact Debbie McElroy ? [dmcel@okcareertech.org](mailto:dmcel@okcareertech.org) if you have not registered and are planning to come. Registration attached.

### **CIMC Catalog**

PDF versions of the CIMC Catalog are now available to download:

<http://www.okcimc.com/catalog/index.htm>

### **NCDA Poster/Poetry Contest** (attachments)

Students can celebrate their favorite career by entering the K- Adult Career Poster and Poetry Contest. This year's theme is "My Career Dreams." The contest is designed to bring attention to the importance of life-long career development and the personal empowerment of all people. State winners win a monetary prize and go on to compete at a national level. Schools send in their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for the categories and overall state winners are chosen from that pool. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 13. Entry forms are attached. Soon the entry forms will also be posted at: [www.okacteguidance.org](http://www.okacteguidance.org) under Career Poster/Poetry Contest: My Career Dreams.

### **Conferences you may be interested in:**

The **Safe and Healthy Schools Conference** in collaboration with The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be held Monday, November 14th, at the Magnuson Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

This is a free professional development conference that will consist of a variety of workshops including bullying prevention, health education, substance abuse prevention, mental health concerns, and suicide prevention. Workshops will be taught by professional educators and nationally-known health, safety, and mental health experts. Several youth presentations will be offered to highlight youth-led organizations in schools.

You can find out additional information and register at [sde.state.ok.us/Schools/SafeHealthy/default.html](http://sde.state.ok.us/Schools/SafeHealthy/default.html)

Contact for more information:

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Safe and Healthy Schools  
Phone: 405-521-2106

The SDE also announced their future plans for the **Encyclo-Media** conference. From this point forward, the Oklahoma Technology Association (OTA) will merge its annual conference with Encyclo-Media, and OTA will become the lead sponsoring organization for the event.

Below is a message from the Oklahoma Technology Association  
OTA and Encyclo-Media- Together! February 7 & 8, 2012 - Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Technology Association announces it will assume the role of the lead sponsoring organization for Encyclo-media beginning with its 2011-2012 Conference. Encyclo-media will be combined with the OTA Annual Conference on February 7-8, 2012, at the Cox Business Center in Oklahoma City. Thereafter, Oklahoma's premier professional development opportunity for teachers, librarians, counselors, technology directors, gifted and talented teachers, administrators, and other school professionals will be held in the Fall beginning in 2012. Mark your calendars now to join us in Oklahoma City on February 7-8 as we launch a new tradition of the Oklahoma Technology Association along with its many partners showcasing the largest and most diverse professional development opportunities available to Oklahoma educators. The Call for Presentations is currently available online, and online registration information will be forthcoming at the OTA website: [www.oktech.org](http://www.oktech.org)