

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

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Quote

"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm." – Colette

Great video on the importance of CareerTech

Mike Rowe, of Dirty Jobs fame, presents an incredible case on the importance of CareerTech to a large Boy Scout Jamboree. A must watch for everyone interested in how to move forward in American education.

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/07/21/video-eagle-scout-mike-rowe-tells-scouts-to-work-smart-and-hard/>

14 teams submit agency organizational design ideas

The Oklahoma Department of CareerTech has great people working in a very complicated organizational structure. Each of the parts of the organization made sense at some point, but they are not aligned to our emerging focus on strategic purposes, major processes and results-oriented leadership. Creating an effective organizational structure requires great effort and creative thinking. In order to maximize the number of people thinking about this issue, the department held an organizational design competition. We received 14 team submissions for the competition. These designs are heading to a group of external judges to select the winning design.

Thanks to all the voluntary hard work from the 14 teams who submitted proposals. The proposals are diverse and full of great ideas. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winning team.

Director's Views

Watch for some ideas on the successes, challenges and solutions for CareerTech, education and workforce development in a monthly column. The column will be posted on our website. The link to the first column is <http://www.okcareertech.org/news/directors-views>. Please feel free to distribute to your staff and stakeholders in your local communities. Look forward to your comments and any ideas for future columns.

CareerTech Foundation fundraiser – July 31, 2013

This is the week. The annual foundation golf outing is Wednesday. We are ahead of last year in sponsors and teams. There are a few team spaces left (we are confirmed with 31 teams out of the possible 36). Look forward to seeing all of you there!

Coffee Creek Golf Course

July 31, 2013

4000 North Kelly • Edmond, OK 73003

405.340.4653 • Tee Time – 8 a.m.

- Format: Four-Person Scramble — Shotgun Start
- Each team must have a minimum handicap of 50 (25 will be the maximum allowed per player)
- Cost: \$90 Per Player (Payment must be received by July 25, 2013)
- Includes: Lunch, Green Fee, Cart and Mulligans (2)
\$5 Per Player Split the Pot (Closest to the Pin) Contest.
- Prizes: 1st Place Team/flight • Hole-in-One • 2nd Place Team/flight • Longest Drive (Men's and Women's)
- Tournament will be flighted based on team participation
- Note: Soft spikes and collared shirt required.

Digital CareerTech effort moves forward

A team of agency staff members and representatives of our state's technology centers (Tri County, Tulsa Tech and Francis Tuttle) traveled to Arizona this week to engage in digital delivery discussions. The goal was to determine how Oklahoma can capitalize on the exceptional resources in our state - institutions, teachers, content, assessments, etc. - as they offer digital solutions to our students. Joining the team were members of the Butler Tech (Ohio) digital delivery team, allowing us to explore best practices from both states. The process of investigating advancements in digital delivery places the student at the center of the learning process. Finding ways to use these educational advancements in CareerTech will require considerable discussions and thought. (submitted by Kimberly Sadler)

CareerTech and AP coursework – a combination for success

The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education and the College Board (the folks that produce the SAT) have joined forces to identify AP courses that are tightly aligned to CareerTech content. A complete rundown of this important partnership can be found at <http://blog.careertech.org/?p=9085>

Vietnamese delegation coming to Oklahoma

On August 19, a delegation from Vietnam will be visiting our state to explore how we can assist their country in elevating CareerTech course delivery, curriculum and assessment. The delegation will be meeting with staff from the agency and Meridian Tech. (submitted by Kimberly Sadler)

CareerTech improves college attendance

Another in a growing series of studies show that CareerTech positively impacts college attendance. Once again, if you want a skilled workforce AND more college degrees, get students into CareerTech. <http://www.jsonline.com/news/education/study-specialized-programs-boost-mps-students-into-college-b9959604z1-216922061.html>

National curriculum work centered in Oklahoma

On August 27-28, the National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Safety will be visiting the agency to finalize a collaboration agreement for the development of curriculum and assessments for their national consortium. (submitted by Kimberly Sadler)

Schedule for the week

This schedule is subject to change without notice:

Monday

Meeting with Lynn Hardin, Oklahoma City Schools Board President
Data exchange meeting
Meeting with Governor's staff
Meeting on agency staffing
WorkKeys data meeting

Tuesday

Meeting with Ernst and Young
Branding meeting with OKACTE
Meeting with selected common and tech center superintendents on blended learning

Wednesday

Oklahoma CareerTech Foundation Annual Golf Outing
Summer conference practice and meetings

Thursday

Annual summer conference program

Friday

Annual summer conference program

See you around!