



Oklahoma CareerTech Champions

Succeed in the workplace, in education and in life!



Christopher Nelson
Autry Technology Center, Enid

Then: After moving to Hennessey, Okla. from Alaska, Chris enrolled in Autry Tech's Graphic Arts program. Chris

- Graduated from Hennessey High School.
- Learned skills to win several national SkillsUSA competitions.

• Earned a Graphic Arts degree at Oklahoma State University.

Now: As owner of a photography and design business, Chris lives on the West Coast and conducts business in such places as Budapest and Hong Kong.



Melissa Stonebarger
Canadian Valley Technology Center, Chickasha

Then: A high school student heading down a lonely path of self-destruction, CVTC's Graphic Design program helped Melissa

- Find a positive focus in her life.
- Earn a graphic design internship with

Canadian Valley's Communications and Marketing Department.

• Learn to produce graphic designs for billboards, t-shirts and other promotional items.

Now: At 20 years of age, Melissa works for Fox 25 in Oklahoma City as a graphic designer.



Pam Ray
Southwest Technology Center, Altus

Then: Pam's high school goals of a nursing career continued through marriage, divorce and single-parenting five children. Through the Health Careers student organization, HOSA, and SWTC's Licensed Practical Nursing program, Pam

- Served as a local and state HOSA officer.
- Learned skills that enabled her to work as a nurse's aide at Jackson County Memorial Hospital while continuing her education at Western Oklahoma State College.
- Graduated with a 100 percent pass rate on the state board exam.
- Returned to SWTC as the Health Science Technology instructor at Southwest Technology Center.

Now: Pam is the SWTC Health Science Technology instructor, a role model for her students, a respected instructor and HOSA chapter adviser. She is also active in community service.



United Linen and Uniform Rental

Tri County Technology Center, Bartlesville

Then: A growing family-owned business in need of more efficient

training for numerous employees, United Linen's partnership with Tri County Tech's economic and community development team helped the company

- Train its employees on site and at Tri County Tech.
- Grow to serve three states: Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.
- Develop a Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention course that has lowered the number of accidents.

Now: United Linen employs 120 trained workers and serves 2,500 customers while maintaining a competitive edge.



Tom Tindale
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, Ardmore

Then: At Plainview High School, Tom dreamed of designing yachts. By combining SOTC's Computer-Aided Drafting and Design program with the Science and Math Regional Center in

Ardmore, Tom was able to

- Understand calculus and physics.
- Develop Computer-Aided Drafting and Design skills.
- Complete English IV on-line through the tech center.

Now: In 2006 Tom was one of only 26 students accepted nationwide at the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in Glen Cove, N.Y. Today he is taking the classes needed to pursue his dream.



Micky Marsee
Mid-America Technology Center, Wayne

Then: A 1977 Noble High School graduate unable to afford a college education, Micky was interested in the electrical field. As electrical trades programs were not yet offered, MATC's Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

program helped Micky

- Easily find a job after graduation from the program.
- Develop skills to obtain both HVAC, and later, electrical licenses.
- Have a satisfying career for 30 years, and then return to the CareerTech system as an instructor.

Now: As an Electrical instructor at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center's Skills Center, Mickey teaches female inmates some of the knowledge and skills he learned throughout his career.

DELIVERY SYSTEM—FY07

94.5 Percent of Program Graduates Have Positive Placement (Employed, military, and continuing education)

CareerTech Programs at Middle, Junior and Senior High Schools . . .

Provide hands-on learning and opportunities to explore potential careers.

- Seven CareerTech occupational program areas serve students in Grades 6-12.
- Programs are in 562 middle, junior and senior high schools.
- FY07 enrollments total 142,804.*
- In FY07, 73,810 middle school through adult students are members of CareerTech student organizations, which help develop teamwork and leadership skills for the workplace and for life.

Programs and related student organizations:

- **Technology Education/Technology Student Association (TSA)**
- **Marketing Education/DECA**
- **Family and Consumer Sciences Education/ Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)**
- **Trade and Industry Education/SkillsUSA**
- **Agricultural Education/FFA**
- **Health Careers Education/HOSA**
- **Business and Information Technology Education/ Business Professionals of America (BPA)**

29 Technology Centers on 56 Campuses in 72 Counties

440,494 High School, Adult, Business and Industry Enrollments*†

Did You Know?

- Oklahoma CareerTech graduates add \$2 billion annually to the state's economy.
- The CareerTech system increased profitability for more than 6,900 state companies in FY07.
- More than 68,000 college credit hours were earned last year by 3,425 high school and 7,682 adult students.
- One-half of Oklahoma high school students, or more than 89,000 students, are enrolled in CareerTech classes.

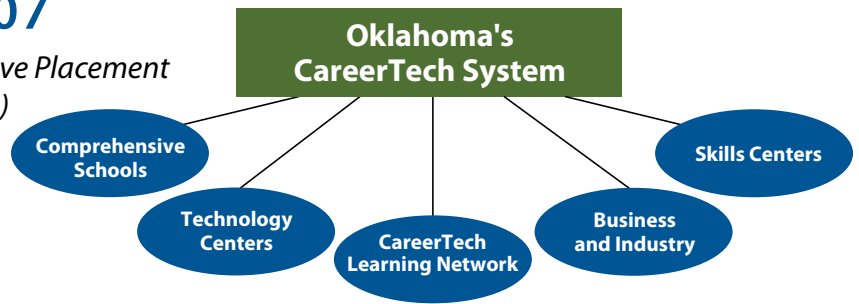
*Some students are enrolled in more than one program.

†Enrollments are for programs supported by state funding only and do not reflect community service activities at local technology centers.

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Business and Industry

Services are provided to companies considering locating in Oklahoma, existing Oklahoma companies, small businesses wishing to grow and entrepreneurs just getting started.

6,910 Oklahoma businesses were served through the CareerTech system in FY07.

81,351 Adult and Career Development enrollments*†

These programs allow the general public to enhance skills or to learn new skills.

330,474 Industry Specific enrollments* include training programs such as:

- Training for Industry Programs (TIP)
- Safety and Health for new and expanding companies
- Customized Industry

CareerTech Inmate Training Programs at 19 Skills Centers Sites

Inmates with technical and academic skills are less likely to return to crime.

Occupational, life and coping skills training are provided for:

- Soon-to-be-released inmates
- Juveniles in detention centers
- Youthful offenders

Skills Centers instructors place offenders in jobs upon release in areas such as:

- Construction trades
- Information Technology
- Auto Service Technology
- Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Electrical/Mechanical

In the past five years, more than 85 percent of program graduates have been placed in training-related jobs.

In 2007, there were 1,789 enrollments in Skills Center programs.

CareerTech Learning Network

CTLN is an educational and training system that

- Offers service 24 hours a day, every day to customers.
- Uses a variety of instructional and distance technologies with state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and schools in Oklahoma.
- Includes an interactive portal site that links customers to a variety of educational experiences from their homes, businesses or classrooms.