

# Oklahoma CareerTech Champions



## Stock Exchange Bank *High Plains Technology Center*

**THEN:** In business since 1903, this community-minded business wanted economic success and better quality of life for residents. First partnering with High Plains 28 years ago, bank officials realized the technology center offered potential for growth and

prosperity in northwest Oklahoma. Together the partners have benefited by

- Bank management speaking on topics from banking to interviewing.
- HPTC providing specialized training and assistance in areas from leadership to marketing for bank employees.
- HPTC students and graduates finding employment at the bank.

**NOW:** With three Woodward offices, the Stock Exchange Bank's 52 Woodward-area employees take pride in delivering world-class service with hometown hospitality.



## Bradley Hall *Southern Oklahoma Technology Center*

**THEN:** Strong in science, Bradley thought the only job opportunity was as a medical doctor. The SOTC Biotechnology Academy opened doors for Bradley as he

- Broadened his scientific knowledge through advanced biology, environmental science and microbiology classes.
- Participated in daily hands-on experiments that helped him learn proper lab technique and skills.
- Gained independence, responsibility and better organizational skills.
- Earned a capstone internship with the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

**NOW:** Bradley is working on core undergraduate courses at Ardmore Higher Education Center while working full time as a lab assistant at the Noble Foundation. With plans to transfer to Oklahoma State University and major in biology, Bradley would like to pursue a master's degree and doctorate in plant pathology.

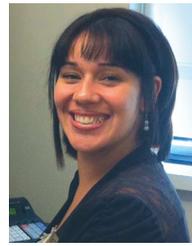


## James Crane *Moore Norman Technology Center*

**THEN:** A single parent of two working odd jobs until going to prison for 40 months. After release, James went to DHS for assistance and was referred to the MNTC HIRE Program to gain skills for employment. The electrical trades course helped James

- Learn electrical installation, operation and maintenance.
- Study physics, series circuits and electrical safety.
- Develop a work ethic required by employers.

**NOW:** James is a supervisor at an electrical company, where he earns more than \$50,000 a year overseeing a department that earns almost \$2 million a month. He regularly shares his story and encouragement with new HIRE clients.



## Rakista Hampton *Chisholm Trail Technology Center*

**THEN:** A single mother struggling to support her child. DHS referred Rakista to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program at CTTC. She enrolled in the administrative assistant course and

- Gained high-level technology and managerial skills.
- Learned proper office procedures, telephone etiquette and the integration of computer software packages.
- Received an administrative assistant certificate.

**NOW:** The first person in her family to earn a degree of any kind, Rakista graduated from Redlands Community College with an associate degree in general studies and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. She works at Langston University.



## Larry Watkins *FFA*

**THEN:** A 14-year-old Purcell High School freshman whose potential was recognized by his agricultural education instructor. Larry Watkins became involved in FFA and learned

- How to prepare and deliver a speech.
- How to work and compete on a team.
- How to care for livestock animals such as swine, cattle and horses.
- How to lead.

**NOW:** With a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Oklahoma State University and two years in the U.S. Army, Larry taught at Purcell High School for five years before moving into the business world for a more family-friendly work schedule. He served as executive vice president and chief executive officer for 31 years at the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. Larry is now retired and works with horses on his ranch near Stillwater.



## Joanna Roller *Gordon Cooper Technology Center, Shawnee*

**THEN:** A curious 16-year-old with a desire to enter the dental field. After graduating from Burlington High School, Joanna enrolled in the health careers certification program at Northwest Technology Center where she

- Acquired basic knowledge of dentistry by practicing infection control, using dental materials and performing dental charting and chair-side functions.
- Reaffirmed her passion for dentistry as a career.

**NOW:** Joanna earned her dental assistant certification at Rose State College Dental Hygiene School after attending NWTC and is a licensed dental hygienist at Legacy Dental Care in Oklahoma City.



# CareerTech Elevating Oklahoma

## SYSTEM—FY12

### CareerTech Offerings at Middle, Junior High and Senior High Schools and Technology Centers . . .

Provide hands-on learning and opportunities to explore potential careers for students in grades 6-12 and adults.

- Courses were offered in 544 middle, junior and senior high schools and 29 technology centers.
- Secondary and adult enrollments totaled 151,720.\*
- More than 83,000 middle school through adult students were members of co-curricular CareerTech Student Organizations, which help develop teamwork and leadership skills for the workplace and for life.

CareerTech Student Organizations are:

- Business Professionals of America
- DECA
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- FFA
- HOSA
- SkillsUSA
- Technology Student Association

### Inmate Training at 14 Skills Centers

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

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

- Construction Trades
- Auto Service Technology
- Electrical/Mechanical
- Information Technology
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

In FY12, there were 1,044 enrollments in Skills Center programs; in FY11, 84.76 percent of Skills Centers graduates were either employed or continued their education.



### 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.

**6,924 Oklahoma businesses were served through the CareerTech System.**

**68,607 Adult and Career Development enrollments\*†** allowed the general public to enhance or learn new skills.

**294,622 Business and Industry enrollments\* include training programs such as:**

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

### CareerTech Business and Industry Services

- Helped Oklahoma companies secure more than \$163 million in contracts through the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network.
- Was an incentive for companies to locate in Oklahoma and provided training for 2,173 new jobs.

### Did You Know?

- Oklahoma CareerTech graduates add \$2.4 billion annually to the state's economy.
- During the 2011-12 academic year, CareerTech students were enrolled in more than 76,000 college credit hours.
- Nearly half of Oklahoma high school students—82,822 students—are enrolled in CareerTech classes.
- In FY11, 92.2 percent of CareerTech graduates had positive placement (employed, military and continuing education).

\*Some students are enrolled in more than one course.

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

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