CAREERTECH’S PROVEN SUCCESSES

In FY17 Oklahoma CareerTech programs in K-12 schools (agricultural education; business, marketing and information technology education; family and consumer sciences education; health careers education; science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and trade and industrial education), technology centers and skills centers programs in correctional facilities delivered the following:

▲ 15,152 certificates and/or industry-recognized credentials earned by students. (FY16)
▲ 13,607 Career Readiness Certificates earned by students.
▲ 94 percent of CareerTech completers employed, continuing in postsecondary education or engaged in military careers.
▲ 7,824 companies served with positive outcomes.
▲ 122,196 sixth- through 12th-grade students enrolled in CareerTech courses.

CAREERTECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 88,000 students learned important leadership skills as members of CareerTech co-curricular student organizations:

- FCCLA 11,342
- HOSA 6,954
- SkillsUSA 12,866
- DECA 2,040
- Oklahoma Business Professionals of America 6,310
- Oklahoma FFA 26,912
- TSA 22,327

PERFORMANCE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

▲ Increase business/educational partnerships
▲ Increase career awareness
  - Support implementation of individualized career academic plans through OK Career Guide
  - Launch Galaxy career awareness module for K-5
▲ Increase education attainment
  - Expand CareerTech offerings aligned with workforce demand
    ▪ Fund additional 6-12-grade programs
    ▪ Support certification/credentialing program expansion aligned with workforce demands
  - Expand work-based learning through Earn to Learn initiative
  - Reduce recidivism/expand skills centers programs
  - Increase adult basic education enrollments
KALLI WATKINS
Completed Skills Centers transportation, distribution and logistics program at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center and earned TDL certification

Kalli works at the Cherokee Nation’s Career Services office in Tulsa, drawing on experiences from her past to mentor and counsel women with similar backgrounds. She was cleared by the Oklahoma State University Board of Student Conduct and allowed re-admittance to OSU-Tulsa, where she is taking classes.

TANNER WESTON
Completed residential carpentry classes at Mid-American Technology Center, State and national officer of Skills USA and member of FFA

Tanner attends Oklahoma State University, where he is majoring in agricultural economics/pre-law. He plans to apply to law school after getting his bachelor’s degree, although he says with his new construction skills he might also consider a career as a construction foreman. Tanner has political aspirations, hoping to run some day for governor or state representative.

CAMMI VALDEZ
State officer in Technology Student Association and DECA

Earned a B.S. professional degree in chemistry and a B.S. in mathematics in just four years at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and she received a Ph.D. in biological chemistry and molecular pharmacology from Harvard University.

She is the assistant director for undergraduate research and fellowships at Harvard, where she runs a fellowship program primarily for humanities and social sciences students from underrepresented backgrounds who are interested in careers in academia. She also runs a summer research program that prepares undergrads for STEM-related graduate programs.

J. BRAD PARKER
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PARKER PEST CONTROL INC.

In 2014, opportunity knocked for government contracting and Pioneer Tech's Bid Assistance Network helped.

After connecting face-to-face with a contracting officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Indian Country Business Summit in Oklahoma City, Parker Pest Control won the bid for Riverside Indian School in Anadarko—the very first government job the company bid. Parker is one of very few companies to win the first government job it bid.

"There is no way I or anyone could do this complex, huge quantification process without assistance from OBAN. So many documentations take so much time and effort that most companies quit before they start."