Hello, Friends! I have a lot of important information for you this month! Please take the time to look over the information carefully. And it’s not too late to register for the For Counselors Only Conference. We will be recording some of the sessions for later viewing. Registration information and the at-a-glance agenda are on the 2nd page of this newsletter. See you in Owasso! Tommi

CareerTech Industry Certification Programs Counting as Postsecondary Opportunities on A-F Report Cards

Postsecondary Opportunities that count on the A-F Report Cards include:
- College Prep Coursework (AP, IB)
- Internships
- Dual (Concurrent) College Enrollment, and
- Industry Certification Programs (CareerTech programs that lead to industry certifications)

THE PROCESS FOR GATHERING THIS DATA IS CHANGING!!

Current Process: In May each year, ODCTE gathers information about high school students attending CareerTech programs that lead to industry certifications. We send that information to the SDE who then determines points for postsecondary opportunities on the high schools’ A-F Report Card. NOTE: May 2019 will be the last time for this process.

New Process beginning in the school year 2019-2020:
1) Technology Centers will share a list of their approved programs that lead to industry certifications with their partner high schools.

2) The administrator/counselor/registrar at the high school will need to change the INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL for each approved CareerTech program to read COLLEGE LEVEL (meaning it is a postsecondary level program) in the school's student information system.

3) This is a one-time change to the system. The only future change would be if the Tech Center changes the program.

4) Schools will enter their postsecondary opportunities data into the WAVE when required by SDE.

5) Beginning in 2019-2020 the only way partner schools will receive these postsecondary opportunities points will be if they have entered COLLEGE LEVEL for the approved CareerTech programs.

6) This process has been approved by the Accountability Division at the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE).

NOTE: This is a PROCESS change ONLY. This is a refined process for collecting the same information collected in the past. The numbers of students receiving postsecondary opportunities points from the technology centers will vary only when those enrollments change, not because of this process change.

Questions? Contact Tommi Leach, Academic Coordinator, OK Dept. of CareerTech, tommi.leach@careertech.ok.gov 405-743-5524.
ATTENTION COUNSELORS: There are some changes occurring in the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) division that impact student enrollment and the A-F Report Card. Please follow this link to this important information! [https://ctyou.org/course/view.php?id=1731](https://ctyou.org/course/view.php?id=1731)

The For Counselors Only Conference will be March 12, 2019, at the Tulsa Technology Center, Owasso Campus, 10800 North 137th East Ave., Owasso, OK. **Time:** 8:30 Registration **Conference starts promptly at 9:00-3:00** At-A-Glance Agenda [here](https://ctyou.org/course/view.php?id=1731)

Registration link: **2019 For Counselors Only Conference**

Students learn about careers as first responders — from CareerTech SmartBrief

High-schoolers in an Oklahoma district recently learned about fire safety and emergency response during a Community Emergency Response Team training program. The exercise was intended to help improve safety and give students firsthand experience with a possible career path. [KOTV-TV (Tulsa, Okla.)](https://ctyou.org/course/view.php?id=1731)

- **Promising Practices for High School Apprenticeships** — from ASCA On Air

- **The Ultimate List of Scholarships for Women and Girls** — from The Scholarship System

- **2018-2020 Oklahoma Critical Occupations list** — from Oklahoma Works

Report: Homelessness up 70% among students — from U.S. News & World Report

There was a 70% increase in homelessness among K-12 students in the past 10 years, according to a report by the National Center for Homeless Education. The report notes a spike in the numbers of unaccompanied homeless youths and in homelessness among English-language learners and students with disabilities.

- **3 Ways to Foster Kindness in Tweens** — from Your Teen

- ‘I don’t fit in. They don’t really want me there. I wonder why I wasn’t invited. I walk up to a circle of people and don’t know whether to force my way in, or hang on the outside, twiddling my thumbs.’ - from Love What Matters

5 myths about assistive technology — from Edutopia online

Assistive technology can be crucial to learning for students with disabilities, writes Jennifer Sullivan, an adjunct instructor. Sullivan shares five common misconceptions about assistive technology, including that it is a form of cheating and that it is too expensive.

- **4 Things I Pack In My Crisis Bucket** — from Counselor Clique

- **Teaching Students Skills to Reduce Victimization — Tips for School Counselors** — from For High School Counselors

- The Spring Issue of Link for Counselors is available [here](https://ctyou.org/course/view.php?id=1731)

And just for you… **How To Manage Stress** — Martha Beck, PhD, Empower Her

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