OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF MINORITIES IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (OAMCTE) Essay Contest for 2017-2018

Who is eligible to enter the essay contest? Students must meet all three of the following criteria:
1. Currently enrolled and attending a Career and Technology Education class or program.
2. A high school junior or senior.
3. A member of a minority race.

Postmarked deadline to submit essay is Friday, March 2, 2018. For all the details, click on: OAMCTE Essay Contest 2017-2018 (No emailed essays will be accepted.) If you have questions: Contact Cynthia Vick at (405) 743-5162; cynthia.vick@careertech.ok.gov

Counselors Only Conference Registration is OPEN. The Counselors Only Conference will be held March 5, 2018 at Moore Norman Technology Center, S. Penn Campus
8:30 – 9:00 – Registration Key note session will be from 9:00 – 9:45. Sessions will be from 10:00 – 3:00
Moore Norman Technology Center, South Penn Campus
Address: 13301 S. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Registration link: https://forcounselorsonly2018.eventbrite.com

Kristin Atchley is the new executive director of counseling at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. We are working with Kristin and SDE in partnership to implement the Counselors Only Conference. Plans are underway to be able to offer live streaming for some of the sessions at the Counselors Conference 2018 like we did last year.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT COUNSELORS ONLY CONFERENCE. Proposals were gathered from the field and will be offered as concurrent sessions. Time frames for the sessions will be 50 minutes so you will have 30 sessions from which to choose! There is no cost to attend the conference. There will be great sessions, great networking, and lunch will be on your own.

Fast Facts for FY17 for CTE
For example:
• 13,607 Career Readiness Certificates earned
• 52% of our students went on to continuing education
• 121 adult basic education sites
• 549 K-12 school sites with CareerTech offerings
• More than 88,000 students were involved with our CareerTech Student Organizations

Use these facts for your next presentation or print off and provide them for your next counselor meeting. Click here to download a pdf copy.
11 timesaving Microsoft word hacks.  Click here
For example: If You Need to View Two Docs Side-by-Side for Comparison When you need to look at two documents compared to each other, you could always open them in two separate windows. But, use this trick and you’ll be able to “sync” the text of both so that they scroll together—making your checking easier than ever.  Here’s How

And coming in February…..

National School Counseling Week (NSCW)
Feb. 5-9, 2019 marks the National School Counseling Week. The theme for NSCW 2018 is “School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars.” For more information and to order materials, go to: https://www.schoolcounselor.org/ and click on National School Counseling Week.

February is CTE Month.
What is CTE month? Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. For more information, click here

Black History Month
Each year in the United States, February is dedicated as Black History Month. What began as the grassroots effort of African-American historian Carter G. Woodson has grown into a national time to honor the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout history.

Sincerely,
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