May Monthly Email 2018

51st Annual Oklahoma CareerTech Summer Conference Information

- **Prizes, Fun, Food, Excitement, Awards!!** OkACTE Guidance Division Members: Please attend the OkACTE Guidance Awards Ceremony/Division Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 1. The meeting room will be decorated; Light refreshments will be served; Award winners will be recognized! Business packets will be given out at the meeting and there will be voting for Guidance officers. Audience members will receive important updates on the OkACTE Guidance Division. Door prizes will be given out. And, remember—you must be present to win the door prizes and the Guidance Early Registration Special. The meeting will begin at 3:30 at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel in the Plaza Ballroom.

- **Wednesday, August 2** - Guidance and Educational Services/Special Populations will hold their divisional sessions at Moore Norman Technology Center, South Penn Campus. **Lunch will be on your own that day. You may go out to eat at one of the restaurants near by or you will have onsite options available for you to purchase.** The S. Penn campus is located at 13301 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73170

- **Guidance Early Registration Special**: If you pre-register with payment on or before July 13, you are eligible for a special drawing. The winner of this drawing will receive reimbursement of his/her OkACTE/ACTE dues, a $160 value provided by the OkACTE Guidance Division. The drawing will be held and the winner announced at the Guidance Awards Ceremony/Business meeting Wednesday afternoon—YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

- Website: [https://www.okcareertech.org/summer-conference](https://www.okcareertech.org/summer-conference)

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SAVE THE DATE! **GUIDANCEFEST 2018**

- September 25, 2018 – Autry Tech Center, Enid, OK
- September 27, 2018 – Red River Tech, Duncan, OK
- October 4, 2018 – Tulsa Tech, Owasso, OK
- October 9, 2018 – Wes Watkins Tech, Wetumka, OK
- October 11, 2018 – Canadian Valley Tech, El Reno, OK

Registration will be open in August!

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Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as "Mental Health Month") has been observed in May in the United States since 1949, reaching millions of people in the United States through the media, local events, and screenings. Click on this link for an infographic on how friends can help friends: [https://www.nami.org/NAMI/media/NAMI-Media/Infographics/NAMI-Want-to-know-how-to-help-a-friend.pdf](https://www.nami.org/NAMI/media/NAMI-Media/Infographics/NAMI-Want-to-know-how-to-help-a-friend.pdf)

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If you haven’t seen it already, check out the careertech video that was shown on Channel 9. Click on: [CareerTech Centers Train Skilled Workforce in Oklahoma](https://www.okcareertech.org/summer-conference)
Financial Aid Information From Sandra McKnight

1) Independent Living Act (Foster Care Tuition Waiver)

The Independent Living Act was established by the 2000 Oklahoma Legislature to ensure that eligible individuals who have been or are in the foster care program of the Department of Human Services receive services that include housing, medical coverage and education. The first recipients of the tuition waivers were 1999-2000 high school graduates. This includes postsecondary technology center programs. To see the specifics of this act, click on: https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Miscellaneous_Scholarships/Independent_Living_Act.aspx and/or review the attachment from the statutes.

This is going to be a small number of students due to the specifics of the eligibility requirements. I believe we could expect that the student would self-disclose. If the student does not have (or is having trouble getting) the documentation to confirm that they meet the requirement-OK Higher Regents may be able to confirm and help provide documentation for the student’s file.

Please share this information with whom you believe would best use it. I would expect that this student would ask admissions and/or the counselor before this request came to financial aid.

2) Flyer is attached for high school counselors or others that briefly outlines money benefits for eligible high school dependents. Oklahoma State Accrediting Agency (OKSAA) must approve high schools for benefits to be paid – requirements include being accredited by the state.

As always, please ask if you have any questions.

Sandra
Sandra McKnight
Financial Aid Coordinator
ODCTE has a new BIS brochure, which lists all of the BIS programs available across the state. Get the digital version HERE.

Hopefully, you are already familiar with the brochure listing all the tech center career programs Career Program Brochure. That brochure uses dots to indicate all the career tech programs. In the BIS brochure, the BIS programs uses stars to indicate all the BIS programs.

Sincerely,

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