

Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



A Star in the Shadows EOC Partner Representative



A man of many hidden talents, is Grady Bolding. Grady is the Data Specialist for the Barton

Community College Adult Basic Education Center/GED program. He enters all of the information on students, from personal information to GED scores in the data base and then submits the information to the State of Kansas Board of Regents. One of the challenges he faces with his job is making sure every minute detail is 100% accurate. The favorite part of his job is interacting with the students and EOC staff and their partners.

Grady learned about CKEOC after starting his job with Adult Basic Education Center. While attending college he did not know about EOC until he started his job. He enjoys working with the EOC staff, as they are hardworking and present many different workshops. They are willing to help anyone who wants to attain their GED or further their postsecondary education.

After graduating from Great Bend High School, he attended Kansas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Theater. He moved back to Great Bend and has starred in several theater productions at Barton Community College and Great Bend Community Theater. He recently, starred in "Bus Stop" and "Harry's Hotter at Twilight" productions.

In his spare time, he stated, "If I'm not writing, I'm acting. If I'm not acting, I'm writing. If I'm doing neither, I'm sleeping. Work doesn't end."

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ATTENTION: CKEOC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 19, 2012, THRU JANUARY 1, 2013.

WE WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2013



Welding

Looking for a career in Welding? Many schools in Kansas offer a Welding program.

Welding is the most common



way of permanently joining metal parts. In this process, heat is applied to metal pieces, melting and fusing them to form a permanent bond. Because of its strength, welding is used in shipbuilding, automobile manufacturing and repair, aerospace applications, and thousands of other manufacturing activities. Welding is also used to join beams in the construction of buildings, bridges, and other structures and to join pipes in pipelines, power plants, and refineries.

Education is more than a luxury;
it is a responsibility that society
owes to itself - Robin Cook

Welders work in a variety of industries, from car racing to manufacturing. The work welders do and the equipment they use vary, depending on the industry. The most common and simplest type of welding today is arc welding, which uses electrical currents to heat and bond metals together—but there are more than 100 different processes a welder can use. The type of weld is normally determined by the types of metals being joined and the conditions under which the welding is to take place.

Formal training is available in high school technical education courses and in postsecondary institutions, such as vocational-technical institutions, community colleges, and private welding schools.

The median annual wage of welders was \$35,450 in May of

2010. The median wage is the wage at which half of the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half learned less. The lowest ten percent earned less than \$23,940 and the top ten percent earned more than \$55,690.

Employment of welders is expected to grow fifteen percent from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The basic skills of welding are the same across industries, so welders can easily shift from one industry to another. Overall job prospects will vary by skill level. Job prospects should be good for welders trained in the latest technologies. Welding schools report that graduates have little difficulty finding work.

For more information about a career in welding and the schools located nearest you, contact the EOC office.

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2012-2013 Edition*

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Participant of the Quarter: Craig McCormack

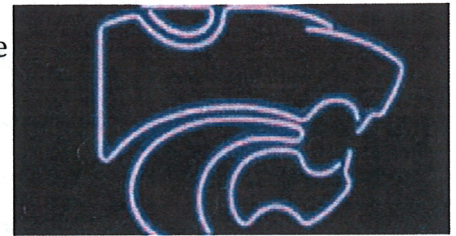
Our Participant of the Quarter is Craig McCormack. Craig is a native of New Jersey and was recently discharged from the Army. He is currently attending Kansas State University and is majoring in secondary education. His ultimate goal is to teach social studies in high school.

He learned about CKEOC at his Transition Assistance Program at Fort Riley. Craig has taken advantage of many services EOC offers, which includes financial aid, transcript advice, campus visit, and assisting with appointments with

the Veterans Affairs Representative.

“EOC was one of the biggest helps since moving to Kansas,” stated Craig. He urges anyone “if you have the opportunity, take advantage of EOC’s free services and do not let it pass you by”, because compared to others he knows, his experience was a smooth transition into college. He also commented how helpful his professors have been with this new and positive experience.

In his spare time, Craig enjoys watching movies with his wife or working on renovating their newly purchased house.



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.



He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound’s the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Word Search

- BELLS
- CANDLES
- CARDS
- CELEBRATE
- FROSTY
- HOLIDAY
- MERRY
- NOEL
- SCROOGE
- SEASON
- SPIRIT
- STOCKINGS
- EGGNOG
- FRUITCAKE
- HAM
- MISTLETOE
- POINSETTIA
- WREATH
- JOLLY
- REINDEER

N F R U
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GED/ ESL Class Orientations

It is never too late to finish your education. There are many people who do not have a high school diploma. Are you one of them? You might consider earning a GED diploma.

Contact information for GED/ESL class orientation:

Fort Riley:	January 7-10	785-784-6066
Great Bend:	January 7-10	620-793-5794
Hays:	December 12	785-460-5486
Manhattan:	January 14-17	785-539-9009
	January 28-31	
Salina:	January 7 – 10	785-309-4660
Online GED	January 14-15	

Peace is in the simple moments.

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ACT Exam Dates

If you are planning to attend a post-secondary college in the fall of 2013, it is not too late to take the ACT test. You may register online or by mail. The online address is www.actstudent.org and you can request a registration packet from ACT.

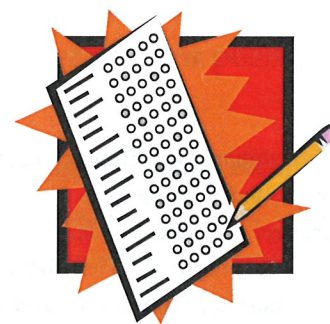
Locations for February 9, 2013 ACT test sites are:

Great Bend: Barton County Community College

Hays: Fort Hays State University and Hays High School

Manhattan: K-Sate and Manhattan High School

Salina: Kansas Wesleyan University and St. John's Military School



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The Educational Opportunity Center is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is one of the TRiO programs. TRiO began with Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, in response to the administration's War on Poverty.

TRiO programs include eight outreach and support programs targeted to help disadvantaged students progress from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.



33 Counties Served by CKEOC

Barton, Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Morris, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Smith, Stafford, Trego, Wabaunsee, and Washington.

