

June-August 2014

Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



CKEOC Outstanding Participant:

Sina Carwell

We are pleased to introduce Sina Carwell as a participant of the quarter. Sina was first introduced to CKEOC by a classmate at Barton Community College's Fort Riley campus where she was working on an Associates of Science program. She was hoping to find someone to help her with FAFSA for Pell Grant and to find other sources of financial aid, and CKEOC was able to rise to the occasion. Since initially receiving services, she has visited CKEOC on several other occasions and has been quick to refer others for services as well. Sina states: "every student should speak with the local CKEOC representative regardless of their financial situation."



Now several months, and many classes later, Sina has achieved her associate's degree and took part in Fort Riley's graduation ceremony on May 20th. When asked to describe her experience at Barton she exclaimed "Yes, it was undeniably positive. Barton Community College makes it manageable for military spouses to further their education and get closer to reaching their goals. I'm beyond thankful for the compassionate staff at Barton Community College, they assisted me through my journey to complete my Associates of Science degree. I would be remiss if I didn't mention two special faculty members: Professor Cloud went above and beyond to get students where they need to be academically. He created a positive learning environment and stimulated critical thinking that is applicable to real world situations. The Course Coordinator, Ms. Balk, was committed to providing exceptional academic support. From the start, she understood my particular challenges that I faced because I needed specific classes in order to apply for the BSN program. Ms. Balk provided me with assistance in planning my course schedule several semesters in advance. Additionally, she facilitated my induction into the PTK and ASL honor societies."

Her recent associate's degree was just the next step in Sina's education which started in Nürnberg, Germany where she graduated high school and started a 3 year apprenticeship in finance and insurance. Her next step will be to wrap up a few prerequisites and then enter a BSN program at either Washburn or Baker University. Sina states "My long term career goal is to ultimately become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA); after I have gained several years of experience and honed my skills as a registered nurse (RN), I will return to school and pursue my master's degree and apply for acceptance into the CRNA program."

Sina lives in Junction City and was recently reunited with her husband - an active duty soldier stationed at Fort Riley - who just completed a nine month deployment in Afghanistan. She also has a stepson who will attend Junction City High School this coming year. In her spare time, Sina enjoys spending time with her family, working around the house and doing renovation projects.

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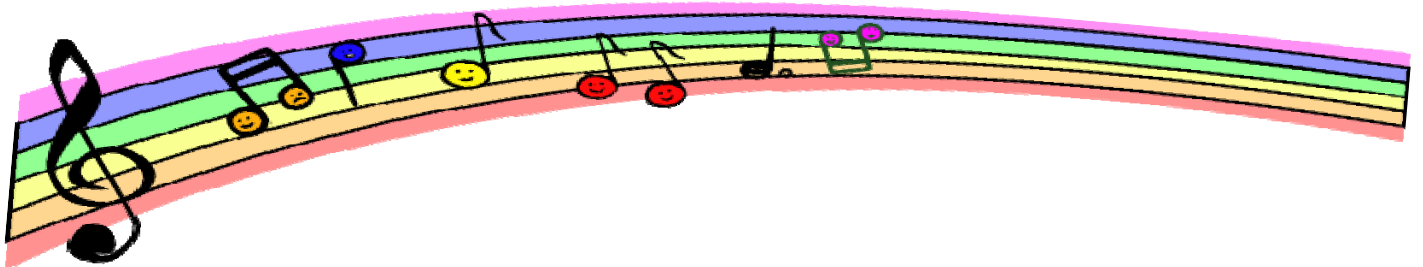
CKEOC Outstanding Participant:

Jessica Perez

We are proud to have Jessica Perez as one of our Outstanding Participants of the Quarter. Jessica was born in the United States, but grew up in Mexico. She graduated from C.B.T.I.S. #141 High School in Juan Aldama Zacatecas, Mexico in 2009. Upon completion of high school, she came to Great Bend to live with her aunt to pursue her education in Music at Barton Community College. Jessica's Aunt was familiar with CKEOC because we had worked with her daughter, so she knew right where to come to get the process started. Jessica stated that "CKEOC was very helpful in every way and helped me with all the things I needed to do." She was very happy with the availability of CKEOC staff and their constant willingness to help her.



Jessica recently graduated from BCC with her Associates degree in Music/Vocal Performance. During her time in college, she had many concerts and is looking forward to many more as she continues her education. Her future goals include attending Wichita State University in the Fall to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Music with an emphasis in Opera and Musical Theater. WSU offers a program that includes a trip to Italy where she would have an Italian coach assist her in Voice and Acting lessons. Jessica is very excited about participating in this program next summer. Her ultimate goal is to land a contract with an opera company and to pursue movie/theatre/recording. Jessica's family consists of her parents (Filemon and Maria) and two brothers (Flavio and Kevin). While attending college, Jessica worked in the cafeteria at BCC. In her spare time, Jessica continues to hone her skills in the things she loves: music and vocal performance



College Goal Sunday



Mary Dino, CKEOC Academic Advisor, was asked to assist in the College Goal Sunday event held at Salina Area Technical College along with other college Professionals. The event took place on Sunday, February 23rd, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Many states offer College Goal Sunday events. In Kansas, College Goal Sunday is a nonprofit event coordinated by the Kansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA) and other interested and dedicated volunteers. This annual event is supported by funds from USA Funds; KASFAA; and the federal College Access Challenge Grant, administered by the Kansas Board of Regents. College Goal Sunday is open to all students — regardless of age — who are seeking financial aid to pay for college expenses for the upcoming academic year. Whether you are a traditional student right out of high school or an adult who is returning to school or pursuing higher education for the first time, College Goal Sunday will help you complete the FAFSA, accurately and on time. Dependent students (generally those under 24) should bring a parent or legal guardian. Independent students (generally, those 24 or over) will not require a parent's income information.

College Goal Sunday provides assistance in applying for financial aid. Most students and families need assistance in paying for higher education expenses. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the gateway to accessing financial aid resources, which include grants, work-study opportunities and student loans. By delivering help to families in their own communities, College Goal Sunday helps ensure that students get the help they need to apply for financial aid.

One \$500 scholarship was given away at each College Goal Sunday location. Scholarship winners must be a first-semester freshman in the fall of 2014.

SATC had a great turn-out. It was noted that 37 students and 75 attendees participated in this event.

Need money for college? Keep this in mind for next year, as this is a valuable resource.

One Stop Partners



Junction City Workforce Center Staff

Most people are probably aware that the workforce center is a great place to visit for jobseekers, but many people are not aware of all of the services available and all of the different organizations that partner together to make the center a one-stop place for all their needs. CKEOC is happy to be part of the Junction City Workforce Center and would like to recognize its partners in the Department of Commerce and Heartland Works. The partners, including EOC, work to assist individuals in realizing their educational and career goals. We were able to sit down with Jo Brunner, the Workforce Services Supervisor at the Junction City Workforce center to gain her perspective of how the workforce center has evolved, its goals and focus, and what services are available to employers and jobseekers through the partner staff.

Jo's tenure with the workforce center started ten years ago when she started as an employment and training specialist with Heartland Works in Manhattan, Kansas. Through this job, she started getting more involved with employers through participation in the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Workforce development group. This led her to apply for a position with the Kansas Department of Commerce as its first and only Business Consultant. She was hired for the position and served an area including Junction City, Manhattan and seven neighboring counties. After a year working in that position she was asked to become the manager of the Manhattan and Junction City workforce centers. Since that time, the Department of Commerce has gone through some organizational changes and restructuring which led to Jo's current position as the Workforce Services Supervisor for the Junction City and Manhattan Workforce Centers.



One Stop Partners (Continued)

Throughout her time with the workforce center there have been many changes, but Jo believes the biggest changes have to do with the workforce center's focus. She explains that prior to 2008 the area was experiencing growth related to the build-up of forces in Fort Riley. During this time, the focus of the workforce center was trying to recruit people to the area to fill jobs being created by this growth. After 2008, many of the construction projects on Fort Riley were completed and the focus shifted to attraction of new employers to the area and retention of existing ones. Now she sees that the focus is shifting once again to one of recruitment of jobseekers with several companies choosing to locate their businesses in the area - which is an exciting prospect.



Of course, gainful employment is one of the main goals of the workforce center partners, and each partner has services to assist in this goal. CKEOC/TRiO provides assistance to individuals needing to acquire training and credentials through post-secondary education. Services include, career exploration, finding schools and programs, locating and applying for grants and scholarships to fund their education, and financial literacy. The Department of Commerce staff provides several services to job seekers. Workshops are held weekly covering topics in resume writing, interview skills, and Basic Employability Skills Training (BEST) workshops. One-on-one assistance is provided to tweak resumes and mock interviews can be scheduled to hone interview skills. Additionally, appointments can be made to do skill assessments such as typing tests and the *WORKReady!* Certificate program required by many employers. Veteran's employment representatives are available to provide intensive one-on one service to veterans with significant barriers to employment, wounded warriors transitioning out of the military and in special emphasis with 18-24 year old military veterans. Finally, Heartland Works Inc., a non-profit organization based in Topeka is the servicer for several grants including one aimed at providing qualified individuals with funding for education and training and assistance in finding employment. Some of these grants include: WIA - aimed at dislocated workers and low-income, WIA youth program - which provides services to youth with significant barriers the means to become work ready and KHPOP – directed at individuals who are low income to get training leading to employment in health care professions.

As you can see there are several valuable services provided by the partners at the Junction City Workforce Center. To receive more information please contact:

CKEOC's Junction City office at (785) 238-5200.

Department of Commerce and Heartland Works at (785)762-8870





SUMMER & Fall 2014

MAIN CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

Summer Session 1 (8 Weeks)
June 2 – July 24

Summer Session 2 (4 Weeks)
June 2 – June 26

Summer Session 3 (4 Weeks)
June 30 – July 24



April 15 – August 15 – Registration

August 15 – Payment Due

August 20 – Classes Begin

August 18 – 22—Late Registration

August 29 – Last Day For Refund

FORT RILEY CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

LSEC CYCLE 6 AUGUST 5—SEPTEMBER 16

June 10th—Active Duty Registration Begins

June 24th—Open Enrollment Begins

August 5th (1st Day of Class)—Last Day to Enroll (All)

COLLEGE PROGRAM CYCLE 5 AUGUST 13—OCTOBER 7

Check with EOC Staff for Forthcoming Enrollment Start Date

August 5th (1st Day of Class)—Last Day to Enroll (All)

EOC STAFF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH QUESTIONS & EOC SERVICES

Liz Klima – EOC Advisor

Mary Dino—EOC Advisor



Ray Kruse Coordinator/Advisor

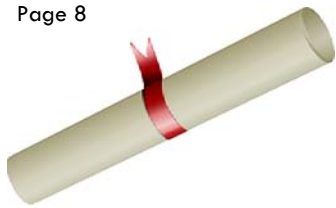
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OUR HOST INSTITUTION**

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Graduation Highlights





Congratulations Grads



CKEOC staff would like to congratulate EOC participant graduates for the 2013-2014 school year

Barton Community College - Great Bend/Ft. Riley campuses Summer 2013

Andrew Darrow—Liberal
Studies
Jason Hager—General Studies
Stephanie Hernandez—Business
Management & Leadership
Brianda Olivas—Liberal Studies
George Zumbrennen—Liberal
Studies

Barton Community College - Great Bend/Ft. Riley campuses Fall 2013

Ashley Allen—Liberal Studies
Neal Carman—Liberal Studies
Liugalua Dellafosse-Mafi—
Liberal Studies
Shawn Finch—Liberal Studies
Tabitha Gray—Liberal Studies
Laura Ledet—Liberal Studies
Sherry Pierce—Technical
Accounting Specialist
Charles Preston—General
Studies
Mason Reeves—Certificate 1
Welding Technology
Sidronio Rodriguez—General
Studies
Aexandria Taylor—Liberal
Studies
Chad Turner—Certificate 2
Natural Gas Transmission/
Distribution Tech
Jeff Wohlcke—General Studies
Aida Zelada—Liberal Studies

Barton Community College - Great Bend/Ft. Riley campuses Spring 2014

Joshua Adams—General Studies
Edson Alfaro—Liberal Studies
Andrew Baker—Criminal Justice
Crystal Blades—Liberal Studies
Cynthia Burgamy—Computer
Networking Specialist
Martin Cade-Ambeau—General
Studies
Stacey Calloway—Liberal Studies
Thomas Campbell—General
Studies
Sina Carwell—Liberal Studies
Kena Daniels—Nursing PN
Tracy Ellis—Automotive Tech
Jennifer Frise—RN
Hercheal Holt—Liberal Studies
Bonnie Huschka—Business
Technology
Jerry Imler—Natural Gas
*Transmission/Distribution Tech.
Daniel Klima—Liberal Studies
Nedra McDonald—Liberal
Studies
Marcus Myers—Liberal Studies
Jaclyn Neidhardt—Liberal
Studies
Robert Patty—General Studies
Julio Paz—Liberal Studies
Jessica Perez—Liberal Studies
Juanita Smalls—Liberal Studies
Erik Solorzano—Certificate 3
Criminal Justice
Dustin Stephens—General
Studies
Stephanie Vanderlindé—
Business Administrative
Technology

Mauricio Vargas—Liberal Studies
Cori Zumar—Liberal Studies

Hutchinson Community College:

Mitchel Burkes—Heating, Ventilation
& Air Conditioning

North Central Kansas Technical College (Beloit Campus):

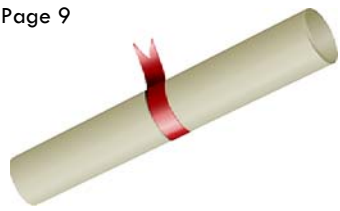
Glenda Kieffer—Practical Nursing

North Central Kansas Technical College (Hays Campus):

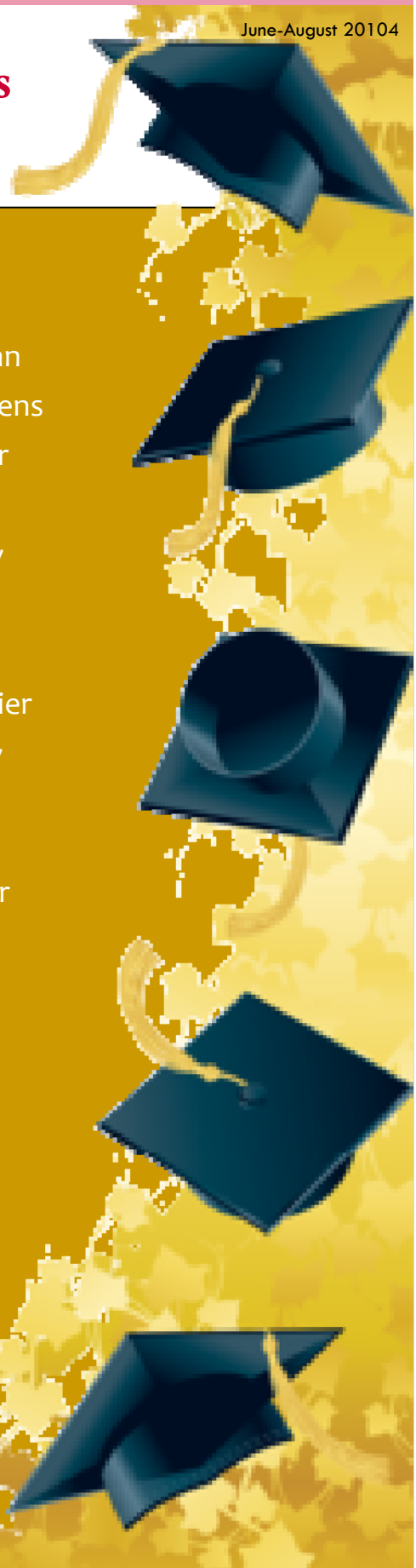
Bryan Ehrlich—Certificate Plumbing,
Heating & Air Conditioning

Salina Area Technical College:

Sarah Welsch—Commercial and
Advertising
Dan Farres—Electrical Technology
Nicholas Wyman—Electrical
Technology
Tyler Griem—Heating, Ventilation &
Air Conditioning
Dylan Wilson—Heating, Ventilation &
Air Conditioning
Cuong Huy Trinh—Machine Tool Tech
Cynthia Garcia—Medical Assistant
Katrina Kuhn—Medical Assistant
Jacob Morris—Auto Collision Repair
Thanh Tran—Auto Collision Repair
Michael Lewis—Automotive Tech
Jessica Richert—Automotive Tech
Garry Wicks—Automotive Tech
Erika Picasso-Garcia—Business
Administrative Technology
Upper Iowa University
Chynelda Archer—BS Human
Resource Mgt
Andrea Peach—Associate's Liberal Arts



Congratulations Grads



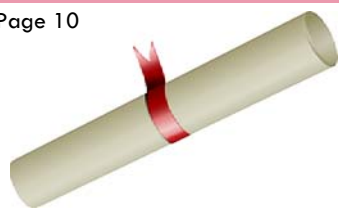
Barton Community College Adult Learning Center GED:

- Gina Balzotti
- Maria Barragan
- Christina Beakey
- Marcus Brazzle
- Johnathan Brown
- Joshua Brown
- Jonathan Browning
- April Burhenn
- Chace Calvert
- Sandra Cervantes
- Chase Clark
- Kendra Collier
- Dalton Contrerez
- Paul Converse
- Raven Cornish
- Demetrius Crawford
- Michael Domingue
- Kenneth Dotson
- Justin Edwards

- James Forgash
- Stephen Fries
- Richard Furr
- Ashley Gamboa
- Cody Garcia
- Koressa Hall
- Terry Harris
- Dylan Hogan
- Dustin Holt
- Braun Horner
- Cameron Johnson
- Toshiko Kelly
- Avery Lee
- Kaschandra Lillo
- Ross Oeser
- Katelyn Olsson
- Justin Pleasants
- Raul Pozos
- Sharita Rawls
- Lacey Reedy
- Ana Rincon
- John Scazzafavo

- Willie Scruggs
- Stewart Smith
- Daytona Steffan
- Jonathan Stevens
- Brandon Taylor
- Kimberly To
- James Valleroy
- Edna Vindiola
- Lilia Wilson
- Timothy Whittier
- Barton County Academy:**
- Tasha Gross
- Nathan Warner
- Hays GED:**
- Bryan Ehrlich

*Every yesterday is a memory of dreams,
 Every tomorrow is a vision of hope.*



Congratulations Grads

Manhattan Adult Learning Center:

Suzanne Aldridge
Rhonah Al Sabban
Karissa Anderson
Sabine Butler
Melissa Curtis
Brittany Ellis
Emilio Espinoza
Lori Fetherston
Ernest France III
Braxton Johnson
Kentrell Lewis
Russell Loub
Edgar Luna
Lisa McDowell
James Rosenquist
Kevin Scherer
Kenneth Seidens

Daisy Stevenson
Autumn Rose Vance

Central Plains High School:

Meritt Hammeke

Great Bend High School:

Jonathan Allende
Greg Burley
Daisy Delgadillo
Dylan Frank
Edgar Garcia
Elizabeth Martinez
Janelly Aleman Olivas
Derrick Pitzer

Hoisington High School:

Samantha Knox

Larned High School:

Zeth Harper

Marysville High School:

Forst Coleman
Abigail Degenhardt
David Luebcke
Molly Parker
Christian Perez
Colby Reinke
Ian Roever
Hillary Ronnebaum
Blake Scott
Leena Sherrill
Brock Watts
Tristin Wiocks
Shane Widmer
Ashley Zimmerling



ACT Test Dates

If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary college in the fall of 2014, it is time to mark your calendar for the following dates for the ACT test.

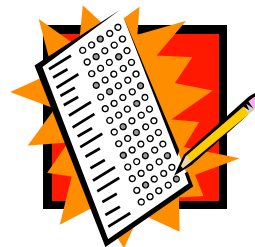
Dates for ACT tests are:

September 13, 2014 – Registration Deadline August 8, 2014

October 25, 2014 – Registration Deadline September 19, 2014

Testing Centers will be announced a later date. Check with your school counselor.

You may register online or by mail. The online address is www.actstudent.org and you can request a registration packet from ACT.



GED CLASS ORIENTATION

Contact Information for GED class orientation:

BCC/Great Bend	May 27 – 30	620-793-5794
BCC/Fort Riley	May 27 – 30	785-784-6066
Cloud CCC	May 28 & 30 August 7 & 8	785-238-8010
Hays:	May 28 Early August (No date given)	785-460-5486
Junction City	May 27 & 29 August 5 & 6	785-223-6691
Manhattan	GED August 5 – 7 ESOL August 5 – 7	785-539-9009
Salina	GED July 7 – 10 August 18 – 21 Online July 14 – 15 ESOL Orientation Daytime – August 18 – 21 Evening – August 11 – 13	

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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	Mitchell	Rice
Clay	Morris	Riley
Cloud	Ness	Rooks
Dickerson	Norton	Rush
Ellis	Osborne	Russell
Ellsworth	Ottawa	Saline
Geary	Pawnee	Smith
Graham	Phillips	Stafford
Jewell	Pottawtomie	Trego
Lincoln	Pratt	Wabaunsee
Marshall	Republic	Washington



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