

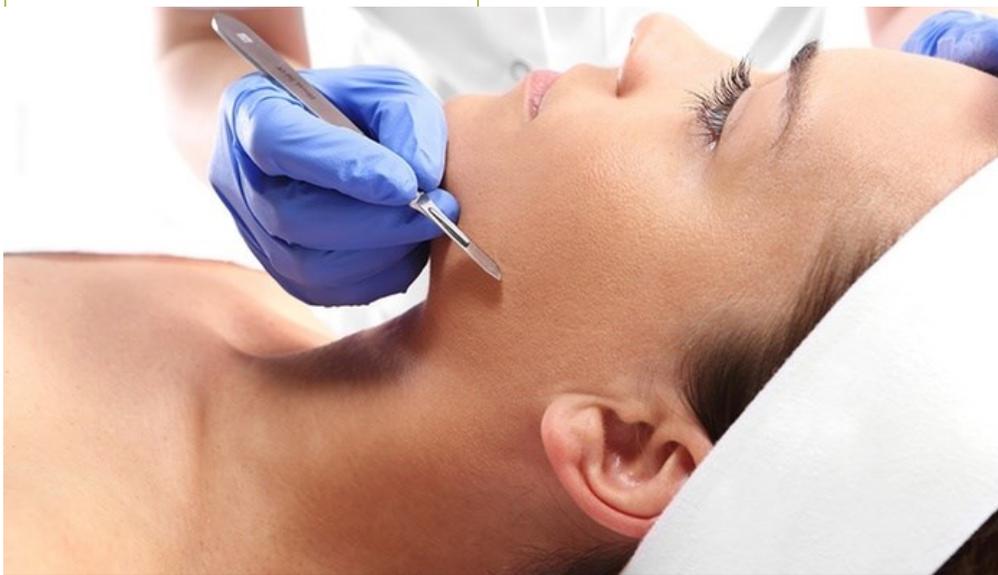
CENTRAL NEWS

Central Oklahoma College Newsletter

March-April 2018

“Shout out to Central Oklahoma College's evening Cosmetology students for visiting SSG! We spoke a bit about sacrifice tonight. The ladies blew me away with what they shared! I am honored to have met each and every one of these amazing future professionals.”

-Kenzie Perterson, SSG



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About our Student of the Month

Melissa Smith is a Medical Assistant student who graduates in June. She has been nominated for her great attitude and work ethic! Here is what Melissa instructor, Carmela Whitson, had to say about her.

“Melissa is such a joy to have in class. What she doesn’t realize is just how smart she is! Even though she isn’t very confident in herself—she is first to help another classmate. She tries really hard and when she doesn’t get something right, she is the first to tough it out and learn from herself. She is very involved in her learning, she also asks questions, pays attention to detail, helps others, and responds. She has never been late and never leaves early. She has such a happy disposition, and is such a hard worker. Coming back to school later in life is never easy, and she rocks it!”



Medical Assistant Student, Melissa Smith



Graduate of the Month, Sammi Thurber

Graduate of the Month

Samantha Thurber, owner of The Beauty Injector, is an Esthetician graduation as well as an Xtreme Master Certified Eyelash Extensions Tech and Licensed Micropigmentationist. She says that, “Central Oklahoma College taught me the essential skills I need in order to execute proper Esthetics procedures used today.” She enjoys what she does because she loves to see the results of her work on her patients. She loves making them feel good about themselves. She also especially loves being able to socialize with the best clients around!

Samantha’s advice to current students is, “Listen to the instructor for they are preparing you to be on your own. Soon, you will not have them to ask for help in the middle of a procedure. They are giving you all the tool necessary to become successful outside of school.” and to, “keep pushing forward. School is tough, but once you get over the hill, it only goes up from there. I worked 9am-5pm, worked again 5pm-9pm 5 days a week for a total of 5 months just to make it through school. It may seem tough now, but I promise it is well worth it. The staff at Central Oklahoma College truly want you to succeed, whenever and if you ever need help, they are there for great encouragement! I couldn’t thank them enough.”

Employee of the Month

Hannah Vickers, one of our Client Service Specialists has been nominated because of her excellent customer service and her great attitude! Here is what Hannah had to say about Hannah.

“Hannah helps out with things in other departments. She did laundry this week to help out the clinic and she assists with getting the orientation rooms ready for new classes. One thing that I appreciate about Hannah is that she displays a calm and professional demeanor even when leads or clients are difficult. Hannah is positive and professional.”-Carolyn Callies

“Hannah helps anyone who has a question or doesn’t know something. She goes beyond her duties as a Client Service Specialist. She represents Central Oklahoma College very well, is very positive, and very customer service oriented. She is helpful and knowledgeable and comes up with solutions to minor issues. I just love her persona.”-Tracy Kennedy



Client Service Specialist, Hannah Vickers



Massage Therapy Instructor, Jennifer Valle

New Staff & Faculty

Please help us welcome our new Massage Therapy Instructor, Jennifer Valle! She has 18 years massage experience working in high end spas, private country club sports centers, chiropractors, and has owned her own business. She said she accepted the position at Central Oklahoma College because “I have retired as a massage therapist and have a lot to offer to still help others. Teaching is a great opportunity to say involved.” She feels that she can positively impact the students here at Central Oklahoma College by sharing her experience and knowledge in massage skills, working experience, and encouraging them to find their specialty.

Jennifer was born and raised in California and have lived in Oklahoma since 2014. She has a 24 year old daughter and loves to learn new things and taking road trips. Her life tip is to “never give up and strive to be the best version of yourself.”



Employer of the Month

iSpalon has been in business for 10 years. iSpalon was initially established as Oklahoma's only body wrap spa and has expanded since. Visionary, Tiffany Lenox, was determined to create a spa atmosphere and address health, wellness, and weight loss needs to drastically change lives through helping people from all walk of life achieve optimal health and wellness. iSpalon's services include wraps, skincare, and wellness. To view their full service list, visit their website at www.ispalonokc.com. Their brand promise is, "At iSpalon, we strongly encourage developing a lifestyle that supports detoxification, a healthy skincare regimen and overall health habits that support stress relief, relaxation, holistic healing for mind, body and soul. We help our clients leave the work to us, while they relax. We pride ourselves in leading the spa industry in Oklahoma concerning a lifestyle of wraps, skincare and wellness. We cherish quality over quantity when it comes to your services. You will never feel like a number. You will feel like family."

When asked why iSpalon hires Central Oklahoma College graduates, Tiffany says, "I love the partnership that I have build with the instructors as well as the administrative team. I believe that our core values align with education and training and this plays a vital part in my growing business. I hope that one day I could become an intern location for the school in the near future. I believe that collaboration is the key to success."



Director of Student & Career Services, Rikki Cosper

New Staff & Faculty

Please help us welcome our new Director of Student and Career Services, Rikki Cosper! She has been the Director of a Nationally Accredited Preschool and After School Program for the last 12 years. Rikki has also been a trainer and educator for early childhood courses and have acted as a family advocate for families with children that have special needs. She has sat on many DHS boards and subcommittees for the last 5 years.

When asked why she accepted the position here at Central Oklahoma College she said, "I accepted the position at Central Oklahoma College because it seems like a great place to work. When I had my interview and toured the campus everyone was so friendly and welcoming and made me feel that I belonged. I look forward to working here."

Rikki feels she can positively impact the students here at Central Oklahoma College because she is an adult student herself. She is currently finishing her bachelors degree at UCO so she understands the stress and challenges that come with working and going to school while also balancing family. She also loves people and getting to know them and who they are she hopes building those relationships with the students will positively impact their lives as well as hers. She believes anyone that invests in themselves to further their education are brave and need support and she hopes she can be a piece of their journey as they work towards their goals.

Rikki was born and raised in Dallas, TX and moved to Oklahoma in her early twenties. She has two dogs and one cat. Her and her boyfriend, Mark, are in the process of adopting children out of foster care and look forward to these children completing their family! Her hobbies are shopping, making crafts, and decorating.

Her favorite quote is from the movie, Finding Dory. "Just keep swimming." She says, "Just keep swimming no matter what happens in life. You have to keep moving and things will get better and you never know what opportunities will be for you around the corner."

Welcome our new students!

Karalee Beard

Adam Sultan

Rebecca Villarreal

Emily Camacho

Erika Logan

Meagan Rogers

Kayla Musil

Essence Keith

Miami Allen

Amanda Douglas

Tameya Adkins

Mariah James

Tiffany Miles

Myra Akipa

Deangela Bruner

Vanessa Hentschel

Anna Shirley

Rayshone Anderson

Nathan Lee

Jzmarre Moore

Jose Rodriguez

Darick Walker

Sharla Hardin

Lewis McKenzie

Natalie Mcmurtre

Demi Bragg

Cheyenne Cloud

Carolyn Flewelling

Sarah Russo

Hali Smith

Christine Stacker

Kristy Trent

Daryl Winslett

Terry Williams

Jacoby Coleman

Maleik Saley

Cheyenne Hogue

Nakira Gray

Brittany Manifold

Ruben Caylao

Shane Walker

Anthony Madden

Jade Coker

Zion Hyde-Webel

Kirstie Williams

Tiesha Darby

Jordan Mitchell

Tanonia Peters

Hydeia McDonald

Lavern Crump

Mckenzie Kallhoff

Allaina Kenyatta

Irosa Shrestha

Jennifer Gallagher

Riley Weaver

Brandy Box

Dalton Lunski

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Kathryn Bloodworth

Rebecca Cline

Samantha Gola

Shaylyn Grassman

Christal Hankins

Lindsey Harris

Sydney Lucas

Hannah Massie

Sean Kim

Charles Shafer

Shane Walker

Lea Whitmore

Kirsten Dunning

Chivonne Lawrence

Sarah Henderson

Cacey Grillo

Melissa Ramirez

Tiffany Hartfield

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