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## Upcoming School Closures, Career Days, & Field Trips

April 9, 2024- Integris Career Day for Practical Nursing and Surgical Technologist

April 10, 2024- Surgical Technologist Field Trip to Baptist Burn Center

April 11, 2024- Tiki Salon & Suites Career Day for Esthetician, Massage, Cosmetology, and Barber

## Upcoming School Closures, Career Days, & Field Trips Continued

April 17, 2024- Le Visage Salon & Spa Career Day for Massage and Esthetician

April 20, 2024- Summer Commencement (see commencement information)

April 29, 2024- Heavenly Hands Day Spa for Massage Therapy AM

May 1, 2024- Heavenly Hands Day Spa for Massage Therapy PM

CLOSED- May 24, 2024-May 27, 2024, for Memorial Day

## Career Spotlight!

April 18, 2024- "Picture This": Career Services will be taking headshots for students to use on LinkedIn and other social platforms



## 2024 Commencement Dates and Information

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - for students whose last day of class falls between 12/1/23-3/31/24

Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - for students whose last day of class falls between 4/1/24-8/15/24

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>- for students whose last day of class falls between 8/15/24-12/31/24

The Capping and Pinning dates for our Nursing students are as follows:

Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

All students participating in Commencement need to have a **BLACK** cap and gown. **\*You can order caps and gowns on Amazon\***

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## Student Spotlight for March!

**Rene MacWatters, Practical Nursing Student**

Our March Student of the Month is Rene MacWatters, in Practical Nursing! Congratulations for earning the Student of the Month Award and being recognized for your hard work and performance!

## Debbie Oplotnik March Employee of the Month



**Debbie Oplotnik, Financial Aid Director**

I graduated college in 1998 and moved to Oklahoma City. A year later, in 1999, I began working in Financial Aid. I really enjoy working with students to help them to navigate the process of applying for Title IV Aid and achieve their career goals. In my free time I enjoy reading, listening to podcasts, and spending quality time with my family.

## March Employee Birthday & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated Birthdays in March and a big congratulations to our staff and faculty that celebrated Anniversaries at Central Oklahoma College!

### **Birthdays:**

Taylor Edwards  
Melinda Henderson  
LaTosha Milton

### **Anniversaries:**

Larry Brown- 2 years  
Debbie Oplotnik- 9 years

## Students in Action!

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Practical Nursing Students visit the Capitol for Nurses Day 2024!





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