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Important Dates for May and June

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8th

National Nurses Week May 6-12th

CLOSED May 22-25th - Memorial Day

CLOSED June 19th - Juneteenth



Holly Conner, March Employee of the Month

Holly Conner, Registrar

I have been blessed to work at the best privately owned vocational college for 20 continuous years. I graduated from Central State Beauty Academy with my Cosmetology and Master Instructor certifications in 1989. I have 37 years of passionately instructing future professional cosmetologists. I'm a Master Cosmetology Instructor and Registrar. I look forward to seeing our graduates succeed in the field they're passionate about. I am also blessed to have started Haircuts for Heroes at the VA Hospital in OKC for over a decade now. It is a true honor to give back to the heroes who have sacrificed so much for our country. I am truly blessed to have been nominated for the Employee of the Month and have so many talented co-workers.

Charity Casteel, April Employee of the Month

Charity Casteel, Career Services

I have been working at Central Oklahoma College since December, and it is truly a privilege to work alongside each program and department. Being able to see others thrive is a core component of who I am and who I strive to be. I deeply care for each department here and am committed to doing whatever it takes to help our students be as successful as possible in achieving their long-term goals. Being able to support students after graduation as they pursue employment opportunities and running around each month highlighting our career spotlight is truly a joy. Outside of work you can find me fully embracing my life as a mom and wife. I live for supporting my family, attending heavy metal concerts, spending time at coffee shops working on schoolwork for psychology, weightlifting at the gym, or training for a half marathon around the lake. I am also frequently at the pool or the grocery store. I truly enjoy life and being fully present with what is in front of me.



2026 Commencement Dates and Information

SUMMER: Saturday, August 29, 2026 for Graduates who graduated between May 16, 2026-September 30, 2026

Capping and Pinning: Monday, June 8, 2026 @6:00pm

Location:
ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY CHURCH
11400 N. Portland Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

All students participating in Commencement need to have a **BLACK** cap and gown. You can order one on www.jostens.com. Go to "Find My School". Type 'Central Oklahoma College' in the search bar.

If graduates have any questions, please contact the college and ask for Career Services.



Student Spotlight for March and April!

Our March Students of the Month are Ethan Khamvongsa in Barber and Brenda Tuyet-Nguyen, in Radiology Technology! Congratulations to you both for earning the Student of the Month Award and being recognized for your hard work and performance!



Our April Students of the Month are Hanna Zasadil, in Radiology Technology and Ryan Yockel, in Barber!! Congratulations for earning the Student of the Month Award and being recognized for your hard work and performance!

March and April Birthday & Anniversaries

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

Birthdays:

Henrietta Jones
Taylor Edwards
Nikki Norman
Melinda Henderson
Hope Conner
Kristi Brooks
Alexis Walker
Jordan Dorris
Sonja Towell
Larry Brown

Anniversaries:

Larry Brown- 4 years
Debbie Oplotnik- 11 years
Kristi Brooks- 8 years
Rikki Claunch- 8 years
Brian David- 1 year
Taylor Edwards- 3 years
Carol Fisher- 51 years

Career Service Spotlight!

Student Services theme for May is 'Future Wanted' Students can look out for a checklist of ways to figure their future in the field! June's theme is "Hire Hustle" students will be learning their rights as it pertains to Federal and State Laws when interviewing for potential jobs as well as being hired.



Student Services Announcements

In May Students Services will have information on Life Skills which includes self-care, wellness, and counseling resources. In June, continuing the Life Skills theme, students can learn about effective communication as well as safety summer tips!

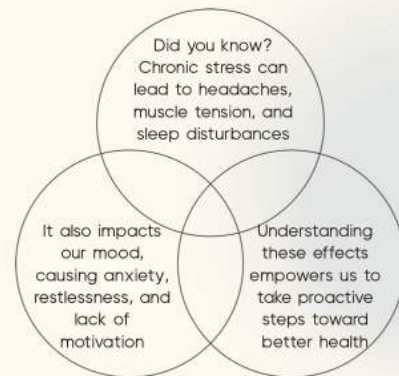


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