

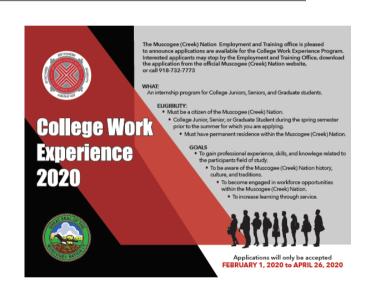
# The Department of Education and Training

# NEWSLETTER

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# **COLLEGE WORK EXPERIENCE**

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training office is pleased to announce applications are available for the College Work Experience Program. Interested applicants may stop by the Employment and Training Office, download the application from the official Muscogee (Creek) Nation website, or call 918-732-7773. Application will be accepted Feb. 1- April 26



### MCN FORMAL WEAR DRIVE



Since the beginning of 2019 the Department of Education and Trainings Special Projects team has collected formal wear donations from local stores and the community. Muscogee (Creek) students who are interested in this event can fill out an application and set up an appointment with staff for a fitting. If you are interested in helping students receive formal wear or would like to donate please call Savannah Chamberlin at (918)732-7743 or email schamberlin@mcn-nsn.gov

Click Here to apply for Formal Wear

## HIGHER EDUCATION S.O.A.R DAY









On February 18, 2020, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Higher Education program held its 2020 Student Outreach And Resource Day (S.O.A.R Day). S.O.A.R was established to provide Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens direct communication with university representatives, receive assistance from MCN Higher Education, and obtain higher education resources and opportunities through a one-day event.

S.O.A.R Day had over 300 Native students in attendance who had the opportunity to connect with over 50 different colleges and universities. During this event students also attended break out sessions. These sessions include High School to College Transition, FAFSA & Budgeting, College Disability Resources, and Connecting with Native American Resource Centers & Associations. Students were also able to connect to other educational resources such as Indian Health Services Scholarship, American Indian College Fund, College Horizons, and more!

# SPRING BREAK AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE

This spring Cultural Archives will host family and student oriented activities throughout March. Activities will begin Tuesday March 17th! For more information please call the Creek Nation Council House at 539-286-4663

More Details



# SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



The Summer Youth Employment Program is now accepting online applications until March 31, 2020! This is an opportunity for Native youth ages 16-21 years old. For more information please contact 918-732-7773 or eta@mcn-nsn.gov

Click Here to apply

# SPACE WEEK AT DUNBAR

The Department of Education and Training partnered with Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance to increase the participation of rural schools in Tulsa Flight Night Space Week.Retired Astronaut Col. Lockhart spoke with students at Dunbar Middle School in Okmulgee about NASA career opportunities and the need for diversity in STEM fields



# SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



In January, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) partnered with the MCN's Employment and Training Department to host a Summer Youth Application Day. The purpose of this event was to encourage and assist Wetumka Native High School students in applying for an 8-week employment program during the summer. Students participating in this program gain valuable workforce experience and have a safe, productive way to spend their time.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Summer Youth Employment Program provides work-based learning experiences, financial tools and workshops to manage their money, and engages Native youth in supportive, pro-social activities. These programs provide subsidized wages for youth who work at selected employers during the summer, and often include job readiness training and other supports for youth who participate.

# MCN JOM CHALLENGE BOWL

Throughout the month of February, Johnson O'Malley held the annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl at the College of the Muscogee Nation. Challenge Bowl encourages children to learn more about the Creek Culture, history, government and language by using traditional values of brotherhood as the foundation.



#### More Details











# **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARDEES:**

2020 Belvin Hill Scholarship

Tehillah Wind Kortney Morris

Wilbur Gouge Honors Award

High School: Beggs Black Middle School: Wilson War Ponies Elementary: Beggs Gold

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHALLENGE BOWL WINNERS:

#### **High School**

1st place Glenpool Hotvlkvlke 2nd place Beggs No Names 3rd place Glenpool Fuswvlke

#### **Middle School**

1st place Glenpool House Stark 2nd place Glenpool House Tyrell 3rd place Glenpool House Lannister

#### **Elementary School**

1st place Glenpool Tvstvnvkvlke 2nd place Glenpool Tenetke 3rd place Glenpool Kaccv









# **GETTING TO KNOW OUR PROGRAM**

#### **Special Projects**

The Department of Education and Training Special Projects focuses on providing dynamic services to fill gaps in citizen needs, and create innovative programming to develop the capacity of the Department of Education. Managing more than \$100,000 in federal grants, a programming portfolio with more than 40 public school districts, and events with several hundred attendees, the Special Projects team works to develop opportunities for cultural, educational, and community enrichment for all Muscogee (Creek) citizens.

Programs and opportunities include: STEM Grants, Formal Wear Drive, Honor Cords, Lending Library, Farm to School, and Outreach Services.

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Savannah and Mackenzie present at the University of Oklahoma Diversity Scholars Conference

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### March 1st: High Education

The Higher Education fall semester applications open

#### March 1st: Scholarship Foundation

The Scholarship Foundations fall semester applications open

#### March 25th-26th: Johnson-O'Malley

The JOM Statewide Conference will be held in Thackerville, OK

#### March 31st: Employment and Training

The Employment and Training Summer Youth Employment Program deadline

#### April 13th: Myskoke Language Program

The Mvskoke Language 2020 Language Immersion Camp application and essay deadline









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