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Quarterly Update

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OkACTE Guidance Division: Presidents Corner

Season's Greetings!



Guidance Division President
Lois Jones and President Elect
Debbie Waken photo op at the
Lucy Booth at Vision 2015

I am very appreciative to all for the opportunity to recently attend ACTE's CareerTech Vision 2015 as a participant and voting delegate.

The conference was held in culturally rich New Orleans, Louisiana.

This year's event was packed with networking opportunities, professional development sessions, resources and keynote speakers.

Guidance and career development offered an array of sessions, along with a blue book to provide helpful information.

Kuder, Inc. sponsored a hospitality room that featured a "Lucy booth" provided by ASVAB to interact with other career guidance professionals.

The OkACTE Guidance division was well represented with Jan Bell, ACTE Guidance and Career Development Vice-President presiding and Debbie Waken, Policy Board Member facilitating the division opening session.

Wishing each of you the joys of Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Have you seen the
video yet?**

**This is the video everyone is
talking about!**

In case you haven't seen it, though, the Moore Public Schools have made a video that every educator should watch... and then share with everyone you know!

The issues contributing to the teacher shortage in Oklahoma are complex, and this video, ***Breaking the Silence***, doesn't shy away from calling out the honest truth and does so from the heart!

Can you spare about 12 minutes? If so, click on the picture to see the video.

Oklahoma's children are worth it!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Counselors Only Conference is Coming!

Counselors Only Conference

What? Counselors Only Conference

When? March 10, 2016

*Where? The Reed Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd,
Oklahoma City, OK 73110*

Who? Counselors, of course!...as well as anyone who works with students in a guidance capacity...Sessions for elementary, middle school/junior high, high school, and technology center guidance staff. Stay tuned for more information!

Congratulations!



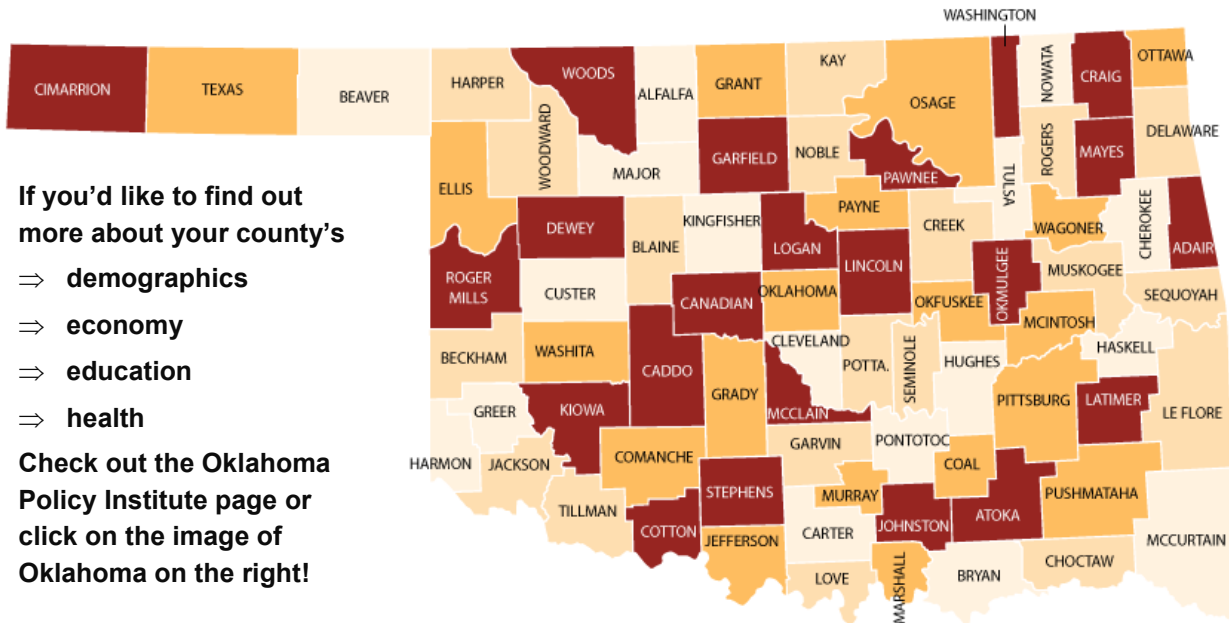
Beverly Harmon, counselor at Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee campus, was awarded the OKACTE Guidance Division Mini-grant in the November award period.

In case you missed the last newsletter, we told you about a fabulous grant opportunity!

The Guidance Division is awarding two \$250 mini-grants per semester to members this year. Awards are made in November and June.

If you missed out this time, it's not too early to start working on the next grant. For more information, see our page!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW YOUR COUNTY STACKS UP AGAINST OTHERS IN OKLAHOMA?



If you'd like to find out more about your county's

- ⇒ demographics
- ⇒ economy
- ⇒ education
- ⇒ health

Check out the Oklahoma Policy Institute page or click on the image of Oklahoma on the right!

Feeling Stuck?

Get UNstuck!

Have you ever felt stuck in a rut? Have you ever felt stuck in confusion?

Have you ever felt, well, just STUCK??

This cool website actually started out as an app, but now it's expanded to a full website with great articles, tips, and sometimes even checklists, all designed to help get you out of your "stuck" feeling and into successful feelings!



Every kind of topic imaginable is found here, from job readiness skills to how to combat negative thinking to buying the best gift to how to deal with angry people. How do you go about complaining effectively? Are you too nice?

Interested yet? I urge you to check out the UNstuck site for fun or real self improvement!

What are the purposes of the guidance division?

PURPOSE

- ⇒ Develop high professional standards among the membership
- ⇒ Enhance career development of all individuals
- ⇒ Disseminate information about guidance to career and technology educators
- ⇒ Develop and maintain communications
- ⇒ Identify the importance of a comprehensive guidance system
- ⇒ Provide all students with a solid foundation for making educational and career choices
- ⇒ Encourage the promotion of Career and Technology Student Organizations (CTSO)
- ⇒ Strengthen working relationships among all guidance personnel
- ⇒ Encourage support of both state and federal career guidance legislation issues

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YOUR
OFFICERS. IF
YOU HAVE ANY
SUGGESTIONS
OR COMMENTS,
PLEASE PASS
THEM ALONG.

If you have any ideas for workshops —
or if you have missed a workshop and would like to see it repeated, let us know!