

EOC Tech Center Partners in Success

Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center has just completed its 25th year of operation. EOC Tech Center's distinguished past includes a continuous commitment to the people and communities of Eastern Oklahoma County by providing quality career and technical training for professional and personal development. This commitment is achieved through the delivery of quality programs, services, and activities. Always a priority is assessing the value of our training programs and evening classes while developing additional offerings.

EOC Technology Center has reaffirmed its commitment in serving high school and adult students by continuing to offer new career choices, professional enhancements and adding to existing services. EOC Tech Center continues to explore new opportunities to serve the district both in the classroom and in the community. The addition of events for elementary students including summer camp in 2009, a successful Explore Program for sophomores, and the continuous improvement to our junior and senior level courses are a result of evaluating our past success and responding to what the residents of Eastern Oklahoma County desire.

Business and industry in Eastern Oklahoma County has greatly benefited from a variety of efforts made in the past year. Our program instructors initiated a process of examining their course content to ensure students are receiving the skills that industry identifies as essential for employee success. The move to establish courses within programs prompted educators to carefully make decisions concerning content which benefits both industry and students. The addition of a bid assistance program to EOC Technology Center's available services for businesses in the district further exemplifies our commitment to promoting growth and economic development. The Bid Assistance program works with any business interested in bidding on government and public projects at the state or federal levels. Adding this program to the school's industry specific training program and small business management program makes it possible to better serve the current needs of the area while preparing for anticipated future growth.

The Oklahoma fire service community and area municipalities receive assistance from EOC Technology Center by way of graduating cadets and offering continuing education for seasoned fire professionals. In August 2007, EOC Tech hosted the Oklahoma State Fire School for the second consecutive year and will host this year's event as well. The 2007 fire school brought well over 400 firefighters, instructors, volunteers, and vendors from across the state to the campus for three consecutive days. EOC Tech's fire academy continues its third year of existence in 2008 with academy sessions which have prepared a multitude of individuals for entrance into fire service as qualified firefighters. These efforts, along with numerous training sessions for municipal and volunteer fire departments, reaffirmed EOC Tech's desire to promote fire safety and improve the level of services across the state.

All of these accomplishments and many others would not have been possible over the last year without the support of the people and communities of Eastern Oklahoma County. The EOC Technology Center Foundation, through participation in its annual golf tournament, made it possible for students to attend leadership activities, compete at state and national levels, and receive financial support to complete

technical programs and earning college credit while attending EOC Tech. The efforts of the EOC Tech Foundation and the partnerships established with area communities help advance individuals and groups in their desire to see Eastern Oklahoma County become a destination for those who grow up here. The community and individual support is a driving force for EOC Technology Center to continue exhibiting responsible actions and making appropriate decisions for the benefit of the taxpayers of our district.

Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center strives to meet the changing needs of individuals and communities in the area. If you have not had the chance to take advantage of our services, we urge you to explore how we can be of assistance to you. We invite you to take an evening/daytime/online class, participate in the foundation's events, or just come visit our campus to see what we have to offer. We think you'll discover, your success can be achieved by a partnership with EOC Tech Center!

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