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NEW FACE AND NEW TECHNOLOGY AT EOC TECH

(CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA) Trendy haircut, contemporary dress, and the enthusiasm of a teenager--you might mistake him for one of the new students on campus, but who you are really seeing is the new Interactive Media: Digital Media instructor, Jason Adams.

Adams comes to Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center from Fletcher Junior High & High School where he taught a wide-range of technology courses. Having been there nine years, he worked with students during the day in the classroom and put in countless hours after school building robots and serving as the "computer guy" for the campus, working well beyond the average hours of the work week.

Graduating from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Technology Education, Adams not only has a love of teaching but a love for all types of technology. You walk into his classroom and see wall-to-wall Macintosh computers with oversized monitors, video cameras, digital cameras and students "plugged in" to what they are doing.

When asked what he hoped to bring to the program at EOC Tech, he doesn't hesitate when responding, "New ideas and fresh concepts!"

While assisting students with building their skills and portfolios he hopes to give them an opportunity to experience the many aspects of Interactive Media. Whether it's as a desktop publisher/graphic designer, motion graphics artist, video production editor or producer Adams wants them to gain the experience to be employable by the time they complete his program.

The coursework, depending on which career major a student chooses, might include digital photography, electronic marketing, 3D animation, audio and video production, broadcast production.

The two year program is available to district juniors and seniors as well as full-time adult students. Adams says many of his students are already involved to some degree in the industry; with their churches, schools and part-time employment. He observes their readiness to take it to the next level.

When asked if students completing the program are ready for employment he replies, “Yes they’ll have the necessary skills. Of course it will always be necessary to keep up with the latest technology after they graduate, but they will definitely be employable for lucrative positions.”

To learn more about Interactive Media and other full-time career majors & courses at Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center, please call (405) 390-9591 or visit www.eoctech.org.