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Autry Names January Students of the Month

ENID, Okla. – Autry Technology Center has named three students as the January Students of the Month. These students were selected based on their performance in and out of the classroom as students, role models and future professionals.

Heather Downing is a second-year high school student in the Graphic Arts program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a senior at Drummond High School where she is active in the Drummond FCCLA Chapter. Downing is currently the Northwest District SkillsUSA Treasurer. She recently represented Oklahoma at the SkillsUSA National Skill and Leadership Conference and attended the SkillsUSA Oklahoma Summer Leadership Conference.

“Heather truly exemplifies all of the characteristics of a good leader,” said Cheryl Cooksey, Graphic Arts instructor. “She leads with her heart and works hard to lift others up. She encourages others to get involved and leads by example. She is a great role model for first-year students in the Graphic Arts program and greets each day with a cheerful and helpful attitude.”

Shelby West is a second-year adult student in the Business Management & Entrepreneurship program at Autry Technology Center with a focus on the Accounting Services curriculum. She graduated from Enid High School in 2017 and is utilizing the Autry Scholarship to complete the accounting program. She also attends NOC, majoring in Accounting, and plans to become a Certified Public Accountant. West is an Autry Professional Representative and an active member of Business Professionals of America.

“Shelby has a great attitude and is willing to help others,” said Lavon Holtzinger, Business and Information Technology instructor. “She has been a great asset in our program and helps with marketing and recruiting for the program.”

Blaise Mayberry is a second-year student in the Clinical Medical Assisting program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a senior at Drummond High School. Mayberry completed the Health Careers program last year and plans to use the Autry Scholarship to enroll in the Surgical Technology program after graduation. She has also completed job shadowing at area medical offices to explore her interest in the medical field. Her long-term goal is to become a surgical technologist.

“Blaise is a student who has a positive attitude and helps to provide an example of academic and social excellence,” said Sandra Patocka, Clinical Medical Assisting instructor. “She works hard and stays focused on the tasks at hand.”

Autry Technology Center has been a part of the Enid community since 1967 and is one of 29 CareerTech schools across Oklahoma. The center has more than 25 career programs and offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses and certifications for many diverse career fields. Autry serves nearly 16,000

individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Business and Industry Services Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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