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## **Autry Names September Students of the Month**

ENID, Okla. – Autry Technology Center has named three students as the September 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.

Shelby Smith is a first-year high school student in the Health Careers program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a senior at Enid High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Upward Bound program at NOC. Shelby plans on receiving her CNA certification through her program at Autry. After high school graduation, she plans to complete her associate's degree at NOC and enroll in the Practical Nursing program at Autry. She eventually would like to become a Registered Nurse.

“Even though we have only been in session for about a month, I could tell instantly that Shelby was a step above in my class,” said Lois McCullough, Health Career instructor. “Shelby is always willing to assist students that may be struggling with a concept. She does this quietly without making a big deal about it. She works beside the students and helps them. She does not spoon-feed them answers. She truly helps them understand the information being taught. She is very compassionate and will make a wonderful CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant).”

Kaleb Koehn is a second-year adult student in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at Autry Technology Center. He graduated from Bethel Baptist Academy in May 2018 and also works at Taco Bandito. Kaleb is active in SkillsUSA and competed in the Secondary Job Skill Demonstration A contest last year. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the NW district competition and was later named a state champion. He then competed at the national competition in June. He also served as an Autry Professional Representative.

“Kaleb is the type of student that every instructor wants,” said Brian Terrell, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration instructor. “He is always on time and has excellent attendance. He is respectful and has good manners as well as being academically motivated. He is a team player in class but also demonstrates his ability for independent action on a regular basis. He is the guy other students go to when needing help. He is respected for being self-motivated and having good morals. He is the type of student an instructor doesn't have to check on because he is always working.”

Cristian Ayerbe is a second-year high school student in the Information Technology program at Autry Technology Center. He is also a senior at Enid High School and works at McDonald's in Wal-Mart. He served as an Autry Professional Representative, BPA Reporter and was a member of the FIRST Robotics team last year. He has been selected as an Autry Professional Representative, BPA President and a FIRST Robotics team member for the 2018-2019 year.

“Cristian is very deserving as the BPA student of the month,” said Melissa Hula and Barbara Leathers, Information Technology instructors. “He is eager to learn, very motivated, and works hard on his assignments and labs. He is a critical thinker and problem solver! When he is faced with an issue that doesn’t work, he is always willing to dig in and try to find the solution. These skills will be very beneficial for him in the IT industry.”

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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