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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.

Mike Jackson is a second-year adult student in the Information Technology program at Autry Technology Center. After completing a career in aircraft maintenance at Vance Air Force Base, he decided to return to Autry as a student in 2017. Mike serves as an Autry Professional Representative for the Information Technology program and a BPA officer. He was instrumental in organizing the BPA Community Service Day in December and was recently selected to serve on the board of directors for the Enid Cemetery.

“Mike is a hard worker and has a positive attitude even with some health setbacks this year,” said Melissa Hula and Barbara Leathers, Information Technology instructors. “He uses self-management very effectively and stays on task with his coursework to meet his goals. Mike is eager to learn, very motivated, and works hard on his assignments and labs. He usually goes above and beyond in his coursework completing optional extra credit labs and activities. Mike is always willing to help others troubleshoot labs and activities as needed.”

Alona Dillman is a first-year adult student in the Dental Assisting program at Autry Technology Center. She recently moved to the Enid area from Florida where she graduated high school and received her associate’s degree. She has participated in numerous HOSA community service projects and recently began job shadowing with local dentists. Alona also works at Hobby Lobby and plans on working as a dental assistant before attending college to become a dental hygienist.

“Alona is a very positive young woman,” said Traci Gosney, Dental Assisting instructor. “She is always ready to help others in the lab and in the classroom. She is always smiling. Her smile and positive attitude are very contagious. She is a joy to have in class.”

Josh Frazer is a second-year adult student in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at Autry Technology Center. He graduated from Enid High School in 2017 and is utilizing the Autry Scholarship to continue his education. He currently works at Wal-Mart and plans to work as a controls technician with a local heating and air company after he completes his program.

“Josh is a very hard-working student,” said Brian Terrell, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology instructor. “His superior work ethic shines in the classroom, and he sets the bar for his fellow students. He has a genuine desire to learn and to use that knowledge to better himself. His positive attitude in class helps keep the classroom environment uplifted. He is a man to watch because he will go far!”

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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