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### **Autry Tech 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.

Zoe Walker is a first-year high school student in the Early Care & Hospitality program. She is also a junior at Chisholm High School where she is active in National Honor Society as president and Spanish Club as vice president. She is also the junior class vice president and is involved in the Chisholm Community Outreach Team. Walker chose to attend Autry Tech because she enjoys working with children and would like to build her skills in order to succeed in the workforce.

Walker serves as a role model for her classmates. She is an Autry Professional Representative and was active in the food drive as well as collecting pop tabs for a community service project. Outside of school, Walker is active in the Enid Twirling Academy, attends United Methodist Church where she is an active youth group member and is in the Fairview Wranglers Club where she helps with recruitment of sponsorship for the Fairview Rodeo each year. She also works at Leonardo's Children's Museum as the children's activity coordinator.

"Zoe is always happy to help in any way with a cheerful attitude," said Tammie Conaway, Early Care & Hospitality instructor. "During tours, the students would gravitate to Zoe's project as her personality is so contagious! Zoe is a strong leader in everything that she strives to do."

After she completes his training at Autry Tech and graduates high school, Walker plans to further her education and obtain her elementary education degree to teach early elementary students!

Jacob Arnold is a second-year adult student in the Medical Front Office program at Autry Technology Center. He is utilizing the Autry Tuition Scholarship as he graduated from Home School in 2021. Arnold had an excellent attendance record last year, and currently has perfect attendance for this school year. He also is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and serves as an Autry Professional Representative for his program. For the BPA State Leadership Conference coming up in March, Arnold is studying for the Medical Terminology contest.

He chose to come to Autry Tech because he felt it was a great opportunity to further his knowledge with the workplace environment and gain experience with the Medical Front Office before he started working with his father at 180 Direct Primary Care.

“Jacob performs very well in my program,” said Tera Davis, Medical Front Office instructor. “He is focused, is on task, and works diligently on every assignment. He actively engages in class discussions, on team projects, and with guest speakers. He has a positive attitude, always has a smile on his face, and is kind and easy to work with. Jacob is very eager to learn every aspect regarding the Medical Front Office. He is very motivated and driven to finish the program strong. I always know I can count on Jacob if I need assistance. He has an outstanding work ethic, which is an essential skill in industry.”

Once he completes his program this May, he plans on working at 180 Direct Primary Care and taking classes at NOC. He eventually would like to go to law school and focus on disability law.

Summer Simunek is a first-year adult student in the Clinical Medical Assisting program at Autry Technology Center. She currently works at Enid Pet Hospital as a Kennel Tech and believes the training she is receiving at Autry Tech will help her further her knowledge and career opportunities.

Simunek chose to come to Autry Tech’s Clinical Medical Assisting program because she wanted to broaden her job opportunities and she knew the medical field would help provide a very stable and worthwhile career. Her favorite thing about Autry Tech is all the new things she gets to learn and all the new opportunities available to her and other students.

“Summer is an outstanding student,” said Rocio Guzman-Lopez, Clinical Medical Assisting instructor. “She is the type of student who dislikes missing class and is always one of the first ones here. She has shown various characteristics and attributes as a student that are admirable in the medical field as an employee. She is a team player and doesn’t hesitate to help others in class. She is ambitious, works ahead, and makes sure her assignments and skills are done thoroughly and to the best of her ability. She is a very selfless and caring person.”

She plans to complete her program in May 2022 and is wanting to pursue a career as a veterinarian assistant.

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 Tech serves nearly 16,000 individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Corporate Training Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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