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Autry Technology Center Names March Students of the Month

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

Karys Lam is a first-year high school student in the Culinary Arts program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a junior at Enid High School where she is on the competitive cheerleading team. She also works with her family in their pickle business. Lam also represented Autry Tech at the 2021 United Way Chili Cookoff where the team took home first place in the Judges' Choice category.

“Karys is a good example of the meaning of hospitality,” said Kelly Holder, Autry Tech Culinary Arts instructor. “She is positive and helpful in class to both instructors and other classmates. She shows leadership skills and pushes others to be her best. She is dedicated to her bookwork as well as kitchen applications. She often helps others succeed. She keeps a positive attitude even when others around her are showing negativity. She truly represents Autry Tech in a positive way!”

Jewel Jacobi is a first-year adult student in the Medical Front Office program at Autry Tech. She graduated from Pioneer High School in 2021 and is utilizing the Autry Tuition Scholarship to continue her education. She recently represented her program during 8th grade and sophomore tours at Autry Tech in addition to testing for the BPA State Contest in the area of Medical Terminology.

“Jewel’s passion for learning shows in her work,” said Tera Davis, Autry Tech Medical Front Office instructor. “She takes the time to really comprehend the curriculum. She is meticulous on each assignment ensuring she turns in excellent work. Jewel is using her time to work ahead independently to maximize her time at Autry Tech. A medical office professional should display a positive attitude, compassion, and excellent critical thinking skills; all of which Jewel demonstrates daily in class. She is willing to go above and beyond what is asked of her. I know I can always count on Jewel to participate in class discussions and help in any area needed.”

Jacobi was recently offered a full-time medical front office position with Women’s Health and Wellness Center/Dr. Lee in Enid. She will be utilizing the training she has learned to start a career in the medical field which is why she chose to come to Autry Tech. She would like to work a few years in the medical industry and possibly go to nursing school to become a pediatric nurse.

Claire Pence is a first-year high school student in the Health Careers program at Autry Technology Center. She is a junior through home schooling and is very involved in her local church community.

Pence is serving this year as an Autry Professional Representative (APR) for the Health Careers program. Her favorite thing about Autry Tech is the hands-on learning experiences she gets in the classroom and clinical setting. Pence recently completed online testing in the State HOSA contest area of Nursing Assisting and is awaiting results.

“Claire is a very hard-working student who is always thriving to learn more,” said Lois McCullough, Autry Tech Health Careers instructor. “When things get tough, she digs in and gets things done. She has a very sweet spirit and is always willing to help out a classmate that needs assistance. Claire’s future goals are to continue in the medical field, and with her character traits of kindness and compassion, she will make an excellent nurse one of these days.”

Pence is working on becoming a Long-Term Care Nurse Aid (LTCNA) and is currently participating in the clinical portion of that training. Once she meets all of the LTCNA requirements and testing, she is planning on getting a job to gain experience. She is pre-enrolled in Autry Tech’s Clinical Medical Assisting program for the 2022-2023 school year and eventually would like to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

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.

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