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Autry Technology Center Names April Students of the Month

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

Alison Warner is a second-year high student in the Graphic Arts program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a senior at Chisholm High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Chisholm Bowling Team.

Warner is a member of the National Technical Honor Society at Autry Tech and currently serves as the SkillsUSA Northwest District parliamentarian. She chose to run for the office after overcoming her fear of public speaking. She also earned 4th place in the Job Skill Demo O competition at the SkillsUSA Northwest District Leadership Contest in March.

Outside of Autry Tech, Warner volunteers with the Oklahoma Blood Institute, Loaves & Fishes, the Pumpkin Patch and Willow View Christian Church.

“Allie is a great role model to the first-year learners in Graphic Arts,” said Cheryl Cooksey, Autry Tech Graphic Arts instructor. “She has served as the first semester lab foreman and is respected by her peers. Allie has high moral standards, a strong work ethic, and would be a great asset in any workplace. Allie has a host of skills including illustration and typing. She is a well-rounded young person who will become a blessing to any community she resides in as an adult.

Ashley Tune is a first-year adult student in the Business & Office Services program at Autry Technology Center. She graduated from Epic Charter School in 2021 and is utilizing the Autry Tuition Scholarship to continue her education.

Tune serves as the BPA Reporter for Autry Tech’s afternoon chapter. She attended the Fall BPA Conference, has gone above and beyond to complete tasks behind the scenes for BPA Chapter Meetings, continually serves as a mentor to other BPA members, and competed in a variety of events at the BPA State leadership Contests.

Her placings at the state contest include:

- 3rd place—Basic Office Systems & Procedures (Postsecondary)
- 3rd place—Financial Math Analysis (Postsecondary)
- 5th place—College Accounting (Postsecondary)
- 10th place—Administrative Support Systems (Postsecondary)

- 10th place—Business Meeting Management (Postsecondary)
- 10th place—Management, Marketing and Human Resources (Postsecondary)

Tune will be competing in some of these contest areas at the National BPA Contests in Dallas, Texas, May 4-8.

“Ashley’s desire to grow professionally as a young adult can be seen in her achievements this school year,” said Andrea Long, Autry Tech Business & Office Services instructor. “I remember meeting Ashley last spring at Signing Day in which she was quick to highlight that she just absolutely could not speak in front of a group and the idea of that just caused her stress. At the start of the school year, Ashley faced her fears and ran for a BPA office. Through practice and determination, she successfully completed the interview process and was selected to serve as BPA Reporter. She has been a great asset to the BPA Officer Team. While a student in my class, Ashley has been dedicated to being a successful student and person. Her kindness and positive attitude are reflected in the classroom as she helps others. One of her strengths is her ability to think several steps ahead which allows her to complete tasks without having to be guided step-by-step. She is detailed driven and that is reflected in all that she does in class and with BPA. There are numerous more characteristics I could share about Ashley which is why it is easy to recognize her as the BPA Student of the Month.”

Tune plans to complete the Business & Office Services program next year while also taking Cosmetology. She would eventually like to open her own salon.

Jesus Gonzalez is second-year high school student in the Health Careers program at Autry Technology Center. He is senior at Enid High School and completed Autry Tech’s Clinical Medical Assisting program last year.

By Spring Break, Gonzalez had completed the Health Careers curriculum and was wanting more. Because of his desire to be part Autry Tech’s Practical Nursing program, his instructor was able to visit with the Practical Nursing Coordinator about accelerated curriculum options for Jesus. He also completed his clinicals for CNA at Greenbrier and is participating in additional supervised work experience at Integris General Surgery in Enid.

“Jesus is one of the politest young men that I have had in my classroom,” said Lois McCullough, Autry Tech Health Careers instructor. “He never belittles or talks bad about fellow classmates. He is sweet and compassionate. Jesus is an extremely hard worker. I have never in my 16 years of teaching had a student like Jesus who is so dedicated to learning as much as he can during his time in school. The ambition that he shows towards his education is what keeps me going through the tough days and puts a smile on my face. I know Jesus is going to make a great nurse one of these days. He is so kind and compassionate, and you can truly see the drive to constantly better himself. That is the type of nurse I want taking care of me when I am old!”

Gonzalez is learning so much during this time and building a network of contacts within the health profession that will help him in his future career choices. He anticipates being part of the Practical Nursing program starting in August and eventually would like to go to NOC for his RN degree. He then would like to continue his education by completing his bachelor’s and doctorate degrees.

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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