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Autry Technology Center Names October Students of the Month

ENID, OKLA. — Autry Technology Center has named three students as the October 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.

Shiloh Barber is a second-year high school student in the Culinary Arts program at Autry Technology Center. She is also a senior at Enid High School.

Barber currently serves at the SkillsUSA Treasurer for afternoon group at Autry Tech. Last year, she competed in the SkillsUSA State Baking and Pastry competition as well as Prepared Speech. She also assisted with the Chisholm Trail Milling bread demonstration where she served as an ambassador for the Culinary Arts program to all visitors and volunteered her time to make the event a success.

“Shiloh is an incredible student that is a leader not only in her class, but here at Autry Tech,” said Chef Kelly Holder, Autry Tech Culinary Arts instructor. “She is a positive influence on all of her classmates. She never complains and puts herself fully into all class ventures. She is always the first to volunteer to help others in the classroom.”

After completing her program at Autry Tech, Barber plans to earn her associate’s degree in business at NOC before going to culinary school.

Makenna Hayes is an adult student in her second year of the Dental Assisting program at Autry Technology Center. She graduated from Enid High School in 2019.

“Makenna joined the Dental Assisting program last January, one of the hardest times to join the class in my opinion,” said Traci Gosney, Autry Tech Dental Assisting instructor. “She came into a class that had already been through half of the year’s curriculum, but this did not seem to shake her. I would take everyone to the lab to start going back over skills that the other students had already learned. Makenna would be right there asking questions and always kept a very positive attitude, even when the skills got tough. She always handles herself in a very respectful manner and is always ready to stand up and help when needed.”

Hayes was recently able to complete her X-Ray License at the Enid Community Dental Day. She took it upon herself to reach out to the staff in charge of taking the x-rays for the day and asked to be the one to take the x-rays needed for her certification.

After completing the Dental Assisting program, Hayes hopes to continue with school to become a Dental Hygienist.

Chloe Johnson is a first-year adult student in the Medical Front Office program at Autry Technology Center. She chose to attend Autry Tech because she was interested in medical coding. She currently serves as the BPA Liaison for both the morning and afternoon groups.

“Right from the start, I noticed Chloe’s drive for learning. She is focused on doing her very best on each and every task assigned. She truly wants to learn what it takes to be a successful Medical Office professional,” said Tera Davis, Autry Tech Medical Front Office instructor. “Chloe is always willing to participate in class discussions. I know I can count on her to help if I need assistance with any project or job in the classroom. She is also a team player and assists her classmates when needed. I look forward to watching Chloe continue to grow this year and to develop her skills in the Medical Front Office area. I know she is going to make an outstanding employee, as she has already demonstrated with her drive, compassion and leadership skills.”

After completing her program, Johnson hopes to find a job in coding for neurosurgery at a big hospital.

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 Workforce Development Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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Makenna Hayes is the HOSA October Student of the Month. She is a student in the Dental Assisting program at Autry Technology Center.



Chloe Johnson is the BPA October Student of the Month. She is a student in the Medical Front Office program at Autry Technology Center.