

I'd like to introduce you all to our newest team member! **Kelsey Gray** took the position of Administrative Assistant right before Christmas. She's fitting in great with the team and her Agriculture Ed and Culinary Arts experience at CareerTech give her a great foundation for her new line of work. Kelsey graduated from OSU, but was raised in Broken Arrow. I can't wait for each of you to email from Kelsey Gray—don't



get to know her, but in the meantime, if you get an delete!! 😊 She speaks on behalf us of all!

1. You still have time to [Oklahoma - ACTE Awards \(secure-platform.com\)](#) apply for **awards for OKACTE's** many options! Awards questions? Email [awards@okacte.org](mailto:awards@okacte.org) or call the OkACTE office, 405-525-8906. You can also contact [Lorri Carlile](#) or [Roberta Howard](#). **OHCETA scholarship** opportunities can also be found: <https://forms.gle/MWcpvKiXnj9hpyag6>
2. Join OKACTE on **January 25: Oklahoma CareerTech Appropriations Request** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Via Zoom, confirmation includes zoom information. **\*Registration is required to attend. Registration ends at noon on January 24, 2024.** [Event Details & Registration | OkACTE](#) Each year, the State Department of CareerTech provides an Appropriations Request in hopes to increase the funding for the Oklahoma CareerTech system. On January 25th, join us to hear from Oklahoma CareerTech State Director, Brent Haken, regarding the details of his request this Legislative Session.
3. **Lottery Grant applications** were sent last week to both Comprehensive High Schools and Technology Centers. Be sure to talk to your district personnel if you have suggestions for grant dollars!
4. **HCE Day at the Capitol will be held Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9am-12:00pm! Start making plans to attend this FREE event. Bring as many students as you would like, have them learn about the legislative process and visit their state capitol! Clinical uniforms requested.
5. **Some execs prefer older employees, survey finds** An Intelligent.com survey found 38% of executives and managers in the US prefer to hire older job applicants over recent college graduates, with some survey respondents saying they'd hire overqualified older employees to avoid dealing with Gen Z. Some respondents complained young people ask for unreasonable pay, struggle with eye contact, dress inappropriately, are late to work, miss deadlines and act like they're entitled, according to the survey. **Full Story:** [Human Resources Director](#)
6. **Experts weigh in on fascinating conundrums the human body presents, like why we're so prone to choking, where skin lotion goes, and more.** ([Listen](#))
7. **Pioneer Tech ambulance simulator enhances EMT training** Pioneer Technology Center is using an ambulance simulator that mirrors the layout of an actual ambulance to train EMT and paramedic students. The simulator has all the essential equipment found in an ambulance and includes audio and video that allows instructors to monitor students in emergency scenarios. "The simulator is a game-changer for our EMT and paramedic offerings," said Kahle Goff, executive director of full-time programs at PTC. "It provides an engaging and realistic training environment that prepares our students for the dynamic challenges they'll face in the field." Read more about the simulator on the [Pioneer Tech website](#)
8. **Why You Have a Cerebellum.** Known as the "little brain," the cerebellum sits under the cerebrum, **contains 80% of the brain's neurons, and has evolved in size faster than the rest of the brain.** ([Read](#))
9. **FREE WEBINAR! WED. 1/31/24 • 7-9 PM ET "How to Build Your Perfect Outdoor and Wilderness First Aid Kit" Replay link included.**
10. A course in a Colorado Springs high school is **teaching students the basics of 9-1-1 dispatching**, qualifying them to apply for an entry-level job after graduation. Other schools are training students in emergency medical response to address staffing shortages at area agencies. **Full Story:** [The Colorado Sun \(Denver\)](#)

11. Aztec now has training for teachers:

JANUARY  
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12:00pm Pacific /  
3:00pm Eastern

**RESERVE A SEAT**

**Adult Ed 101 for the Beginning Teacher**

Adult Ed 101 for the Beginning Teacher – Chris Miller  
From the minute an adult learner enrolls in a program to the day they reach their academic and/or career goals, what needs to be done? Join us as we walk through a process for new teachers that begins with day one of the program.

JANUARY 29 - 12:00pm Pacific / 3:00pm Eastern

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**Instructional Strategies for Adult Ed Teachers**

FEBRUARY 5 - 12:00pm Pacific / 3:00pm Eastern

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**Engagement & Retention Strategies**

FEBRUARY 12 - 12:00pm Pacific / 3:00pm Eastern

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**Critical Thinking Skills**

12. [Best Free AI Quiz Generators](#) Although not every part of a teacher's work can be outsourced to AI, quiz creation tools can save them time while allowing final control of questions and answers to remain in their hands. We tested [free AI-powered quiz-generating platforms, evaluating for the ease of use, features, number of free quizzes allowed, and—most important—quality of questions generated.](#) [Tech & Learning \(1/22\)](#)

Do you ever wonder what we do each week? Gilda Austin does a great job of posting what schools we will be in and what we are up to on our Oklahoma HCE Facebook page, so follow us for great ideas we see when we are out and about!

Have a great week and remember—winter can't last forever!!!

Sincerely,  
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