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Salina Area Poverty Busters Committee Committed to Your Success

Greg Goode has always had a passion to assist those in need. He attended the Governor's new council on lowering poverty for further insight. His vision included creating a path ensuring folks the ability to earn a living wage and opportunity for a quality life. Greg knew he could not master his plan alone and moved previously Vice President of Student Services, Lara Duran, into a newly developed position as Outreach Coordinator at SATC. Greg and Lara's research into who is fighting poverty and what is being done in Salina, in Kansas, and the nation continued from Fall 2012 through early Spring 2013.



Gregg Goode – SATC President

They proceeded to reach out to the Salina Adult Education Center Director, Kelly Mobray and Salina Housing Authority Director, Larry Pankratz to gain more insight. The small group determined several indicators as the root of poverty that needed to be Addressed. These alarming indicators of growing poverty include: the continual increase of the area's free lunch rate over the past fifteen years, teen pregnancy rates in Salina that have eclipsed the rates for Kansas, and high rates of young adults and parents without high school diplomas and/or post-secondary education in an economy that requires both credentials for living wage. Due to their experience working with similar populations, the group was compelled to invite Barton Community College, Trio - Educational Opportunity Center Director, Susie Burt, Heartland Programs Director, Korey Hensley, and USD 305 Food/Nutrition Director, Cindy Foley to join the group.

The new group does not wish to duplicate services in a service-rich region where generous, caring agency staffers abound. The anecdotally named group of 'Poverty Busters' bring "help" organizations to the table together to talk about what works, what's next and to build a cooperative plan. The group concurred, life skills and academic education are key components to overcome the issues individuals face. Coupled with education, many barriers were discussed that include child care, work schedules, low wages, transportation, defaulted loans, health care, homelessness and affordable housing/utility bills that need to be addressed. To tackle the issues, mentorship and funding is a must!! Therefore, constant and continued fund and 'mentor-raising' must occur. Mentors can be agency representatives or just community members committed to lending ideas and resources to fight poverty. SATC and the group of 'help organizations' will continue to grow and collaborate to ensure there is a strong support system in place for potential and current participants.



**Rodney Denholm – Susie Burt – Lara Duran
 KaySue Nothern - Kelly Mobray - Gregg Goode**

If you are in need of assistance, do not hesitate to contact any of the following 'Poverty Busters' agency representatives:

Participant of the Quarter: Jennifer Allende

Our Participant of the Quarter is Jennifer Allende. She was born and raised in Great Bend, Kansas. She is a 2011 graduate of Great Bend High School, and a 2013 graduate of Barton Community College with an Associates of Science degree in Nursing. She is transferring to Washburn University the Fall of 2013 where she plans to pursue her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has chosen Nursing as her ultimate goal in helping and serving others, and is excited to be working at Great Bend Regional Hospital this summer for the experience and knowledge base.

Jennifer was referred to CKEOC by her mother, "Lupe," and her brother, "Manny". Her brother is a participant of CKEOC as well, and is due to graduate from the University of Texas at El Paso in the Spring of 2014. CKEOC started working with Jennifer her senior year in High School. She couldn't make up her mind on which college to attend, so we assisted her with campus visits to BCC and Fort Hays State University. She later toured the campus of Kansas State University, but ended up attending school at Barton Community College. Her freshman year at Barton she received a full scholarship for Women's soccer, and her sophomore year she received a full scholarship for Women's basketball.



Jennifer comes from a very athletic family. Besides her parents Lupe and Victor, she has two brothers, Emmanuel (Manny), and Jonathan. Of course, we can't forget her dog, a German shepherd named Champ. Her brother, Manny, received a scholarship for baseball to BCC, and transferred to El Paso Community College where he also played baseball, and her brother Jonathan will be a Senior at Great Bend High School and is very involved in GBHS football.

When asked how CKEOC has assisted her with achieving her goals, she stated, "CKEOC was a great help to get me where I am today. I appreciated their help with campus visits, financial aid, and just answering any questions I might have." She claimed she had a very "positive" experience at BCC and was grateful for the team spirit and camaraderie with the Women's basketball and soccer teams.

In her leisure time, Jennifer loves playing sports, hanging out with friends, going to the lake, and traveling.

Welcome Chris Lemon, Barton Adult Education Center Coordinator



Chris Lemon is the new coordinator of Barton Adult Education Center. Chris has been with Barton Community College since August 2012, as an Academic Advisor with the Upward Bound TRiO Program.

He studied at Justus-Leibig University in Germany and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. While attending college he received the Fulbright Fellowship from the U. S. State Department to teach English to German students.

He is a native of the area and his parents still live in Larned. His favorite companion is his chocolate lab, Max. When he has any free time he likes to travel and spend time with his family.

CKEOC works very closely with GED participants as the Bridge to Postsecondary Education to further their education. Chris would like everyone to know the cost of the OPT's (Official Practice Tests) is \$50.00 and which are about half the length of the Official GED test. The cost of the Official GED is \$85.00. Also, he would like to remind people interested in obtaining their GED, as of January 1, 2014 the cost is going up to \$125.00 and the format of the test will be changing. So now is the time to enroll in class. The next orientation is July 22, 23, and 25. Anyone interested in signing up please call our offices and we will assist you.



Congratulations Grads



CKEOC staff would like to congratulate EOC participant graduates for the 2012—2013 school year

**Barton Community College -
Great Bend/Ft. Riley campus
Summer 2012**

Danielle Hayward—Liberal Studies
Alexandria Rodriguez –Liberal Studies

**Barton Community College -
Fall 2012**

Rachel Haerich—Medical Coding
Robert Heil—Liberal Studies
Meagan Huffman—Liberal Studies
Katera Kellywood—General Studies
Landon Leuenberger—Natural Gas
Transmission/Distribution Tech.
Logan Leuenberger—Natural Gas
Transmission/Distribution Tech.
Brett Miller—Natural Gas Transmission/
Distribution Tech
Sarah Nixon—Medical Coding
Justin Wiltse—Liberal Studies

**Barton Community College—
Spring 2013**

Jennifer Allende—Liberal Studies
Jennifer Frise—Nursing PN
Clara Garcia—Liberal Studies
Stephanie Hernandez—Business
Managemnt &Leadership
Julie Hood—Nursing PN
Bret Johnson—General Studies
Stephen Johnson—Liberal Studies
Yosio Jong—Liberal Studies
Loretta Lauer—Liberal Studies
Tammy Maes—Tech. Accounting
Specialist
Jo McCue—Liberal Studies
Jonathan Monroy—Liberal Studies
Edgar Perez Medina—Nursing RN
Sherry Pierce—Tech Accounting Specialist
Eliza Pruitt—Liberal Studies
Jeffery Raastad—Liberal Studies
Joseph Schultz—Automotive Technology
Jesse Siefkes—Computer Networking
Specialist
Ashley Woods—Liberal Studies
Adrian Youmans—Liberal Studies
Betty Young—Liberal Studies
George Zumbrennen—Liberal Studies

SATC—Salina, KS

Jason Dalton—Electronic Eng. Tech.
Travis Engstrom—Machine Tool Tech.

Dustin Ewing—Machine Tool Tech.
Frank Smith—HVAC
Thanh Tran—Auto Collision Repair
David Velasco– Construction Tech.
Edgar Villalobos—Welding Tech.

Tulsa Welding School—Tulsa, OK

Julio Ayala
Enrique Lira, Jr.

GED:

Ellsworth:

Vernell Golston
Giovanni Gonzalez
Wyatt Huber
Michael Jordan
Eliud Kamau
Mason Reeves
Altay Taylor
Danny Tran

Barton/Ft. Riley:

Edson Alfaro
Pamela Doiron
Alexander Edwards
Kortnie Hanley
Rachael Hedgepeth
Ross Massie
Jade Mcelhaney
Eve Ortiz
Sarah Rogers
Cristina Shelar
Anah Taylor
Veronica Venegas

Great Bend Adult Education Center:

Kelciey Bright
Daniel Buchholz
William Hall
Ariel Harris
Maranda Holmes
Lisa Hulsey
Lane Jacobs
Jesse Loveland
Marecea Maynard
Cassidy J. Moos
Brittany Murphy-Williams
Kyle Ratcliffe
Kaitlyn Stoecklein
Natasha Unruh
Tyler Witten
Debra Zecha

Larned:

Kenneth Sanders
Christopher Stephenson
Brandon Taylor

Manhattan Adult Learning Center:

Kiara Alcee
Higinio Concepcion
Justin Craig
Sandra Erickson
Joshua Foster
Dulce Garcia
Catherin Gillum
Patrick Goodman
Cody Hanna
Jessica Hudson
Samantha Hurst
Robert Jentges
H. Luckerth-Montoya
Kachel Marshall
Jade Mcelhaney
Zehra Morgan
Sedat Oner
Ryan Padgett
Tisha Plummer
Tanya Stevens
Crystal Sumile
Annah Taylor
Anna Thompson
Erin Thurston
Cody Turnbough

High School:

Great Bend High School

Chris Burley
Monica Calzada
Matthew Johnson
Austin Levingston
Angel Mata
Alejandra Moline
Harley Vargas
Athena Vander Meer
Alexis Woods

Macksville High School

Alexandria Perkins

**GOOD LUCK AND
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

TRAC-7 Brings Training to Your Doorstep

Are you interested in training for a career in the emerging biotechnology industry? What about the electrical power industry or food science, risk management, environmental quality, or industrial maintenance? A total of seven new training programs are now available through Cloud County Community College's Geary County Campus. Through a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant from the Department of Labor* seven community and technical colleges have joined together to bring these training programs to your hometown. They call themselves *TRAC-7*, which stands for *Technical Retraining to Achieve Credentials*. These colleges know that you can not pick up and move across the state to find a training program to start your career. So these institutions are bringing the programs locally.

Any of these seven training programs are offered in Junction City at the Geary County Campus of Cloud County Community College. CCCC offers face-to-face classes for each of these programs. When students are ready to take the technical courses, the courses will be made available to them in their hometown or at any of the seven institutions. The colleges will also offer a combination of online classes and instructor-led face-to-face classes. If specialized equipment is needed to complete the technical courses, the college will bring the equipment on-site through mobile laboratories.

The seven programs and the schools that sponsor them are:

Agri-Biotechnology: Cloud County Community College. These two-semester certificate and associate of applied science degree programs teach you the strong scientific background and extensive laboratory experience in methods needed to work in government, research, or commercial laboratories. The Agri-Biotechnology program will prepare students for entry-level positions in this emerging biotechnology industry. The employment opportunities are abundant along the I-70 Animal Science Corridor from Junction City to Columbus, Missouri.

Electrical Power Technician: Dodge City Community College. The associate of applied science degree program prepares the individual to build or maintain high voltage electrical power lines which transmit electrical power from the generation plants to substations.

Power Plant Technology: Flint Hills Technical College. Related to the Electrical Power Technician program, the Power Plant Technology associate of applied science degree program trains individuals to staff and operate power generating plants. The employment opportunities are growing rapidly as this industry has seen job stability over the past 40 years. The aging workforce currently in this field is retiring leaving a number of vacancies awaiting the qualified worker.

Food Science Technology: Garden City Community College. This certificate program is to help workers in various food industries meet their continuing educational needs by providing courses in the meat and food science areas that focus on quality assurance and food safety.

Risk Management: Highland Community College. The Risk Management program teaches students to plan, direct and coordinate risk and insurance programs to control risks and losses. They analyze the financial costs of risk and uncertainty. They assess the risk that an event will occur and help businesses and clients develop policies that minimize the cost of that risk.

Environmental Technology: Salina Area Technical College. Clean water is essential for everyday life. Environmental technicians and water treatment plant and system operators treat water so that it is safe to drink as well as remove harmful pollutants from domestic and industrial liquid waste so that it is safe to return to the earth. Employment is concentrated in local government and private water, sewage, and other systems utilities.

Advanced Systems Technology: Washburn Institute of Technology. The Advanced Systems Technology program offers a technical certificate that prepares you for a high demand, high wage profession where you will apply technical knowledge and skills to troubleshoot, repair and maintain industrial machinery and equipment to keep production lines and distribution systems running.

Additional information on the TRAC-7 consortium and the seven training programs can be online at: <http://www.trac7.org/>.

Through the efforts of TRAC-7, your career prospects have expanded seven-fold! For more information on how you can take advantage of this opportunity, call or email Brenda Edleston at 785-238-8010, extension 715 or at bedleston@cloud.edu.

* TRAC-7 is a WIA Title I-financially assisted program and is therefore an equal opportunity employer/program which provides auxiliary aids and services upon request to individuals with disabilities by calling 711 or 800-766-3777 Voice/TTY. The TRAC-7 grant project (\$19,619,450) is 100% funded through the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training program.

GED/ ESL Class Orientations

Don't have a high school diploma and looking to improve your lifestyle? Now is the time to think about earning your GED. Changes in the program will start January 1, 2014. DON'T wait, Start NOW!

Contact information for GED/ESL class orientation:

Fort Riley:	July 22—25	785-784-6066
Great Bend:	July 22—25	620-793-5794
Hays:	August 5	785-460-5486
Manhattan:	August 5—8 August 26—28	785-539-9009
Salina:	July 9—12 August 13-16	785-309-4660

Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.
William Butler Yeats

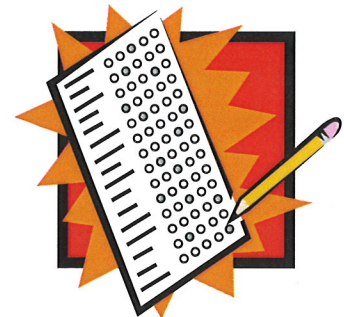
ACT Exam Dates

If you are planning to attend a post-secondary college in the Fall of 2014, it is time to mark your calendar for the following dates for the ACT test:

Test Date:	Registration deadline:
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013

Test sites to be announced at a later date. You may register online or by mail.

The online address is www.actstudent.org and to request a registration packet from ACT.



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