

# 57TH ANNUAL | AUGUST 1-2, 2024

# Counseling and Career Development (Revised July 15, 2024)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

7:00 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

Cox Business Center, Pepsi Exhibit Hall

8:00 a.m. - Breakout Sessions for all Attendees (refer to Conference at a Glance)

2:00 p.m. Cox Business Center or DoubleTree Hotel Downtown

9:00 a.m. - CCD Business Meeting

10:00 a.m. DoubleTree Hotel, Manchester/Geneva Ballroom

10:30 a.m. - Lunch on your own in Exhibit Hall (concessions and food trucks are available)

2:00 p.m. Cox Business Center, Pepsi Exhibit Hall

2:00 p.m. - General Session & Awards

3:00 p.m. Cox Business Center, Grand Hall

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

8:00 a.m. - **Join us for a light Continental Breakfast** 

8:30 a.m. Sponsored by: OkACTE CCD Division

Tulsa Technology Center-Owasso -Foyer

8:30 a.m. - Reaching and Retaining Native Youth in the Classroom:

9:00 a.m. Kelsey Janway, Marketing Specialist, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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them where they are and effectively guide them to success.

Tulsa Technology Center-Owasso, Sycamore Room

#### The Digital Counselor: Leveraging AI in High School Settings:

Nicole Serner, BMITE Teacher, Perkins-Tryon High School Whether you're new to AI or looking to expand your existing toolkit, this workshop offers a valuable opportunity to discover how technology can complement and amplify your relationship with students, ultimately fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment where every student can thrive. Join us for an engaging workshop designed specifically for high school counselors seeking innovative ways to enhance student support through the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

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### **Dust off Your Sparkle:**

Stephanie Chaplin, School Counselor, Putnam City School

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## 9:40 a.m. - Update to School Laws - OSSBA:

10:10 a.m. Julie Miller, Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel, OK State School Boards Association (OSSBA)

Attendees will learn about new legislation passed during the 2024 Oklahoma legislative session. A discussion will also be held regarding Oklahoma's medical marijuana laws. Finally, student discipline issues will be addressed.

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### Civil Rights and Compliance: Recruitment, Admissions, and Counseling:

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## 11:30 a.m. - How Student Service and Financial Aid Work Together Panel:

12:20 p.m. Whitney Elmore, Career Advisor, Southern Technology Center, Shelly Lewis, Career Advisor, Southern Technology Center, Brooke Baxter, Financial Aid Coordinator, Southern Technology Center, Justin Streater, Director of Financial Aid & SCO, Northeast Technology Center and Jessica Gabeau, High School Counselor, Gordon Cooper Technology Center

We will present our strategies for working together with financial aid and how valuable this relationship is while working through the placement process. *Tulsa Technology Center-Owasso, Sycamore Room* 

## **Bridging Education & Economic Development with OK Career Guide:**

John Milroy, Vice President of Partner Solutions, Kuder, Inc., Savannah Cooper, Director of Partner Solutions, Kuder, Inc. and Brittany Crane, Career Development Coordinator, Oklahoma Department of CareerTech Learn how to use the comprehensive college and career readiness solutions in OK Career Guide, which is available to all school districts in Oklahoma. The session will highlight the new work-based learning solution, Connect 2 Business, which offers a streamlined solution for managing hands-on experiences for students and participation with Oklahoma businesses. We will also cover ICAP reporting abilities within OK Career Guide to track student progress against state requirements for CCR activities and new resources available for educators and administrators.

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#### Conflict Resolution: You're Doing Fine Oklahoma:

Phil Johnson, State Director-Alternative Dispute Resolution Sys, Supreme Court of Oklahoma OK

This session will familiarize participants with the nationally recognized Early Settlement Mediation, a Supreme Court of Oklahoma program, which is recognized as one of the top community-based court-connected conflict resolution programs in the United States. The thirteen (13) Early Settlement Mediation programs receives over 6K referrals each year from across the state from communities and courts ranging from neighbor disputes to family and divorce conflicts and all of the program services are FREE of charge. Community volunteers service as mediators after completing training and give of their time and energy as peacemakers. Early Settlement also has a school-based program called Peer Resolutions for Oklahoma Students (PROS) which is available to Oklahoma schools to teach young people in civility and conflict resolution, these services are FREE as well.

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12:30 p.m. - Lunch presentation: Awards, Legislative and OkACTE updates 2:00 p.m. Catered lunch sponsored by: Kuder, Inc. and U.S Army

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**Attendance Verification Forms** 

2:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. Tulsa Technology Center-Owasso, Post Oak Room

3:00 p.m. **Conference Adjourns**