Within Our REACH

"Dear REACH students,

Hello my name is Trish Turner and I started out in Project REACH in September of 1994. I was a single parent with two small children. I lost my mother when I was 18 and married a man that abused me for 12 years. I finally got the courage to leave him and knew that I had to take care of my children. I went to the local DHS office and asked for assistance. I was able to receive some kind of income, but I knew that I did not want this for my future.

I had dropped out of high school at an early age, but wanted to get my GED. My worker told me about Project REACH. I called and set up an appointment and was able to start the very next week.

"...REACH became my family"
A student success story by Trish Turner

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**REACH Training Accomplishments**

April, May & June

- **Angela Bullard**
  Alpha Indexing, Business Writing Aztec, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

- **Morgan Dearing**
  Keytrain Locating Info level 4, Reading for Info level 6, and Keyboarding

- **Daena Flores**
  Keytrain Applied Math and Reading for Info level 7, Locating Info level 6, and Business Writing Aztec

- **Twyla Gaines**
  Keytrain Applied Math and Business Writing level 4, Locating Info level 6, Reading for Info level 5, Keyboarding, Customer Service, Windows XP & 10-Key

- **Latisha Scott**
  MS Word, MS Excel, HIPPA, and Medical Terminology

*College Students*

- **Jasmine Burden**
  Keytrain Reading for Info level 6

- **Latoria Gardner**
  Keyboarding, Business Writing Aztec level 5, 10-Key, and Windows XP

- **Kendra Hunt**
  Keytrain Locating and Reading for Info level 6, Applied Math level 7, Windows XP, and Customer Service

- **Kendall Larkin**
  Keytrain Locating and Reading for Info level 7, Locating Info level 5, Keyboarding, and Customer Service

**REACH4Work Employment Accomplishments**

April

- **Sara (Akothe) Deer**
  Manor Care

- **Amy Culver**
  Quick Clean Laundry

May

- **Brandi Harrison**
  Extended Stay America

- **Krystal Fisher**
  Pace Butler Corp

June

- **Eleasha Morse**
  St Anthony Sodexo

- **Stephanie Eagle**
  Wyndam Gardens

- **Samuel Cade**
  Northwest Nursing Home
Angela Bullard came into REACH for Administrative Assistant training. Since being in the program, Angela has completed all of her General Administrative Skills coursework and has finished the Administrative Specialist certificate program. Angela has shown great work ethic and now is in job search mode, after completing 30 days of internship at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma!

REACH4Work Student Spotlight – Eleasha Morse

Before coming to REACH4Work, Eleasha was at REACH.

Here is what Eleasha had to say about both programs:

“I first started at REACH but it wasn’t going right for me so then, I moved to REACH4Work. I’m happy I made that choice because now I’m leaving the REACH4Work program all grown up. Not only do I have a great job, I also have my drivers license and plan to come back and go to school for veterinary technology. I want to say thank you to all the REACH and REACH4Work staff because if it wasn’t for you guys, I wouldn’t be here today. I also wouldn’t be who I am. You guys have taught me so much and I’m going to use that in life. I will be coming back to see you guys real soon. GO POKES!”

Congratulations, Eleasha! Everyone at REACH/REACH4Work is very proud of you and wishes you success in your future!
REACH&REACH4Work was recently excited to get a big donation of personal health care items from Recycle for Charities. REACH&REACH4Work has worked with Recycle for Charities for many years now, recycling clothes we can’t use in our closet. In turn with the recycled clothing, the students at REACH&REACH4Work are given vouchers to use in the Recycle for Charities thrift stores here in Oklahoma City.

Some of the items REACH&REACH4Work received are shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, razors, and toilet paper.

With finances very limited for REACH&REACH4Work students, this can make a BIG difference! The students are either training or actively seeking employment and need to be well groomed each day. The items above will make the student’s confidence levels grow, knowing they are clean and looking their best.

All the Staff and students at REACH&REACH4Work would like to give big kudos to Erwin Mason and all the fine folks with Recycle for Charities who work tirelessly to help people in need.
OSU OKC Masterplan Phase 1: New Parking Garage Comes to Life!

OSU-OKC broke ground for a Parking Garage on December 6, 2012. The new parking facility is only phase one of OSU-OKC’s Master Plan, an effort to revitalize and expand the campus into the next decade. The plan was unveiled in March 2012, during the campus’ 50th Anniversary.

The new parking garage will provide an additional 315 parking spaces. Semester by semester the school grows and now finally, parking won’t be so bad.

New & existing students, internal & external Business partners /stakeholders will notice finding a parking space will be a lot easier than what has been before, with the campus overcrowding semester by semester.

The parking garage is scheduled to be finished this month, ready for occupation.
Mini Baked Alaska..Yummy!!

**What you’ll need:**
- 4 cupcakes
- 1/2 pint ice cream
- 4 egg whites
- 1/4 cup sugar

**How to make it:**

1. Using a spoon, make hollows in each cupcake. Fill the hollows with softened ice cream. Put into the freezer for at least 4 hours.

2. Make a meringue by whipping the egg whites until stiff. Then, still whipping, add the sugar until the mixture is the consistency of marshmallow cream. Spread the meringue on the cupcakes with a knife and then put under a hot broiler for 3 minutes, until the top is browned. Makes 4 servings.

**Summer Days Word Scramble**

1. ontviaac
2. mruesm
3. igwssnm
4. avltre
5. agdnrie
6. knghii
7. pmngaic
8. fulrets
9. ixenrlga
10. nhuiessen
11. aessslnugu

**Message Center (repurposed cookie sheet)**

**What you’ll need:**
- Nonaluminum cookie sheet
- Ruler, Scissors, Glue
- Self Adhesive Shelf-liner
- Scrap of wood
- Hammer, large nail
- Empty Can
- Super magnets
- Bottle caps
- Cardstock
- Markers

**How to make it:**

1. Measure the back of your cookie sheet and cut a piece of shelf liner that’s an inch wider and taller. Stick the shelf liner to the back of the cookie sheet by peeling off one corner of the liner and laying it down on a corner of the cookie sheet. Slowly pull the backing away as you smooth the liner onto the sheet. Cut the excess off.

2. To make a hole for hanging, place the cookie sheet over a piece of scrap wood and use a hammer to punch a nail through the center of the rim.

3. For the pencil holder, cut a piece of shelf liner that’s about an inch taller than the can. Wrap the liner around the can so that the ends overlap a bit, then cut off the excess liner. Glue two magnets to the side of the can.

4. For the bottle-cap magnets, glue a magnet inside of each cap. Cut a piece of cardstock to fit the cap, write a name on it, and glue it on top of the magnet.
I was so fortunate to have the ladies that ran the program enter my life. They are no longer here but they made an impact on me I will never forget. I did not have a lot of friends or family that supported me in this endeavor, but REACH became my family.

In March of 1995, I obtained my GED and then started college classes. I quickly found out that if I received 30 college credit hours then I would be able to receive my high school diploma. In May of 1997, I had my 30 hours and was able to apply for my high school diploma.

In August of 1996, I started working here at the college in the computer lab in the Business Technologies Building. Shortly after working in the BT Lab, I was asked to start work as a tutor and work in the Multi-Media Lab in the Learning Center. (aka Student Success and Opportunity Center) I quickly move on and upward to working in the Testing Center, then on to the admissions office. In May of 1999, I had my first degree in Computer Information Systems with Technical Support. I also received my Business Development Management Certificate the same year. The people in REACH helped me and pushed me all the way. They knew I could do it but when I first started, I didn’t know if I would finish.

In June of 2000, I began working in the position I currently hold for Project SOAR. SOAR is a grant program similar to project REACH. We work with students that do not really have the support or opportunities as others may have. I love my job here at OSU-OKC and I feel so good about what I have accomplished. I am now giving back part of what I was offered so many years ago. Without Project REACH as my starting point, I do not believe I would have went any further than bartending and waiting tables. I am glad I made that call and they pushed me to pull out my inner strengths.

All of you in REACH have the capabilities to make it. Use the tools they give you. Hold your head high and hang in there, they will help you every step of the way. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my story. I hope it helps you with your decision to move forward with your goals in life. If there is anything I can do to help you, I am located in the Student Center helping others just like us.”

Best regards,

Trish Turner

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

-Lao Tzu