



Pathways to Success

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Featured Participant of the Quarter: Sabrina Hogue

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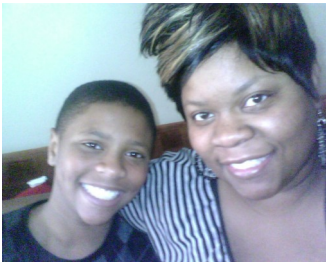
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Our participant of the quarter is Sabrina Hogue. Sabrina is attending Kansas State University and is majoring in Financial Management and Financial Controllorship. She is also a member of the multicultural honor society.

"Candace in (Junction City) CKEOC helped guide me through every step in getting back into college, without her help I don't know if I would have," stated Sabrina. Her greatest

strength is her drive to be a hard worker.

" I just want to say that going to school, having a child and working full time, can be challeng-



ing. There are plenty of times you may want to quit, but just pray and keep going, it will be worth it in the end.", Sabrina shared.

Sabrina is the proud mother of one son, Christopher. She works full time at Kathryn's Hair Salon while she is attending school.

Congratulations Sabrina! We would like to honor you by giving you a gift for your hard work and efforts put forth to obtain your educational goals.



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Financial Aid

Are you attending college in the 2010-11 school year?

Remember to call and make an appointment with your advisor this spring, after you have filed your taxes, to complete your FAFSA for the 2010-11 school year. It is beneficial to file early. New information is also available if you are interested in attending school in the summer semester.

Call us at
620-793-8164
1-877-684-8164

Winter Break

CKEOC will close December 21, 2009 for winter break. We will re-open January 4, 2010. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Happy Holidays,
 CKEOC Staff

New Hours

Winter Hours:

Monday– Thursday

8:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

1:00 p.m.—5:00p.m.

Friday

7:30a.m.– 4:00p.m.

So You Want to Go to College?...

So you want to go to college? Or maybe you're just thinking about your options?

There are a few websites that might help you in your journey:

www.college.gov

This website is great for students who know they want to go to college and those that just aren't so sure! It's very user friendly and allows you to do a number of tasks. It tells you the benefits of going on to college (postsecondary education). A college degree means more employability! If you're not sure what you want to do? It has a career discovery tool so you can learn more about careers and then use that to look for schools that have the program you are interested in! This website is a great tool to help you prepare for college and

**Important
 Scholarship
 Information!**

know what the next step is in your educational path to a successful career.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

How am I going to pay for college? Some of you might not be thinking about this right now, but eventually it's going to come up! I help people fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) every day. It's a free service my program offers to all of the participants, but if you are wanting more information on it just to do your own research or are curious to see what it is all about.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

This is a great place to start before you actually jump into applying for financial aid. It helps you understand just what exactly financial aid is and what kinds of financial aid are available out there.

One new feature is the EFC(estimated family contribution) calculator. This is a program that will help you get an estimate on what you might receive in grants and loans to go to college. Now this is an ESTIMATE, your actual amount may be different once you actually submit it to the school, but it's a nice way to see what is available to you. It also lets you pick the type of school you are interested in attending and gives you an average of the cost of attendance and how your financial aid would contribute. Again, these are just an average, the cost of the school maybe different depending on where you are going, but it still gives you an idea at the difference between a public and private college or a 2-year or 4-year school. Once you have used this estimator, it will save your information until June so if you go to fill out your actual FAFSA before then the data will automatically be transferred over (allowing you to make changes if needed).

By: Kristin Doze, Academic Advisor

Surgical Technologist

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a surgical team? As a surgical technologist you will be an important part of the operating room team. Before an operation a surgical technologist sets up the surgical equipment and instruments. They also assemble sterile and non-sterile equipment and make sure that all devices are in proper working order.

During surgery a surgical technologist assists the surgical team by passing instruments and sterile dressings. They also keep track of supplies used during the operation. Surgical technologists may help prepare and dispose of specimens taken for analysis.

"According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,

employment of surgical technologists is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014."

The median annual earnings, recorded in 2004, for surgical technologists was \$34,010.



Junction City Area

MATC Information:

Three new programs that will be offered are Dental Hygiene, Medical Lab Technician, and Surgical Technologist. All three will be starting in August. They are filling up fast so contact your advisor if you are interested in applying.

LSEC Courses:

If you are in the military or a dependant of a military personnel please take note. LSEC classes are **free** courses offered by Barton Community College. They are for military personnel and/or their dependants only. Cycle 2 runs January 5th-February 19th and Cycle 3 runs February 23rd- April 9th. For more information on dates that LSEC courses are offered go Barton's website and look under "Services for the Military Community" or call your advisor today!

Reminders



2010 ACT Testing Dates: Mark your calendar for the following dates: January 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14.

Please keep in mind regular registration dates require the regular fee. Late registration will require a late fee. You can register online at www.actstudent.org.

Financial Aid Submission:

The spring semester is upon us. Make sure to make an appointment with your advisor to complete your FAFSA for the 2010-11 school year. We will need your 2009 Tax information to complete the FAFSA! **Hurry in! It's important to file early.**

Services We Offer:

Whether you are a current participant enrolled in classes, or a past participant, you may or may not be aware of all the

services we offer. **We can also assist anyone needing to obtain a GED. If you know anyone needing a GED or needing to enter a High School Diploma program please contact our office and we can assist them.**

Our free services include:

- ◆ Scholarship assistance.
- ◆ Assistance with FAFSA completion.
- ◆ Career exploration and advising.
- ◆ Information about vocational/technical schools, colleges, and universities.
- ◆ Assistance with applying for admission.
- ◆ Transportation to campus visits.

- ◆ Career networking with professionals currently working in your field of interest.
- ◆ Reference library including career, educational, financial, and self-help topics that include books, videos, and audio tapes available for check-out.
- ◆ Laptop program for participants enrolled full-time who do not have access to a home computer (subject to availability).
- ◆ TI-83 Calculator program for participants enrolled full-time. (subject to availability)
- ◆ Assessment of academic skills and financial needs.





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TRiO programs include eight outreach and support programs targeted to help disadvantaged students progress from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.



32 Counties Served by CKEOC

Barton, Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Morris, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Smith, Stafford, Trego, Wabaunsee, and Washington.