

ICTC Bright Spot

Indian Capital Technology Center

Muskogee

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2010



ICTC Celebrates 40th Anniversary during Advisory Committee Dinner and Meeting



Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee Campus, celebrated its 40th Anniversary during the annual Advisory Committee Dinner and Meeting, October 28, in the ICTC Conference Center.

Randy Craven, Director of the Muskogee Campus, welcomed those attending the event, especially the Advisory Committee members. “Your participation allows us to stay connected to the workplace and its every-changing occupational needs,” said Craven. “Thank you for being our link between the workplace and our students.”

The history of Indian Capital Technology Center was presented with a PowerPoint presentation, beginning in 1967 when meetings were held by community members to form a Vo-Tech district to today. It was in one of the early meetings when they were deciding on a name that Mort Glassner, a reporter for the Muskogee Phoenix and Times-Democrat newspaper, suggested the name "Indian Capital". The committee decided on the name and it remains Indian Capital today.

The Indian Capital Vo-Tech District, Muskogee Campus, was officially open for classes on August 24, 1970 and the building was dedicated on November 8, 1970

Approximately 440 area students participated in fourteen programs which included Aero Mechanics, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Business & Office, Carpentry, Data Processing, Drafting, Health Occupation, Machine Shop, Masonry, and Welding. There were 14 faculty members, 2 secretaries, 1 business manager, and two maintenance employees including the practical nursing staff, who held classes at Muskogee Regional Medical Center.

"Today, Indian Capital Technology Center serves over 23,629 enrollments in all or part of seven counties, with campus locations in Muskogee, Sallisaw, Stilwell and Tahlequah, Oklahoma", says Tom Stiles, Superintendent of Indian Capital Technology Center. "Our mission is to prepare our customers for success in the workplace – it is our primary goal. Of the sixteen Career Clusters identified on a national level, Indian Capital offers 39 majors/classes in twelve cluster areas; matching local business and industry needs. We are a Regional Center for Oklahoma School of Science & Math (OSSM). While completing coursework in one of our career training programs, students can earn college credit through OSU-IT or Connors State College, depending upon which program they are enrolled. We offer online training designed to meet the needs of diverse learners, and professional continuing education for licensing requirements, to personal and professional development. Our Business & Industry Services team offers training for new technologies, government bid assistance, strategic planning, manufacturing solutions, and specialized safety training for the workplace. We have a comprehensive business consulting and training resource team comprised of specialists experienced in a variety of industries. We are totally committed to prepare people for success in the workplace."

Secondary students who live in the technology center district and attend a public, private, parochial or charter school or are home schooled are eligible to attend tuition free.

The Advisory Committee Dinner was prepared by the Culinary Arts students, advised by their instructor, Georgiann Belton.

Advisory Committees are very important at Indian Capital Technology Center.

ICTC carefully selects its professional education staff of instructors and structures its curriculum from professional guidance and active involvement of business and industry leaders on Advisory Committees. This assures each client that the programs are continually updated through use of modern instructional equipment and subject matter content acceptable to employers.

During the program, Tom Stiles, ICTC Superintendent, presented the Indian Capital Technology Center “Distinguished Service Award” for 2010 to David West, the Director of Business & Industry Services.

During his tenure as BIS Director at ICTC, West brought ICTC from the 17th Tech Center in the state in enrollment, to 4th place in total enrollment out of 29 Tech Centers in the state. This year, the ICTC Business & Industry Services ranked 2nd place in enrollment out of the 29 Tech Centers in the state. He is retiring this year. His last day at work will be December 17.

For more information about Indian Capital Technology Center, to view the 40th Anniversary PowerPoint presentation, or to learn about the classes offered, you may go to www.ictctech.com or call 918-687-6383.

Check our website for more photos of this event.