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Cody McBride, Porter, is in the Nurse Assistant Certification class in the Health Careers Certification program on Indian Capital Technology Center's Muskogee Campus. McBride has been nominated for the State HOSA Outstanding Breaking Traditions Student for 2009.

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The Health Careers Certification Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) AM Chapter on Indian Capital Technology Center's Muskogee Campus, has named Cody McBride, Porter, the HOSA Outstanding Breaking Traditions Student for 2009.

The Breaking Traditions Awards are sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and spotlights students who have chosen specific career and technology programs because of their interests and abilities and who have not let their gender influence their decisions to prepare for nontraditional careers.

McBride is a senior at Porter High School. He participates in football, basketball, baseball, track and power lifting. He is Captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams. He led his football team to the first home play-off game in school history. He was named All District Safety Defensive Back, and the Muskogee Phoenix All Purpose Player of the Year, and he made First Team All State. His basketball team won the first District Championship in sixteen years on Valentines Day. "Sports has been very important in my high school life," say McBride. "When making my career plan; I wanted to take the Nurse Assistant Certification class that is offered by CareerTech at Indian Capital Technology Center."

McBride is Treasurer in his HOSA chapter and is actively involved in activities. "HOSA offers many leadership opportunities," says McBride. "I've been able to fine tune my nurse assistant skills while preparing for competitions. I enjoy my classes because they are focused on my interests. I don't think gender should influence your decisions on what you do to reach your goals. I would like to do my clinical at a bone and joint clinic or physical therapy clinic where I can learn more about my career interests."

McBride says that the Tech Center has given him a jump-start on his career. "On completion of my Nurse Assistant Certification, I will have 6 college credit hours at

Connors State College. I plan to get my Associate Degree at Connors and then attend Oklahoma University to major in Sports Medicine,” say McBride. “I’ll be able to work as a Nurse Assistant as I work my way through college. I feel good about my future...and no matter what your gender may be; every scholar needs a skill.”