

OHCETA 23-24 Election Nominee Info

Position	Nominee	Biography
President Elect	Heather Black	<p>My name is Heather Black and I am the Advanced Pharmacy Technician program at Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater. I am completing my 13th year of teaching. Prior to coming to Meridian Technology Center, I worked as a pharmacy technician for 16 years. I currently hold the position of Vice President on this year's OHCETA Executive Council. I am also currently a member of the ACTE Awards Committee. Previously, I have held the position of Pharmacy Technician-Member at Large for 2 terms (2017-2019, 2019-2021) and served on the ACTE HCE Awards Committee (2019, 2020). During my term as Vice President this year, one of my biggest accomplishments was that I worked with the Past President on updating our current OHCETA bylaws.</p> <p>I am running for the OHCETA position of President Elect. I feel that OHCETA has been a pillar that has helped support me as an instructor. The professional development, legislative advocacy, resources it provides, and opportunities for networking have all greatly helped me develop as an instructor. I am running because I want to do my part to ensure that OHCETA continues to help support instructors by remaining relevant, promoting career development, and providing the resources instructors need.</p>
Treasurer	Amber Pagel	<p>Amber Pagel is passionate about student learning and success and works hard to ensure that her students, as well the individuals she works with, are given the best opportunities possible. Amber has done a fantastic job as our Treasurer for the past two years. She is efficient and proficient in managing our OHCETA funds. I believe she is an excellent addition to the executive council.</p>
Reporter	Emily Wheeler	<p>I am the Radiologic Technology Program Coordinator at Meridian Technology Center. I just started my 15th year of teaching. I am currently serving as OHCETA Reporter. I have learned so much the last two years about Career Tech and OHCETA. It feels like I just got started and I would like to run for the same position again. I feel like I can represent us and keep everyone informed of upcoming events.</p>
Dental Lab Assistant/		No nominees, will accept Write-In nominations at time of Election

Dental Assistant		
Health Clusters/Academies	Chris Jones Pending Video	Chris has been at MNTC for approximately 9 years. He has been involved in HOSA since he began at MNTC. He has had previous State winners and has gone to State and International events. Chris has taught the Vet, PT and A&P at MNTC. He now teaches A&P to all the Health Career students.
Health Science Tech/ Health Careers Cluster	Amanda Longan	Mrs. Longan has been a teacher in career tech for going on her 5th year now. She is invested in her future with CareerTech, and devotes all she has to creating a learning experience that promotes success. She would represent the Health Science programs with purpose and innovation.
	Ammy Perry	Ammy would be an excellent leader in any capacity of the HCE team. She is a genuine leader and very knowledgeable about medical and HOSA activities/assignments.
	Julie Daniels	Julie is a Health Careers instructor at MNTC. She is not a new instructor as she taught CNA in the South Penn campus (short-term classes). However, she now teaches HS students and is becoming more involved in HOSA. She wants to learn about HOSA and has encouraged her students to become involved in HOSA. She has students who has passed the 1st round of competitive events and attended National HOSA last year with the STEM students.
	Rebecca Ludlow	Rebecca is a Health Careers instructor at Kiamichi Tech Hugo campus for the past 8 years. She is dedicated to her students and is always willing to help other instructors. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Education. I believe she would make an excellent advocate for Health Career programs and has lots of knowledge she can share.
PTA, OTA, O&P	April Johnson	April has been a PTA for 18 years, and graduated from Oklahoma City Community College in 2005. She has worked in a variety of settings, including outpatient, nursing home, rehab, acute care, med-surg and home health. April has been employed by Mid-America Technology Center since August 2021 this is her second year teaching the Therapeutic Health Careers class. April strives to keep the standards of professionalism and education high with her students as she feels they are our future. She has taken on the role of educator for her students as well as for other colleagues she will be presenting at SREB this coming summer in Orlando, Fl. April looks for opportunities to expand her knowledge to share with her students and was able to attend the NCHSEA conference

		<p>this past fall. April is a great supporter of HOSA with her students and had a 1st place winner at her first HOSA SLC in Sports Medicine. She was able to attend ILC with her student in Nashville this past summer.</p>
<p>Practical Nursing Instructors</p>	<p>Camber Musgrave</p>	<p>Camber Musgrave has been a nurse for 10 years in a multitude of settings. She previously graduated from Francis Tuttle Technology Center's LPN program and served as HOSA president during her time there. Currently, she is a Practical Nursing Instructor at Francis Tuttle Technology Center since 2021.</p> <p>Ms. Musgrave serves as the current OKACTE's PN Member at large and HOSA advisor, demonstrating her leadership and activity in professional organizations. She works diligently to connect all LPN instructors across Oklahoma to share resources, news, and need. During her time as PN Instructor Member at Large, she has facilitated monthly zoom meetings for PN instructors across the state to collaborate and share ideas with one another. She consistently reviews new studies and evidence-based practice methods to incorporate into the classroom setting and promote student success. Her desire to serve her students, school, and community drives her to ensure that her students are prepared to succeed and grow in their careers.</p>
<p>Simulation Instructor/Coordinator</p>	<p>Jeffrey Jordan</p>	<p>I appreciate your consideration as a nominee for the Simulation Coordinator/Specialist Member at Large position. I have gained vast experience working in EMS and nursing simulation during my career. I am passionate about the use of simulation as a pathway to replace traditional clinical experiences. Research has shown that simulation training can improve the skills and critical thinking of students and has the ability to improve patient care and outcomes. I want to be OHCETA's voice for implementing and improving simulation outcomes for our technology centers. Thank you.</p>
<p>Surg Tech</p>	<p>Chanda Lewis</p>	<p>I am Chanda Lewis, CST. In 2019, I joined Canadian Valley Technology Center (CVTech) as an instructor for the surgical technology program, bringing my knowledge and expertise to a new generation of surgical technology students. Since then, I have advanced to program director, leading the development of curriculum and the training of students.</p> <p>I graduated from the Surgical Technology program at CVTech in 2001. I started my career at OU Health and have been passionate about surgery for almost 22 years.</p>

		<p>Throughout my career, I have developed an understanding of surgical procedures, aseptic techniques, and a commitment to the highest standards of patient care.</p> <p>I am also an active member of the Oklahoma Association of Surgical Technologists, serving as a board member and contributing to the advancement of the profession in the state. I have raised awareness of our career by organizing the Surgical Technology Proclamation Day at the Oklahoma State Capital. Four Oklahoma technology centers attended our first in-person event in September 2022.</p> <p>I hope to be nominated as Member at Large to collaborate with other ST programs and facilitate communication among our programs. I also want to increase student and graduate involvement with the Oklahoma Association of Surgical Technologists so that our students know they have a community and that professional resources are available once they graduate.</p>
	<p>Fallan Hammond</p>	<p>My name is Fallan Hammond, and I am the Surgical Technology Instructor at the Canadian Valley Technology Center, Cowan Campus, located in Yukon, Oklahoma. I am a 2013 graduate of the Moore Norman Surgical Technology Program. I attended Oklahoma City Community College where I received my Associates Degree in Surgical Technology. I joined Canadian Valley Technology Center as an instructor in 2021 after spending seven years working in Labor and Delivery at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. I am also on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma State Assembly of Surgical Technologists, as well as a HOSA State Officer Advisor. I enjoy being an instructor and being able to engage with my students, providing a real-world learning atmosphere, and instilling best practices for a successful future.</p>
	<p>Lee Elliott</p> <p>Program Video: https://autrytech.smugmug.com/Surg-Tech-Video/n-Xs5tpT/i-QdXNnWS/A</p>	<p>Lee Elliott is a 2010 graduate of Autry Tech's surgical technology program. He received his associate degrees from Northern Oklahoma College in elementary education and surgical technology. Shortly after graduation, Lee began serving as a clinical preceptor for Autry Tech's surgical technology program. Mr. Elliott pursued his education further and received his Certified First Assist from the Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting in Nashville, Tennessee. He has a strong background in surgical technology and specializes in total joint replacements. In 2022, Lee was able to combine his passion for teaching and surgical technology when he joined Autry Tech's team as the Surgical Technology Instructor. His enthusiasm for teaching is evident by the enjoyment he</p>

		receives when students become excited about surgical technology. Mr. Elliott looks forward to sharing his knowledge and experience with future students.
Awards	Debra Button Bio Video: https://youtube.com/shorts/oB6khZb5Jys?feature=share	I am nominating myself for the position of Awards Committee Chair. I have served in several capacities for OHCETA and this area of our division is vital for the recognition of our dedicated members. I have assisted with judging some of the applicants in the past and would be eager to learn the behind the scenes of this committee. For me to learn more, I need to jump in and do it.
	Tasia Peden	It is my pleasure to nominate Mrs. Tasia Peden as Awards Committee Chair. She has shown great leadership skills throughout her time as a HCE instructor. She manages a classroom of various grade levels and career pathways while also advising the class HOSA chapter. She has also served on the district Superintendent's Advisory Council for Educators and Staff and managed to complete her Bachelor's degree while working full time. Tasia is well organized and demonstrates she is able to manage and complete tasks given to her. I have found Mrs. Peden to be well organized, honest, dependable, punctual, knowledgeable, and patient. She has been recognized by HOSA for her participation as an advisor, advisor for state officers, and she has taken multiple students to State Leadership Conference and placed. In addition, she has had several students participate in Skills USA. I believe her dedication and commitment to excellence alone makes her a perfect candidate for the Awards Committee Chair.
Diversity Action Committee Rep	Nancy Harris Link to bio video: https://youtube.com/shorts/sxz0AAkUI4?feature=share	I nominate Nancy Harris for Diversity Action Committee Representative for the 2023-2024 election of officers. She has been an active OHCETA member for 14 years. Nancy has also served on the executive board of OHCETA for 8 years serving as Secretary, and most recently the Member at Large for the Health Careers/Health Science division. She has also won the OkACTE Rising Star award for OHCETA Nancy is always looking for ways to get and to give information and this opportunity would be perfect. She would strive to be the best in this position and make her OHCETA friends proud.
Membership	Amy Wilkey	Amy Wilkey is a Registered nurse that has been an instructor of Health Career Explorer (HCE) at Mid-America Technology Center(MATC) for the past five years. Amy attended Mid-America Technology Center during high school which fueled her desire to

		<p>seek a career in health care. Amy holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. After college, Amy worked as a labor and delivery nurse and later transitioned to home health and hospice where she served as the Administrator for her hospice agency. Amy's passion for CareerTech brought her back to MATC in 2018 as an instructor. Amy serves as a mentor for new health instructors on campus. She currently serves as a member of the Cultural Diversity and the Information Technology Committees at MATC. This past year Amy volunteered to complete the current term for the Membership Committee Representative for Oklahoma Health Careers Education Teacher's Association (OHCETA). Amy would like to continue in this position if elected for the next term.</p>
	<p>Melissa Johnson</p>	<p>Melissa Johnson has had a successful career in healthcare and education, spanning over three decades. She is a proud graduate of Tulsa Tech and credits her success to CTE, a strong work ethic, and her mentors. Her years of experience in the medical field provided her with invaluable knowledge and skills that would later become useful in her teaching career. Her teaching philosophy centers around the importance of building relationships with students and making the learning experience as engaging and interactive as possible.</p>
<p>PAC Board Rep #2</p>	<p>Frank Romero Bio Video: https://youtu.be/bjVTXsvG9s</p>	<p>Frank Romero began his educational journey at Rose State College earning an associate degree before becoming a certified personal trainer through the American College of Sports Medicine. He continued his education at the University of Central Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education, health and safety. Seeking even higher aspirations, he recently graduated with a master's degree in educational leadership from East Central University. Taking the knowledge and experiences received throughout his education, he began teaching at Moore Norman Technology Center in 2018. During the past five years, he has evolved the personal fitness trainer program into the physical therapy services program where he reaches nearly 40 students each year on their career journey along the health and wellness pathway. Additionally, Frank has had a larger impact on the district's efforts to provide a health and wellness hub for staff, students, board members, employees, and their family members through his guidance on the wellness committee. Frank is married to his beautiful wife Melissa who is a Pre-Kindergarten teacher in Yukon Public Schools. They have a 12 year old daughter named Contessa and an 8 year old son named Ryker.</p>

		<p>When asked about his experience in teaching, Frank responded, “I am a passionate teacher that takes great pride in being a mentor for all students.” This is evidenced with his inclusive nature and welcoming personality he brings every day to the classroom.</p>
	<p>Tyler Bell Bio Video: https://youtu.be/xFBFr9ZLhJM</p>	<p>Hi everybody! My name is Tyler Bell and I am running to continue my position as your PAC Representative. I have been a Nurse since 2014 and joined Francis Tuttle Technology Center in May 2022 as a Practical Nursing Instructor. I have enjoyed getting to be your PAC Representative since last August and hope to continue representing you all in the Political Action Committee meetings. I cannot be more excited of how much Oklahoma places such a great importance on our Career Tech area, and I look forward to the growth of our programs across the state developing students that are sent out into the workforce to help the public.</p>