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Upcoming Events

**OKLAHOMA
CAREERTECH**

will be closed on
Monday, January 19th



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY**



It is time to update the Oklahoma Department of Career & Technology
Education Strategic Plan!

This plan will define who we are, what we prioritize, and how we move forward in the years ahead. Its success depends on your voice, your experience, and your leadership.

The state agency is beginning this process by gathering input from key stakeholders, including CareerTech staff, instructors, students and their families, business and industry partners, education partners, and community members. Your perspective is essential in helping define where we are headed and how we get there.

Oklahoma CareerTech is partnering with The Persimmon Group, a Tulsa based consulting firm, to facilitate this work. Survey input will be analyzed alongside workforce, enrollment, and other relevant data to inform future strategic outcomes, guiding principles, and priorities.

We invite you to take the Strategic Planning Survey: [Oklahoma CareerTech Strategic Planning Survey K-12](#)

As you respond, we encourage you to reflect on the future of Oklahoma CareerTech, the value we create for learners and employers, and how we prepare for a rapidly changing workforce.

Your input will directly influence the goals, initiatives, and focus areas in the updated strategic plan. Thank you for sharing your voice and for being an essential part of Oklahoma CareerTech!

[K-12 Strategic Planning Survey](#)

A look at January



January 2026 calendar

Research Challenge



FCS Research Challenge, an individual or team event, recognizes participants enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences for their ability to create an original scientific experiment that relates to a provided topic of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Participants must create a display and oral presentation.

[Guidelines](#)

[Register Here](#)

All slots for FCS Day @ the Capital have been filled. If you are interested in being on the waitlist, please email tiffany.peters@careertech.ok.gov

State Convention Early Bird Registration

State Convention registration is now open.

Hear from hilarious & impactful keynote speakers, elect the next State Officer team, cheer on your fellow chapter members as they receive their STAR Event trophies, & attend action-packed, hands-on workshops. Plus, don't miss out on the exhibitors & fun activities in the exhibit hall.

Date: April 2nd, 2026

Time: Doors open at 8:00 am

Location: Tulsa Arvest Convention Center 100 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK

[Early Bird](#) registration closes on Jan 31st. Payment is not required until after the event.
Registration deadline is March 6th

[Find More Info Here](#)

Next Report Due - Jan 31st



Reporting Deadlines

CTIMS REPORT:	DUE DATE:
Salary & Teaching Report	9/30/25
CESI Report Initial submission	10/31/25
CESI - Follow Up Report	11/30/25
CESI - Additional Students	01/31/26
CESI - Final Reports	05/31/26

FCS Reporting Deadlines

Student Resources

FCCLA: 2026 National Leadership Conference Scholarship



Students receiving scholarships on a stage

The 2026 FCCLA National Leadership Conference Scholarship offers \$2,750 in attendance assistance to nationally affiliated FCCLA student members in grades 6–11 who have not previously attended NLC. The need-based scholarship supports students attending the conference in Washington, DC and requires applicants to demonstrate financial need, leadership, community involvement, and FCCLA participation. Applications are due February 20, 2026, with recipients announced in late April 2026.

Applications DUE: February 20, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)

[Apply Here](#)

ACTE & NASA Launch the 2025–26 Student Video Challenge: Gateway to the Cosmos



ACTE and NASA HUNCH are teaming up once again for the 8th Annual Student Video Challenge, inviting students nationwide to explore Career and Technical Education

(CTE) through the exciting world of **space exploration** and **project-based learning**.

This year's theme, "**Gateway to the Cosmos — NASA's Lunar Outpost**," challenges students to imagine how NASA's Gateway missions will advance life on Earth and beyond — while showcasing the CTE skills and careers that make these innovations possible.

As ACTE approaches its **100-year anniversary in 2026**, this milestone challenge celebrates a century of CTE excellence and looks ahead to the next era of discovery and innovation.

The contest is open to

- **Students of all ages** — elementary through postsecondary — whether in school or homeschooled.
- Entries may be submitted individually or as teams (one video per student per year).

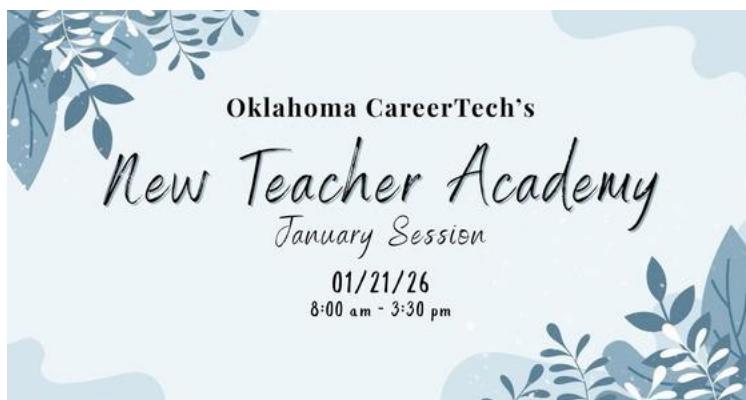
[Learn more and enter today](#) to share how CTE can take us to the stars!

Interested in sponsoring? Contact [Julia Kendrick \(ACTE\)](#) or [Loy W. Trevino \(NASA HUNCH\)](#) to learn about scholarship opportunities for winning students.

[Learn More Here](#)

Professional Development

REQUIRED: New Teacher Academy



OK CareerTech's New Teacher Academy January Session banner

The third and final session of our New Teacher Academy registration is now live.

Come celebrate your growth and success at the **final session of the 2025–2026 Family and Consumer Sciences New Teacher Academy**! This in-person event brings together new FCS educators from across Oklahoma for a day of reflection, celebration, and hands-on learning.

When & Where

- Jan 21, 2026
- 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Oklahoma CareerTech, 1500 W. 7th Ave, Stillwater, 74074

What to Expect

- **Inspiring Keynote:** Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, Melissa Ewon
- **Engaging Presentation:** Learn from Jenna Wertz with RealityWorks
- **Program Updates:** the latest FCCLA announcements and important CareerTech reporting guidance
- **Professional Development:** Guided curriculum planning session
- **Hands-On Experience:** Sharpen your culinary knife skills

**This is a required event for ALL new teachers.*

[Register Today](#)

Perkins Professional Development: CLNA & FY27 Application Training

TRAINING SESSIONS

Perkins Professional Development Training sessions

Join us for one of our upcoming professional development sessions, which includes information on the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), local application, and new innovative grant opportunities for rural schools! Training sessions, whether in person or virtual will include the same information.

Please register for in-person events by using the links below:

[January 27 from 9-12 - Kiama Technology Center - McAlester](#)
[February 3 from 9-12 - Tulsa Technology Center - Lemley](#)
[February 10 from 9-12 - Moore Norman Technology Center - South Penn](#)
[February 18 from 9-10:30 - Teams \(registration not required for virtual session\)](#)

FCCLA

FCCLA State STAR Events Schedule Posted

The State STAR Events schedule is now posted on the Oklahoma FCCLA website. This schedule will let you know which event is taking place on March 25 or 26 and if it is in the morning or afternoon. If you do not have competitors competing at State STAR events, you do not attend. Competitors only need to be there for the registration of their event session. Example - if your competitor isn't competing until the afternoon session, they'll need to arrive for the afternoon session and not the morning.

[REMEMBER TO SCROLL DOWN](#)

[Find Schedule Here](#)

Parliamentary Procedure Testing Window January 20-23, 2026

Teams participating in the Parliamentary Procedure Event must take the Parli Test during the Oklahoma FCCLA testing window. This window is January 20-23, 2026. [Make plans now to secure a testing location and proctor, as all competitors from one school must test at the same time](#). There will be no exceptions/extensions granted for this testing window, so do not plan to test at the last minute.

[Find Study Guide Here](#)

2026 Oklahoma State STAR Events

Culinary Arts & Baking and Pastry Menus



2026 OK FCCLA State STAR Events menus

For occupational programs only, registration for **Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry** closes **February 24, 2026**. The competition will take place at Francis Tuttle, Rockwell Campus, on **March 4, 2026**.

[Culinary Arts Menu](#)

[Baking & Pastry Menu](#)

NO STAR Event Online Orientation for 2025-2026

In September, national FCCLA made the decision to remove the STAR Event Orientation point from the event point summary forms. To be consistent and align with National FCCLA, Oklahoma FCCLA is not requiring online orientation forms. For the Oklahoma Events, this is still listed on the point summary form; each student will automatically receive their point for this. Point Summary Forms will be updated for the 2026-2027 school year.

An orientation video for students and evaluators will be available on the state website and strongly encouraged for all participants to view.

2025-2026 Competitive Events Guidelines

The STAR Events Guidelines are now available in the FCCLA Portal. To access them, go to: www.fcclainc.org

> Resources > Competitive Events > 2025-2026 STAR Events. Within the STAR Events section, you'll find a folder for each event containing its specific guidelines, rubrics, and resources.

[STAR Event Guidelines](#)

FCS in the NEWS!



We want to celebrate you and your students!

Want to brag about your students??? Share exciting news with your program specialist so we can share the exciting news with FCS leaders across the state. We want to hear how they are impacting their schools and community.

FCS Resources

Curriculum Carousel Recap



If you were unable to attend our Curriculum Carousel or would like to revisit the information shared, the full session is now available on our YouTube channel for on-demand viewing.

[Curriculum Carousel Recap](#)



JOB OPENING

Program Specialist

The position provides leadership, develops instructional strategies, and serves as a resource for teachers and administrators to assure program quality and improvement.

Position officed on-site at CareerTech in Stillwater, OK

[Learn More Here](#)

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