

OCTC's GO Careers program offers local businesses talent development opportunity

Cohort begins
Aug. 18

Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) is offering local businesses a unique opportunity to invest in their workforce through the GO Careers program — a pathway that enables employees to earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Business Administration while continuing to work full-time. Modeled after the nationally recognized GO FAME program, GO Careers launched in 2016 through a collaboration between OCTC, the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation, and the Greater Owensboro

Chamber of Commerce. This innovative Workforce Solutions initiative blends classroom instruction with on-the-job training, equipping employees with the skills and knowledge that directly benefit both their personal career growth and their company's success. Graduates of the program not only earn an associate degree in just 18 months (five semesters) but can also seamlessly transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree. GO Careers has already helped 106 students advance their education and careers while supporting employer goals like:

- Improving employee retention
- Developing internal

leadership

- Creating a more skilled and competitive workforce

The program follows a cohort-based, work-and-learn model, designed to align with full-time employment. Classes are held in the mornings — Monday and Wednesday for the first three semesters, switching to Tuesday and Thursday in the final two. This schedule allows new cohorts to begin each year without disrupting the flow of existing ones. Students benefit from:

- Dedicated program support from faculty and staff
- Free tutoring and peer mentorship
- Hands-on assistance with financial aid and scholarships, provided by Program Coordinator Alicyn

Rodgers

"GO Careers gives students the chance to grow their skills while maintaining full-time jobs. It's incredibly rewarding to watch them advance both professionally and personally," says Rodgers. Thanks to employer tuition assistance and financial aid opportunities, many students complete the program with little to no out-of-pocket costs or debt. The next GO Careers cohort begins Aug. 18 and will graduate in May 2027. For more information on how to get your organization involved with the GO Careers program, please contact Alicyn Rodgers at alicyn.rodgers@kctcs.edu or 270-686-4641.

Give 270 to host Colonel & Cash Raffle

Ultimate Prize includes
bourbon, cash
and a donation
to charity of
winner's choice

Tickets are now on sale for Round 16 of the weekly Whiskey Wednesdays charity raffle series, hosted by Elizabethtown-based nonprofit Give 270. Set to take place each Wednesday from July 2 through Sept. 17, the Whiskey Wednesdays Round 16 - Colonel & Cash raffle series features a lineup of 12 weekly Colonel E.H. Taylor prizes hidden behind 12 locker doors, plus a valuable ultimate prize at the end of the round. Every ticket purchased during the round earns a chance to win the ultimate round prize: a vintage 1956 bottle of E.H. Taylor and a cash jackpot totaling \$0.25 for each ticket sold. Additionally, the grand prize



Courtesy photo

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winner will have the opportunity to select a nonprofit to receive a donation — also \$0.25 per ticket sold — subject to approval by Give 270. Some of the prizes hidden

behind the 12 locker doors include E.H. Taylor, Jr. Tornado Surviving Bourbon; E.H. Taylor, Jr. Amaranth Grain of the Gods Bourbon; E.H. Taylor, Jr. Barrel Proof Bourbon and more. Plus, each

ticket gives participants five chances to win each week, as four bonus prizes are also given away, including a Willet 8 year Rye MANABOUT-TOWN Give 270 Single Barrel, an E.H. Taylor Small Batch, a Luca Mariano Signature and a Luca Mariano Ambassador 86. "With this round of Whiskey Wednesdays, we're thrilled to offer participants a shot at some truly exceptional prizes while also giving them a voice in where the charitable impact is made," said Eric Clemens, Board Chair of Give 270. Whiskey Wednesdays Round 16 raffles are set to take place live each Wednesday from July 2 through Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. on Give 270's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Priced at \$5 each, there is no limit to the amount of tickets purchased per individual each week. To purchase tickets, see the full list of prizes and stay up-to-date on raffles and events hosted by Give 270, visit give270.org.

ECTC hosting summer Open House Days

All new and prospective students are invited to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Open House Days from 12-6 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 8-29. "This is the perfect opportunity to see for yourself what makes ECTC so special," said Recruitment Team Lead Becca Owsley. "If you're new to ECTC or just thinking about college, stop by and get all the information you need to have a great start, whether you're starting classes Aug. 18 or planning for the future." Visitors can learn about a variety of student support programs and transfer opportunities, and experts will be on hand to help plan educational and career pathways, complete admissions files and order any needed transcripts, complete the FAFSA and get

financial aid estimates. Students also can find out about scholarships including the ECTC Dual Credit to Degree Scholarship and the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship, which allows eligible students to earn a certificate or degree in a high-demand field tuition free. Guests can arrive anytime between 12-6 p.m. in the lobby of the Regional Postsecondary Center. Campus tours will be held at 2 and 4 p.m. To learn more about Open House Days, other campus tours, or getting started at ECTC, contact 270-769-2371 or ectcrecruitment@kctcs.edu. For help enrolling at another ECTC location, call the Leitchfield Campus at 270-259-1540, the Springfield Campus at 859-336-1361 or the Fort Knox Center at 270-706-8858.

OCTC's Workforce Solutions to hold grand re-opening of Industrial Innovation Lab

The Owensboro Community & Technical College Workforce Solutions team invites you to celebrate the grand re-opening of its newly renovated Industrial Innovation Lab. Exciting updates have been made to better serve students, industry partners, and surrounding communities. The Industrial Innovation Lab delivers customized training for industry partners, supports the ITEC (Industrial Technology Enhanced Credentials) program, and is also home to the AMTEC AI3. This cutting-edge lab features advanced technology

in robotics, hydraulics, fluid power, electrical systems, programmable logic controllers, and more. Come explore the possibilities on July 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tour the updated lab, meet expert instructors and staff, discover training opportunities, or just stop by to see what it is all about. Refreshments will be served. The Industrial Innovation Lab is located at OCTC's Downtown Campus, 1501 Frederica St., Owensboro. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sonya Southard at 270-686-4485 or sonya.southard@kctcs.edu.

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(NBSTSA). OCTC's consistent 100% pass rate demonstrates the program's effectiveness in preparing students for this critical milestone in their professional journey. Due to the program's rigorous standards and hands-on training requirements, enrollment is limited to ensure optimal learning experiences and individualized attention for each student.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Surgical Technology program will begin accepting applications for the August

2026 cohort in February 2026. Prospective students interested in this rewarding healthcare career are encouraged to contact Program Coordinator Zara Basham early to learn about admission requirements and application procedures.

Contact Information:
Email: zara.basham@kctcs.edu
Phone: 270-686-4650

For additional information about OCTC's Surgical Technology program and other healthcare career opportunities, visit the college website (www.owensboro.kctcs.edu) and select Education & Training) or contact the START Center at OCTC.STARTCenter@kctcs.edu.

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protective services and adult guardianship programs. The director of the Division of Adult Guardianship and assistant director of the Division of Protection and Permanency detailed their operations, initiatives, and caseloads to the committee. The Division of Guardianship currently has 4,645 individuals under state guardianship. Rep. Robert Duvall, R-Bowling Green, asked the presenters: "What is the goal or best practice standard for a caseload for guardian workers?" The presenters responded citing the National Guardianship Association's recommended caseload of 20 cases per worker. The average caseload for an employee in the Division of Guardianship is 52 cases. 20 years ago, the caseload for a Kentucky guardian worker was over 100.

The final presentation of the Families and Children committee was a discussion of the Annual Child Fatality and Near Fatality report created by the External Child Fatality and Near Fatality Panel. This report details all deaths or near-death events of children under 18 years old in the state. 75% of the cases reviewed by the panel involved children four years old or younger. Additionally, prenatal exposure to harmful substances such as fentanyl has increased. "This meeting set the tone for what we plan to accomplish this interim," Heavrin said. "We want our committee to work together to support partners in the community like the Center for Courageous Kids, improve state services, and reduce harm to our children by finding effective ways to strengthen families across the Commonwealth." For more information and to keep track of the legislature during the interim, visit legislature.ky.gov.

E'town event to spotlight housing support and services for military families

Series to offer
resources for
area veterans,
families

Care Guide Partners PACE, an affiliate of Hosparus Health, invites area veterans and their families to the next installment of its Veterans' Connection series on Thursday, July 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Care Guide Partners PACE Center, 109 Buffalo Creek Dr. in Elizabethtown, Ky. This free, public event will feature guest speaker Jonathan Fondow, Housing Case Manager with the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) – VOA Honors program through Volunteers of America Mid-States.

Fondow will share how the SSVF program provides intensive case management and access to vital services for low-income veterans facing housing instability. Services offered through SSVF include housing stability planning, employment support, financial assistance for rent and utilities, and connections to healthcare, legal aid, and other community resources. "We know that housing stability is the foundation for overall well-being," said Prentiss Alford, Community Outreach Coordinator at Care Guide Partners PACE. "We're honored to welcome Jonathan and help spread


the word about programs that offer real, tangible support to veterans and their families in our community." The Veterans' Connection series is designed to foster meaningful dialogue, share experiences, and connect attendees with helpful local resources. Light snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Prentiss Alford at (270) 600-2580 or TTY: (270) 600-2589. To learn more about Care Guide Partners PACE and the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), visit careguidepartners.org/PACE. Future Veterans' Connection events are scheduled for Sept. 18 and Nov. 20.



Beautiful 2-bedroom, 2-bath, 2,784 sq. ft. dark red brick home with unfinished basement on 5-acres in the Guston area, 300 Charlie Pile Rd. County water and cistern, electric HVAC. The 3-car garage has 13' ceilings with access by ramp to the large covered back porch area and kitchen door. Home is approx. 9-yr old. Asking \$625,000. Call (270) 750-8333.

- 1954 GM 10' Dump Truck - 6 cyl. 95% complete, hasn't been started in 3 years. Was driven when bought. \$6,000
- 1970 Uhaul Truck, loaded w/approx. \$2000 of building materials - \$5,000, \$3,500 empty.
- 1978 Chevy 2-ton, cab & chassis, no bed, 10 year old motor. \$2,500
- 1996 Ford 14' Box Van 95% complete. \$3,000, \$2,500 empty.
- Antique wheel desk, nice yard decor. \$800
- 2007 Completely burned Corvette, motor, transmission, and rear end on frame. \$1000

****All of the above plus much more useable, building materials, antiques, tractor, tools, & misc. equipment \$675,000.**



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section One. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

GENERAL FUND	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,348,891.96
PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$810,247.47
GENERAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$590,560.00
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$60,187.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	\$363,262.81
AIRPORTS	\$25,000.00
BUS SERVICES	\$133,000.00
LEASE(S)	\$41,902.52
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$154,514.91
GENERAL SERVICES	\$592,400.00
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$300,000.00
TRANSFERS OF APPR. TO OTHER FUNDS	\$70,000.00
FRINGE BENEFITS (EMPLOYERS'S SHARE)	\$1,476,395.00
TOTAL	\$6,966,361.67
ROAD FUND	
ROADS	\$3,431,939.02
LEASE(S)	\$42,887.71
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0.00
GENERAL SERVICES	\$39,700.00
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$30,000.00
FRINGE BENEFITS (EMPLOYERS'S SHARE)	\$245,611.31
TOTAL	\$3,790,138.04
JAIL FUND	
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$2,222,357.00
GENERAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$238,325.77
LEASE(S)	\$0.00
GENERAL SERVICES	\$153,555.00
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,500.00
TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00
FRINGE BENEFITS (EMPLOYER'S SHARE)	\$426,972.23
TOTAL	\$3,046,710.00
LGEA FUND	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,500.00
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$41,000.00
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$25,000.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	\$82,000.00
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$154,500.00
FEDERAL GRANTS	
ROADS	\$0.00
CAPITOL PROJECTS	\$0.00
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$0.00
TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00
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GENERAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$137,050.60
TOTAL	\$0.00
SPECIAL, CLERK STORAGE	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$40,500.00
TOTAL	\$40,500.00

Adopted this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Maurice Lucas
Breckinridge County Judge-Executive

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Breckinridge County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.