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Annual Report FY19
I am a dreamer. I am creative.
I am a problem solver. I am a healer.

#IAMOTECH

At Ogden-Weber Technical College, we are more than a technical college. We are a place where single parents choose to juggle full-time work, a full course load and family obligations to foster a better life for their children. We are a place where recent high school graduates can save thousands of dollars on tuition and focus more on their courses than on financing their education. Ultimately, we are a place that opens up a world of opportunity for all students no matter where they start or where they hope to go.

As you read this year’s annual report, we hope you’ll see what we encounter every day here at OTECH — a continuous drive for making every decision count. This year, like those that came before it, we’ve counted on each other for the right ideas to make student dreams a reality. We’ve counted on community members to join us in our ongoing mission to transform lives. And we’ve counted on our students to bring inspiring levels of determination into the classroom.

And that’s why we are proud to dedicate this annual report to our faculty and staff who lead the dreamers, healers and problems solvers of tomorrow. They are making the difference every day. One student at a time.

James R. Taggart, Dreamer, President

< Ethan Ward, Culinary Arts student
^ Pictured on front: Jake Mathis, Culinary Arts student
STUDENT HEADCOUNTS

1,826 31% GROWTH OVER PRIOR YEAR
HIGH SCHOOL

2,851 3% GROWTH OVER PRIOR YEAR
ADULT

5,826 6.53% GROWTH OVER PRIOR YEAR
TOTAL

CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS

951 10% GROWTH OVER PRIOR YEAR

ENROLLED HOURS

1,259,991 2% GROWTH OVER PRIOR YEAR

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

$458,500

305 STUDENTS SUPPORTED

^ Cynthia Pimienta, Medical Assisting student
POWELL FOUNDATION

Featured Donor

A native of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Samuel C. Powell was born in 1893 and later served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. In 1915, Mr. Powell married Myra Grout and started a law practice in Ogden where he maintained an office for over 56 years. As an accomplished attorney, he served as legal counsel for the Weber County School Board for 46 years and Ogden City Schools for 15 years.

After Mr. Powell passed away in 1973, his nephew, Samuel H. Barker, helped establish a foundation in Powell’s honor. Mr. Barker also served as a founding member of Ogden-Weber Technical College’s foundation.

The Powell Foundation is now in the care of Mr. Barker’s children, Charles, Mary and Ann Barker. They continue to operate the foundation in the spirit intended by their father with an “education for all” philosophy.

Since 1992, OTECH students have benefitted from scholarships and other support from the Powell Foundation totaling $1,014,285. The Powell Foundation has also established endowments for legacy giving and was a major investor in the Samuel H. and Marian K. Barker Family Health Technology Building, named in honor of their parents.

“My goal is to go as far as I can with my education in the medical field, determined to help as many people as I can along the way with my skills and knowledge gained through this journey.”

Benjamin Morales | Medical Assisting graduate
BELINDA GRIFFETH
2019 Student of the Year

Belinda’s journey to OTECH included three universities and earning a B.S. in psychology. Fast forward 24 years, marriage and babies. Belinda has found a career path that is, as she describes, “a beautiful balance between scientific knowledge and human compassion.”

Belinda came to Ogden-Weber Technical College to explore a career in nursing. She did more than explore – she completed the Nursing Assistant and Practical Nursing programs and is now enrolled in Weber State University’s Nursing program. She is looking forward to a career that is both challenging and rewarding, with many opportunities for learning and progress. She is proud to be a role model to her five children to show it is never too late to find and pursue your passion.

Belinda was the recipient of the Samuel C. & Myra G. Powell Foundation Scholarship.

“Having the industry certifications, program certificate, awards and other courses offered from OTECH will only continue to open opportunities for me.”

Joshua Osborn | I.T. Networking graduate
GEORGE E. WAHLEN OGDEN VETERANS HOME

Featured Employer

The George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home is a long-term care and rehabilitation facility in Ogden supporting veterans who have served active duty, spouses of veterans and Gold Star Parents.

The Veterans Home staff serves on both the Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant Employer Advisory Teams. They also provide clinical placement opportunities to students in both programs. The students love going to the veterans home, not only because of the residents, but also because of the quality of care the staff provides and their willingness to help teach students.

The Veterans Home not only helps provide training for our students, but more importantly, they hire our practical nursing and nursing assistant students after they finish their training. For the past three years, the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home has been the employer who hires the most nursing assistant graduates in our region.

"I have gained more hands-on experience than I could have received elsewhere. I plan to take those skills and this education and apply it into my career so I can make my dream of helping and saving others a reality."

Paige Arrington  |  Practical Nursing student
JARALI AVENDANO COTO
Featured Secondary Student

As long as she can remember, Jarali has dreamed of a career in the medical field, so when she had the opportunity to attend OTECH while also a student at Ben Lomond High School, she jumped right in and hasn’t looked back. Jarali completed the Tech College’s nursing assistant program before her high school graduation and her passion for learning continues as she is currently enrolled in the medical assisting program.

Jarali’s career goal is to become a surgeon, so getting an early start on her education was a great opportunity. She is also attending Weber State University studying pre-medicine. Her drive to succeed comes from deep inside, “I came to the United States from Mexico and I want to make my parents proud. I live life as if I don’t have any time to waste.”

Jarali is one of the first recipients of the UTECH Scholarship created by Utah’s legislature for graduating school students.

“Being able to work at my own pace and having a hands-on experience allowed me to have a better understanding of my career choice.”

Megan Brown | Business graduate