



TECHNICALLY, We Run the World.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



At Ogden-Weber Technical College, we believe that offering exceptional technical education is the best thing we can do for our community. Our students innovate, build, heal, create, lead, code, design and inspire. They come from diverse backgrounds and have unique goals. These students all chose OTECH for different reasons, but they also have one important thing in common: their community needs them and the skills they develop.

We entered our 2020 fiscal year with the goal to make this the best year ever for OTECH. Like you, we had to adjust some of our plans in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet despite changing schedules and virtual graduations, our students keep rising to the occasion. They have persevered and excelled in their programs, all while giving back to those in need. They continue to change the world for themselves, their families and their communities.

As you read this annual report, I hope you recognize, as we do, that the things our students and staff have been able to accomplish this year are extraordinary. We can't wait to see what they do next. After all,

TECHNICALLY, THEY RUN THE WORLD.

JAMES R. TAGGART, PRESIDENT



2020



STUDENT HEADCOUNTS

High School: 1,870

Adult: 4,015

TOTAL: 5,885



**CERTIFICATES
COMPLETED
882**



**ENROLLED HOURS
1,160,427**



**SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET
\$352,895**

**Students Supported
407**



COVID-19 RESPONSE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Working with state education and health officials, OTECH closed its campuses and shifted to distance learning for two months in the spring. Despite the changes, students accomplished great things:



152 GRADUATES DURING CAMPUS CLOSURE

Seeing the shortage of medical supplies in our community, our staff went through their inventory and donated personal protective equipment to organizations like Midtown Community Health Center, South Davis Community Hospital, George E. Wahlen Veterans Home and Weber Human Services.

Supplies Donated

- N95 and ear-loop masks
- Face shields
- Safety glasses
- Isolation gowns
- Disposable lab coats
- Gloves
- Shoe covers
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes

“ Now that I have my certification, I’m confident that I will be able to secure a job that will help me pay for my university tuition and experience. ”

KARINA BARBOZA, BUSINESS



MADISON HEINECKE

2020 Student of the Year



Madison Heinecke is no stranger to obstacles, personal setbacks and hard work. When she discovered the OTECH non-destructive inspection program, Madison realized her dreams to provide for her family through an exciting career were finally within reach. She said, "I have been able to leave excuses at the door, show up exactly as I am, and gain the skills and experience necessary to reach heights I never dreamed achievable." From day one, Madison has proven she has the work ethic and attitude to succeed. Her instructors described her as a "very intelligent and determined student. She helps others with anything she can and is always very kind to everyone."

Madison plans to open her own business, in part to give other young technicians opportunities to grow. She said, "Building a better community means that if you reach out your hand, someone will grab it and pull you up. Once you get up and dust yourself off, you turn around and grab another's. My life has been changed because I was greeted by people ready to pull me up here at Ogden-Weber Tech. My goal is to take this opportunity and run as far as I can with it, all the while reaching back and pulling others up."

“ My technical education will help me become a chef and own my own restaurant. I will show that deaf people can work hard and have success. ”

JAKE MATHIS, CULINARY ARTS



R. ROBERT & MARCIA P. HARRIS

Featured Donors

In December 2019, Bob and Marcia Harris donated \$100,000 to establish the Student and Faculty Success Fund Endowment to offer faculty grants, student licensing and test fee assistance and other student success support. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Harrises donated an additional \$100,000 to help students.

The couple has lived in Ogden for over 30 years and have each served as president, chair and board member in numerous community endeavors. They were honored for a lifetime contribution to the arts by Mayor Godfrey in 2010 and are actively engaged in community growth.

Bob Harris, a New Jersey native, majored in economics and was co-captain of his football team at Swarthmore College. He received his J.D. degree from Creighton Law School and his MBA from Harvard. He has served as a judge in the Utah State Justice Courts for over 23 years. He was recently awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Weber State.

Marcia Harris was raised in upstate New York. After high school, she studied sociology at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia and completed graduate work at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Maryland. Among her community leadership roles, Marcia is the founder and past chair of the Foundation for Hospice of Northern Utah. Marcia and Bob have three children.

The Harrises are firm believers in the college's mission and their generosity and investment will continue to support hundreds of students.



“ I discovered that I don’t need to study at a four-year college to get a job that provides a good living, that I can be proud of, and that stays interesting. My training in CAD modeling has given me direction in areas of my life where I was otherwise uncertain of what to do. ”

**GARRETT BROTHERS,
COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN**



KYLEE PAUL

Featured Secondary Student

Kylee Paul has always been one to reach her goals. She decided that she wanted to work in the dental field, heard good things about the OTECH dental assisting program and instructors, and enrolled. She set a goal to complete the program before she graduated from high school. Kylee’s instructors described her as “phenomenally motivated” and “a model student and leader in the classroom and clinic.”

Kylee graduated from Roy High in May, two months after finishing her dental assisting coursework. She now works as a dental assistant at Farr West Family Dental. Kristen Nelson, dental hygienist, said of Kylee, “She goes above and beyond. She always comes in early to set up for the day. She is a very confident worker and works well with patients and staff. She is easy to get along with and is very helpful. She is an asset to our office.”

Kylee credits her education with paving the way for her success: “Attending Ogden-Weber Technical College opened the door for my career in the dental field. The program provided me with critical hands-on experience and knowledge that I use every day.” Kylee’s next goal? She plans to continue her education and become a dental hygienist.



MIDTOWN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Featured Employer

Midtown Community Health Center is a safety net provider in Ogden, making healthcare affordable for patients of all backgrounds, regardless of insurance status. They offer primary care, behavioral and oral healthcare, pharmacy services and more. They have also worked closely with OTECH for years in a partnership that has changed both organizations for the better.

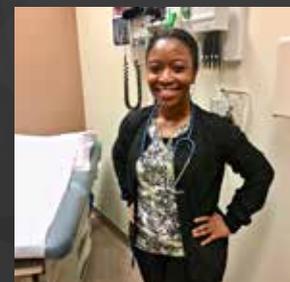
Midtown provides opportunities for students to fulfill their externships and get hands-on experience. They regularly offer scholarships to help with tuition costs, participate on the college's employer advisory board and hire many of our students after graduation. Ali Martinez, Midtown's CEO, said, "We love having OTECH students. I don't know what we would do, honestly, without your training program." Because of the caliber of our students, Ali said, "We know that we can train somebody for a couple of weeks and then they're right there helping us with everything that we do."

When the global pandemic caused a shortage of medical supplies, OTECH students and instructors saw an opportunity to give back. Ali said, "A few months into the COVID-19 pandemic we were really struggling to get personal protective equipment. The college just showed up with supplies upon supplies that really carried us until we were able to secure more P.P.E. for the daily use of our staff. That really was literally a lifesaver in so many ways."



“ Thank you to my instructors for not only encouraging me, but most of all giving me the confidence to not doubt myself. ”

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MEDICAL ASSISTING**



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