



OGDEN-WEBER
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from the President

Twenty twenty-one marks fifty years of technical education at Ogden-Weber Technical College. Much has changed since we were founded as the Utah Skills Center North in 1971. We've grown from 93 students to nearly 6,000, 33% of whom come from historically underrepresented populations. Program offerings have evolved with new technology and employer needs. One key thing, however, has remained the same: our community relies on OTECH graduates and the skills they've developed.

I hope this annual report gives you a glimpse of the OTECH magic I get to see every day—students, college staff and local employers working together to build a prosperous community by creating a technically-skilled workforce one student at a time. As we celebrate this incredible milestone, I can't wait to see what the next fifty years will bring.

President James R. Taggart



Luis Pereira Featured Secondary Student

Luis Pereira is a student in the OTECH Composites program. He also attends Ben Lomond High School, alternating his days between the two schools. The extra workload doesn't seem to phase Luis. He said of his Composites program, "It's been amazing. I really like learning about materials and getting experience working with them because it ties into what I want to do in the future, which is aerospace or mechanical engineering."

Luis was born in Colombia, raised in Brazil, and moved to the United States five years ago. In his time at OTECH, he's certainly left an impression. His instructors said, "Luis is definitely an overachiever. Ever since he started the program, he's been moving at an awesome pace and has really great attention to detail, especially on his layout and parts. We're happy to have him." Luis plans to finish his Composites certificate and high school diploma next year, then move on to his engineering degree.

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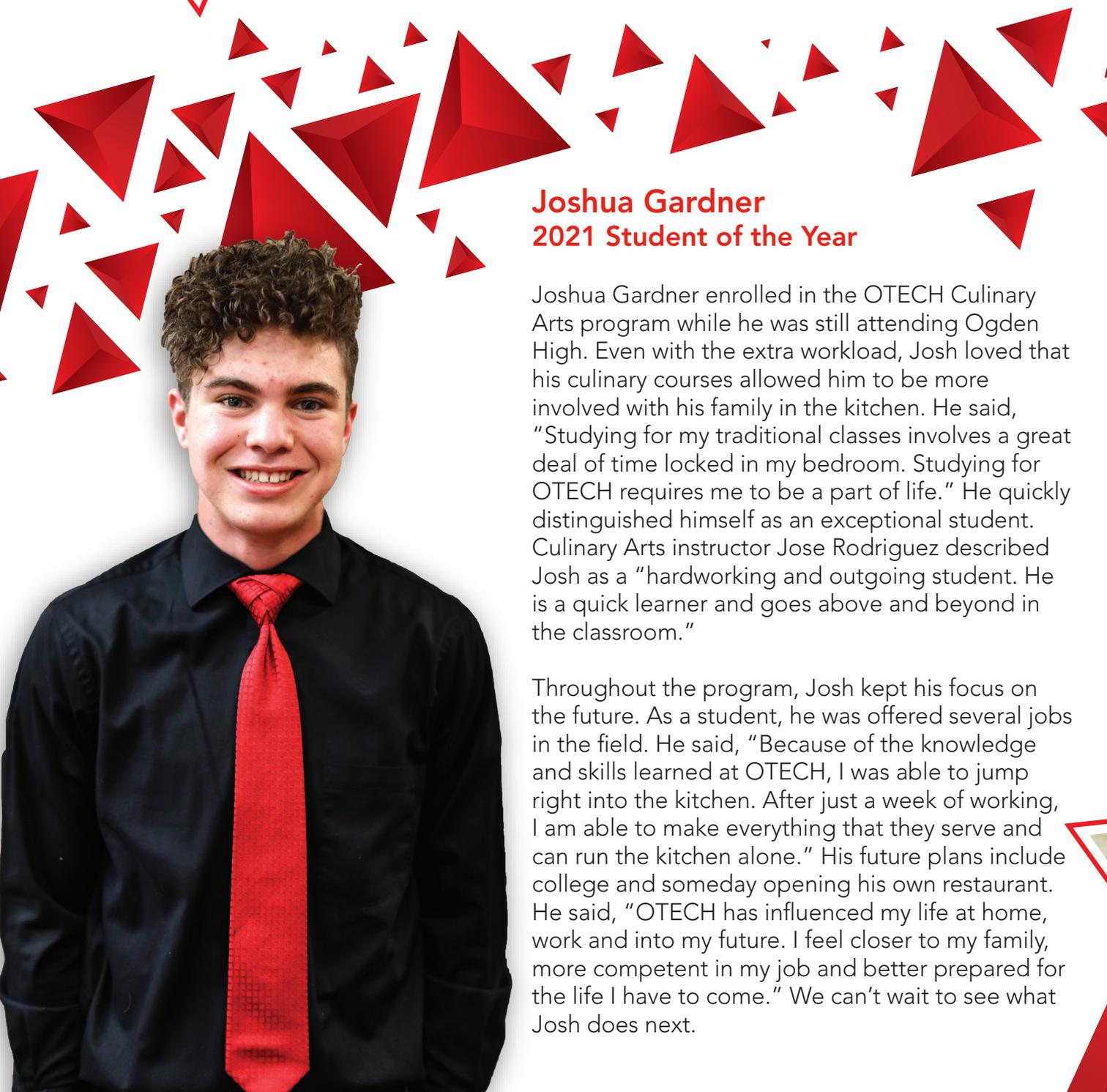
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Monserrat Rico-Urbe (Medical Assisting)

“Ogden-Weber Technical College provided me the knowledge and skills that I needed to be successful in the medical field. I strongly recommend this program if you love to help others.

I feel thankful to my instructors and the program coordinator for the support that they provided me during my path. I had amazing experiences during my classes, lab practices and externship.”



Joshua Gardner 2021 Student of the Year

Joshua Gardner enrolled in the OTECH Culinary Arts program while he was still attending Ogden High. Even with the extra workload, Josh loved that his culinary courses allowed him to be more involved with his family in the kitchen. He said, “Studying for my traditional classes involves a great deal of time locked in my bedroom. Studying for OTECH requires me to be a part of life.” He quickly distinguished himself as an exceptional student. Culinary Arts instructor Jose Rodriguez described Josh as a “hardworking and outgoing student. He is a quick learner and goes above and beyond in the classroom.”

Throughout the program, Josh kept his focus on the future. As a student, he was offered several jobs in the field. He said, “Because of the knowledge and skills learned at OTECH, I was able to jump right into the kitchen. After just a week of working, I am able to make everything that they serve and can run the kitchen alone.” His future plans include college and someday opening his own restaurant. He said, “OTECH has influenced my life at home, work and into my future. I feel closer to my family, more competent in my job and better prepared for the life I have to come.” We can’t wait to see what Josh does next.

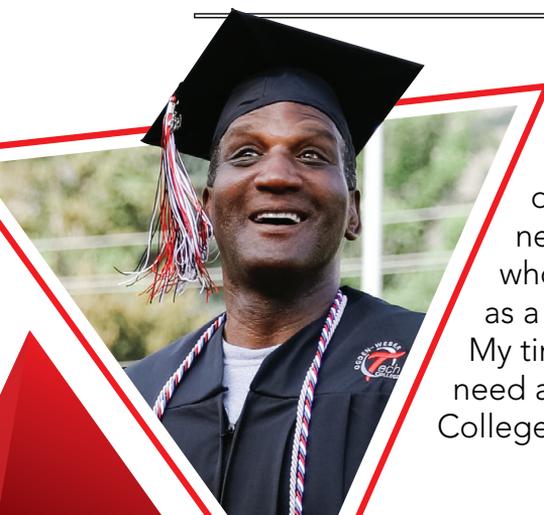
Bob Nannini Featured Donor

Mr. Robert (Bob) Nannini co-founded Bio-Med Engineering, Inc., in 1990. Bio-Med Engineering, Inc., is a medical/scientific equipment management company. Services include equipment/facility certification, equipment maintenance and repair, equipment installations and equipment and regulatory compliance consulting.

Bob's relationship with the college started in 2005 when he was a member, and then chair, of the college's retired Biomedical Equipment Technician Occupational Advisory Committee. In 2009, Bob was nominated to join the Foundation Board and now serves on its Executive Board. Bob is committed to the foundation's mission of investing in student success and his generosity has supported hundreds of OTECH students. He shares how powerful it is to read the thank you letters of scholarship recipients as they describe the life-changing opportunities their scholarships provide them. By supporting students, Bob feels like he's able to make a difference and give back.

Bob earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in electronics technology at Harper College in Palatine, Illinois, and a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering from Weber State University. Prior to co-founding Bio-Med Engineering, Inc, Bob was the supervisor of the clinical engineering department at Salt Lake Regional Medical Center.

The college and foundation are grateful for Bob's leadership and philanthropic support as students receive life-changing education and realize their success.



Mark Wagoner (Non-Destructive Inspection)

"I think that this course has changed my life for the better. I didn't think that a 57-year-old could go back to school and learn new things. I was very lucky to have great mentors and instructors who took the time and helped me grow not only as a student, but as a person too.

My time at the school will never be forgotten, and if my friends or kids need advanced learning, I will tell them Ogden-Weber Technical College is the place to be."

Capstone Nutrition Featured Employer

Capstone Nutrition has been developing, producing and packaging high-quality nutraceutical products in Ogden since 1992. Their mission is to “passionately innovate, formulate, manufacture and sell superior quality nutrition to improve life.” They are also advocates for the local community and have worked closely with Ogden-Weber Technical College to support student success.

Each year, Capstone participates in OTECH’s Manufacturing Day, providing tours to high school students who are interested in a career in manufacturing. They have offered internships and positions to OTECH graduates in business and manufacturing. They also participate on the Foundation Board and sponsor events that support scholarships and other student success initiatives.



Tyler Burningham, Capstone’s Vice President of Human Resources, said, “I am thrilled about the relationship Capstone Nutrition has with the college and all the top-notch work that they do to support us. Not only do OTECH graduates bring key technical skills, they come with training on how to be successful in the workplace. We’ve also used OTECH’s Custom Fit program to onboard our new employees, which helped us reduce turnover and bring in better candidates who were more prepared for the job. We love working with the college and building our community together.”

1971

April 23, 1971

Utah Skills Center North is born, serving 93 students in the old Madison Elementary School under the direction of President C. Brent Wallis.



SKILLS
CENTER
NORTH

June 1973

The Center moves into the old Weber High School.



April 1972

The Center moves to the Exchange Building in West Ogden.



1982

Groundbreaking of the current OTECH location.
Name changes to Ogden-Weber Area Vocational Center.



1980

The Center partners with Weber State College to become Weber State College Skills Center.



1983-85

Construction of the Manufacturing Technology and Construction Technology buildings begins.

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1990s

Programs like Tile Setting, Cashier/Checking and Restaurant/Hospitality Management are replaced by Electrician Apprentice, PC Specialist and Culinary Arts.
Name changes to Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center.



2021
First off-campus graduation in school history.
(Ben Lomond High School)

2017

President James R. Taggart's term begins.
Name changes to Ogden-Weber Technical College.



2007

President Collette Mercier's term begins.

2001

BDO Campus added.
Name changes to Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College.



11.68%

Fall enrollment increase

25%

Increase in high school enrollment

33%

Of our student body comes from underserved populations

93%

Job placement rate

945

Total certificates completed in 2021

1M+

Hours enrolled
Adult: 988,682, HS: 280,591

5,933

Total students

4,380
Adults
1,553
High school

\$470,982

Awarded as 408 student scholarships

PROPOSED
**PATHWAY
BUILDING**
2021-∞



Projected 5-Year Plan

With fifty years of growth behind us and steadily increasing employer demand ahead of us, we need to build our capacity. The first change is a new building that we're proposing on the west side of campus, facing Washington Boulevard. This building will provide much-needed classroom space and all of the resources for students to be successful as they explore, enroll, complete and move forward.

