

# Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network

*Providing resources to assist counselors*

For students who want to continue their education beyond high school, their guidance counselor can play a key role in helping them achieve that goal. That is why the Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network is such a vital component of our Trustee Scholarship Initiative. This initiative is possible thanks to the support of donors who want to provide educational opportunities for others.

Through the network, our scholarship staff works with the guidance counselors at 51 high schools in central Oklahoma. To take part in the network, these counselors must agree to participate in various educational workshops and college tours. The workshops provide the latest information on admissions and academic requirements while the campus visits provide the counselors a hands-on look at schools that their students are considering. In exchange, the Trustees provide a minimum of one annual Community Foundation Scholar award to each high school with a participating counselor.

“To be able to go back to their students and tell them about the campus as well as faculty they met and the academic programs offered really adds value to their work as counselors,” says Anna-Faye Rose, program administrator.

In the summer of 2009, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation hosted a two-day summer institute that provided the latest information on college admissions standards, financial aid and tips to help students better prepare for post-secondary education. The institute featured instructors from the membership of College Board and the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling.

“I found the institute to be extremely valuable as I have only been in the profession one year,” said one counselor. “The institute has helped me have a better understanding of what I can do for my students in the future.”



The work of counselors like Cathy Earnest (above, second from right) enhanced by the Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network.

Participants and Faculty of the 2009  
Guidance Counselor Summer Institute.

