

# TALENT SEARCH NEWS



## OSU Educational Talent Search

### Can You Really Make THAT Much Money?

When you think of choosing a career, does the amount of money you can potentially make help you make your decision? Where do you get your ideas of what the salaries are of various jobs?

Does a TV show really give a true picture of the lifestyle it's characters can have based on their salary? According to Laura Morsch at Career-Builder.com, the answer is no. Here are some examples:

**Simon Cowell, *American Idol***, is a talent scout. Simon's salary is reported as \$34 million, but according to Payscale.com, the average salary of a talent scout with 25 years experience is actually more like \$30,600.

**Homer Simpson, *The Simpsons***, is a nuclear safety in-

spector. The real-life salary for nuclear power reactor operators, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is approximately \$64,000.

**Elliot Stabler, *Law & Order: SVU*** is a police detective. The real life salary of detectives according to the BLS is about \$54,000.

**Sydney Bristow, *Alias***, is a CIA Agent/Investigator. Although the CIA keeps their salaries private, About.com estimates the typical starting salary for a CIA agent is between \$34,000 and \$52,000.

**Gil Grissom, *CSI***, a forensic scientist; the real life salary is about \$44,000, according to the BLS.

**Grace Adler, *Will and***

*Grace*, is an interior designer. Her real life median salary would be \$40,700, according to the BLS. Guess that's why she needed a roommate.

**Susan Mayer, *Desperate Housewives***, is a children's book illustrator. Although she doesn't seem to work much, in real life she would make approximately \$38,060.

Finally, **John "JD" Dorian, *Scrubs***, would only make approximately \$37,000 as a medical resident. Gives the doctors on *Grey's Anatomy* something to look forward to.

When looking at possible career choices, make sure you think realistically about what the potential salary may be.

### February Workshop Dates:

- Feb. 7-Yale
- Feb. 13-Carney
- Feb. 14-Ripley
- Feb. 16-Cleveland Middle School
- Feb. 21-Davenport
- Feb. 23-Cleveland High School



By Jimmy Rupp

As our headline shows, Valentines Day dominates the month of February. We need to remember that everyone deserves our consideration, not just our sweethearts. This month's workshop will focus on making anger-free decisions. Although anger is a normal emotion, it is no excuse for acting out. Often, the youth of today are dismissed as simply "going through the teenage phase" when forms of anger or aggression are displayed. By learning to make better decisions and handle stress and anger, we begin to stop violence.

As acts of violence are becoming more of an issue in our country, so are the ways of dealing with them. Confronting issues and working through emotions can help you just as much as it helps adults. With issues such as bullying, depression, and hate crimes teen life can sometimes be even more difficult than adult life. If addressed properly now, adulthood can turn out even better.

If you are having feelings that can lead to violence such as anger or depression, or you are the victim of violence, please seek help by confiding in an adult you trust. Talk to a parent, your counselor, a teacher, or clergyperson. You can also check out National Youth Violence Resource Center online at [www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org) for more information.

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# College Goal Sunday



**FEB. 20, 2006**  
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College Goal Sunday<sup>SM</sup> is an annual, statewide event designed to give students and their parents one-on-one, expert advice in learning about financial aid and planning for college. On **Sunday, February 20, 2006**, students and their families can attend College Goal Sunday and visit with financial aid counselors and college staff persons from **2-4 p.m.**, at campuses across the state.

In a single afternoon, students and their families can become familiar with college entrance requirements, learn about planning for college, and obtain on-site assistance in filling out financial aid application forms. (those interested in this service should bring their latest tax information to the event.)

More than 30 higher edu-

cation institutions from across the state are expected to participate.

For more information, contact the Oklahoma State Regents office at 1-800-858-1840, or call the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 405-744-6604. You may also log-on to the OSU website at [www.okstate.edu/finaid](http://www.okstate.edu/finaid).

## What is All This Financial Aid Gobbledygook?

Financial aid terms parents and students need to know:

**Aid package (or financial aid award):** A combination of aid (possibly including a scholarship, grant, loan, and work) determined by a college financial aid office.

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC):** An amount a student and family are expected to contribute toward the student's education. It is used in determining eligibility for federal student aid, and can often be replaced with loans.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** The application required for students to be considered for federal student financial aid. Obtain a FAFSA form from your school counselor or apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA is processed free of charge and used by most colleges.

**Grants:** Awards, usually based on financial need, that do not have to be repaid. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies and educational institutions.

**Scholarships:** Awards to students based on merit or merit-plus-need that do not have to be repaid.

**Student Aid Report (SAR):** The information that a student receives approximately two to four weeks after the FAFSA has been processed. It will report the information from the student's application, and if there are no questions or problems with the application, the SAR will report the EFC.

## Career Corner-Pilot



**Keith Anderson, Pilot**

**What did you want to be as a child?** A pilot.

**What degree do you have and where did you attend college?** B.S. in Aviation Sciences from OSU

**What did you have to overcome to get your degree or job?** Confidence...From day one, I had to prove to myself that I had the right stuff to get through school and pilot

training. If you don't believe in yourself, it makes life that much more difficult.

**What is your job?** Pilot for American Eagle Airlines and the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

**What are your daily tasks at work?** Besides flying the plane, I analyze the weather, compute the weight and balance for each flight, perform numerous safety checks, and talk with air traffic control.

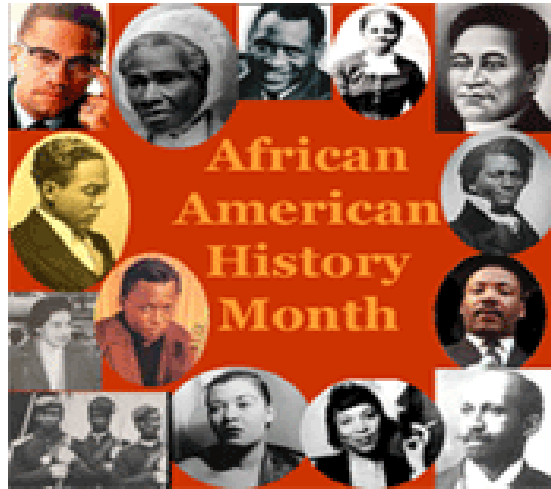
**What advice do you give those considering your profession?** Imagine having an office 30,000 feet up. Imagine not having an 8-to-5 daily schedule. Imagine waking up in a different city that is five time zones away. Flying is not just a job; it is an adventure that requires a solid educational background, determination, and most importantly, a positive attitude.

# African American Heritage Month

By Maria Diaz

The United States is made up of many different cultures. Each culture played a role in shaping the development of our country. February is a time to celebrate the legacy of African Americans.

**African American Heritage Month** celebrates the struggles and achievements of a culture that has overcome and thrived despite adversity. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was one of the first African Americans to earn a Ph.D from Harvard, saw the importance of educating people on the African American experience. In 1926, Dr. Woodson established the first Black History Week. His efforts eventually led to Black History Month being officially recognized by the government in 1976. Black



History Month is a time to recognize icons such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who became the figurehead of the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's, as well as Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on an Ala-

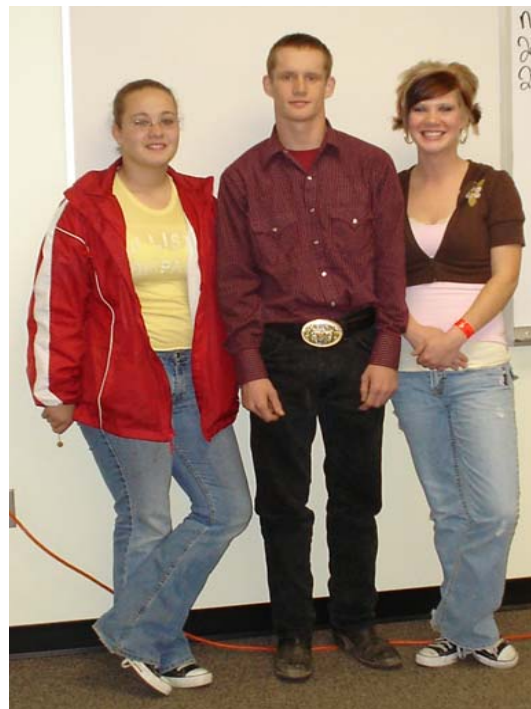
bama bus, effectively beginning the civil rights movement.

Dr. Woodson chose February for celebration because it is the birth month of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, both important individuals in African American history. Today, we have a new collection of black leaders, such as Condeleeza Rice and Colin Powell to further the African American legacy on through the next generation. Because of the collective efforts of these leaders from yesterday and today, the quality of life has improved not only for African Americans, but for people of all races and cultures.

## FRIEND

A friend is a wonderful gift  
 Friendship is a wonderful thing  
 That money can not buy,  
 A blessing that is  
 Rare and true  
 And that is the gift of a  
 Wonderful friend,  
 Like the friend I have in you.

By James Crowder  
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## WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE

Western Oklahoma State College is a two-year, student-oriented college with friendly staff, small classes, and very affordable tuition offering degrees in more than 40 emphasis areas. Western's motto is "A Smart Start" for the following reasons:

### **Academically:**

General education requirements at all Oklahoma universities are nearly identical, and help is available to ensure a smooth transfer process. Class sizes average about 20 so faculty get acquainted with students and are available when questions arise.



### **Economically:**

Western's tuition is half the price of major state universities in Oklahoma. It doesn't make sense to spend more money for courses that will transfer throughout the state.

### **Employability:**

Western has several career-path degree programs including nursing, radiologic technology, criminal justice, computers, office assistant, and aviation.

### **Socially:**

Western has more than 20 active clubs and organizations with competitions throughout the year that are very popular with students.

For more information about attending Western Oklahoma State College, go to our website at [www.wosc.edu](http://www.wosc.edu).