



OPPORTUNITY CAREER CENTER
BUILDING YOUR FUTURE TODAY

Where Innovation and Practical Skills Are Cultivated

“Opportunity Career Center (OCC) is committed to shaping the future of vocational education by providing students from 10th to 12th grade with intensive, hands-on training in specialized career pathways. At OCC, students dive into courses in culinary arts and carpentry, supported by foundational business education that enhances their professional acumen. Equipped with professional tools, industry-recognized certifications, and opportunities for paid internships, students are prepared to excel in the workforce or further education. OCC cultivates a community of innovation and practical skills, where students not only attend their home schools but also engage in state-wide competitions, embodying a spirit of achievement and career readiness. At Opportunity Career Center, we turn aspirations into action.”

Kristi Del Cristo
OCC Principal

HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

Opportunity Career Center (OCC) is a new program offered to 10th to 12th-grade students in Gallup-McKinley County Schools. Students who enroll can attend and receive hands-on vocational training in the pathway of their choice. OCC currently offers a hospitality pathway focusing on culinary arts and construction pathways focusing on carpentry. In addition, students will take a business course tied to their pathway. Students can network with their peers, attend vocational field trips, and compete in skills competition.

- Complete advanced projects with professional equipment.
- Learn real technical skills to prepare for a future career.
- Earn pathway employment certificates in high school (OSHA 10, Food Handler permit).
- Transportation is provided to and from our facility.
- Attend and graduate with your home school.
- Participate in CTSO and skills competitions across the state that are aligned with the pathway.
- Opportunity for a paid internship
- Receive your own set of tools.

Express your creativity and artistry through culinary dishes and food preparation techniques. Earn industry certification and get hired in the food industry after high school or continue training in the Culinary Arts field.



Engage in a comprehensive hands-on training environment to learn skills needed for a successful career in the construction industry. This program focuses on transferable skills and emphasizes the understanding of all aspects of carpentry.



Learn more. Scan the QR Code.

