

Counselor's Corner

Cadets of Cycle 33 have reached the half-way point of their 22 week commitment. The Thunderbird Youth Academy calendar is filled with test schedules, educational class work and electives, as well as, community service projects. Although cadets are focused upon accomplishing the eight core components required for graduation, it is time to begin planning the post-residential phase. After living and working in a structured environment for 5 months, cadets truly need their next steps to be discussed, planned, and arranged.

Placement is a vital element of the ChalleNGe program and the TYA counselors and case managers are prepared to guide the cadets toward appropriate choices for their futures. Traditionally, placement includes one or more of the following:

- 🍁 **Education:** Returning to high school, Career Tech enrollment, College enrollment, Job Corps Enrollment, & Vocational Training Programs.
- 🍁 **Employment:** Part-time &/or Full-time
- 🍁 **Military Service**

Parents could get involved by actively seeking employment/educational opportunities for their cadet. The TYA Counseling Dept. has enrollment information for most Oklahoma colleges and will provide links to Job Corps programs. Additionally, the Counseling Dept. has arranged for every cadet to take the ASVAB (military career interest test) and will arrange recruiter visits for interested cadets. Parents should contact their local high school and/or Career Tech center if they wish for their cadet to enroll for the January, 2010 semester.



**Please feel free to contact
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to discuss your cadet's post residential plans.**