

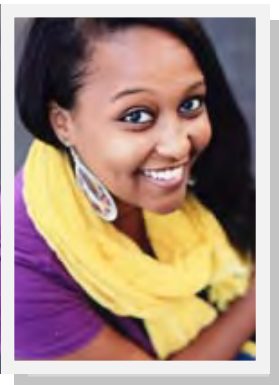
# Fifteen Oklahoma College Students Are Honored As Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact

**Fifteen** Oklahoma students were named 2014-15 Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact. The fifteen students from Oklahoma are part of a group of 196 students from 36 states in the program, and were nominated by their college or university president as inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is named for Dr. Frank Newman, one of the founders of Campus Compact, who dedicated his life to creating opportunities for student civic learning and engagement.

With the Newman Civic Fellows Awards, college and university presidents acknowledge students with the ability and motivation to create lasting change in our communities. Through service, research, and advocacy, these Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change. Each Newman Civic Fellow will receive a \$500 monetary scholarship award from Oklahoma Campus Compact and be invited to be recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at their monthly meeting. The Fellows will be working with Oklahoma Campus Compact to extend service leadership opportunities to other students. For more information about the Newman Civic Fellows, visit [www.compact.org](http://www.compact.org).

## 2014-15 OKLAHOMA NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS

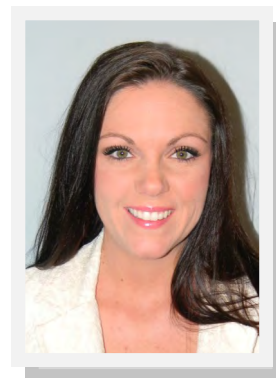
### Ms. Alfa Abame, Southwestern Oklahoma State University



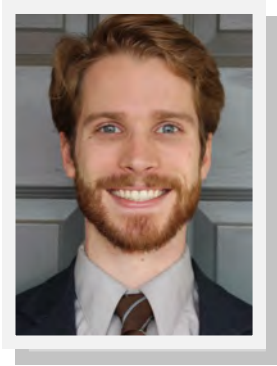
Alfa Abame, born in Ethiopia, grew up in Stillwater, Oklahoma. A sophomore biology major planning to be a pediatric endocrinologist, she is an OK-LSAMP scholar, conducting research on the seeds of a plant found in Weatherford. Through her high school's National Honor Society and Beta Club, she worked with the County Youth Shelter, organizing clothes and food drives, as well as repair and painting. Alfa volunteered for Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, Stillwater Public Library, and the Stillwater Humane Society; she served as a peer advocate-tutor at her high school. Her church youth group adopted nursing home residents, visiting them, becoming their pen pals, and serving as their choir. A member of SWOSU's Presidential Leadership Class, Alfa has worked with Backpacks for Burcham Elementary student and heads the Black Students' Association's tutoring once a week at Eastside Academy in Clinton, pre-K through twelfth grade. She is a student member of the Panorama Series Committee, a member of SGA, Medical Professions and Biology Clubs, in addition to being an RA in Oklahoma Hall. Alfa has a real heart for the disadvantaged children of her native country and sees herself ultimately becoming a part of a mission such as Doctors Without Borders.

### Ms. Stephanie Anderson, Connors State College

Stephanie Anderson is patriot, parent and excellent example for the students of Connors State College. A talented over-achiever, she is remarkably organized and known among her peers for her generous heart of service. She has achieved a great many national and local honors, but her most meaningful contribution is the charismatic way she inspires those around her to try harder, be more and achieve their dreams. Her tireless work for veterans on our campus has inspired students and faculty alike to be more involved and help those less fortunate. If her aspiration is to leave every situation better than she found it, she has achieved this goal 100 fold while a student at Connors State College. A future nurse, she will be a success in her profession as well as valued contributor to her community.



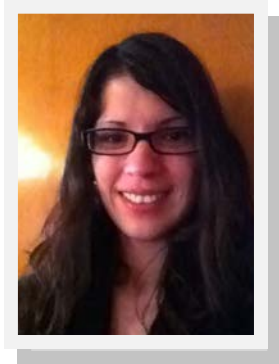
### Mr. Cedric Bond, Oklahoma City University



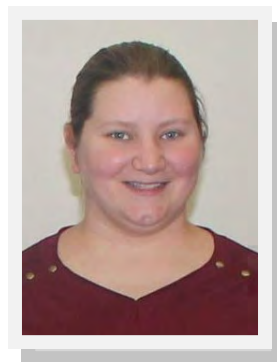
Cedric Bond's passions include natural resources and people with disabilities. He volunteers his time in both areas while completing his history major and working at the Intergenerational Computer Center. He has always been fascinated by law and government, from serving as a page in the Washington State Capitol at fourteen to serving as a volunteer water quality monitor for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission now. As an internationally ranked kayaker, Cedric has traveled to other countries and learned from people with diverse backgrounds. His everyday actions demonstrate his sincere desire to make a positive difference, including his activism through social media. In addition to other academic, work, and volunteer activities, he regularly shares his love of his sport at a local hospital for children with special needs. When addressing social issues, Cedric's approach is to learn as much as possible, then use that knowledge to act. He has a track record of civic involvement that points to a future of public problem solving as he plans to attend law school to focus on natural resource legal issues. He represents Oklahoma City University and Campus Compact superbly.

### Ms. Shannon Fish, Northern Oklahoma College

Shannon Fish currently serves as President of the College Democrats, and as a member of the Literature Club and Phi Theta Kappa. Shannon recently arranged a raffle, sponsored by the Literature Club, to raise funds for the local domestic violence shelter. In addition, she organized a food drive on the Tonkawa campus to benefit the shelter. Through her efforts, the shelter received over \$300 worth of non-perishable foods. Shannon is currently coordinating efforts on the campus to engage and enlighten students about sexual assault and domestic violence, especially during the month of April, which is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Shannon Fish clearly demonstrates a commitment to grassroots community organizing in her efforts to educate her fellow students about domestic violence, and by encouraging them to become vocal advocates themselves. Her leadership on this important issue makes her a Newman Civic Fellow.



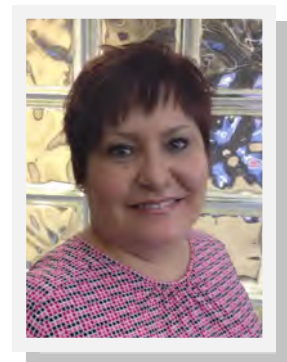
### Ms. Corrynn Franklin, East Central University



Corrynn Franklin is a junior at East Central University and will graduate in the spring of 2015. Corrynn has emerged as the leader in local efforts to empower the unemployed and the underemployed to better themselves. She has established Ada Jobs for Life, a character development program through which participants learn to set goals and overcome behaviors that hindered them in the past. Corrynn is a tireless worker with exceptional organizational and leadership abilities she developed in her eight-year Navy career. She has inspired program participants, program workers and program supporters. Ada Jobs for Life has the potential to improve lives and bring drastic changes in participants' standard of living for many years after they complete the program.

### Ms. Robin Goodiron, Rose State College

Robin Goodiron, a sophomore at Rose State College in Oklahoma, is majoring in Native American Studies, and her student leadership is likewise focused on Native American needs. Her active role as President of the American Indian Association has revitalized the student organization and its engagement as a vital force on the campus. She is similarly engaged in the Native Community organizing annual events important to the Native American Church and her Seneca Cuyahoga community.



### Ms. Shelly Joiner, Eastern Oklahoma State College

Shelly Joiner, a second-year student at Eastern Oklahoma State College, is a member of the Honors Program and serves as president of Eastern's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. For the past two years, Shelly assisted with PTK's voter registration competition and was instrumental in the success of the week-long event. PTK members provided a variety of activities designed to raise awareness and register voters. By registering an additional 11.1 percent of Eastern's student population, the PTK members received first-place honors from Oklahoma Campus Compact in the statewide competition for the fourth consecutive year. Shelly is also actively engaged in the Oklahoma Blue Thumb (OBT) program, a statewide education program dedicated to promoting clean and healthy water ecosystems in Oklahoma. As an active member of OBT, Shelly helps provide the state of Oklahoma with invaluable data through water monitoring.



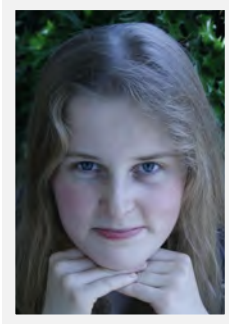
### Ms. Rashida Jones-Frazier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City



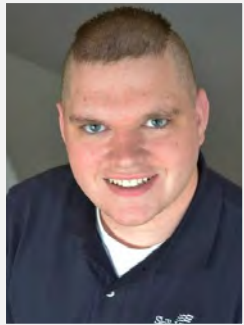
Rashida Jones, a second year student at Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City, is a student who exemplifies how to overcome poverty and negative influences. Rather than continuing down a road of crime and bad decisions, Rashida decided she wanted to go to college, get a degree in early childhood development and eventually own a daycare center. While working toward her initial goal, she set her sights on an even higher goal of founding a daycare to serve special needs/sick children by getting a nursing degree. Rashida has blossomed into an exemplary student and human being, with the goal of continuous improvement, encouragement and leading by example. She gives back to both the student body and the community. Whether it's a campus event, a regional meeting, a mentorship opportunity, the Oklahoma Humane Society, YWCA, Regional Food Bank, a nursing home or church – Rashida is there 100%. Her greatest goal is to be an example to her children. Her accomplishments and history of positive influences serve her infectious desire to give back and overcome barriers.

### Ms. Lucy Mahaffey, University of Oklahoma

Lucy Mahaffey is a sophomore from Norman, Oklahoma, with a dual major in International & Area Studies and in Anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. She began working on a project to understand the issue of human trafficking while in high school, after learning about this form of modern slavery through a film. She initially worked with a statewide coalition, Oklahomans Against Human Trafficking (OATH) helping them to develop a publicity campaign, fundraising drives, and "survival kits" to provide assistance to rescued children. She has participated in numerous public forums to educate the public and to raise awareness of the problems Oklahoma faces with trafficking, including a panel for World Literature Today Student Advisory Board and the Oklahoma State Bar Association. Lucy won a \$10,000 Davis Project for Peace Fellowship grant to develop a curriculum for Oklahoma high school students. The goal of the curriculum is to educate and empower young people to take action to end human trafficking. She is piloting the project this semester and will publish the curriculum for faculty across the state. Lucy's leadership in her community and her ability to create change make her an asset to the University and the State.



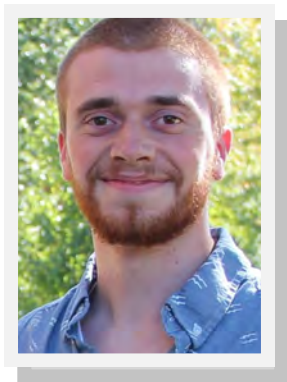
### Mr. Cody McPherson, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology



Cody McPherson has volunteered over 1,000 hours in Oklahoma and District IV in SkillsUSA. He works with the Community Food Bank of Northeast Oklahoma, the March of Dimes, and raises money for high school and career technical students for a summer leadership academy. Cody has worked with SkillsUSA since he was 16. He has served on the board and teaches leadership classes across the nation to students (teen and adult) pursuing their goals in the workforce. He is the Chairman for SkillsUSA Oklahoma Alumni and Friends and the Region IV Representative for SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends Executive Board. Cody represents nine states to ensure that students are prepared for workforce needs. Mr. McPherson also began a scholarship fund sending two students to leadership academy for one week each summer. Cody works with the Community Food Bank, taking 160+ special needs students to work at the food bank. He also has a special interest in the March of Dimes and their work with premature children. He advocates for both the parents and the children. Cody McPherson's instructors have great praise for him both in and out of the classroom. He is dedicated to impacting society on a local, state, and national level.

### Mr. Charles McQuigg, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

Charles McQuigg is a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Charlie's leadership abilities exemplify Dr. Newman's belief in the power of the individual to make a difference in the world. Charlie stands up for what he believes in and his sincerity in his beliefs naturally draw people to his causes. Through Charlie's leadership in the Sierra Coalition a cam-recycling program was brought back to life. Charlie developed a proposal for recycling at NEO that was taken before the administration and within one semester recycling was alive and well on-campus. Through his efforts Charlie not only helped improve the look of the campus but also has helped its small community begin to do its part in the larger global issue of recycling. Charlie was also instrumental in revitalizing the campus news station. Charlie helped lead the efforts to create a student led weekly YouTube broadcast to bring pertinent issues to students attention. Charlie is a natural leader and his abilities have helped him be successful in putting pertinent issues in front of the individuals who can make changes.



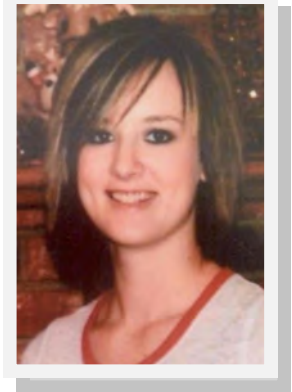
### Ms. Faith Mincher, Southwestern Christian University



Faith Mincher, an energetic leader and junior at Southwestern Christian University, holds numerous leadership roles at the University and in the community. She mentors, tutors, and advocates for the well-being and restoration of developing children. For the past two years, Faith has been actively engaged as a volunteer for Jediah, a local non-profit organization which serves children without mothers in the home. She serves as a consistent "mother figure" for children and has a passion for providing positive reinforcements for the betterment of their childhood experience. Faith is a leader and organizer of the "Free Camp" committee, which provides summer camp experiences for children from broken homes. She is also active as an after-school tutor for low-income students in the Oklahoma City metro area.

### **Ms. Kylie Pethoud, Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

Kylie Pethoud, a junior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has already chosen a life of public service as a Social Work major. Kylie already works part time in her chosen field at the New Beginnings Domestic Crisis Center in Alva. She plans to pursue a Masters in Social Work and would like to find a career in public policy. Kylie has been selected as the Department of Social Sciences legislative intern for 2014. She will spend two weeks at the Oklahoma State Capitol working with Senator Bryce Marlatt during the final two weeks of the legislative session. Kylie understands the importance of combining a “grassroots” understanding of social issues with formal policy development in order to effect social change. She maintains a good GPA and is a member of the National Association of Student Social Workers and the Social Workers of Tomorrow local chapter.



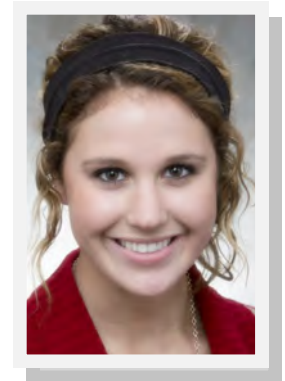
### **Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, University of Central Oklahoma**



Elizabeth Larios Rodriguez, a fourth year student leader, is an advocate for women’s education and empowerment. Through her education in business and French she hopes to help women in least developed countries develop entrepreneurship skills so they may better themselves, their families, their villages, and their economies. Elizabeth plans to use her boundless energy and enthusiasm to carry this vision forward in the near future as she has recently been hired by Youth for Christ International to serve in Gambia, Africa after graduation. She is excited to serve this community and share her passion for the advancement of educational initiatives for women.

### **Ms. Taylor Scalf, Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

Taylor Scalf, a sophomore in the Early Intervention and Child Development major from Marlow, Oklahoma, has made significant contributions to her campus and local community during her first two years at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Taylor helped established R.A.K. (Random Acts of Kindness) on campus. This organization encourages fellow students to embrace small acts of kindness and to never underestimate the power of simple gestures. One example is house and yard work for elderly community members who live close to campus. Taylor also serves a Savage Storm Leader assisting incoming freshman with the transition into higher education and as a Community Hall leader in university housing. Taylor is a Southeastern cheerleader and actively involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Taylor also is engaged in the classroom as evidenced by an overall GPA of 3.60.



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Pictured above: The 2014 Newman Civic Fellows for Oklahoma Campus Compact are shown after receiving resolutions of congratulations from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. From left to right (front row) Lucy Mahaffey, University of Oklahoma; Corrynn Franklin, East Central University; Alfa Abame, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Shelly Joiner, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Kylie Pethoud, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; (back row) Elizabeth Rodriguez, University of Central Oklahoma; Tashina, Tahlia and Abraham Nava Goodiron, children of Robin Goodiron, Rose State College; Charles McQuigg, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; Cody McPherson, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology; Faith Mincher, Southwestern Christian University; Taylor Scalf, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Shannon Fish, Northern Oklahoma College; and Cedric Bond, Oklahoma City University. Not shown: Stephanie Anderson, Connors State College; Robin Goodiron, Rose State College; and Rashida Jones-Frazier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City.