Alumni Notes:

The 1940's

William Cell (1949), Retired, Westminster, Colo.

The 1950s

Larry Adcock, (1958), retired manager, Job Services of Colorado, Swink, Colo.
Bill Elder, (1959), Farmer, Las Animas, Colo.
Dr. Tom Frankmore, (1958), retired dentist, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Seth Franzman (1958), reteired from Arizona Dept. of Revenue, Phoenix, Ariz.
Glenn Galiga (1955), Children's' Book Author and Businessman, Sherman, Texas
Kenneth Porterfield, (1958), Bastrop, Texas.
Vernon Stone, (1959), retired teacher, Karval, Colo.
Mona (Wilkinson) Stone, (1959), retired teacher, Karval, Colo.
Brad Tate, (1958), Professor at Baker University, Lawrence, Kansas.
Frank Wallace (1959), retired educator and Bent County Commissioner, Las Animas, Colo.

The 1960s

Tom Allee, (1963) Director of Community Affairs, Frontier Airlines
Ron Davis, (1969) Director, La Junta Economic Development, La Junta, Colo.
Richard Everett, (1961), Self-employed Building Contractor; musician, writer, Ukiah, Calif.
Thomas Jensen, (1968), Self-employed tour guide and director, Denver, Colo.
James Makin, (1969), VP Consumer/Commercial Lending, Quakertown, PA.
Thomas Marinaro, (1960), Owner/Principal of Arena Consulting, Portland, Oregon.
Marc Moller, (1968), Jonesborough, TN.
Dale Poage, (1960), Owner of Real Estate Sale-and-dev., Yuma, Arizona.
Jim Rizzuto (1965) President of Otero Junior College, Swink, Colo.
Ron Rizzuto, (1967), Professor of Finance at University of Denver, Greenwood Village, Colo.
Charles Sanich, Retired, Dallas, Texas.
Richard Thaxton, (1964), former staff member of the Republican National Committee and Deputy Administrator at the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. Currently owns his own government affairs consulting business, Annandale, Virginia
Abel Vialpando (1968) OJC English/Spanish Faculty, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Esly B. Williams, Jr. (1962), Retired, Southfield, Michigan.

The 1970s

Jim Allison(1976), Network Administrator, semi-retired from OJC Computer Center, Fowler, Colo.
Richard Becker, (1972) Retired IBM, Florence, AZ
Julie Branes, (1976), Lamar, Colo.
David Cason, (1979), Owner of Cason's Towing, Fort Worth, Texas.
Dr. Jim Clark, (1972), Surgeon, Boulder, Colo.
Nancy Grasmick (Madonna), (1970), Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Bob Heineke, (1976), Owner of Design Drafting, Kalispell, MT.
Doug Hendricks, (1972), Inside Claims Adjuster for Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance, Laramie, WY.
Michael A. Hoefler, (1973), Service Professional at Darden Restaurants, Northglenn, Colo.

Rick Klein, (1976) La Junta City Manager, La Junta, Colo.
Almabeth Kaess, (1976) OJC Director of Marketing and Development, La Junta, Colo.
Kevin Karney, (1978) Otero County Commissioner, La Junta, Colo.
Joe Kasza, (1972), Self Employed, McClave, Colo.
Lilian Malers (1972), College Counselor, Rampart High School, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Linda Gerler Malers (1975), Business teacher, Swink High School, Swink, Colo.
Larry Mitchell, (1971), Farmer/Rancher, Las Animas, Colo.
Kent Mosher (1976) Owner of Kent's Overall Construction, Centennial, Colo.
Leslie Jean Prouty, (1974), Retired Civil Engineer, Louisburg, Kansas.
Jeff Richardson (1976), Computer Aided Drafting Technician, Phoenix, Arizona
Dr. Ralph Round, (1978) Neurologist, Rose Medical Center, Denver, Colo.
Jan (Holter) Schiro (1977) Retired OJC Registrar, La Junta, Colo.
Philip (Rocky) Spencer, (1974), Criminal Investigator II for the State of Colorado, Woodland Park, Colo.
Marvin Stone, (1970), Professor of Agriculture Engineering, Oklahoma State University
Richard Wadhams (1975), Chairman of the Colorado Republican Party, Littleton, Colo.
Dr. Gary Willis, (1973), Chiropractor, Alpharetta, Georgia.

The 1980s

Paul Arellano (1980), Arellano Photography, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Rich Burkholder (1983) Bio Performance Systems, Inc. (Co-Owner President), Edmond, Oklahoma
Janice Barwick (1987), RN, Night Supervisor, BSN, Athol, Idaho
Dale Alan Casebolt (1984), Financial Consultant at E*Trade Financial, Aurora, Colo.
Doris Coberly (1984), retired, Fowler, Colo.
Vernette Coleman, (1986), Special needs school bus driver for City of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT.
Brenda Daniher (1980), Artist and Sculptor, Higbee, Colo.
Deanna Fransua (1982) OJC Sociology Faculty and Early Headstart Faculty, Pueblo, Colo.
Lisa (Pennock) Gallegos (1984) OJC Science Faculty, Swink, Colo.
Shawn (Larsen) Japhet (1983) OJC Director Educational Assistance Center, Las Animas, Colo.
Sharon Klein (1986) RN, Ark Valley Regional Medical Center, Swink, Colo.
Mark Laucus, (1989), Business Systems Analyst of Colorado Springs Utilities, La Junta, Colo.
Sandra Mancillas, (1983), Gift Shop coordinator & Visual Arts Assistant at Cultural Activities Center, Temple, Texas.
Diane McElroy (1985), RN, OJC Nursing Faculty, Swink, Colo.
Jeff Paolucci (1988) OJC Vice President of Student Services, La Junta, Colo.
Debbie (Carrica) Phillips (1989) OJC Coordinator of Campus and Community Events, Cheraw, Colo.
Jerry Richardson (1984), U.S. Navy Sonar Technician, Bremerton, Washington
Amber Riedmuller (Jones), (1989), Elizabeth, Colo.
Gladys Schmeler (Cihla), (1981/88), Office Assistant for Michael J. Martino, MD, La Junta, Colo.
Tami (Hopkins) Stephenson (1982) OJC Director of Early Childhood Education, Swink, Colo.
Susan Tomasallo (Fowler), (1987), Charlestown, IN.
Garcina White, (1981), Volunteer, Gary, IN.

The 1990s

Mark Allen (1998) Director of the OJC Computer Services, Cheraw, Colo.
Melissa Barela (1998) OJC Academic Tutor, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Wayne Beadles (1992) OJC Math Faculty, Las Animas, Colo.
Jennifer Brown, (1993), Hope in the Lord Women's Ministries (writes/speaker), Blair, NE
Lisa Fritch (1994) OJC Library Technician, La Junta, Colo.
Laurie Gonzales (1991) OJC Physical Plant Administrative Assistant, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Heath Grantham (1997), Director of Staffing, Noodles & Co. Denver, Colo.
Steven Griffin, (1995), Kansas City, MO.
Brandon Hardy, (1994), Western Region Baseball Director of Triple Crown Sports, Fort Collins, Colo.
Jackie Johnson (1995) OJC Nursing Faculty, La Junta, Colo.
Jennifer (Fisher) Johnston (1997) OJC Admissions Counselor and Assistant Financial Aid Director, La Junta, Colo.
Rick Lovoto Jr., (1991) Superintendent Cheraw School District, Cheraw, Colo.
Barbara Mascarenas (1991) Since graduating from Otero Junior College with an associate of arts in 1991, Barbara has earned a Bachelor of Arts (Spanish) from University of Northern Colorado (1993), Master of Arts (Spanish) from Colorado State University (1995) and a Master of Public of Administration (International Development) from Syracuse University (1998). She served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Western Russia from 1995-1997 as an English Instructor at the Pedagogical Institute of the Chuvash Republic. Upon finishing her MPA, she worked in international development for the World Bank, United States Agency for International Development and smaller non-governmental organizations in Washington DC and overseas. She currently owns her own company, that produces specialty photo products such as paintings, short films and hard cover coffee table books featuring customers' photos.
Diane McElroy (1995) OJC Nursing Faculty, Swink, Colo.
Glenda Kay (Muth) Mahoney (1997) OJC Nursing Faculty, La Junta, Colo.
Jennifer Mauch Brown (1993), Owner of Creative Solutions Event Planning and Public Relations, Blair, Nebraska
Racquel McGivan, (1990), Miami, FL.
Ryan Morton, (1992), Sales Representative of Study Island, Dallas, TX.
Samme (Wallace) Ormiston (1998) OJC Business Faculty, Rocky Ford, Colo.
James Osborn (1992) OJC Academic Tutor, La Junta, Colo.
Jace Ratzlaff (1996), former Advocate for Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave, Las Animas, Colo.
Houston Reed (1999) OJC Head Men's Basketball Coach, La Junta, Colo.
Leah (Abdule) Reed (1999) OJC Student Housing Director, La Junta, Colo.
Zane Reif, (1996), Director, University Union, Denton, Texas.
Bryan Relich, (1993), Principal of Elementary School for Colorado Springs School District II, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Christine (Stork) Roberts (1999) OJC English Faculty, La Junta, Colo.
Genia (Spangle) Short (1991) OJC Coordinator of Landscape Design, La Junta, Colo.
Deanna Soechting (1993) OJC Arts and Humanities Faculty, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Brad Smith (1992) OJC Associate Vice President of Student Services, La Junta, Colo.
Gwen Torrez (1998) OJC Director of Student Support Services, La Junta, Colo.

Janet Tubbs, (1995), was a nurse for a year before moving to Nigeria for 8 1/2 years, and retired in 2005. Temple, Texas.
Dee Quick, (1997) Communication Coordinator, CBR YouthConnect, La Junta, Colo.
Jane Vera (1998) Owner of Jane's World Day Care, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Taylor Wagner (1999) OJC Women's Basketball Coach, La Junta, Colo.

The 2000s

Dr. Kristy Buhr, (2005), Buhr Chiropractic (Owner), Trinidad, Colo.
Janet (Critchfield) Carrillo (2000) OJC Financial Aid Director, La Junta, Colo.
Chris Carrillo (2001) OJC Head Baseball Coach, La Junta, Colo.
Tejana (Williams) Cox (2002) OJC Nursing Faculty, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Sherry (Price) Derbiany, (2006), Finance Planner at Everest College, Hudson, Colo.
James Donlin, Parker, Colo.
Rhonda Dove' (2003) Computer Technology Technician, La Junta, Colo.
Karly Haugen, (2007), Accountant-sitting for CPA exam in next four months, Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Patrice Henson, (2005), Director of Development of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County, Pueblo, Colo.
Rebecca Horton (2007) OJC HR Administrative Assistant, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Doug Hudson, (2006), Ordway, Colo.
Ronald Inskeep, (2008), Self employed Computer Tech., Pueblo, Colo.
Jennifer (Root) Jackson (2000) OJC Director of OJC Dance Studio and RN with Ark Valley Regional Medical Center, La Junta, Colo.
Jerri Jensen, RN at VA North Texas Health Care System, Kaufman, Texas.
Levi Kaess, ((2004) Veterans Service Representative, Veterans Administration, Denver, Colo.
Kerry Lewis (2005) OJC Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Assistant Controller, La Junta, Colo.
Andrea Madrid, (2000), Community Advocate at Pueblo City Schools, Pueblo, Colo.
Debra Nicholson (2001) OJC Bookstore Manager, La Junta, Colo.
Melissa Perea (2003) Assistant Softball Coach CSU-Fort Collins, Fort Collins, Colo.
Kate (Taggert) Pearson, (2003) Director, Kate's School of Dance, Swink, Colo.
Erin Stone (Shetter), (2003), Inside Sales Representative for Ferguson Enterprises, Lexington, SC.
Chad Stapleton (2005), Financial Advisor, Denver, Colo.