



SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT

1931 NINETY YEARS OF PROGRESS 2021

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About the Cover

This year’s cover is a colorization of the original concept art for Tanner Hall, the College’s first administration and classroom building. The concept art highlights the natural beauty surrounding the institution, an idyllic place for students to gain knowledge and achieve personal growth. Tanner Hall’s construction was completed in the summer of 1971.

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Board of Regents



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Ryan Franklin



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Ryan Pitts



Pitts Appointed to SSC Board of Regents

Ryan Pitts, J.D., was appointed to the Seminole State College Board of Regents by Governor Kevin Stitt. Pitts will serve from July 27, 2020 to July 1, 2023. He filled in a vacancy on the Board and is completing the remainder of a term held by former Regent Paige Sherry.



Franklin Reappointed to Board

Former Seminole State College Trojan and St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Ryan Franklin was reappointed by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Regents. The reappointment was confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee on May 4, 2021.



Tanner Hall, following its construction in 1971

President's Report

This year we celebrate 90 years as an institution. From the very beginning, the College was entwined with the surrounding community. When what was then Seminole Junior College welcomed its first students in September of 1931, it did so as an extension of Seminole High School. Classes met at the high school and were taught by high school faculty until 1969.

In that year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recommended the development of a state-supported junior college, separate from the high school.

Seminole citizens responded to the challenge. They worked with local leaders to develop the College. For the first year following the separation, classes were offered at the First Presbyterian Church in Seminole.

The community continued its support by approving a \$250,000 bond issue by an 8-to-1 margin for construction of a college administration and classroom building (now known as Tanner Hall) and donating 40 acres for a new campus. In March 1971, the citizens of Seminole ap-

proved a one-cent sales tax to help support the College until 1975 when SJC became a fully state-supported institution. At the time, Seminole was the only community in the state to ever impose a sales tax on itself for the support of a college.

While so much has changed over 90 years, the partnerships with our community, the dedication of our staff and the drive of our students remain steadfast.

As we conclude another fiscal year at Seminole State College, I continue to be impressed by the faculty, staff and students on this campus. We have faced many challenges throughout this past "pandemic" year, but we have worked harder, and we have been more intentional in creating a dynamic and flexible educational environment. We have prioritized helping students be successful and collaborated with business and community partners to extend the reach of this institution.

Our employees continue to be passionate about finding ways to educate and encourage students on our physical campus and through online

instruction, counseling and advising. They work diligently to help students find their passion and provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to have a bright future.

I take great joy in being a part of this campus community – a place I hold near and dear to my heart. As I reflect on our 90 years of serving students, I am grateful for the vision of those who came before, and I am proud of how our employees expand on that vision every day.

I also want to express my gratitude to the ongoing commitment and dedication to Seminole State College by our Regents, Trustees, alumni, parents and friends. As you turn the pages of this annual report, I hope you share my pride in what we have accomplished in the last year.

SSC President



The Foundation donated 1,500 masks for students and staff at in August of 2020.

Educational Foundation

The College's Educational Foundation was established in 1972 to "supply aid for charitable, benevolent, educational, scientific and literary purposes," according to the organization's articles of incorporation. Foundation scholarships are

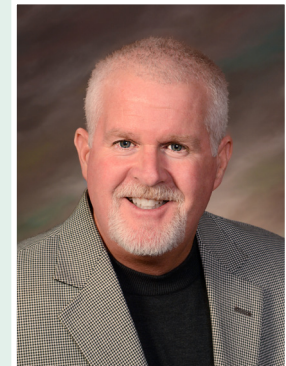
awarded according to guidelines established by donors.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, nearly \$90,000 in scholarships were awarded to SSC students by the Foundation.



The Foundation provided free, branded lawn chairs to students residing on campus in September of 2020.

Board of Trustees



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Golf Tournament

Funds Raised: \$21,642

The Foundation hosted its 24th annual golf tournament on Sept. 11, 2020. The funds raised at the event go directly to student scholarships and campus capital projects.

Spring Banquet

Funds Raised: \$45,625

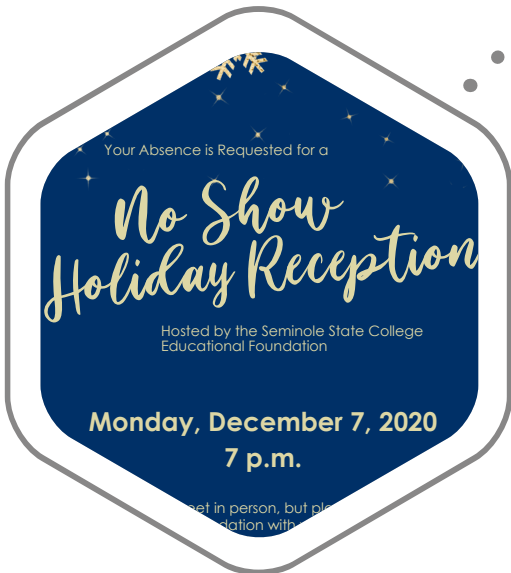
The Foundation hosted its 26th Annual Spring Recognition Banquet April 29, 2021 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. Four inductees to the Alumni Hall of Fame were honored: Heather Annis, Brooke Case, Holly Hanan and Will Hunt. Former SSC President Dr. Jim Cook received the Distinguished Service Award.



Holiday Event

Funds Raised: \$21,378

The Foundation hosted a No-Show Holiday Reception on Dec. 7, 2020. The event is traditionally held in-person, but in an effort to safeguard the health of attendees, the event was conducted virtually.



26th Annual Spring Recognition Banquet

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 26th Annual Spring Recognition Banquet on April 29, 2021. At the event, four former students were inducted to the Alumni Hall of Fame. The SSC Alumni Hall of Fame was created to honor former students whose personal and professional achievements have been a source of pride for the institution and other alumni. In addition to the Alumni Hall of Fame honorees, one of the College's former presidents received the Distinguished Service award.

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Heather Annis

Annis graduated from Seminole Junior College in 1993. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of Oklahoma and her Master of Science in Human Resources Counseling at East Central University. She is the co-owner of The Center for Christian Counseling and Care, PLLC. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor. He is a member of the American Counseling Association.



Brooke Case

Brooke Case completed her Associate's degree at SSC in 2004. While at SSC, she played for the Belles basketball team and was a member of the Leadership Class. She received her Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a minor in Management from Oklahoma State University in 2006. She is the co-owner of the Kinslow Group, where she is a third generation Sonic Franchisee. She oversees the operations of 65 Sonic locations.



Holly Hanan

Hanan graduated from Seminole Junior College in 1990. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Vocational Home Economics at USAO in 1993 and her Master of Science in Secondary Administration from ECU in 2009. She is the Family and Consumer Sciences State Program Manager at the Department of Career and Technology Education. She administers to the Family and Consumer Sciences program in K-12 schools.



Will Hunt

Hunt attended Seminole Junior College for two years and went on to complete a Bachelor of Science at LSU in 1994. He completed his Master of Science at ECU in 2001. He is currently a major in the Oklahoma City Fire Department. He also was a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers from 1993-1995. While at LSU, he was named Pitcher of the Year in 1993. He was the co-captain of LSU's College World Series Championship team in 1993.

Distinguished Service Award

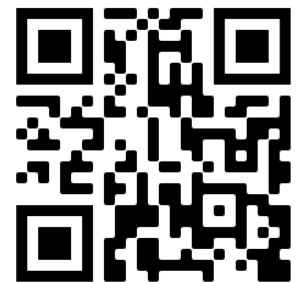


Dr. Jim Cook

Dr. Jim Cook served as the President of Seminole Junior College and later Seminole State College from 1987-96. He also was the Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction from 1984-1987 and the Vice President for Stu-

dent Affairs from 1982-1984. Dr. Cook received his Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University. Following his time at SSC, he went on to serve as President of Rose State College from 2000-2006. In 2017, Dr.

Cook was inducted into the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2010.



Scan the code above with your phone to watch the 2021 Spring Recognition Banquet.

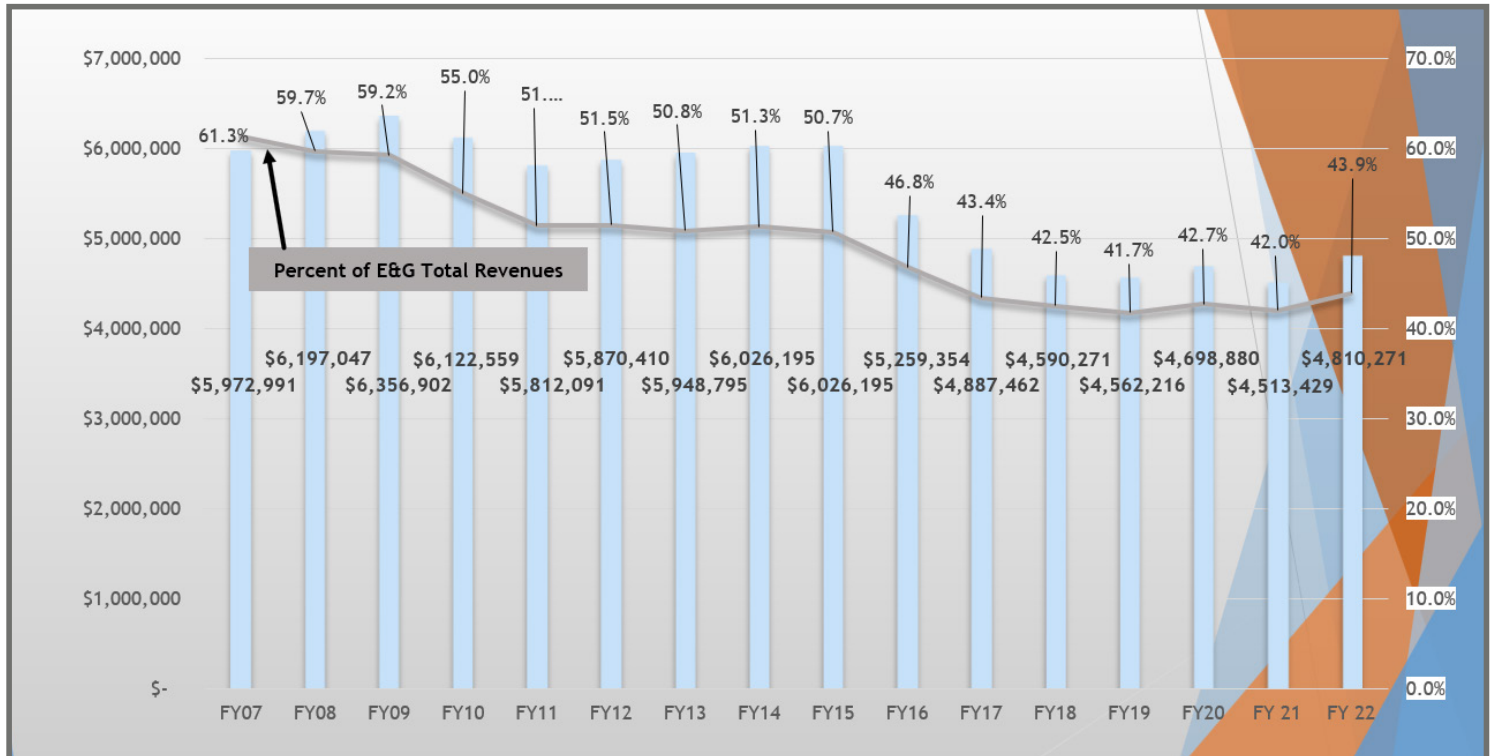
The College Wipes Outstanding Balances on Student Accounts



Seminole State College cleared the outstanding balance on more than 660 student accounts through direct scholarships in June of 2021. This move was made possible through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) monies the College received to offset financial difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The College committed

\$715,000 of these federal funds to clear account balances students incurred for tuition and fees during the pandemic. “This should eliminate many barriers for current students wishing to re-enroll, as well as for students wishing to access their transcripts to continue their educational journey,” President Lana Reynolds said in memo sent to campus on June 16.

State Appropriations History

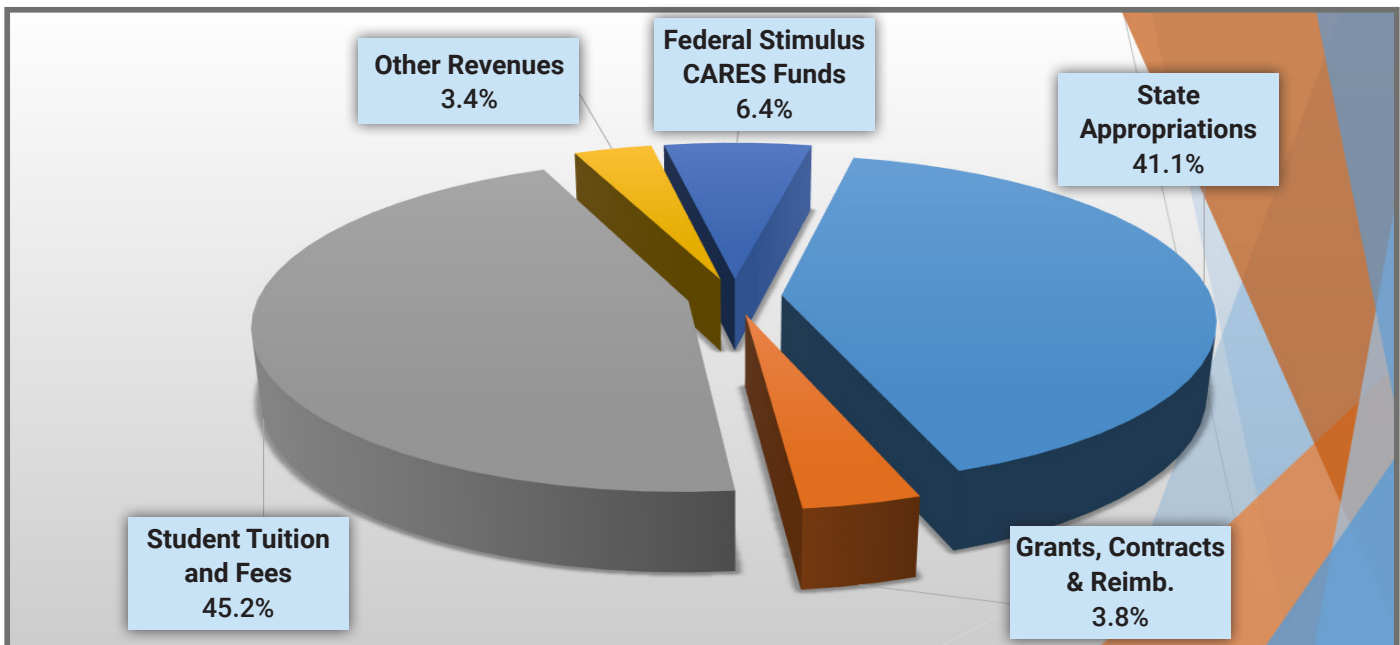


Fiscal Affairs



Seminole State College continues to put the education of its students at the forefront of yearly financial planning. The administration, faculty and staff remain dedicated to the success of each student and strive to honor the mission statement and core values of the College.

FY 21 Education and General Revenue by Source



Academic Affairs

Degree Programs for Every Student

SSC offers 18 transfer degree programs. These high quality programs allow students to complete their first two years of college at an affordable rate and then take their progress with them to the university of their choice.

SSC also offers five applied science associate degrees that are designed for immediate workforce entry following graduation.



100% Online Degree Programs

SSC launched three fully online degree programs in August of 2021. Prospective students now have the option to complete all of their coursework online in the following associate degree programs: Business, Criminal Justice and Liberal Studies.



Small Class Sizes

SSC is committed to bringing students a more individualized educational experience. Smaller class sizes means greater connections with both classmates and instructors.

Enormous Opportunities

The College offers a wide variety of online, blended, evening, and 8-week courses. SSC strives to meet the demands of busy schedules.



Commencement 2021

Seminole State College held its 88th Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 7, for students completing coursework requirements for their degree programs.

The commencement address was given by Oklahoma State Senator Roger Thompson. The event was live-streamed to maintain social distancing.





Celebration on the Lawn



The College hosted a Celebration on the Lawn event for graduates, family, friends, faculty and staff following graduation at Henderson Park on campus. The event featured hot dogs, drinks, food trucks and party pics. While in-person attendance at commencement was limited to students, faculty and staff, the Celebration on the Lawn provided a way for family and friends to celebrate with graduates.





Oklahoma State Senator Roger Thompson gives the keynote address at the commencement ceremony on May 7. Senator Thompson was elected to the Senate in November of 2014. He represents Senate District 8, which is comprised of Okmulgee and McIntosh counties and parts of Okfuskee and Muskogee counties.

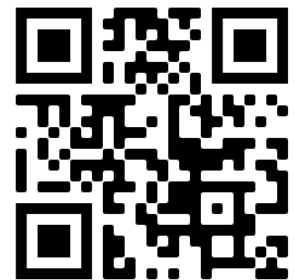
SSC President Lana Reynolds and members of the College's Board of Regents pose for a photo before leading the processional to the Raymond Harber Field House. Pictured (left to right): President Reynolds, Ryan Pitts, Curtis Morgan, Kim Hyden, Marci Donaho and Ray McQuiston.



88TH COMMENCEMENT

10:30 A.M.
FRIDAY, MAY 7
RAYMOND HARBER
FIELD HOUSE

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Scan the code above with your phone to watch the 2021 ceremony.

Events



2020 In-Service

Deaven Steele, a former SSC student, spoke on diversity, equity and inclusion at the Seminole State College Employee In-Service Aug. 12, 2020. The event was conducted virtually. Steele graduated from SSC in 2014. She holds a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma.

SSC began its fall semester on Aug. 17. The College took several measures to safeguard student, employee and community health on campus, and offered a myriad of face-to-face, hybrid and online classes to meet student needs.



FFA Interscholastic Contest

The SSC Aggie Club hosted its third annual SSC FFA Interscholastic Contest on April 8, 2021. Three hundred students from across the state participated. Students competed in eight different contests – Animal Science Quiz Bowl, Milk Quality and Products, Electricity, Entomology, Environmental and Natural Resources, Floriculture, Homesite Evaluation, and Land Judging.

The Oklahoma FFA Southeast Area held their Animal Science and Freshman Quiz Bowl on campus following the College's quiz bowl contest.



End-of-Year Bash

Seminole State College hosted its End-of-Year Bash on May 3. Students, faculty and staff gathered together to celebrate the last week of classes in the spring semester. The event featured a cookout, t-shirt giveaway, a photo booth, miniature golf, and volleyball.

The End-of-Year Bash concluded with a foam dance party. The event was organized by Residential Life and Student Activities Coordinator Melinda Sims

The event provided a break for students as they completed their final exams for the spring semester.



Virtual Learning Lounge Opened for Students

Seminole State College held a small private ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 27, 2021 for the new Virtual Learning Lounge on campus. Located in Room 100 of the David L. Boren Li-

brary, near the campus Food Pantry and the SSC Help Center, the old classroom has been repurposed to provide space for students to study and connect for online instruction.



SSC Honors Luncheon

Seminole State College hosted an SSC Honors Luncheon on Tuesday, April 20 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event recognized outstanding

students, campus leadership, retirees and employees reaching milestone years of employment.

Ninety Years of Progress

1931



Seminole Junior College Established

Seminole Junior College was established as the 13th and 14th grades of Seminole High School. The community junior college opened in Sept. 1931.

1969



College Separates from Seminole High School

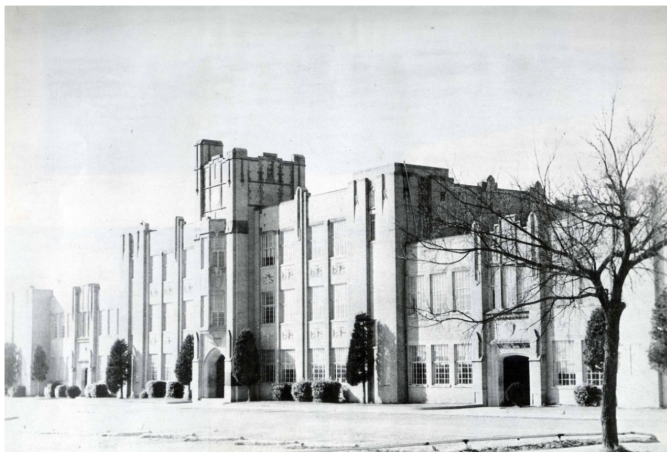
Under a recommendation from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, SJC develops a state-supported junior college. Classes met in the First Presbyterian Church of Seminole for the first academic year.

1971

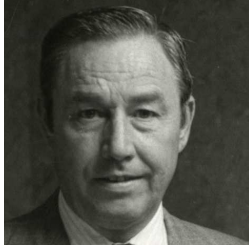


Tanner Hall Constructed

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College Presidents



Dr. Elmer Tanner
1969 - 1981



Gregory Fitch
1982 - 1987



Dr. Jim Cook
1987 - 1996



Dr. James Utterback
1997 - 2017



Lana Reynolds
2017 - Present

1996



Becoming Seminole State College

The Board of Regents passed a resolution requesting that the Oklahoma legislature and the Governor change the name of the institution to better reflect its mission. The state legislature and Gov. Frank Keating approved the change of name to Seminole State College in May of 1996.

2017



First Woman Appointed as College President

Taking office on July 1, 2017, Lana Reynolds became the College's first female President. Prior to being named to the office, Reynolds served as Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Reynolds brought more than 30 years of experience in higher education to the position.

2021



The Expansion of Virtual Learning

During the COVID-19 pandemic, SSC bolstered its online course offerings to accommodate student needs. For the spring and summer semesters of 2020, courses were conducted completely online. In April of 2021, the Virtual Learning Lounge was opened. The facility provides ample technology to help students complete coursework. The space coincides with the launch of three fully online degree programs.





SSC Awarded \$2.86 Million in Federal Grants

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Seminole State College two grants totaling approximately \$2.86 million. The College was officially notified of the awards Aug. 7 by the offices of U.S. Senator James Lankford and U.S. Congresswoman Kendra Horn.

The programs that received the grants were Student Support Services (SSS) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Student Support Services (STEM SSS). Beginning this September, SSS will receive \$294,725 annually for the next five years. STEM SSS will receive \$261,888 annually for the next five years.

The grant application process was spearheaded by SSS and STEM SSS Director Janna Wilson-Byrd. Retired SSC Director of Sponsored Programs Kathy Hoover served as a consultant during the proposal process.

Grant Programs

NASNTI Program Launches Native Art Exhibit

The Seminole State College Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) grant program completed a permanent Native American art exhibit in the David Boren Library on campus in November of 2020.

Each year, the grant program establishes a theme. NASNTI's theme for 2020-2021 was "Keeping Native Language Alive." In line with that theme, the grant program wanted to create a permanent exhibit showcasing the work of Native American artists.

The project took six months to complete and features works from six different artists. Artists Phillip Coon, Amber Duboise-Shepherd, Edmond Joshua Jr., Gary Montgomery, Katie Scott and Tony Tiger all have pieces in the exhibit.

The exhibit was made possible through donations from Amber DuBoise-Shepherd, Bill and Karen Hooten, SSC Emeritus Art Professor Kelly Kirk and his wife Judy, Katie Scott and Tony Tiger.



Celebrating First Generation Students



Seminole State College joined colleges across the nation in celebrating first-generation students Nov. 16-20, 2020. Led by SSC's Student Support Services federal grant program, a variety of activities and virtual events occurred

to recognize the success of these students.

In a video message sent to first-generation students on Nov. 16, President Lana Reynolds said, "I congratulate you for your initiative and drive in being at Seminole

State College. You may actually be the first in your family to pursue a college degree – but, through the example you are setting, I feel confident that you will not be the last."

SSC GEAR UP Students Selected for National Internship Program



Connor Childs



Courtney Brydon



Nyla Walker

Three Seminole State College GEAR UP students were selected by the Student Success Agency to participate in the Influence Cultivate Originate Network (ICON) internship program. Nyla Walker of Okemah, Courtney Brydon of Prague and Connor Childs of Seminole were named

to the national internship program the spring of 2021. The program is an internship for students across the United States who are influential, top performing, and possess skill sets that others may often overlook.

The internship program through Student Success Agency provides op-

portunities for the students working with peers in their school communities to become independent leaders practicing executive functions. The students learn how to create a network culture of community with peers to broaden their perspectives both locally and globally.

Government Relations

Higher Ed Day

Members of the Seminole State College President's Leadership Class attended a Virtual Higher Ed Day on March 9 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event featured four members of the Oklahoma State Legislature – Senator Zack Taylor (R- District 28), Senator Shane Jett (R-District 17), Representative Danny Williams (R- District 28) and Representative Dell Kerbs (R-District 26). The speakers spoke with students through video conferencing software, informing them of the current legislative session and answering their questions.



Lankford Visits Nursing Students

United States Senator James Lankford spoke with a Seminole State College nursing class on April 7. Senator Lankford thanked the students for taking an interest in the profession and stressed the need for nurses. Following his discussion with the students, Senator Lankford was the featured speaker at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum held in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.





Pandemic Resources

In an effort to assist students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, the College created a web page. The web page included a safety and procedure manual to help navigate the pandemic and safeguard campus health. The page also included a way for students and staff to report if they had been in contact with someone who had tested positive for the virus. Direct links to Centers for Disease Control updates and guidelines were also available.



College Names COVID-19 Officer

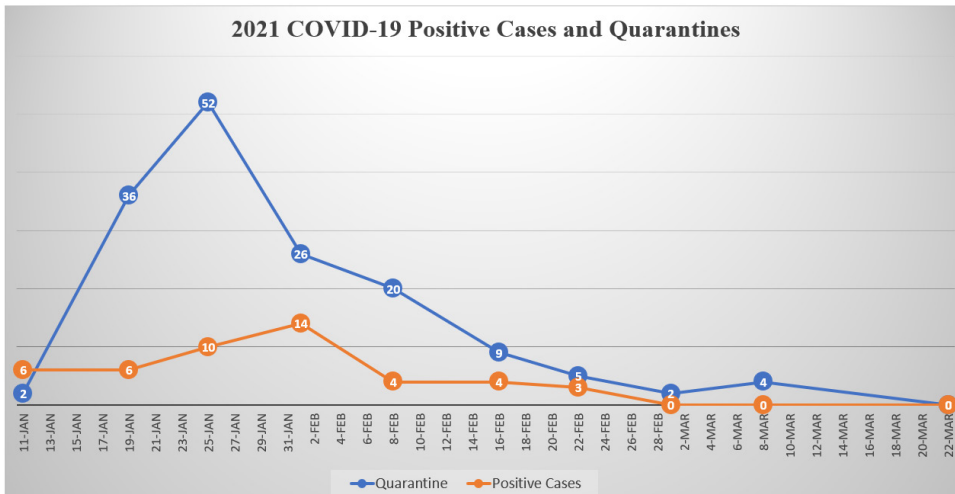
At the beginning of the fall semester, Seminole State College selected Dr. Deanna Miles to serve as the campus's COVID-19 Officer.

Previously, Dr. Miles served the College as an Assistant Professor in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Division and a Curriculum Specialist through a Title III grant.

"I'm excited to serve as the COVID-19 Officer. It's a challenge, but we're doing everything we can to get students and employees what they need to make everyone safer," Dr. Miles said.

Dr. Miles received her Bachelor of Science from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She then completed her Medical Doctorate at the University of Oklahoma and she also completed her Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz.

COVID-19 Response



Preventative Measures

When students returned to campus in August of 2020, several steps had been taken to ensure the wellbeing of the campus community. Face coverings were required on campus, social distancing guidelines were met,

and sanitization measures were increased. Large classes transitioned to a hybrid model, where only half of the class would meet in person and the other half would view a livestream of the course session.

Athletics



Softball Competes in National Tournament

The Trojans softball team won the Region II tournament in Muskogee, qualifying for the NJCAA National Tournament in Yuma, Arizona on May 25. Head Coach Amber Flores was named Region II Coach of the Year and sophomore Shea Moreno, of Sacramento, California, was named the tournament's MVP. At the NJCAA National Tournament, the team had five appearances. The team won against Odessa College of Texas, Three Rivers of Missouri and Chipola of Florida. The team lost to Southwestern Florida and Grayson of Texas. The ladies completed their season with a record of 47 wins and six losses.



Baseball Finishes as Runner-Up in Regional Tournament

The Trojan baseball team, led by Head Coach Mack Chambers, finished as runners-up in the NJCAA Region II Tournament in Woodward. The Trojans battled back from an early loss to beat Rose State, NEO and Connors before losing to the regional champions Eastern Oklahoma State College.



Soccer Journeys to National Tournament

The Trojans soccer team won the NJCAA Region II Soccer Tournament in Enid. After falling behind to Rose State by two goals in the title match, the team rallied to win with a final score of 3-2.

Following the tournament Trojan Soccer Head Coach Daniel Hill was named the 2021 NJCAA Region II Coach of the Year. Hill led his team to a win-loss record of 13-1 in regular season play. Preseason predictions placed the Trojans at seventh in the Nation. The team finished the regular season as conference champions and Region II Tournament champions.

The team moved on to the NJCAA National Tournament on June 4 in Evans, Georgia. After defeating Butler Community College of Kansas, SSC faced the number two ranked team in the nation, Salt Lake City of Utah. The game went into overtime, where both teams were given five kicks from the penalty line. Salt Lake City scored three goals and SSC scored two.



Belles Celebrate 50th Season

When the SSC women's basketball program began in 1971, the Blue Bell (later Wrangler) sewing plant donated funds in support of the women's basketball program. The team carried the Belles' name in honor of that company. The Belles were the first junior

college program in Oklahoma to award scholarships to female athletes.

In their 50th season, the team finished regular season play with a record of 15-4. Head Coach Rita Story-Schell was named NJCAA Region II Coach of the Year.

Achievements

Personnel Honored by Chamber of Commerce

Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum in the months of October and March.

October



Mindy Choate



Sherri Dykes

March



Kelly Hankal, Ed Lemmings, Dr. Deanna Miles and Britney Honsinger.

President Honored in Power 2021 Education List



Lana Reynolds

Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds was honored in June for her leadership in the “Power 2021 Education” special publication curated by The Journal Record, a daily business and legal newspaper based out of Oklahoma City. Reynolds was recognized alongside 25 other educational leaders from common and higher education, career technology, public, and private institutions.



In March, the maintenance team was honored for their work during the pandemic.

Pictured: (Back row, left-right): Donny Coblentz, Mark Spencer, Ed Lemmings, Dwayne Castle, Bob Loudermilk, Jolene Doucette; (front row, left-right): Christine McKee, Carmen Wright, Gloria Wheeler.

SSC Recognizes Five Outstanding Students



Caryn Leedom
Social Sciences

The SSC Educational Foundation honors one student from each of the College's five divisions at the SSC Honors Luncheon.



Asia Mooney
Health Sciences



Josie Jared
Business and
Education



Andrew Terrell
Language Arts and
Humanities



Scarlet Hunter
STEM

Great Western Dining Honored by Chamber of Commerce

Seminole State College Food Service company, Great Western Dining, was honored by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce with an annual Director's Awards in recognition of efforts to safely serve meals at the Chamber Forum and other community events during 2020.

Members of the Great Western Dining staff (pictured l-r) Amber Martin, Katy Hall, Mark Hudson, Leonard Walker and Jamal Hart accepted the award.



Employees Recognized at Statewide Conference



Two Seminole State College employees were honored at the 53rd annual Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference, held virtually on Jan. 29. SSC Recruitment Specialist Britney Honsinger was recognized

as Professional Staff Member of the Year and Assistant Professor of Business Brad Schatzel was named Faculty Member of the Year for the College. Honsinger has been employed by SSC for two years. She is a graduate of

the University of Oklahoma. Schatzel has worked at SSC for nine years. He received his bachelor's degree in history at the University of Oregon in 2002 and his MBA from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2010.

Students Honored by Statewide Organization



Michelle Mayfield



Taryn Washburn



Tema Yargee



Brent White

Three Seminole State College students were recently named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and one student received a President's Tuition Waiver from the

Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. SSC students Michelle Mayfield of Shawnee, Taryn Washburn of Shawnee and Tema Yargee of Okemah

were named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team.

Concurrent SSC student Brent White received a \$1000 President's Tuition Waiver from the OACC.



Softball Players Lend a Hand After Accident

Softball players demonstrated a team effort off the field when they quickly responded to help a fellow student who had a car accident on Highway 9, near their practice area Oct. 2. After hearing the crash, the

girls ran to the road, discovering a student's damaged car on fire. Players called 9-1-1, comforted the upset driver and pulled a water hose to the highway to control the fire until emergency personnel arrived.



Laptop Loan Program

Seminole State College's Boren Library launched a laptop loan program to assist students with their technology needs in January of 2021. With a growing number of students enrolling in online or hybrid courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College wanted to offer the program to remove a financial barrier that students may face.

Campus Life



Botany Competition

Students enrolled in Seminole State College's General Botany course competed in an autumn planter design competition. The winning entry was designed by Andrew Terrell of Prague and Emily Winn of Wetumka.



Leadership Class Makes Donation to Food Pantry

The Leadership Development Class donated dozens of canned and packaged food goods to the SSC Food Pantry in November of 2020. The SSC Food Pantry provides resources

to students facing food insecurity issues. The large donation helped the Food Pantry prepare for food needs during the holiday season.



Morgan Named to SSC Rural Business Center Position

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hired former state representative Danny Morgan to direct the SSC Rural Business and Resources Center (RBRC) in March of 2021.

From 1981 to 2020, Morgan worked for his family’s small business Morgan Well Service in Prague. He served as president of the company from 1995-2002 and served in the position again from 2012 to 2020.

Morgan was named to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2002. He served as the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives from 2006 to 2010.



Bray Hired as Nursing Program Director

Seminole State College named Crystal Bray as its Nursing Program Director in March of 2021. Bray served as a full-time nursing instructor for the College from 2010-2019. In 2019, she purchased Country Rose, a home décor, jewelry and clothing boutique in Seminole.

“It took about a year to get the business well established and running, but my first passion has always been nursing,” Bray said.

As Bray began her new role at SSC, her daughter Randi took over the day-to-day operations of her business.

SSC Offers Free Counseling to All Students

SSC offered free counseling services to all its students during the spring semester. The counseling services were organized and scheduled by the SSC Help Center and made possible through federal funding from the CARES Act.

Licensed Professional Counselor Heather An-

nis met with students facing emotional difficulties, struggling with anxiety, dealing with relationship problems, or having adjustment issues.

The counseling services were part of an initiative to offer more mental health support during the pandemic.



PLC Visits St. Crispin's Conference Center



PLC

The President's Leadership Class is a two-year scholarship program to help students develop leadership skills. The program was developed to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance the leadership skills of students. Responsibilities of PLC members include volunteering for the community and assisting with campus events.

PLC Cleaning Up at Oiler Park for Earth Day



THELMA GAYLORD PERFORMING ARTS



PLC Attends OKC Philharmonic Performance

Community



SSC Partners with Health Department to Provide Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccinations were administered by the Oklahoma State Health Department on the Seminole State College Campus throughout the spring semester. Pictured: registered nurses Melissa Parker Sorrell (left) and Kimberly Ramsey (right) prepared to assist patients on Jan. 15, 2021. The vaccines were administered in the Utterback Ballroom located inside the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The Health Department reported approximately 600 to 900 people received the vaccine each Friday at the College.



Seminole Nation Donates Hand Sanitizer to SSC

David Frank (left) and Edwin Marshall (right) with the Seminole Nation Historical Preservation Office, delivered a truckload of hand sanitizer donated by the Seminole Nation to Seminole State College employees and students on April 8. Pictured accepting the gift on behalf of the College are Director of Human Resources Holly Wilson-Byrd, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles and Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Courtney Jones.

Nursing Students Help with Vaccination Efforts

The Seminole State College Nursing program partnered with The Medicine Shoppe in Shawnee to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to hundreds of people during the spring semester. Under the direction of SSC Nursing Instructor Sheryl Denton, several nursing students volunteered at the pharmacy.





Baseball Team Volunteers at A League of Their Own Games

Seminole State College Trojan baseball players worked with members of “A League of Their Own” at the Seminole Softball Quadruplex on April 5. The “League” is a co-ed softball league established to provide an avenue for

individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities to play baseball. Trojan players volunteered for three games. They encouraged and assisted nearly 40 participants as they hit and ran the bases.



Gateway Donates NARCAN Kits to College

Gateway to Prevention and Recovery donated 10 NARCAN drug overdose response kits to Seminole State College in February of 2021. NARCAN is a nasal spray containing the medication naloxone. The kits are designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose.

Since 2016, SSC campus police officers on duty have carried a NARCAN kit in case of emergencies. With this donation, kits will be placed in buildings throughout campus and designated employees will be trained on how to administer the treatment.

Milestones

Years of Service



Mary Ann Hill, 30 Years



Sarah Ledford, 25 Years



Gloria Wheeler, 20 Years



Employees Celebrate Retirement

Four employees celebrated retirement during the spring and fall 2021 semesters. Pictured left to right: Susan Shumaker, Sherry Keisman, Robin Crawford and Patty Bland.

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