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Each year begins with a fresh start for our students. Throughout the fall and spring semesters they grow academically and personally. As alumni, they cultivate success. This year's cover depicts a tree of life, signifying the journey of learning, growing and flourishing through education.

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BOARD OF REGENTS



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Chair



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Robyn Ready



New Regent Takes Oath of Office

New Regent Robyn Ready (right) completes her oath of office administered by State Senator Zack Taylor (left) on July 21, 2022. Her seven-year term as a Regent concludes on July 1, 2029. Ready is the Co-Owner of J Ready LLC, which includes Route 66 Pawn, Route 66 Storage and Route 66 Proshop.



Board of Regents Approves Employee Raises

The Seminole State College Board of Regents approved a salary increase for all full-time employees, alongside the budget for the upcoming fiscal year at their meeting on June 15, 2023. Following a directive from the state legislature and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education related to new funding this year, faculty received significant increases in pay with specific emphasis on positions in STEM, Health Sciences and other high-demand competitive job market areas. While the new funds for higher education institutions are earmarked for faculty pay increases, SSC's budget for the upcoming year also included a three percent increase for all full-time professional and classified staff. The raises will be implemented with no increase in student tuition.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Students enroll at SSC with a seed of inspiration, an academic goal, a dream of a better life. Our faculty, staff and community partners nurture these students and help them grow intellectually and personally. As alumni, they branch out and accomplish things they never thought possible.

As you turn through the pages of our 22-23 Annual Report, you will see vivid images and read wonderful stories of our campus community coming together and making a positive impact.

This positive impact goes well beyond our service area. Year after year, SSC continues to make a regional and national imprint. Many of our faculty and staff presented at conferences across the country, several of our students participated in leadership development programs, and four of our athletic teams — women's soccer, men's basketball, softball and men's golf — competed in NJCAA national tournaments.

In order to propel student success, we have made retaining our talented instructors and staff, as well as attracting new employees a top priority. Last year, our Board of Regents approved a five percent, across-the-board pay increase for all of our full-time employees. This was the

most substantial percentage raise of any institution across the state. This year we announced another three percent raise for all full-time employees. Additionally, the state legislature approved a measure that increases pay for all of our instructors with an emphasis on those teaching in high-demand fields.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to every member of our college family for their commitment, passion and resilience.

I also want to thank the SSC Educational Foundation, our Board of Regents and community supporters. The Foundation has attracted major baseball tournaments with the completion of the BCM Sports Complex. The Board of Regents always puts our students first in each decision they make. These groups also make it possible for us to host events and bring more people to our campus.

Within these pages, I hope you will join me in celebrating our successes, recognize the impact we have made, and embrace the challenges that lie ahead. Together, we grow. We extend beyond what we once thought possible. I can't wait to see what our campus achieves in the upcoming academic year.



Sara Reynolds

SSC President

Reynolds has served as the President of SSC since 2017. In November of 2022, she was named to the inaugural class of "55 Over 55" Inspiring Oklahomans coordinated by *ion Oklahoma Magazine*. She was also the 2023 Kate Barnard Public Service Award recipient. The award is given annually to outstanding Oklahoma women who has made a significant difference in the lives of women and children through public service by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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The Foundation raised funds to help with food and travel expenses for the soccer team (pictured) in the fall, as well as the baseball, softball and men's golf teams as they journeyed across the country for postseason and national tournaments.

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 scholar-

ships are awarded according to guidelines established by donors.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, nearly \$52,000 in scholarships were awarded to SSC students by the Foundation.



The SSC Educational Foundation also sponsored cultural events throughout the year, including a concert performance by pianist Peter Simon (left) and the "Black Hope/Black Dreams" traveling exhibit (right) curated by the Oklahoma Historical Society.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Golf Tournament

Funds Raised: \$40,332

The Foundation hosted its 26th annual golf tournament on Oct. 3 at the Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee. The funds raised at the event go directly to student scholarships and campus capital projects.

Holiday Event

Funds Raised: \$23,405

The Foundation hosted its annual holiday fundraising event Dec. 9 at the Reynolds Wellness Center in Seminole.

Spring Banquet

Funds Raised: \$42,738

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 28th Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 27 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. More than 400 people were in attendance.

SPRING BANQUET

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 28th Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 27 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. More than 400 people were in attendance. The event serves as a major fundraiser for the foundation. This year's event raised over \$40,000 for student scholarships and campus capital projects. Accomplishments by alumni, employees and students were recognized at the event.



Former SSC students Ron Sosbee (left), Dion Wild (center) and Chris Schroder (right) were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.



Each of the five academic divisions named one Outstanding Student of the Year. Pictured (left to right): Mark Ellis of Shawnee, Christopher Howell of Wevoka, Abby Ridley of Tecumseh, Emily Fulghum of Sparks and Hailey Wallace of Wellston.



Campus organizational leaders were honored at the banquet. Pictured (left to right): SSC President Reynolds, Student Government Association President Georgia Ledford, Classified Staff Association President Tisha Simon, Professional Staff Council President Caitlin Brown, Faculty Senate President Wendy Rich and SSC Educational Foundation Chair Lance Wortham.



Former long-time SSC employees Jonna and Fred Bunyan received Distinguished Service Awards.



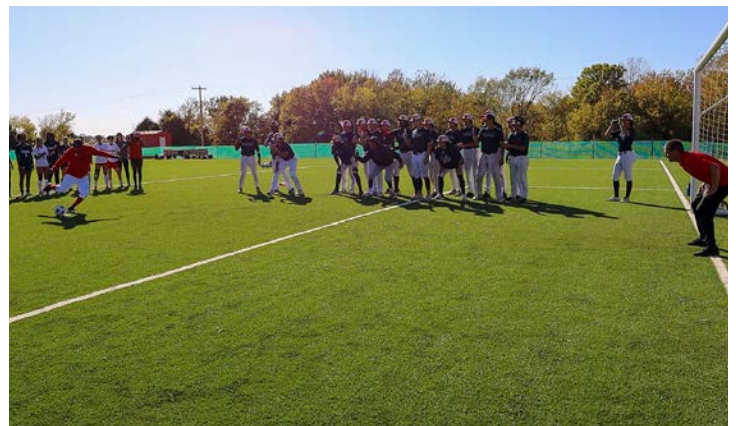


SPORTS COMPLEX

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. The seven-field complex has been a major undertaking by the Seminole State College Educational Foundation. To kickoff the event, major donors, Foundation trustees, community partners, SSC employees and student athletes gathered at the entrance for a ribbon cutting.



A ribbon cutting was also held for the complex's Avedis Adaptive Field. Avedis Foundation President and CEO Dr. Kathy Laster cut the ribbon, surrounded by Avedis Foundation board members, SSC Educational Foundation trustees, SSC employees and community supporters. Avedis donated the funds for the creation of the adaptive field in 2020. The field is designed for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities, providing an avenue for anyone to enjoy the game of baseball.



As part of the festivities, SSC Head Baseball Coach Mack Chambers (left) participated in a penalty kick shootout while SSC Women's Soccer Head Coach Dan Hill (right) played goalie. Earlier in the day, Hill took on a batting challenge while Chambers pitched.



Rinehart Named VP for Fiscal Affairs

The SSC Board of Regents approved the hiring of Melanie Rinehart to the position of Vice President for Fiscal Affairs at their meeting on July 21, 2022. Rinehart served as the Interim Executive Director of Business Services beginning in March of 2022. Prior to holding that position, she launched SSC's 100 percent online degree programs as the Director of Distance Education. She also previously served as the Director of Financial Aid at SSC.



FISCAL AFFAIRS

A Quick Look ahead at 2023-2024

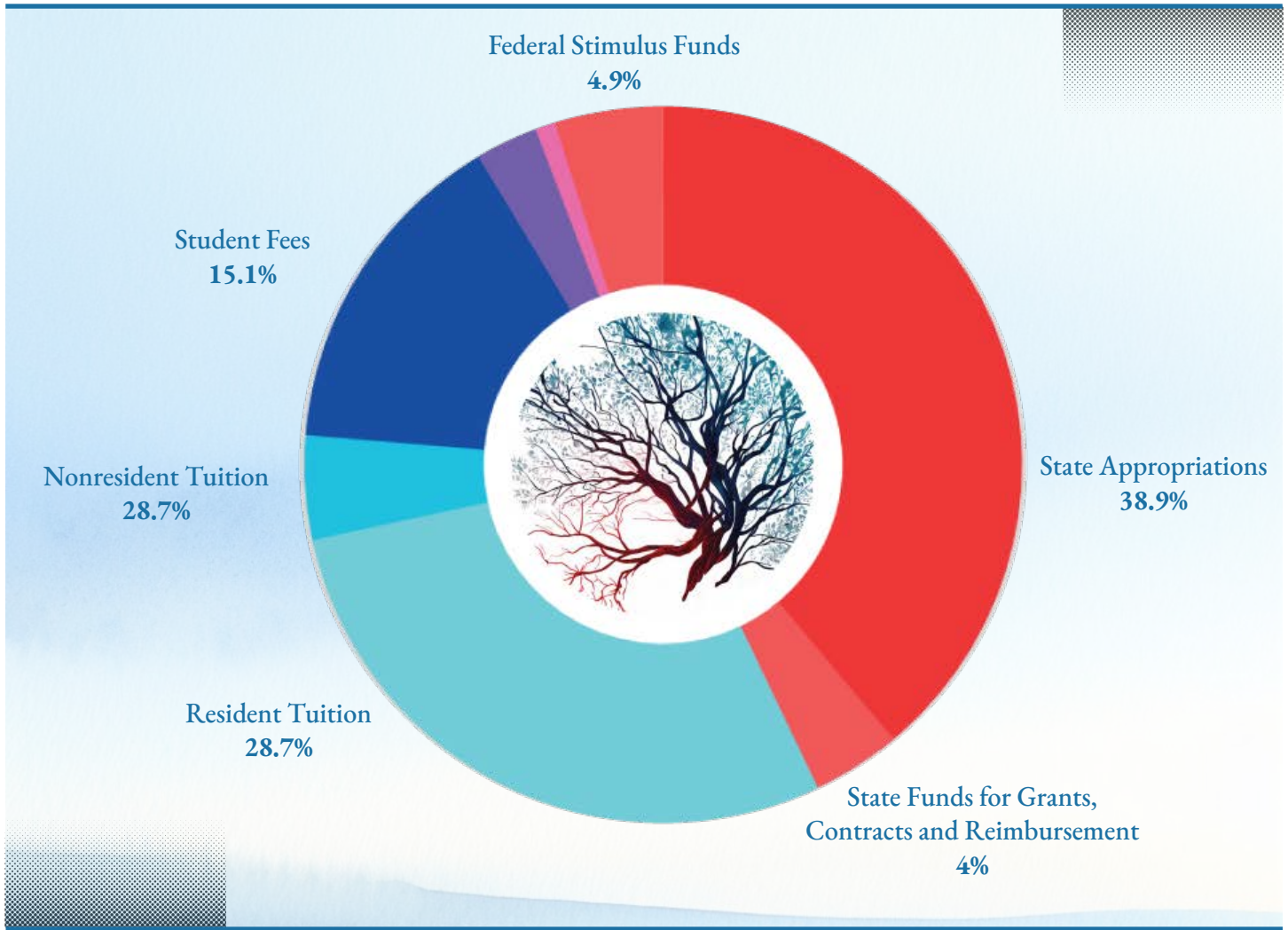
Revenue

- 11.24% increase in state appropriations
- No tuition or fee increases for students
- This will be the last year of CARES/HEERF funds
- The College was awarded APRA funds for FY23

Expenses

- 3% salary increase for staff
- Fixed amount increases for faculty using OSRHE criteria
- 20% increase in utilities, 30% increase in property insurance
- Reorganization of budget categories to be more efficient

FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL REVENUE BY SOURCE



FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

| Function | Amount | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Instruction | \$5,353,807 | 40.9% |
| Academic Support | \$999,669 | 7.6% |
| Student Services | \$1,656,937 | 12.7% |
| Institutional Support | \$2,006,230 | 15.3% |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | \$2,086,287 | 15.9% |
| Scholarships and Other Assistance | \$990,000 | 7.6% |



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Watch SSC volleyball player O'Briona Wilkins discuss the support she's received at SSC.



Seminole State College offers a wide array of in-person, online and 8-week courses to cater to the demands of our students' busy schedules.

FLEXIBLE



SUPPORTIVE

Our team will help students each step of the way, from helping students enroll, offering guidance on financial aid and advising them to achieve their goal of graduation. SSC also offers tutoring services, as well as on-site counseling services through the SSC Help Center.

SSC was named the most affordable community college by Intelligent.com (“Top 14 Community Colleges in Oklahoma,” 2023). Our students save an average of \$1,000 per semester compared to higher education institutions across the state (*Community College Review*, 2023).

Watch SSC graduate Brent White talk about the value of campus involvement.



AFFORDABLE

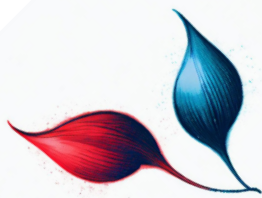


TRANSPORTIVE

SSC offers 22 transfer degree options and five enter-the-workforce degrees. Students will discover high quality programs that prepare them for their next academic challenge at a university and ready them to embark on their careers.



GRADUATION 2023

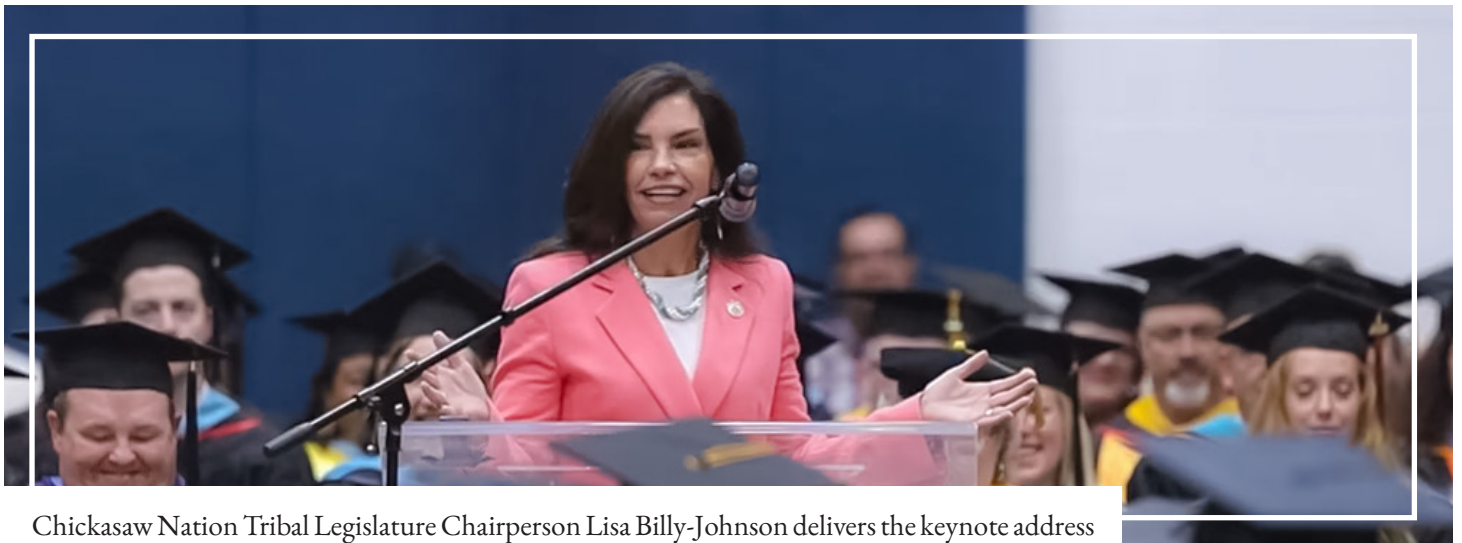


Seminole State College honored graduates at its 90th Commencement Ceremony on May 5 in the Raymond Harbor Field House. The capacity crowd cheered on students as they received their diplomas. Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Chairperson Lisa Johnson-Billy was the featured guest speaker. Degrees were then presented to candidates by Dr. Amanda Estey, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and conferred by President Lana Reynolds. The event was also live streamed to a full overflow crowd at the Jeff Johnston auditorium, as well as family and friends watching from home.





Pictured (left to right) SSC graduates Brasen Hackler of Pittsburg, Kaylee Edwards of Tuttle, McKenna Johnson of Yukon, Avery Lowe of Ardmore and Hailey Wallace of Wellston pose for a photo before walking in the ceremony.



Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Chairperson Lisa Billy-Johnson delivers the keynote address during SSC's commencement ceremony.



Before the ceremony began, Oklahoma State Representative Kevin Wallace (R – District 32), who delivered the invocation; and Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Chairperson Lisa Johnson-Billy met with the SSC Regents and President Lana Reynolds. Pictured (left to right): Rep. Wallace, Chairperson Johnson-Billy, Regents Robyn Ready, Marci Donaho, Kim Hyden, Ryan Pitts, Curtis Morgan, Bryan Cain and President Reynolds.



December 2022 Graduates

NURSING PINNING

SSC held pinning ceremonies in both the fall and spring semesters for nursing students meeting degree requirements. On Dec. 9, 25 students graduated from the program, and, on May 5, 26 students graduated. 2022 marked the 50th year the College has offered the program.



May 2023 Graduates



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS

The President's Leadership Class is a two-year scholarship program to help students enhance 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.



OKC Riversports



OK Bureau of Narcotics



First Americans Museum

COLLEGE



Seminole State College hosted its in-service event for all employees on Aug. 10 in preparation of the fall semester. The theme “SSC Cares about Me” focused on wellness.

2022 In-Service



Hundreds of little ghosts and goblins visited Seminole State College to load up on candy Oct. 27 on the trails in Henderson Park on campus.

Trick-or-Treat Trail



SSC hosted its annual Night at the Lights event on Dec. 5 at Magnolia Park in Seminole. Local families enjoyed the light display, as well as cookies and hot chocolate.

Night at the Lights



SSC Nursing students participated in a module designed to demonstrate what qualifies as a disaster, how to triage patients and manage resources on Feb. 22 in the Haney Center.

Disaster Training



The fall semester began Monday, Aug. 15. Students participated in the College’s Welcome Week tradition, enjoying game shows, movie nights, and giveaways.

Welcome Week



The Language Arts and Humanities Division hosted its Howlers and Yawpers creativity symposium on Sept. 28 and 28. The event featured professional artists, dancers, writers and musicians from across the state.

Creativity Symposium



Members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held a business skills seminar on October 27 in the Utterback Ballroom on campus. The event was attended by more than 100 students from local schools.

Business Skills Seminar

EVENTS



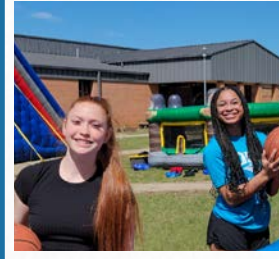
The Aggie Club hosted its fifth annual SSC FFA Interscholastic Contest on Thursday, April 13. More than 600 students from 66 schools across the state participated in the event.

FFA Scholastic Meet



SSC hosted the Oklahoma Veteran Education Specialist Association's annual spring conference on April 20. Nearly 100 veteran education specialists from across the state attended the event.

Veteran Education



Seminole State College Student Activities hosted an End-of-Year Bash on May 1. As students took their final exams, the event served as a break with free food and inflatables.

End-of-Year Bash



SSC hosted a panel on human trafficking awareness on Jan. 12 in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Auditorium. More than one hundred students, employees, community members and area high school students attended the event.

Trafficking Panel



Students from 31 schools across the state competed in Seminole State College's 49th annual Interscholastic Meet on March 23. Nearly 700 students attended the event. Students competed in art and academic categories.

Interscholastic Meet



SSC hosted a free two-day Reach Higher: Reconnect event to help working adults learn more about completing their degrees on Tuesday, April 11, and Wednesday, April 12.

Reach Higher



Seminole State College hosted a send-off event for three teams competing in postseason play on May 18 at the Utterback Ballroom on campus. Baseball, softball and men's golf all competed on the national stage.

Postseason Sendoff

GRANT PROGRAMS



SSC Talent Search Participants Attend Cultural Events

On June 1, the Seminole State College Talent Search/FOCUS federal grant program hosted a trip for 90 sixth graders, SSC students and staff volunteers, and high school mentors to see the Lion King musical at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center. The SSC Talent Search/FOCUS Program, along with volunteers from SSC Student Support Services Pro-

gram, attended the OKC Broadway production of Hamilton and enjoyed Logan's for lunch. "This event was a once in a lifetime opportunity that we were so excited to offer to our upper classman participants from our area high schools. We plan to have many more similar events in the future," Talent Search/FOCUS Advisor Angela Harjo said.



Five GEAR UP students Visit D. C.

Five Seminole State College GEAR UP students were selected alongside 145 other students from across the United States to attend and participate in the 2022 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) during the annual National GEAR UP conference July 17-20, 2022, in Washington, D.C. SSC GEAR UP students participating in the summit included Giulietta Cook from Konawa, Quennett Grieve from Holdenville, Sydney Robinson from Holdenville, Richard Tubbesing from Asher, and Jonathan Wiseman from Holdenville.



NASNTI and Student Support Services Partner to Host Tribal Fest

Seminole State College grant programs observed National Native American Heritage month by hosting Tribal Fest, an educational and cultural celebration, on Nov. 3. The College’s Student Support Services (SSS) and Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) programs provided informational booths, a powwow sweat demonstration, free healthy snacks and “fancy dancing” in an effort to provide a robust cultural experience for all stu-

dents. A special performance by Native American rapper and motivational speaker Brutha War was presented in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center. Also performing during the Tribal Fest program were television celebrities and performance artists LiLMike and FunnyBone, Oklahoma City brothers who have been featured on “America’s Got Talent” and “Reservation Dogs.”



Upward Bound Program Travels to Colorado and Illinois

The Seminole State College Upward Bound program took students on trips to Colorado and Illinois. Participants in the Upward Bound program traveled to Colorado July 4-8. The group of 130 individuals made the excursion to the Rocky Moun-

tains. A group of 12 Upward Bound students visited Chicago, Illinois, July 11-14. The students who participated in the trip graduated from high school in May and attended college in the fall.

HIGHER ED DAY

SSC Delegation Attends Higher Ed Day

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended Higher Education Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, Feb. 14. The event, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, is held annually to demonstrate the value and importance of higher education in the state.





USDA Visits SSC

Oklahoma State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Kenneth Corn was on the Seminole State College campus July 21 to meet with President Lana Reynolds, SSC Rural Business and Resources Center Director Danny Morgan and SSC Educational Foundation Vice Chair Mark Schell. Corn and USDA Director of Business and Cooperative Programs - Rural Development Brian Wiles toured the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex during their visit to Seminole.

National Disaster Relief Official Visits Seminole

The Associate Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) National Office of Disaster Assistance was in Seminole in July to meet with various disaster relief agency representatives and community leaders. Francisco Sanchez, Jr., spoke with the group in about ways to better coordinate and complement services offered to Seminole following the May 4 tornado.



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



SSC Student Attends Town Hall

Seminole State College sophomore Brent White, of Shawnee, was selected to participate in the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals Town Hall. The three-day intensive Town Hall on “Enhancing Our Workforce for an Increasingly Innovative Economy” was held Oct. 16-19 at the Choctaw Casino, Resort and Conference Center in Durant.



Rep. Bice Meets with Leadership Students

Two members of the Seminole State College President’s Leadership Class had the opportunity to meet U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Bice during her visit to Seminole on Feb. 3. In addition to their PLC honors, Emma Buchanan of Stroud (left) and Hailey Wallace of Wellston (right) have the distinction of being named Oklahoma Nigh Institute Leadership Scholars for 2023 and 2022.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



SSC Participates in Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Tour

Seminole State College hosted area colleges at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs on January 12. SSC attended the event with a delegation of state legislators. Chancellor Allison Garrett of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, met with the group of area legislators and friends of higher education to discuss the importance of higher education in improving the economy and business climate of the state.



SSC Students Attend Promise Day at the Capitol

Eleven Seminole State College students attended Oklahoma Promise Day at the State Capitol on April 11. Students had the opportunity to meet with legislators and state regents to discuss the scholarship program. Students also met with a featured speaker at the event and Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Mike Turpen.

ATHLETICS

IN 2022-23, 4 SSC TEAMS COMPETED ON THE NATIONAL STAGE



SOCCER



BASKETBALL



SOFTBALL



GOLF

● **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The SSC women's soccer team won their fourth consecutive NJCAA Regional II tournament in a 5-2 victory over Northern Oklahoma College at the Advance Soccer Complex in Enid on Oct. 29. The team earned their bid for the National Women's Soccer Championship in Evans, Georgia. The team was eliminated after losses to Iowa Western Community College and Polk State College. They finished the season with a win-loss record of 18-4.



● **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The men's basketball team's NJCAA National Championship Tournament run ended March 21 with a hard-fought game against Ranger College. SSC lost in the last few seconds with a final score of 78-75. This was the team's first appearance at the national tournament since 2007.

● **SOFTBALL**

The softball team won their fifth consecutive NJCAA Region II Tournament and earned their spot as the seventh seed in the NJCAA National Softball Championship in Oxford, Alabama, following their Region II Tournament win in Piedmont on May 14. After three wins at nationals, the team was eliminated after a heart-breaking 3-2 loss in the bottom of the 7th to Northwest Florida.

● **MEN'S GOLF**

The Trojans Men's Golf team finished 15th out of 22 teams at the NJCAA Division II National Championship at Swan Lake Resort Black Course in Plymouth, Ind. in late May. Stroud freshman Brice Wolf tied for 70th shooting, along with Seminole freshman Carson Newton.

ATHLETICS



VOLLEYBALL

HEAD COACH HANNAH KILLIAN // WIN-LOSS RECORD 13-27



WOMEN'S SOCCER

HEAD COACH DAN HILL // WIN-LOSS RECORD 18-4



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HEAD COACH RITA STORY-SCHELL // WIN-LOSS RECORD 18-4



MEN'S BASKETBALL

HEAD COACH DON TULEY // WIN-LOSS RECORD 25-8

SOFTBALL



HEAD COACH AMBER FLORES // WIN-LOSS RECORD 45-8

BASEBALL



HEAD COACH MACK CHAMBERS // WIN-LOSS RECORD 42-22

WOMEN'S GOLF



HEAD COACH RUSTY BEENE

MEN'S GOLF



HEAD COACH RUSTY BEENE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Seminole Chamber of Commerce Recognizes SSC Personnel

Four times during the academic year, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognizes two outstanding SSC employees. Honorees are nominated by supervisors and co-workers across campus.

October 2022



Admissions Clerk and VA School Certifying Officer Stacey Foster (left) and Professor of History Dr. Steve Bolin (right)

December 2022



NASNTI Student Support Specialist Kay Wallace (left) and Assistant Professor Lynette Atchley (right)

February 2023



Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Ricky Streight (left) and Admissions and Record Specialist Jessica Guinn (right)

April 2023



Comptroller Julie Hix (left) and Nursing Instructor Damaila Lester (right)

Flores Named Head Coach of OKC Pro Softball Team

In August of 2022, SSC softball Head Coach Amber Flores was named the Head Coach of the Oklahoma City Spark. Flores will continue to lead the SSC Trojan softball team, as the two teams' seasons do not overlap. June 2023 marked OKC Spark's inaugural season.



Employees Honored at Statewide Conferences



Outstanding Professional Staff Member Holly Wilson-Byrd (center) and Outstanding Christal Knowles (right) pose for a photo with SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles (center) at the OACC Annual Conference on Oct. 7 at Oklahoma City Community College.



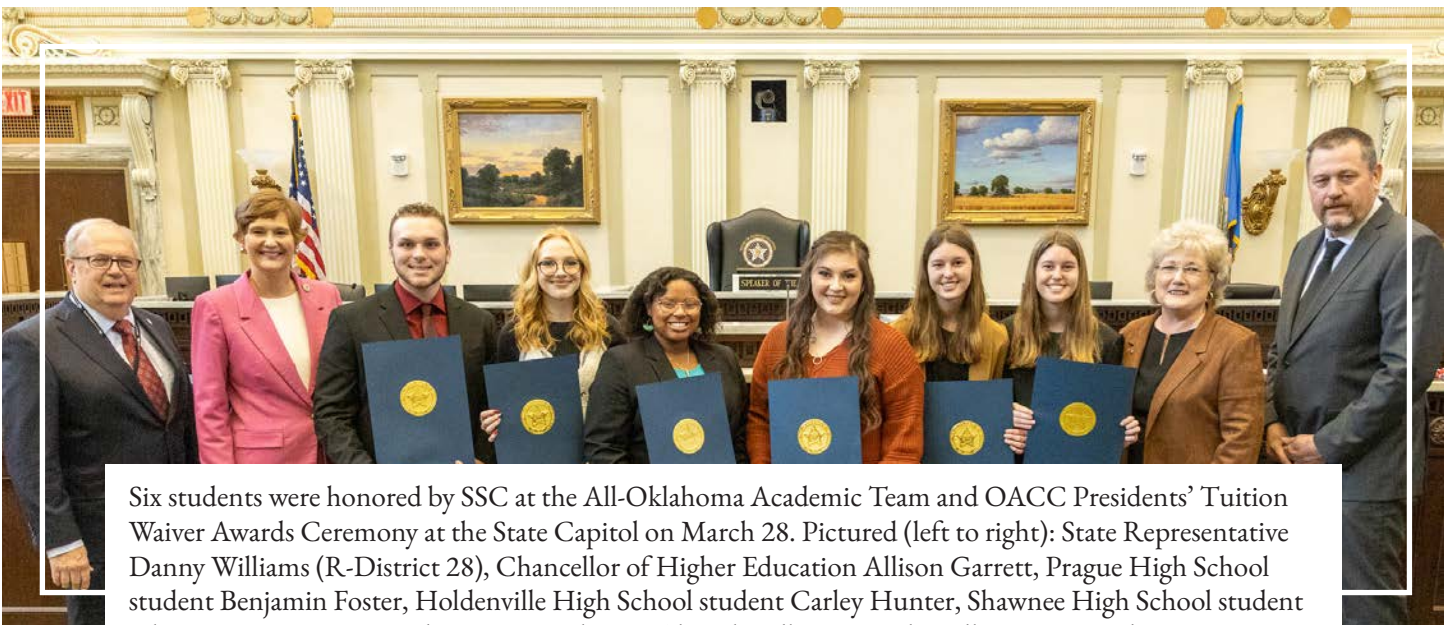
President Reynolds (right) recognizes Stacey Foster (left) as this year's Outstanding Support Staff Member at the OACC Support Staff Conference on Oct. 28 at Rose State College.

Professors Granted Tenure by Board of Regents

SSC Associate Professor of Mathematics Emily Carpenter and Associate Professor of English Dr. Andrew Davis were granted tenure at the Board of Regents meeting on Feb. 16. Pictured (left to right): Board of Regents Chair Ryan Pitts, Carpenter, Dr. Davis and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amanda Estey.



SSC Students Honored at Statewide Awards Ceremony



Six students were honored by SSC at the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and OACC Presidents' Tuition Waiver Awards Ceremony at the State Capitol on March 28. Pictured (left to right): State Representative Danny Williams (R-District 28), Chancellor of Higher Education Allison Garrett, Prague High School student Benjamin Foster, Holdenville High School student Carley Hunter, Shawnee High School student Olivia Stevenson, SSC students Jami Barkimer, Abigail Ridley, Hannah Ridley, SSC President Lana Reynolds, and State Senator Grant Green (R-District 28).

ACHIEVEMENTS



Student Attends Nigh Leadership Academy

Seminole State College freshman Emma Buchanan, of Stroud, attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City Feb. 4-7. Over the course of the event, students volunteered, visited OKC cultural landmarks and learned about state politics.



Student Attends Women's Leadership Program

Freshman May Ramirez was selected to attend the National Education for Women's Leadership program from May 19-23. Only thirty students were selected through a competitive application process.



SSC Welcomes New Men's Basketball Coach

Seminole State College named Lucas Hunter as the college's men's basketball head coach in the summer of 2023. Hunter, originally from Carterville, Illinois, comes to Seminole from NCAA Division 2 Northeastern State University where he was an assistant coach since 2020.



PR Team Wins at Statewide Competition

Communications Coordinator Josh Hutton (left) and Web and Multimedia Coordinator Brooks Nickell (right) won awards in cover design, video featurette, and marketing campaign at the OCPRA awards on July 11, 2022.



PTA Program Achieves Perfect Pass Rate

In early 2023, graduates of Seminole State College's Physical Therapy Assistant program received the results of their licensure exams from the Oklahoma Medical Board. Each of the graduates passed their exams, resulting in a 100 percent pass rate.



SGA Selects Officers

The Seminole State College Student Government Association selected its officers for the academic year in August. Pictured (left to right): President Georgia Ledford, Vice President Danielle Sullivan, and Secretary Katherine Cheatwood.



Former Belles Basketball Coach Featured in Documentary about History of Women's Basketball

Former Belles Head Coach Dixie Woodall (center) was interviewed for the docuseries *If Not for Them* in August. The series focuses on the women who grew the sport of women's basketball before Title IX, which ensured the right for young women to participate in collegiate athletics. Pictured alongside Woodall are current Belles Head Coach Rita Story-Schell (right) and Belles Assistant Coach Jentry Holt (left).

IN MEMORIAM

Honoring the Lives of Three of the College's Most Instrumental Supporters



Jasmine Moran (*May 7, 1934 - March 5, 2022*)

Jasmine Moran and her husband, Melvin, demonstrated support for the College over the years in numerous ways – from offering political support of the institution to providing scholarships for nursing students and financial support for virtually every endeavor undertaken to improve the educational opportunities offered to our students. Their influence was a catalyst for the growth and development of the College.

She also played a vital role in the organization and founding of the Seminole Humane Society.



Enoch Kelly Haney (*Nov. 12, 1940 - April 23, 2022*)

Throughout his time in the Legislature – serving as a State Representative, Senator and Chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee – as well as in tribal government, Enoch Kelly Haney was a strong friend and supporter of Seminole State College.

The Haney Center carries his name as a tribute to his efforts to bring funding to SSC. His incredible talent as a world-renowned artist enhances our campus with paintings and sculptures that provide a strong tie to our Native American heritage.

His leadership had an immeasurable impact on our college, employees and students.



Kenneth Henderson (*July 7, 1946 - Nov. 6, 2022*)

Former SSC Regent Kenneth Henderson and his wife, Rose, were largely responsible for the creation, landscaping and statuary around campus ponds in Henderson Park. They assisted with numerous other efforts, including the donation of a bus – to help the institution, our students, faculty and staff.

Mr. Henderson was also a great benefactor to the community. He was a former president of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and was recognized as Citizen of the Year. His impact on our community, campus and students will be felt for generations.



SSC Baseball Team Volunteers at A League of Their Own Opener

Seminole State College Trojan baseball players worked with members of “A League of Their Own” at the Avedis Foundation Adaptive Field, located within the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on April 3. The “League” is a co-ed softball league established to provide an avenue for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities to play baseball.



Athletes Wrap Gifts for Seminole Rotary Christmas Dinner

Seminole State College student-athletes and coaches volunteered their time on Dec. 8 to wrap more than 200 gifts for the annual Earl Knowles free community Christmas dinner, organized by the Seminole Rotary Club. The presents were distributed at the community dinner on Sunday, Dec. 25 at the Senior Citizen’s Heritage House.

COMMUNITY



Class 3A Baseball State Tournament Played in Seminole

The community of Seminole hosted the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association 2023 Baseball Quarter Finals for Class 3A High Schools Thur. and Fri., May 11-12 at the Seminole State College Educational Foundation’s Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex.



SSC Hosts Annual Summer Camps for Kids

Seminole State College hosted its annual Kids on Campus Summer Camp from June 26 to June 29. The camp provided an opportunity for children (K-6th grades) to learn new skills, explore new interests and make new friends. June camps included: ceramics, art and screen-printing, construction basics with Legos and the culinary arts (pictured).



SSC and Avedis Foundation Partnership Honored

Seminole State College and Avedis Foundation were among colleges, schools and businesses honored during a Business Partnership Excellence Awards Luncheon held April 27 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The award, sponsored by Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), annually honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma’s workforce. In 2020, the Avedis Foundation awarded the SSC Educational Foundation a \$250,000 grant for the completion of an adaptive field at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex.



Seminole Pink Ladies Present Funds to SSC Nursing Program

Members of the local hospital women’s volunteer auxiliary - the Seminole “Pink Ladies” attended a luncheon at Seminole State College to present a check to be used for the College’s nursing program on June 8. For decades, the group has provided scholarships for nursing students at the SSC.

MILESTONES



Recognizing Years of Service

Two employees reached milestone years of employment at SSC this year. Director of Information Technology and Chief Information and Security Officer Marc Hunter (center left) was honored for reaching 25 years of employment at the College. Edith Cathey (center right), Director of Financial Services, was honored for 20 years of service to the College.

CELEBRATING RETIREMENTS



MARY ANN HILL
TALENT SEARCH DIRECTOR
32 years employed at SSC



DR. NOBLE JOBE
LIFE SCIENCES PROFESSOR
12 years employed at SSC



MIKE ST. JOHN
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
7 years employed at SSC



RONNIE WILLIAMSON
UPWARD BOUND COORDINATOR
12 years employed at SSC

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