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News

SSC Releases Year-in-Review



Year in Review
SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the destruction of the May 4th tornado in Seminole State College, the hope of a better future for our students after weeks of our country trying to recover from the storm. While the slowing of time may be an illusion, this Year in Review serves as our attempt to bottle the time — to reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff in 2022. I'm so proud of what we've achieved in the last year and can't wait to see what 2023 has in store for SSC.

to the ongoing commitment and dedication to SSC by our Regents, our Trustees, alumni, parents and friends.

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ports complex has been a major project, helped by the local Foundation. We are excited to see the new complex will be a huge boost to our local economy as we open our doors and their supporters visit Seminole for games and tournaments.

I want to express my gratitude to our students, faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication to SSC. We are proud of the success of our employees with these salary increases. The raises will help us retain and attract employees by becoming more competitive in a tough job market."

Lana Reynolds
SSC President

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE YEAR OF THE YEAR
FOLLOWING TORNADO, COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

SALARY INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

Seminole State College released its annual Year-in-Review in January. The publication opens with a letter from President Reynolds and highlights three stories of the year. The stories highlighted are recovery efforts following last May's tornado and the subsequent rescheduling of graduation, employee raises and the grand opening of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. Following the stories of the year, the publication features a month-to-month breakdown of campus news throughout 2022.

To view the "2022 Year-In-Review," scan the QR code below with your cellular device.



COVID-19 SAFETY
PROCEDURE MANUAL



Stay up to date with campus COVID-19 safety precautions at SSC's Coronavirus Response page.

Here you'll find important updates, CARES Act scholarship information, mental health resources and links to Centers for Disease Control data.

Explore the Response Page [here](#).

SSC to Host President's Day Event

Seminole State College will host a special President's Day presentation on Friday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center's lecture hall. Vice Chair of the Social Sciences Division and Professor of Government Jeffrey Christiansen will deliver the presentation, entitled "President Harry S Truman: Decision Points." The event is free and open to the public.



Professor Jeffrey Christiansen

Campus Life

Nursing Students Score Highest at NCLEX Event

Seminole State College nursing students recently joined peers from across the state for a night of food, comradery and preparation for the National Council Licensure Examination at Mercy Hospital of Ada. The NCLEX is an exam all nursing students must take to become a registered nurse. During the events of the night, students were asked

questions regarding their knowledge of nursing. SSC students (pictured left to right) Jolena Hardin of Holdenville, Audra Williams of Tecumseh and Sara Thompson of Allen were named the highest scoring team. Each of the three students won \$200 to cover the cost of their NCLEX.



PTA Program Grads Achieve Perfect Pass Rate

Graduates of Seminole State College's Physical Therapy Assistant program, which is housed at Gordon Cooper Technology Center, recently 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 for SSC's class of 2022.



Pictured (back row, left to right): PTA Program Director Shakira Stafford, PT; Hunner Landreth, Tyler Wilbourn; LaRue Sloan; Brant Lawson; Kathy Rigby, PT; Alice Holejsovsky, PTA; (front row): Colby Holcomb; London Calvillo; Hannah Bartel; and Devin Tucker (not pictured).

Meet and Greet Hosted by PTA Program



PTA students Paige Risenhoover (center) and Megan Whited (right) discuss the application of Kinesio Tape to prospective student Monse Ortiz from Shawnee High School.

The Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center Physical Therapist Assistant program held a meet and greet for prospective students on Jan. 19 on the GCTC campus in Shawnee. Attendees met with faculty, current students and graduates of the program to learn more about the field of physical therapy. Through the partnership between SSC and GCTC, students who

enroll in the program can complete their core curriculum at SSC and participate in the technical portion at GCTC. Career opportunities were also discussed at the event.

To learn more about the PTA program, visit sscok.edu or contact PTA Program Director Shakira Stafford at 405-273-7493 ext. 2214 or s.stafford@sscok.edu.

SSC Board of Regents Extend President's Contract

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met Jan. 19 to discuss proposed repairs to the Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick Student Services Center and to review the terms of President Lana Reynolds' employment. The College's annual Year-in-Review publication was also unveiled during the meeting.

The meeting opened with a review of the College's recent expenditures by Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Melanie Rinehart.

SSC President Lana Reynolds then presented her President's Report, which included an update on personnel changes, information about campus activities and an update on spring semester enrollment numbers.

The President's Report concluded with a presentation of the 2022 Year-in-Review. The publication opens with a letter from President Reynolds, highlights the top stories and documents campus news over the span of the past year month by month. This year's top stories were the recovery efforts following the devastation of the May 4 tornado

in Seminole, the College's rescheduled commencement following the disaster, the across-the-board pay raises for all full-time employees approved by the Board in June and the grand opening of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex in October. The Year-in-Review is available to the public on the College's website, sscoc.edu.

With the first item on the agenda, the Board reviewed water and storm damage to the north and south entrances of the Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick Student Services Center. Chairman Ryan Pitts and Regent Curtis Morgan joined campus administrators for a meeting with contractors last week to evaluate their findings. Action for addressing the problems will be proposed on a future Board agenda.

The second action item was the review of President Reynolds' employment. In accordance with Board Policy, the President is evaluated each year prior to the January meeting. The evaluation process is conducted according to the wishes of the Board Chair. Six years ago, Reynolds

was named to the position of President, beginning her tenure in July of 2017.

It was reported that President Reynolds met with Chairman Ryan Pitts earlier this month to review performance and discuss challenges and successes of the last year, as well as to establish goals for the coming year.

The Board retired into executive session to discuss President Reynolds' evaluation and contract. When the Board returned to public session, President Reynolds' contract was extended, and she was given a 5 percent raise, mirroring the percentage of increase full-time employees received last summer.

"We believe President Reynolds is very admired in both the Seminole State College and local communities. The Board appreciates her dedication and love for the College and her community involvement," Chairman Pitts said. "We're excited to see what the College accomplishes under her leadership in 2023."

Reynolds added, "I have been honored to serve in this capacity through some very rewarding and yet challenging



SSC President Lana Reynolds

times. I love this college, our students and our employees and I appreciate the Board's confidence and support in allowing me to continue to serve."

Board members present at the meeting were: Chairman Ryan Pitts, Bryan Cain, Marci Donaho, Kim Hyden, Curtis Morgan and Robyn Ready.

The next SSC Board of Regents meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023.



Campus Life

Winter Weather

Snow covered SSC's campus on Jan. 24 as a winter storm moved into the area. Campus offices closed at 2:00 p.m. and reopened the next day, Jan.

25, at 10:00 a.m. Less than a week later, a second winter storm brought ice and sleet and resulted in the closure of campus on Jan. 30 at noon.



Fall Honor Roll Recognizes SSC Students

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2022 fall semester. Three separate honor rolls recognize students for their academic achievements.

The President's Honor Roll is comprised of students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll must have a 3.5 grade-point-average or better and no grade below a "C".

The Part-Time Students' Honor Roll is for students who maintain a 3.5 grade-point-average with no grade below a "C" in at least six, but less than 12 college credit hours.

Students named to the **President's Honor Roll** include (listed by hometown):

Ada: Sheryl Fields, Katelyn Nguyen and Rileigh Rush

Ardmore: Avery Lowe

Asher: Jake Harvey and Jacob Leslie

Aurora, TX: Kegan Magee

Bixby: Barrick Leu

Brenham, TX: Cade Warmke

Bristow: Kenneth Lupp and Sutton Titsworth

Broken Arrow: Shayler Childers, Kyleigh Lamont and Blake Nichols

Caracas, Venezuela: Lucia Rivas Garcia

Carrollton, TX: John Mahalik

Chandler: Emma Buchanan, Dalton Fowle and Kyler Henley

Dallas, TX: Ayano Wyatt

Davenport: Emylee Keith

Duncan: Whitney Condit

Earlsboro: Taleigh Estrada

Edmond: Ataya Casaus

Fittstown: Angelique Rauch

Foss: Ryan Carlisle

Haslet, TX: Xavier Casserilla

Hickory Creek, TX: Chelsea Vilca

Holdenville: Jordan Long and Kaden Morris

Konawa: David Herriman

Lamar: Allen White

Little Rock, AR: Grant Jones

Lonegrove: Ashlyn Turner

Manati, Puerto Rico: Fran Montanez

Maud: Sarah Brushia and Brandy Grant

McAlester: Gage Dollins

Meeker: Taylor Hendley

Muskogee: Riley Barnoskie

Mustang: Carter Bohuslavicky and Jennifer Goudge

Norman: Mechille Gondeck

North Richland Hills, TX: Luke Smith and Emma Teague

Okemah: Sophie Turner and Hannah Walkup

Oklahoma City: Holden Bradford, Josalyn Faulkner, Kayci Faulkner, Houston Russell and Elizabeth Taber

Paden: Miah Case and Kerrigan Vass

Pittsburg: Brasen Hackler

Prague: Maggie Smith

Reno, TX: Joey Allen

Rocky: Brett Griffith

Seminole: Rania Ali, Shivani Battaglia, Samantha Bayer, Thomas Choate,

Olivia Crabtree, Ashley Hicklin, Lexi Lindemann, Daisha Minner, Kenny Parker, Josiah Pauls, Kolby Renfro,

Trinity Stover and Emily Tidd

Shawnee: Reyna Alvarado, Icle Brewer, Erin Bronson, Javen Bucy, Cynthia Bui,

Isabelle Conley, Michelle Glenn, Max Goodnight, Izabella Gordon, Skylar Grubb,

Taylor Hoover, Paige Iddings, John Irick, Katrina Knobel, Taryn LeClaire,

Michael Legardye, Jaxon Meyers, Taryn Naas, Atriya Nourbakhsh,

Benjamin Parker, Ashley Pearson, Macy

Proffer, Trissa Randolph, Riley Rooker, Rex Sayre, Sarah Setzer, Madison Steele, Kaitlyn Tate, Trevor Terry, Britaney Thompson, Brent White and Hallie Wilson

Shorewood, IL: Britney Lewinski

Smithville: Emma Routh

Sparks: Emily Fulghum

Tecumseh: Shannon Bennett, Emily Bingham, Brinkley Bone, Nicole Childers, Hannah Finney, Scotlyn Green, Jordan Jones, Logan Jones, Kaleigh Kasper, Anna Kelsey, Casi Pitchford, Clayton Rackley, Abigail Ridley, Hannah Ridley, Jetta Santino and Brittney Wolfe

Tupelo: Payton Owens

Tuttle: Kaylee Edwards

Wellston: Hailey Wallace

Wewoka: Nahian Aktar Mukta, Brooklyn Hall, Gabriel Ketcher and Alyssa Sneed

Yukon: Alexandria Halvorson

Students named to the **Vice-President's Honor Roll** include (listed by hometown):

Ada: Melissa Farrell, Krista Grant and Jonathan Kimmel

Aguascalientes, Mexico: Marisol Gomez Andrade

Allen, TX: Tatum Tallal

Amarillo, TX: Bethaney Noble

Broken Arrow: Trystin Pauls and Amorette Ramos

Broken Bow: Chloe James

Calvin: Miranda Fent

Canute: Dalton Williams

Carrollton, TX: Jeremy Slate

Chandler: Rachel Vieyra

Choctaw: Tara Gaines Manship

Coweta: Alex Harper

Davis: Colin Dulaney

Depew: Blake Parrick

Earlsboro: Brendan Conley

Eufaula: Jessica Jones

Fort Worth, TX: Blake Stracke

Guanica, Puerto Rico: Alejandro Quiles

Holdenville: Jessica Brewer, Wylder Coleman, Chyanne Neese, Kirby Van Haren and Zarai Velazquez

Idabel: Landon Lecrone

Jenks: Alexis Lewis

Konawa: Halie Owens

Levis, Quebec: Alexis Hurens

Macomb: Frank Bourlon, Carlos Franco and James Miller

Maud: Kourtnee Ragan and RyaLynn Simons

McLoud: Kierra Fulwider

Meeker: Brandi Lewis and Stephanie Wood

Muskogee: Evan Smith

Nocona, TX: Emily Carpenter

Norman: Chad Vanis

Okemah: Diana Cazares, Caleb Harjo, April McIntyre, Jameson Ross and Kurtis Wilson

Oklahoma City: Madison Roberts

Paden: Colin Edwards and Morgan Fite

Plano, TX: Savanna Puccio

Prague: Kacey Baca, Timothy Brill, Leslie Clark and Demi Manning

Seminole: Alexis Colle, Emillia Gates, Georgia Ledford, Jordan Lewis, Grant Martin, Abigail Moore, Carson Newton, Adrianna ODaniel, Nanako Seki, Morgan Ware and Vanessa Zapata

Shawnee: Mason Barney, Rachel Byrd, Mark Ellis, Kylie Fierro, Diego Garcia, Serenity Gothard, Kealan Hamilton Youngbird, Seth Hayes, Kaylee Hunnicutt, Dany Lang, Megan Larney, Jacob Madden, Brody Peters, Matthew Ramirez, Laynie Rimer, Madison Roberson, Mea Romine, Jared Stewart, Nicholas Whited, Katelyn Williams, Josie Wolfe and Wenay Yates

Fall Honor Roll

Spring, TX: Michael Saumell
Stillwater: Bryce Bond
Stonewall: Alyssa Niblett
Stroud: Jaci Chowning and Brynlee Wages
Tecumseh: Sophia Childers, Noah Poole, Troy Rakestraw, Tyler Sampson and Ethan Taylor
The Colony, TX: Megan Gilchrist
Tulsa: Easton Guest and Preston Pattison
Wetumka: Wyatt Allford
Wewoka: Caylee Caudill, Jade-Rachael Edwards, Christopher Howell, Elizabeth Kincade, Gracie Miller and Delanie Pollard
Wichita, KS: Tess Eubank

Students named to the **Part-Time Honor Roll** include (listed by hometown):

Ada: Brooklyn Johnson, Breanne Kobylinski, Debra Lindsey, Marion Reimers, Madison Smith, Haley Soto and Carly Wood
Agra: Elizabeth Smith
Allen: Crystal Breshears, Elisabeth Johnson and Sara Thompson
Asher: Cheyeann Adams
Atwood: Trenton Golden
Azle, TX: Greyson Christian
Boley: Davon Johnson
Bristow: Brittney Armstrong
Calvin: Audrey Taylor
Chandler: Faith Campbell, Clara Carr, Kimber Donaldson, Robert Reed and Kenley Vail
Cushing: Denise Murie and Channa Tiger
Davenport: Troy Edwards and Whitney Harris
Davis: LeRhonda Jessop
Dustin: Trista Caldwell and Robert Hutchins
Earlsboro: Hailie Robinett, Nicholas Albright, Amber Dailey, Gabe Fiegenger, Emma Ford, Mvhvya Gravatt, Shelby

Johnson, Scotland Meier, Tara Noriega and Emma Orso
Edmond: Akajia Handsom
Guthrie: Bianca Mason
Harrah: Brittney Peterson and Casey Visnieski
Haworth: Roy Whiteman
Holdenville: Annahlisse Bartschi, Quetzali Becerra, Laeh lah Bowen, Sara Coats, Kelci Cook, Allison Cox, Lillie East, Jeanna Gordon, Jolena Hardin, Carley Hunter, Caden Lee, Lauren Peters, Ashley Rambo, Reni Redmond, Destiny Slater, Trenton Stewart, Danielle Sullivan, Manning Turner, Brandi Williams, Jonathan Wiseman and Zaida Wood
Konawa: Brittany Crenshaw, Gracie Herriman, Kristin Johnson, Kayla Martin, Amanda Rodriguez and Jaylin Whitley
Macomb: Abigail Gilliam and Arie Hazell
Maud: Breanna Bender, Isabella Ramirez, Charlotte Tipton and Carrie Yerby
McLoud: Madison Conley, Desiree Duncan, Daniel Dustman and Tiffany Lackey
Meeker: Allison Hilburn and Baylie Luschen
Midwest City: Parker Ford and Azya Poole
Mustang: Emily Yancey
Newalla: Danielle Petty and Kayla Vinson
Noble: Payton-Ann Simpson and Carleigh Wilcox
Norman: Kaitlyn Divelbiss, Deniece Jordan, Colton Pruett, Shelly Teape and Meghan Turner
Okemah: Dawson Church, Joseph Cooper, Shandan Cruce, Landon Dowell, Patricia Duggan, Kelsey Edminsten, Summer Groves, Emily McDowell, Lauren McDowell, Donna Nash, Colton Parish, Cassidy Privett and Morgan Vansant

Oklahoma City: Gwendolyn Denigris
Okmulgee: Stormy Davis
Prague: Aiden Auld, Emma Brill, Autumn Brown, Courtney Brydon, Harley Frey, Alexis Goddard, Ethan Harkness, Breeana Hayes, Cameron Hightower, Karson Holsapple, Mahek Jeevani, Abby McCoy, Melissa Newport-Ward, Kylie Pickard, Mason Rempe, Aspen Schmeusser, Justin Scott, Kaden Simons, Brooke Stanley, Avery Terrell, Stephanie Tinsley and Ayleen Vazquez
Sasakwa: Tina Buckmaster
Seminole: Bethany Anderson, Hannah Banning, Gabriel Blackburn Haro, Caitlin Boggs, Jordan Carroll, Carrie Chessmore, Adrienne Foster, Bailey Galleciez, Chloe Gurley, Ashlee Hailey, Kyleigh Hause, Naomi Holden, Annie Horton, Mackenzie Jordan, Zora Kemble, Jordan Kerr, JoAnn Lansdowne, Faith Lena, Oscar Lopez, Ruben Lopez, Khya Mitchell, Gaylan Parsons, Robin Ross-Wind, Donna Rupe, Cathryn Sands, Emma Tillery, Sonja Unsell, Hanna Wainwright, Kenzli Warden, Haylie Wheeler, Kaden Williams and Soulowla Williams
Shawnee: Kloe Nichols, Joshua Abercrombie, Rodney Ackerman, Adyson Adamek, Nicole Adcock, Eraclio Andujo Herrera, Shelby Annis, Catelyn Baack, Ronald Bemo, Riley Bernard, Isabella Bishop, Nicole Blue, Holden Brooking, Alexis Canaday, Chayse Caram, Chiara Carpenter, Amber Castaneda, Jordan Coody, Channa Deer, Mabel Dodgen, Kaydence Doyle, Hannah Ehtisham, Matthew Ellis, Niloufar Firouzi, Zachary Fortin, Sierra Frailey, Berlin Garlow, Tasha Gause, Laney Green, Morley Griffith, Gladys Gutierrez, Hunter Hadsall, Winonah Hamblin, Callie Haney, Audria Hannabass, Christopher Helton, Makenzy Herman, Jady Hicks, Cole Hodges, Karri Hollis, Allison Holter, Chloe Horton, Kelsey Hughey, Anna James, Kaly Jones,

Lanie Koboldt, Telissa Kuhlman, Keylee Lambert, Bodacious Leflore, Allison Lowrey, Piper McNeil, Jace McRay, Cruz Merrell, Skylee Mills, Tayja Murphy, Kylie Naas, Cale Palmer, Daniela Parada, Amy Peters, Alexander Porter, Kyle Ramsey, Allie Ratcliff, April Reeves, Coolidge Rendleman, Corleen Richards, Mindy Rigney, Lauren Root, Zachery Roybal, Brooklyn Rutland, Natalie Selman, Sawyer Sims, Abigail Smith, Anna Smith, Davin Smithee, Olivia Stevenson, Dillon Sullivan, Thomas Tollett, MaKenna Turner, Madison Van Brunt, Keygan Veeley, Brenda Walters, Scottlyn Wilson, Sophia Wilson, Brianna Wortham, Titus Wright, Madison Wyatt and Diamond Young
Stratford: Rena Serpa and Falisha Wood
Stroud: MaryKay Autry, Terra Mitchell and Makenna Murray
Tecumseh: Austin Acklin, Kira Austin, Haley Ballard, Heather Brown, Leeann Collins, Hannah Davidson, Devnee Foust, Ashton Franklin, Taylor Gage, McKenzie Henson, Abigail Hurst, Madison Jones, Tara Lack, Christopher Meier, Bradford Merritt, Jennifer Robertson, Samantha Schovanec, Holly Smith, Chevlyn Topping, Isaac Vance, Ella Whitney, Kennedy Wiens and Audra Williams
Tulsa: Rebekah Clemence
Wamuran, Australia: Sam Townsing
Waxahachie, TX: Cortlyn Bennett
Weleetka: Tiaunna Travis
Wetumka: Sydney Harjo, Gage Keese, Raygan Lee, Mia Ray and Sadie Williamson
Wewoka: Shelby Allen, Teagan Cain, Kerri England, Morgan Kemp, Megan Love, Ernesto Martinez, Nathania Mitchell, Eyan Norman, Veronica Prieto, Timothy Sallee, Opra Williams and Griffen Young
Yeager: Ryan Rodgers

News

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.

Senator Grant Green (R-Wellston), State Representative Kevin Wallace (R-Wellson), State Representative Danny Williams (R-Seminole), Representative Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) and Representative Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) attended the event on behalf of SSC.

Others representing Seminole State College at the event were Hailey Wallace, President's Leadership Class soph-

omore; Dalton Fowble, President's Leadership Class freshman; Jacob Leslie, President's Leadership Class freshman; Danielle Sullivan, Student Government Officer sophomore; SSC Board Chair Ryan Pitts; Regent Kim Hyden; SSC President Lana Reynolds; Director of Board Relations and Administrative Operations Mechell Downey and legislative consultant Karel Brewster with Brewster and Associates.

Danny Morgan and Larry Smith with the SSC Rural Business and Resources Center, along with SSC Educational Foundation Trustees Mark Schell, Andy Tucker, Jim Hardin, John Hargrave, Doug Humphries and David Wilson were also a part of the SSC delegation.

The event was attended by delegations representing Carl Albert State College, Connors State College, East Central University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Seminole State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

News

Panel Presents on Human Trafficking Awareness at SSC



Seminole State College hosted a panel on human trafficking awareness on Jan. 12 in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Auditorium. More than one hundred SSC students, employees, community members and area high school students attended the event. Panelists for the morning session included Co-Founder and Director of Communications and Development

of the Dragonfly Home Melissa Eick, Drug Intelligence Officer for the Oklahoma region of the Texoma-High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program Mike Hoskins and Chief Agent for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Craig Williams. The event was sponsored by the SSC Help Center and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.