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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](#).



Oct. 18

Scary Movie Night - Raymond Harber Field House - 7:30 p.m.

It's spooky season! grab some snacks and join us for a scary movie in the gym sponsored by Student Activities. Movie to be announced.

Oct. 20

Grand Opening of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex - BCM Sports Complex, located just west of Seminole High School - 3-6 p.m. with ribbon cutting to take place at 3:15 p.m.

Join ua for an afternoon of fun, food and games, celebrating the grand opening of the sports complex. Event includes exhibition baseball and soccer matches and food trucks.

Oct. 27

Trick or Treat Trail - North Pond Area - 5-6 p.m.

SSC campus organizations, divisions, and sports teams will pass out candy to the community. You're welcome to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to this annual event.

For a full calendar of everything going on around campus,, visit sscok.edu/events.

Students Attend Production of “Hairspray”

Several Seminole State College students recently attended the Broadway production of “Hairspray” at the Oklahoma City Civic Center. The Student Support Services (SSS) and STEM Student Support Services (STEM SSS) Projects sponsored the event. The purpose of the trip was for participants of the programs to have an opportunity to experience a performing arts event that is not typically accessible to them and to be exposed to an enriching cultural performance. Students were also treated to dinner at Toby Keith’s I Love This Bar and Grill in Bricktown and a brief stroll down the OKC Riverwalk.

Shannon Bennett, Psychology major from Tecumseh stated, “It gave me a break from school and it was something I don’t normally do. The musical actually gave me a boost of self-confidence.” Ace Cole, Business major from Holdenville stated “I met someone new and the musical really made me remember just

how young integration is.” Janna Wilson-Byrd, Director of the Projects stated, “This was one of our largest groups to attend a musical. We were so thrilled to take such a large group to an energetic musical that had an incredibly positive message about equity, inclusion, and loving yourself. Sarah Ledford, SSS Advisor led the organization of this event and did an excellent job.”

The Seminole State College SSS Project is 100% federally funded in the amount of \$294,725 annually. The Seminole State College STEM SSS Project is 100% federally funded in the amount of \$261,888 annually.

SSS and STEM SSS are two federally funded grants that are hosted at SSC. Both Projects serve first-generation, economically disadvantaged, and disabled students. For more information, contact Janna Wilson-Byrd, Director of Projects, at 405-382-9642. The Projects can also be viewed on the SSC website.



Student Support Services and STEM Student Support Services recently sponsored a trip to see the production of “Hairspray” at the Oklahoma City Civic Center. Students posed for a photo following the performance.

Student Government Announces New Officers



The Seminole State College Student Government Association has selected its officers for the 2022-2023 academic year. The three officers were welcomed into their new roles at a luncheon with SSC President Lana Reynolds (far left) on Sept. 6. Posing for a photo alongside President Reynolds, the SGA officers are (left to right): President Georgia Ledford, of Tecumseh; Vice

President Danielle Sullivan, of Holdenville; and Secretary Katherine Nicole Cheatwood, of Seminole.

SGA is dedicated to promoting the interests of the total student body by formulating and proposing ideas to the SSC administration. Recruitment Specialist Caitlin Brown serves as the sponsor for the student organization.



Event keynote speaker Russ Tallchief performs a traditional Osage dance on the stage of the Jeff Johnston Auditorium.



Janice Smith, a poet and musician, performs an original song at the event.

Howlers & Yawpers

Seminole State College's Language Arts and Humanities division hosted its Howlers and Yawpers creativity symposium on Sept. 28 and 29. The event featured professional artists, dancers, writers and musicians from across the state. Area middle school, high school and SSC students attended the event



SSC Art Instructor Lynette Atchley demonstrates how to make and alter a two-part vase on a potters' wheel.



Musician Sunnie Baker plays and sings the ukulele during the creativity symposium.

Educational Foundation Hosts 26th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 26th Annual Golf Tournament at the Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee on Oct. 3. This year's event raised funds for student scholarships and campus capital projects. A total of 104 players, comprising 26 corporate teams, took to the links to show their support for the College.



Pictured (left to right): SSC Regents Robyn Ready and Kim Hyden, SSC Educational Foundation Trustee Doug Humphreys, SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles and SSC Educational Foundation Trustee Jim Hardin cooked hot dogs and brats for participants at the event.

SSC Educational Foundation Chair Lance Wortham tees off during the fundraiser event on Oct. 3.

College Hosts Constitution Day Event

Seminole State College hosted its annual Constitution Day event on Sept. 20 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. This year's event featured Constitutional Jeopardy, a trivia game testing students' knowledge. The trivia game was hosted by event organizer and Social Sciences Vice Chair Jeffrey Christiansen. Attendees also had the opportunity to register to vote at a station set up by the SSC Student Government Association.

Constitution Day commemorates

the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, and the day honors those who have become U.S. citizens. Publicly funded educational institutions celebrate the day by providing educational programming about the history of the founding document.

In addition to Friday's event, SSC also invited students to participate in Constitution Bingo via Zoom, a video conferencing software, on Sept. 13 and Sept. 21. Amazon gift cards were given to winners.



SSC Social Science Vice Chair and Professor of History Jeffrey Christiansen hosts a game of Constitutional Jeopardy during the College's Constitution Day Event on Sept. 20.

SSC Named Certified Healthy Campus

Seminole State College has been recognized by the Oklahoma State Department of Health as a Certified Healthy Campus. James Fife, Health Educator II with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, (pictured at far right) presented the College its "Excellence Certification" this week.

Accepting the award on behalf of SSC are (pictured left to right): Director of Board Relations and Administrative Operations Mechell Downey, President Lana Reynolds, and Holly Wilson-Byrd, Director of Human Resources. Downey

and Wilson-Byrd were responsible for nominating SSC for the honor.

Certified Healthy Campus was created in 2011 to recognize both public and private post-secondary campuses and career technology centers that promote health and wellness for their faculty, staff, students, and even visitors. Promotion of health and wellness can be done in a variety of ways including passing policies that encourage healthy lifestyles and making facilities available for physical activities.



**SPRING ENROLLMENT
OPENS SOON**

Oct. 24 - Returning and Concurrent Students
Oct. 30 - Open Enrollment

PLC Students Tour Capitol



The Seminole State College President's Leadership Class toured the Oklahoma State Capitol on Sept. 29. During the group's visit, they had the opportunity to meet Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-District 32), Oklahoma Administrative Director of the Courts and former Lieutenant Gov. Jari Askins and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-District 28). Wallace, Askins and Taylor spoke to students about the importance of voting and civil service.

College Employees Complete Positivity Challenge

Throughout the month of September, Seminole State College employees participated in a positivity challenge hosted by the campus Wellness Committee. The event featured a calendar with small tasks to be completed each day to reinforce a positive attitude and bolster mental health. SSC employees who serve on the Wellness Committee are Mechell Downey, Toni Wittmann, Christal Knowles, Dana Denwalt, Angela Harjo, Heather Heard, Holly Wilson-Byrd, Melinda Sims, Yasmina Choate, Rita Story-Schell and Ronnie Williamson.





Friends and supporters of former Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum Executive Director Marci Donaho gathered Sept. 27 to celebrate her retirement during a gala held at Seminole State College

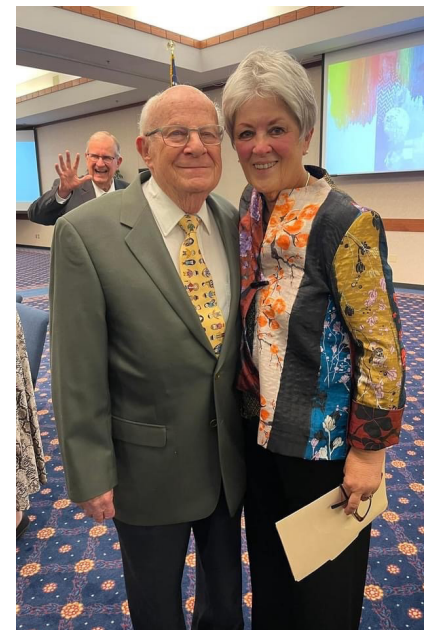


Among guests at the Marci Donaho retirement gala were state education leaders (pictured left to right): President Emeritus of Seminole State College Dr. Jim Utterback; President of Seminole State College Lana Reynolds; Chancellor Emeritus of Oklahoma Higher Education Glen Johnson; President of East Central University Wendell Godwin and President Emeritus of East Central University John Hargrave.

Donaho Honored at Retirement Gala



Former Governor George Nigh, Former First Lady Donna Nigh and Former Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Turpen pose with honoree Marci Donaho (pictured second from left) at the retirement event recognizing her long service to the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum. Nigh and Turpen served as Masters of Ceremonies for the evening.



Founder of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum Melvin Moran and retiring Executive Director Marci Donaho each spoke at the gala about the history of the museum and their “team work” in its development.