

## Saturday's of Service

SSC GEAR UP in an effort to help cohort students with volunteering and resume building, will be provided two opportunities for Saturday's of Service at the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City. The first opportunity will be Saturday, October 23, 2021 and the second opportunity will be Saturday, November 20, 2021. Students will meet at Seminole State College and be provided transportation to and from Oklahoma City with lunch provided. Students will leave Seminole State College at 8:00 am and return around 2:00 pm on both Saturdays, For additional information students, please visit with your site coordinator

## Saturday's Fall College Visits

SSC GEARUP is planning two college visits this fall. On October 9, 2021, we will be providing transportation from Seminole State College to Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) leaving at 8:00 am and returning at 8:00 pm. Participants will tour the university and attend the football game with lunch and dinner provided.

On Saturday, November 6, 2021 again transportation will be provided from Seminole State College to Northeastern State University (NSU) leaving at 8:00 am and return by 7:00 pm. In addition students will tour the campus and be provided a college T-shirt, lunch on campus, and tickets to the football game. Dinner will be provided on the way back to Seminole State College. For additional information, please visit with your children's GEAR UP student / parent coordinator.

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## SSC GEAR UP DREAMCATCHER

**GEAR UP Summer Camp 2021: Forensic Excavations**



Seminole State College GEAR UP hosted three residential summer camps in 2021. The theme for summer camp was forensics. Local area high school students experienced activities designed to use science and the law to make conclusions and present the facts of cases along with collected data. Over 75 students participated in the residential summer camps on the campus of Seminole State College. The students learned about the associate degrees of criminal justice and medical lab technologies that could be earned at Seminole State College. There were two days of classroom learning that included experience in testing blood alcohol, gun shot residues, gathering clues on the case of the missing skull, and tested water and sediment samples for environmental quality.

The students also participated in field trips to the Museum of Osteology in Del City, OK to study human skulls and determine how people died from examining skull trauma. The students experienced learning and activities that were correlated to the ACT college readiness standards in science for the 20-23 score ranges, an objective of the GEAR UP grant to help high school students be better prepared for college. Students also visited Rose State College, Northeastern State University, and Rogers State University where they learned about various college degrees on Cyber security, E-sports, and computer science.

Over the past four years, Konawa High School classes of 2023 and 2024 have learned about a variety of career options and visited college campuses. This year seven juniors have received concurrent textbooks and fees paid for by GEAR UP. These students are earning college and high school credit at the same time. GEAR UP has also provided ACT training and ACT fee vouchers for juniors and will be providing them to sophomores this school year.




Another service that GEAR UP provides to all our students is 24/7 online tutoring through [tutor.com/sscgearup](https://tutor.com/sscgearup). Dr. Goff, an OHS English teacher, has had his students turn every paper into [tutor.com](https://tutor.com) for proofreading before turning the work into him. This gives our students another set of eyes before the paper is graded. This helps both our students and our teachers. This can be done with any subject.

OHS has two students, Avery Vick and Nyja Walker, in the SSA ICON Internship program.

Varnum High School has had a high number of the sophomores and juniors sign up with the GEAR UP partner, Student Success Agency, to have personal mentors, called Agents. Two students at VHS, Zoe Copeland and Mvhvya Gravatt, have also been accepted into the SSA ICON Internship program. Student Success Agency says, "ICONS are an extremely selective group of the top performing and influential students who will be our biggest leaders, change makers, and dream chasers that will push the culture forward."



### GEAR UP welcomes new student/parent coordinators

We are excited to announce our two new student coordinators who will be working with students and parents in Maud, Prague, Seminole, and Wewoka in 2021-22. Jackie Bush will be facilitating college and career readiness activities in Maud and Seminole High Schools and Erica McCaughey will work with Prague and Wewoka High Schools.

### Changes improve Oklahoma's Promise for Students

#### WHAT IS OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE?

Oklahoma's Promise offers qualified Oklahoma students an opportunity to earn a scholarship for college tuition. **Household adjusted income limits have increased for the 2021-22 school year to \$60,000 annually.**

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an Oklahoma resident.
- **Must enroll** in the 8th, 9th, **10th, and now 11th grade.**
- **parents' federal adjusted gross income must not exceed \$60K per year.**

#### Benefit

**Student tuition paid for 5 years at any Oklahoma State College or University.**

Mvhvya Gravatt left, from Varnum High School along with Madison Hearn center, and Gracie Smith right, volunteered their time on Monday, August 2, 2021 to help GEAR UP coordinators fill over a thousand bags of school supplies for cohort students for 2021-22. The students are building their volunteer opportunities for college applications and resumes while serving fellow students.



### SSC GEAR UP GOALS

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' and their families knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, and financing.

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