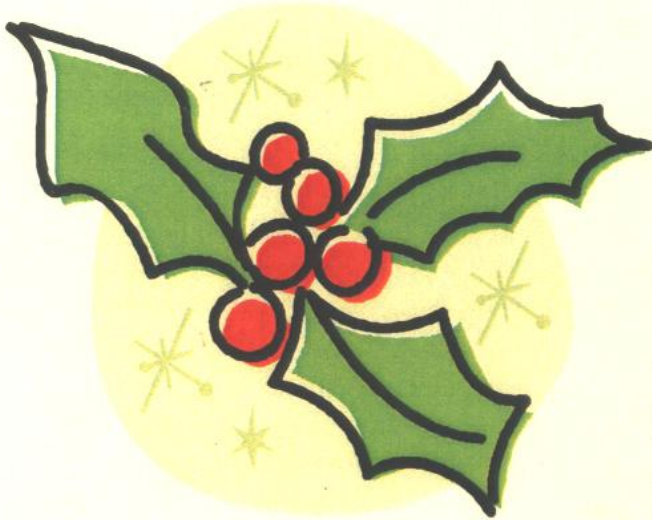


*Seminole State College*  
**CAMPUS MEMO**

*From Dr. Jim Utterback – President*  
*December 12, 2007*



**"When I first open my eyes upon the morning meadows and look out upon the beautiful world, I thank God I am alive."**

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*It truly is great to be alive and seeing what is happening in our world at Seminole State College. I have ruined a couple of pairs of shoes visiting construction sites over the last few months, and my hair may have grayed a little more – but, it's an exciting time on our campus. I hope that you join me in celebrating being a part of this wonderful institution.*

**HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION**

Everyone involved with the North Central Higher Learning Commission committees is to be congratulated and commended for making great strides this semester in preparing for our 2009 accreditation visit. It has been great to see such campus-wide involvement in this important process. I know that you join me in expressing our appreciation to our Self-Study Coordinator **Pam Koenig** for her leadership and hard work. All of the committees and subcommittees seem to be accomplishing their tasks of reviewing institutional fulfillment of the accreditation criteria. Thank you for the great cooperative spirit being displayed in approaching this task of self assessment.

**RESIDENCE HALL**

Is it August 15<sup>th</sup> yet? We started, and are now ending, this semester in great anticipation of the opening of the new Seminole Nation Residential Learning Center. In recent weeks, substantial progress has been made at the construction site. However, at this time, Boldt Construction has not given us a believable date for the project's completion. For now, we are preparing our residential students to continue their same living arrangements when they return to campus after the holidays. As soon as we possibly can, we will allow students to move into the new building. Our students have been extremely patient and understanding about this matter. The good news is that this facility is going to be incredible! I am anxious to give our faculty and staff the opportunity to tour the residence hall. I think that these state-of-the-art accommodations will be a source of pride for everyone associated with Seminole State College.

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### **MLT ACCREDITATION**

Congratulations to **Perthena Latchaw** and **Malinda Browning** on an outstanding accreditation site visit of our Medical Laboratory Technology Program last month. Nursing and Health Sciences Division Chair **Nina Kirk** reports that following the review of materials and facilities, meeting with former students and clinical affiliates, the visitation team recommended continued maximum accreditation for the MLT Program. We are very proud of these instructors and the tremendous work they do in training quality healthcare professionals in this field.

### **NURSING PINNING**

Our Nursing Program will have a "first" this week as they celebrate a mid-term graduating class. There will be a pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in Foundation Hall of the Haney Center. It would be great to have a good number of faculty and staff come out and support these students and the program.

### **FOUNDATION HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation is sponsoring a Holiday Party for employees and friends of the College on the evening of **Friday, December 14, 2007 at the Old Shawnee Country Club**. Invitations have been distributed on campus and to many of our friends and supporters in the community. Each year about this time, the Foundation solicits "end-of-the-year" contributions for the many worthwhile projects it supports at the College. Several years ago, the Executive Committee of the Foundation, decided that a holiday party would be a great way for employees and supporters to get together for a fun evening --- while helping raise money for the Foundation.

Over the past several months, **OVER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS** have been raised to support the Educational Foundation. It has been touching to witness so many people coming forward to give generously to support the wonderful things happening at Seminole State College. Everywhere I go, people tell me how proud and excited they are to see the progress of the College. For this reason, I was particularly pleased that the Faculty Senate voted to help sponsor the upcoming event. This sponsorship sends an important message to community donors that our employees join them in supporting the Foundation which exists solely to help SSC.

I hope you will be able to join the fun as we celebrate the holiday season. The planning committee for the event includes representatives from the faculty, staff and administration, as well as Foundation Trustees. If you have any questions about this event, please contact a member of this committee: **Marta Osby, Mona Ridley, Cindy Guinn, Debbie Hammond, Mark Schell, Sue Snodgrass, Bob Swearingen, Larry Smith, or Lana Reynolds.**

*As always, this time of year makes us mindful of the many things for which we are thankful. Your friendship and your service to this institution are among the things for which I am thankful. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy and successful new year.*