White Receives Nigh Leadership Scholarship

Seminole State College

Seminole State College student Miranda White of Shawnee was one of the Oklahoma college and university students selected to attend the Nigh Institute Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City.

White was selected to receive a 2006 George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship through a program funded by the Oklahoma Legislature.

During the leadership academy, students visited with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as attended sessions concerning Oklahoma’s environment, local government, government relations, Oklahoma’s economic future, legislation and governmental affairs, and the role of education in Oklahoma.

In addition, the group had the opportunity to attend briefings from the Oklahoma Supreme Court, House of Representatives and Senate, as well as visit the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and attend an Oklahoma Centennial presentation.

White is the daughter of Donna Miller of Meeker and Larry and Angie Sylsberry of Prague. She has two children: Colten, 6, and Tynslee, 3. A sophomore, she plans to continue his education at the University of Central Oklahoma where she will major in biochemistry.

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Seminole State Spring Sports Represent College Well, Keep Athletes Busy
Lacy Lansdown of Dewey, Okla., was crowned the 2006 Seminole State College homecoming queen during the halftime of the men’s basketball game against Northern Oklahoma State College on Feb. 9.

Six candidates were vying for the title. Brittiany Clonch of Ada, Okla., was named first runner-up, and Erin James of Tecumseh, Okla., was chosen as second runner-up.

Lansdown is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. A member of the SSC Lady Trojan softball team, she is the daughter of Allen and the late Myrna Lansdown. She was escorted by Jimmy Pike of Perkins, Okla. Pike, the son of James and Cindy Pike, is a member of the SSC Trojan baseball team.

Clonch is a freshman business major. She is a member of the SSC Belles basketball team and is the daughter of Melton and Vicky Clonch. She was escorted by Josh Chappell from Guthrie, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Debbie Chappell.

James is a business major at SSC. She is a member of the Student Voice for Service Learning Committee and the daughter of Kelly McGirt. She was escorted by Joe Colmenares of Seminole, Okla. Colmenares is the son of Ivan and Ethel Colmenares.

The remaining three members of the homecoming court were Amanda Greene, Brianna Chesser and Ashley Greene.

Green is a physical science major from Shawnee, Okla. She is the daughter of Fred and Donna Green. She was escorted by Kelvin Diazferimin of San Diego, Calif.

Chesser is a speech and language pathology major from Stroud, Okla. She was escorted by Sawyer Carroll from Henryetta, Okla. Carroll is the son of the late Tom and Marilyn Carroll.

Greene is a pharmacy major from Shawnee, Okla. She was escorted by Anthony Bowie of Spencer, Okla. He is the son of Rochelle and Emmitt Jones.

The queen was presented her crown and plaque by Student Government Association President Miranda White, a sophomore from Shawnee, Okla.

Flower girl for the homecoming ceremony was Rhiannon Barber, the five-year-old daughter of Rebecca Barber and Wes Kirby of Shawnee, Okla.

Area students were recognized for their academic achievements at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges annual conference held in Oklahoma City March 2. Current Seminole State College student Rufus Reed from Okemah and Wetumka High School Senior Kasey Sanders were awarded scholarships to attend SSC from the organization. SSC sophomore James Watkins of Tecumseh received recognition as a member of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. Reed, Sanders and Watkins are pictured with SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback at the awards ceremony.
The Seminole State College Board of Regents met Feb. 14 for their February meeting and voted to extend the contract of current SSC President Dr. James Utterback.

The Board voted to award the President a six percent increase in salary effective Jan. 1, 2006. This percentage raise mirrors action taken by the Regents in January, 2005. They also awarded Utterback a $5,000 bonus for 2005.

Board Vice Chair David Wilson, presiding in Chair Derrill Cody’s absence, said that the Board was extremely pleased with Utterback’s service as president of the college. Referring to comments made by Cody at the January meeting, Wilson said, “The words our Chairman spoke last month are echoed by each of us on the board.”

During January’s meeting, the annual consideration of terms of employment of Utterback was tabled until a meeting included: David Wilson, William Harrison, Jr., Roger Nansel, Jon Flowers, Steve Bagwell.

The Board voted to approve the application for a CLEET certified COPS program, accepted the Fall 2005 Academic Profile Test and accepted the Fall 2005 “Face of the Future” survey report.

Board members present at the meeting included: David Wilson, William Harrison, Jr., Roger Nansel, Jon Flowers, Bill Huser and Marci Donaho.

The SSC Board of Regents’ next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006.

**SSC Regents Hold February Meeting**

**SSC Attends Higher Education Day**

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended “Higher Education Day” at the State Capitol, Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The event, sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma, is held annually to demonstrate grass-roots support for Higher Education funding.

A morning session was held in the chamber of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Speakers included HEACO Vice President Eda Painter, Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Chancellor Dr. Paul Risser, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chairperson Cheryl Hunter, Oklahoma State House of Representatives Speaker of the House Todd Hiett, Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry and Seminole State College President Dr. James Utterback.

Utterback, who currently serves as Chair of the Council of Presidents for Oklahoma colleges and universities, introduced the Governor as the keynote speaker for the program.

Higher Education Day activities included office visits with area legislators at the Capitol. A luncheon hosted by the College in the Bricktown area of Oklahoma City was attended by Lt. Governor Mary Fallin, Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole), Representative Ryan Kiesel (D-Seminole), and Representative Shane Jett (R-Tecumseh).

**Can You Find the Hidden Word?**

Congratulations to Tami Perez of Valley Food Services for finding the hidden word in the February COLLEGIAN! The word GREEN is hidden somewhere in this publication. The first person to report his/her findings in person, will receive a FREE 20 oz. Seminole State College insulated car mug from the SSC Bookstore. The mug can be continually refilled in the SSC food court for a discounted rate of 50 cents!

Participants must report their findings to the SSC Media Relations Office, in person, on the first floor of the SSC Haney Center. The winner will also be pictured in the April COLLEGIAN.

All readers are eligible. Participants are limited to one win per semester. The type of contest is subject to change every month. Good luck, SSC Fans!!