Seminole State College celebrated 75 years of service to the community last month with an array of speakers, food, honored guests, long-time friends and other special events. The college, which began in the local high school 75 years ago, has grown into an institution that serves the needs of its community.

The SSC Educational Foundation held their annual holiday fundraiser Dec. 15, at the Shawnee Country Club. Corporate sponsors and individual donors contributed over $2,000 in support of the event and the college.

An expansion of Tanner Hall will allow for the development of a Student Success Center and provide a modern one-stop shop for students' academic testing, placement, advising and other essential services. The renovation project will also create much-needed classroom space.

Earlier on the afternoon of Dec. 11, a special luncheon was hosted for former SSC faculty, regents and administrators in the meeting room in the E. T. Dunlap Student Union on the SSC campus. The luncheon was designed to honor individuals who have contributed to the college's success.

The community continued its support last month with an array of speakers, food, honored guests, long-time friends and college supporters. Approximately 270 guests gathered in SSC’s Foundation Hall on Dec. 11, to pay tribute to the institution, which began in the local high school 75 years earlier.

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SSC Holds Anniversary Celebration

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Campus leaders joined speakers and the Chairs of the Educational Foundation and SSC Board of Regents for an official groundbreaking on new campus construction projects (left).

Criminal justice instructor Bill Knowles visits with OU President David Boren during the 75th Anniversary celebration.

Former faculty and administrators, including Wayne Day, Jay McAlvain, Rolla Griffith, Don Gill and Joy Epperley have lunch prior to the anniversary program (right).

Former Regents Mary Byrd-Parks and Melvin Moran visit during the afternoon reception.

Regent Chair David Wilson, Foundation Chair Harvey Robinson and English instructor Jeff Cox visit with C. M. Clark who served on the first Board when the College separated from the high school.

SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback (above) and University of Oklahoma President David Boren (right) share with the audience the past, present and future dreams of Seminole State College.

Former SSC President, Dr. Jim Cook, shares memories of his tenure at Seminole during the 75th program.

Newly-appointed Chancellor Glen Johnson addresses the future of Oklahoma Higher Education.

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins discusses the importance of Seminole State College to the state of Oklahoma during the program.

Former SSC Regent Melvin Moran remembers SSC’s unique beginnings during the 75th anniversary celebration.
**Jim Riley Speaks to Student-Athletes**

Retired Miami Dolphin and former University of Oklahoma stand-out football player, Jim Riley visited the SSC campus to discuss drug and alcohol abuse with the College’s student-athletes before the Winter Holiday Break. Riley, who personally suffered from the effects of drugs and alcohol in his own life, shared stories and insights into the challenges and temptations facing young adults.

Riley is the founder of Jim Riley OUTREACH, Inc. He travels the country to speak with teens about the effects of drugs and alcohol. Based in Edmond, Okla., the OUTREACH also provides support groups, counseling, and resources for individuals with substance abuse problems.

Since beginning OUTREACH in 1986, Riley has made more than 1,500 appearances speaking on drug and alcohol-related issues. He has served as a special consultant for the University of Oklahoma since 1989.

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Six vocalists are featured in Permanent Issue: Michelle Ferguson of Tecumseh; Kassy Mize of Earlham; Angelle Slagstad of Shawnee; Katherine Gaines of Earlham; Kevin Andrews of Seminole; and Blake Hargrove of Seminole. Four other members play musical instruments: Kerry Smith of Prague on lead guitar; Justin Steffy of Prague on rhythm guitar; Carson Humphrey of Tecumseh on bass guitar; and Matt Verby of Konawa on drums.

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**‘Finals Eve’ Breakfast Serves Students**

Members of the Seminole State College staff joined President Dr. Jim Utterback in hosting a “Finals Eve Breakfast” Monday evening, Dec. 11, at 10:15 p.m. in the E.T. Dunlap Student Union. Campus residential students were invited to bring their books for a late-night study hall and free breakfast prior to the start of final exams. Pictured left to right, serving a group of students, are: Dr. Jim Utterback, Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, Lana Reynolds, Jamie Mills, Brad Walch, Diana Lynd, Kelly Kirk, Dr. Donna Hardin, Judy Parks and Tracy Jacomo.
Honor Roll (continued from page 3)

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2006 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 in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

The Part-time Students’ Honor Roll is comprised of 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
April Putman
Kate Wilson
ERROR
Laura Borges
Joseph Crawford
Glennden Gunter
Patrick Grote
Gina Klassen
Kasey Sanders

BINGER
Kenneth Young
ERROR
Shawnee
Linda Love

CHOCTAW
Sarah Ryan
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

DRUMRIGHT
Katie Carroll
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

EARLSBORO
Allison Megeeher
Christopher Nipper
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

HARRAH
David Neumann
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

HENRYETTA
Robbie Blakes
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

HOLDENVILLE
Michelle Stafford
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

KANAWA
Megan Carroll
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

LOWTOWN
Audrey Wood
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

MACOMB
Bo Chavez
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

SASAKWA
Jenna Shrum
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

STRAWBERRY
Tina Treat
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

TECUMSEH
Dr. John Powell
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

WICHITA
Tyrone Thomas
ERROR
Shawnee
Debra Cothran

References

Students named to the Part-time Students’ Honor Roll include:

AVA
Alisha Anderson
Alison Rees

BORDER
Jamison Stull
Brenda Craycraft

COWANSVILLE
Amelia Beatty
Emily Hightower

CRAWFORD
Rachel Sanders
Drew Ray

DUNCAN
Julie Hightower
Sherry Schuller

ELK CITY
Willie Blackmore
Kathy Davis

GLASGOW
Kasey Williams
Shelley Sehorn

GREENWOOD
Katherine Little
Brenda Sasatown

HESS
Tina Treat
Kristin Anderson

LEDGEWOOD
Sarah Sudduth
Brenda Craycraft

MANNING
Katie Smith
Rebecca Alford

MARBLE FALLS
Laura Phillips
Julie Hightower

NASCIGO
Travis Johnson
Erik Benedict

OKEMAH
Brandy Bradford
Laura Dunson

OKLAHOMA CITY
Jill Hightower
Kathy Davis

PRAGUE
John Powell
Jill Jones

SHAWNEE
Andrew Birney
Melanie Adkins

STONEWALL
Joshua Smith
Travis Johnson

TECUMSEH
Dr. John Powell
Kathy Davis

WESTMINSTER
Jill Jones
Rebecca Alford

WICHITA
Tyrone Thomas
Juliette Hightower

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