The Seminole State College Educational Foundation held its annual recognition banquet May 1, which included recognition of outstanding college alumni, students and staff.

Three former students were inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame. Inductees included air traffic controller supervisor Ray Alford of Fort Worth; Mike Langley, vice president of Langley Management in Shawnee; and Paige Sheffield, with Patterson Oil Company of Wewoka.

G. Ray Alford graduated from Wewoka High School and attended then Seminole Junior College from 1982 to 1984. He was a member of the 1983 NJCAA championship runner-up basketball team and the All-Conference team in 1984. Alford attended Oklahoma State University, where he was a part of the 1987 Big Eight All-Conference team. He obtained his bachelor’s in mechanical engineering that same year.

Alford began his career in aviation twenty years ago, serving as an air traffic control specialist at Houston Air Traffic Control Facility. He has also served as an FAA instructor at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City. He later became an air traffic control specialist at Fort Worth Air Traffic Control Facility and served in that position until 2004 when he was selected as front line manager of the facility.

Alford is member of the National Society of Black Engineers, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and the Federal Managers Association.

Alford has a daughter, Ashley, son-in-law Zachary, and a grandson, Zane. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alford Sr., live in Wewoka.

Langley graduated from Wewoka High School and received his associate degree from the College in 1979.

Langley serves as vice president of Langley Management Co., which has been in business for more than 30 years. Langley Management Co. manages finance companies in six states and real estate throughout Oklahoma. Langley also serves as president of Courtesy Loans, Inc.

He is active in the Shawnee community. He serves on Arvest Bank board of directors, the YMCA board, Shawnee Airport Advisory Board and the Unity Health Foundation board. He is Emmanuel Episcopal Church’s senior warden and president of the executive board of the University of Oklahoma (continued on page 2)
English Honor Society

Fourteen SSC students and one faculty member were inducted into the Upsilon Alpha chapter of the English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta Thursday, April 17 in a ceremony held on the SSC campus.

Other activities that evening included recognizing contributors to the English department’s literary and art publication, The Muse, and honoring Jenny Crelia, the winner of the 2008 Geraldine Burns Award for Excellence in English Studies, presented by the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English. Past SSC winners include Shevlynn Benn, Jill Holmes, and Holly Moore.

Sigma Kappa Delta is the national English Honor Society for two-year colleges. Students must have completed 12 hours of college credit, have earned at least a 3.3 grade-point-average, and received at least a grade of “B” in English composition or literature to be eligible for membership.
SSC and Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma Partnership Honored

Seminole State College and Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma (REI) were among 19 education and business partnerships honored during an Economic Development Partnership Recognition program held April 20.

The Economic Development Partnership Recognition honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in furthering the education of Oklahoma’s workforce.

Through the joint efforts of Seminole State College and REI, a Rural Business and Resources Center was established on SSC’s campus in 2005. The center has provided assistance to numerous individuals, businesses, chambers of commerce, economic development groups and city organizations within Seminole, Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Okfuskee, and Hughes counties.

This partnership helped support efforts to provide a new home for the local Workforce Oklahoma and Oklahoma Employment Securities offices in the downtown Seminole area, as well as refurbish a former grocery store to serve as an incubator for a call center operation recruited to Seminole.

Seminole State College and REI have hosted several economic development seminars that have been attended by civic and community leaders from within the college’s service area.

The two organizations have also worked together in visiting with members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. to solicit support for economic development in rural southeast and central Oklahoma.

“The partnership between Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma and Seminole State College has been extremely beneficial to communities in the College’s service area and to numerous individuals seeking to establish or grow businesses in Oklahoma. We are proud of our association with REI and pleased that our joint efforts have been recognized by the State Regents,” said SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.

To learn more about the Partnership Recognition Program visit www.okhighered.org/eco-devo.

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SSC instructors Kelli McBride and Rayshell Palmer serve as co-sponsors of Sigma Kappa Delta.

Students inducted included: Jessica L. Allen (Shawnee); Aaron Buchanan (Tecumseh); Angela Burns (Shawnee); Jenny Crelia (Seminole); Holly Fipps (Paden); G. Keith Gunter (Okemah); Darletta Hinds (Maud); Virginia K. Little (Seminole); David Neumann (Harrah); RayShell Palmer (Seminole); Sarah K. Price (Seminole); April Lynne Putman (Norman); Jennifer Putman (Norman); Linda Qualls (Shawnee); and Amanda Shirey (Shawnee).

The evening also included faculty readings of selections from The Muse.

The event was hosted by the SSC Language Arts and Humanities Division.
SSC Social Science instructor Marta Osby and student Sarah Rooney were among the nearly 4,000 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society members, advisors and constituents at the 90th International Convention held in Philadelphia.

Osby, co-sponsor of the SSC chapter of PTK and Rooney spent April 3-5 gathering information and fellowshipping with fellow PTK students and supporters from across the world. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges. The group’s international conference is the largest gathering of community college honor students.

This year’s conference, themed “Imagine a World,” featured keynote presentations by CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour, former State Department official James Rubin and political columnist George Will. Rooney said she was most impressed by the presentation by Amy Tan, writer of *The Joy Luck Club*.

Attendees also heard reports on the impact of their community service initiatives across the county, elected international officers and awarded service and academic awards. Rooney was nominated as “Distinguished Chapter Member” for both regional and international awards.

“This was my first time attending a Phi Theta Kappa conference - regional or international. It is very encouraging to see so many people from across the county and hear the impact that our programs have across the world. I am thankful for the support that we have at SSC and all that has been done to make Phi Theta Kappa not only a great honor society, but a true community service group,” said Rooney.

Rooney, a sophomore from Shawnee, is the mother of three young children. She is the daughter of Michael and Celia Rooney of Philadelphia, Pa. She has served as student government representative for the Alpha Theta Nu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and has been recognized as a Neil Molleur Scholar and a George Nigh Scholar. Rooney was also named to the 2008 All-Oklahoma Academic Team for the state’s community colleges and technical branches.

After graduating from SSC in May with her associate’s in behavioral science, she plans to transfer to West Chester University in West Chester, Pa. and pursue a bachelor’s in the same major. Rooney plans to work in domestic violence rehabilitation.

Come support our graduating students! Commencement will held on May 9 at 10 a.m. in the Raymond Harbor Field House.
Seminole State College’s Board of Regents member Marci Donaho was selected to serve on a panel for the 2008 American Association of Community Colleges Convention (AACC), held April 5-8 in Philadelphia.

Donaho represented regents of small colleges at a spotlight session at the AACC convention. The session entitled, “The Minority CEO: A Conversation about Diversity, Leadership and Navigating the Pipeline,” outlined methods to challenge the status quo in developing a pipeline for young people to gain leadership experiences.

The session was an extension of a conversation from the previous year’s conference regarding diversity within community colleges.

Donaho served on the panel with Arthur Tyler, president of the Houston Community College System; Randy Okamura, board president of San Jose/Evergreen Community College District; Cindy Miles, president of Miami Dade College - Hialeah; Lynda Stanley, chair of the ACCT Board of Directors and board chair of Brunswick Community College; James Renick, senior vice president of the American Council on Education; and Narcisa Polonio, vice president for Education, Research and Board Leadership Services.

“Regent Donaho did an outstanding job. We were honored to have her represent Seminole State College with such an illustrious group,” said SSC President Jim Utterback.

Marci Donaho was appointed to the Seminole State College Board of Regents by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry in 2005.

Donaho has served as the Executive Director of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum in Seminole for the past 11 years. She is a director for the Frontier Country Marketing Association and President of the Oklahoma Museum Association. This past fall, she was selected as “Tourism Professional of the Year” by the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

She is a member and past president of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and was named Seminole’s “Citizen of the Year” for 2002.

Donaho has been nominated there times as “Woman of the Year” as recognized by the Oklahoma Journal Record newspaper.

A long-time public school educator, Donaho holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arizona State University and has a master’s in Liberal Studies/Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma.
Seminole State College’s Police Department has been selected to receive some new equipment and special training to help better equip agencies to fight crime.

Thanks to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Exchange program (OKLEX), started by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), approximately 260 agencies have been equipped with a new personal computer and accessories, and will have access to a new portal that will make researching information and communications to other agencies easier.

The next step was to provide agencies with access to a special portal that connects various law enforcement agencies in the state to an index. This index is updated periodically to permit local law enforcement agencies to search for people of interest or sites of interest from one specific location on the Internet—rather than going to multiple Internet sites. Training for use of the portal began in late January.

The program has access to the following state agencies:
1. Alcohol and Beverage Law Enforcement - licensing data on alcohol sales.
2. Department of Corrections - sex offender and crime alert data
3. Department of Public Safety - impound and collision information
4. Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation - criminal history, concealed weapons information, State incident based reporting system, vehicle registration and other related information.

The program’s goal is to have all law enforcement to communicate with one another and state agencies without having to make a bunch of phone calls and to be able to access information shared from other agencies.

SSC Campus Police Department Coordinator Dan Factor attended the first training seminar held on the use of the OKLEX portal. Factor explained that the portal will be helpful to campus police.

“This new system is in addition to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, (OLETS), which is currently used by all local Law Enforcement. The agencies with OKLEX will not have to use the OLETS terminal every time they need to do a background on a suspect. EXAMPLE: If they need to do an OSBI background on a person, they will be able to go directly to OSBI themselves without having to involve another agency and without involving the OLETS Operator. The portal provides access to other sites and makes it simple to connect with other agencies. It really is a time saver and makes checking someone’s background simple. ‘We are very fortunate to be one of the entities selected to receive this equipment and training,” said Factor.

Any Oklahoma Sheriff’s office or police department can have their employees trained to use OKLEX. It does not require your agency to have received an OKLEX PC to participate. Each individual (continued on page 6)
Tragic events across the nation have all learning institutions focusing on campus safety. In addition to the services provided by OKLEX, SSC has taken steps to help make the campus more secure. A few weeks ago, the College installed a new siren warning system to help notify the campus in the event of an emergency. Additionally, Factor said that the SSC Police Department has been working closely with local law enforcement agencies and helping them to be familiar with all facilities at SSC, in the event that they would need to come to the campus as backup support.

A few weeks ago, several area police officers did a campus walk-through with Factor. “We have a great relationship with our surrounding enforcement agencies. We know that it is important that they are aware of the layout of our campus and have some points of contact here, should they need to help us out,” said Factor.

It’s Softball and Baseball Tournament Time!
The Trojan women will play May 2-4 in the Region II Softball Tournament held at the Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.
The Trojan men will play in the Region II Baseball Tournament May 8-11 in Bartlesville.

If you are unable to attend the games, keep up with the Trojans with the SSC 9600 (405-382-9600) sports line. Scores will be updated throughout each game.
# SPRING 2008 SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

## MAY 5, 6, 7, 8

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**EVENING CLASS TEST SCHEDULE**

All semester tests in evening classes will be given during the regular class meeting time. Classes, which meet on Monday and Wednesday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Thursday, May 8, 2008. Classes that meet one night per week will be tested during their regular class meeting time during the week of May 5 through May 8, 2008.

**NOTICE:** Finals must be taken according to this schedule. All classes must meet during finals week. If an early final is necessary, written permission from the Vice President for Academic Affairs is required.