

## Barnes and DePriest to be Inducted into SSC Alumni Hall of Fame May 6

Two former students will be inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame during the Seminole State College Educational Foundation's annual recognition banquet, set for Thursday, May 6.

Inductees include Christy Barnes, a retired educator and basketball coach from Douglas, and Dr. Kirk DePriest, General Surgeon at Integris-Bass Hospital in Enid.

Barnes will be introduced by State Senator Harry Coates. Retired SSC Math instructor Larry Vickers will introduce DePriest.

Barnes graduated from Seminole High School and attended then Seminole Junior College from 1982-83. She then attended East Central University and obtained her bachelor's in Education and Phillips University for her master's in Education.

Barnes coaching career has positioned her as the Assistant Basketball Coach in 1986-1987 at Seminole State College, Assistant Basketball Coach at Phillips University from 1987-1993, Head



*Christy Barnes*

Basketball Coach at Pioneer High School from 2000-2008 and Assistant Basketball Coach at Northern Oklahoma College in 2009-2010.

Barnes is a member of the Seminole State College Educational Foundation Board and former member of the Enid Public Library Board. She has also held membership in the Oklahoma Educators Association and the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

DePriest graduated from Norman High School and attended SSC from 1988-1990, where he



*Dr. Kirk DePriest*

was a member of the men's basketball team. He attended Spring Hill College where he obtained his bachelor's in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He also attended Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine where he was Medical School class vice-president and he obtained his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his General Surgery Residency at Ohio Health University.

DePriest has been the General Surgeon at Integris-Bass Hospital

in Enid for six years and the Chief of Surgery from 2003-2005.

He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, American College of Surgeons and Northwest Osteopathic Foundation Board. He served as the Northwest Osteopathic Society President from 2003-2005.

Career milestones of SSC employees will also be noted at the event. Jonna Bunyan, Program Coordinator of Student Support Services, will be celebrating her 35th year working at Seminole State College. Debbie Robertson, Assistant Registrar is marking 30 years of service to the institution. Chair of Business and Information Systems Division, Patricia Cokley; Admissions Clerk, Debbie Hammond; TRiO Director, Kathy Hoover and Data Processing Director, Ronnie Killian are marking their 25th year at SSC.

Two long-time employees will retire this spring. Chairman of the Language Arts Division Jeff Cox and Campus Police Officer Donnie Blankenship.

## Brad Carter to Speak at SSC Commencement; three mother-daughter pairs to graduate

Brad Carter will be the featured speaker at the 77th Commencement Exercises for Seminole State College to be held Friday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Raymond Harber Field House.

Carter is an attorney with the Rob L. Pyron Law Firm. Born in Seminole, he is a 1988 graduate from Seminole High School where he was a member of a three-time State Championship Debate Team and president of his senior class.

He attended Seminole State College from 1988-1989. He has a bachelor's in Management from the University of Oklahoma and his Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University.

During his 15-year tenure as a practicing attorney, he has been active in the legal community, including serving as the Chairman of South-Central Community Sentencing Planning Council, member of the Oklahoma Bar Association

Committee on Legal Ethics and president of the Seminole County Bar Association.

Carter has served as the Seminole City Attorney since 2002 and Prosecutor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 2005. In 2005 he was recognized by the Seminole Producer with the "Sunshine Award" for his dedication in promoting an "open and honest government" through his diligence in observing the Oklahoma Open Meetings and

Open Records Act.

A member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard since a senior in high school, Carter rose to the rank of Sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School and receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1993. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and a recipient of the prestigious General Douglas McArthur Lead

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## SSC Short Clips...



### SSC Medical Laboratory Technology Open House

*Seminole State College's Medical Laboratory Technology Department hosted an Open House on April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Open House took place at the south end of Tanner Hall in the MLT Laboratory.*

*"This event celebrates National Medical Laboratory Week, which honors all medical professionals in the laboratory technology field," said MLT Director Perthena Latchaw.*

*For more information on MLT or National Medical Laboratory Week please contact Latchaw at (405) 382-9581 or p.latchaw@sscok.edu or MLT Instructor Malinda Browning at (405) 382-9286 or m.browning@sscok.edu.*

### Sigma Kappa Delta Inducts New Members

*Twelve SSC students and one faculty member were recently inducted into the Upsilon Alpha chapter of the English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta. The organization also recognized the contributors to the English department's THE MUSE publication.*

*Officers for the organization include: President Lisa Fox; Vice President Debra Tucker; and Secretary Jamie Miller. SSC English instructor Jessica Isaacs serves as the organization's faculty adviser.*

*Individuals inducted in the ceremony were: Michael Pierre of Seminole; Brandon Cook of Wewoka; Debra Tucker of Shawnee; James Johnson of Wetumka; Jessica Welt of Seminole; Shyla McGraw of Tecumseh; Jamie Miller of Prague; David McKenzie of Chandler; Kennedy Robertson of Seminole; Christina Whitson of Paden; SSC English instructor Kelli McBride of Seminole; Chad Teeters of Castle; and Angela Blanton of Wewoka.*



Come support our graduating students!

Commencement will be held on  
May 14, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.  
in the Raymond Harbor Field House



## Commencement May 14; Carter to Speak

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ership Award. He has held a variety of command and staff positions during his 22-years in the military. Brad recently commanded a unit in Iraq as part of the 45th Brigade Combat Team, earning the Bronze Star and the Combat Action Badge during his tour.

Following Carter's address at the Seminole State commencement, Dr. Paul Gasparro, SSC Vice President for Academic Affairs, will present the candidates, and SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback will confer degrees. There are 245 students expected to qualify for graduation. Among them, three sets of mother-daughter pairs will graduate. Rhonda Coates and her daughter Amelia Coates - whom will graduate from SSC shortly after her Strother High School graduation ceremony; Myra Jackson and her daughter Martina Perry; and

Processional and recessional music for Friday's ceremony will be provided by Susan Gates. Vocalists from the College's show band, Permanent Issue, will perform during the ceremony.

After the commencement cere-



**Brad Carter**

mony, graduates and their families will be invited to attend a reception at the E.T. Dunlap Student Union.

Graduates of the SSC Nursing Program will end their day of graduation activities with a special "Pinning Ceremony" at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The nursing ceremony is scheduled for noon.

Campus offices will be closed to the public Friday morning to allow staff to prepare for the commencement exercises.

## SSC hosted Native American Symposium



Dr. John Roueche, a nationally recognized authority in community college education, addressed the faculty and staff at Seminole State College on April 14. The event, hosted by the All Nations Student Development Center, focused on student success and creating an environment for student engagement. Earlier in the day, Roueche met with campus administrators to discuss current trends in community college education and strategies to improve student retention.

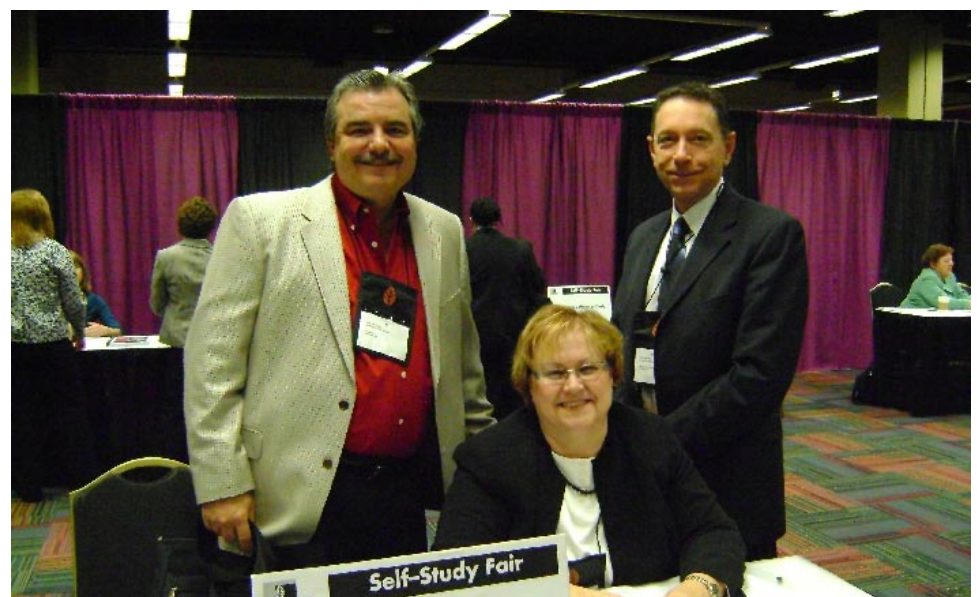
Roueche has written 35 books and over 150 chapters and articles on higher education. Roueche serves as the director of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

This was the second personnel symposium hosted by the All Nations Student Development Center. The Center was developed through the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) grant the College received in 2008. The grant strengthens the College's capacity to increase the academic success and retention rates of Native American and other students at SSC. NASNTI is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.



### PTK Students Give 'Smiles to the Hospital'

During the spring semester the Seminole State College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society collected 100 stuffed animals to be donated to area hospitals. The "Smiles to the Hospital" project is an ongoing effort on behalf of the chapter to share comfort to children in the hospital. Pictured with the children's gifts are PTK officers and members. Anyone who would like to help with this project please contact chapter advisors Dr. Steve Bolin at 405-382-9275 or [s.bolin@sscok.edu](mailto:s.bolin@sscok.edu) or Jeffrey Christiansen at 405-382-9233 or [j.christiansen@sscok.edu](mailto:j.christiansen@sscok.edu).



### Show and Tell - SSC's Accreditation Story

Seminole State College was invited to showcase its Self-Study documents during the Higher Learning Commission of North Central annual conference in Chicago April 9-13. Pictured is SSC Self-Study Steering Committee Chair Pam Koenig (center) SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback (left) and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Paul Gasparro (right) as they discuss SSC's reports with conference attendees. The reports, which were a critical element in SSC receiving the maximum ten-year accreditation from HLC last fall, were on display during the Self-Study Fair. Over 3,200 higher education instructors and administrators from two-year and four-year colleges and universities throughout the region participated in the conference.

## Summer Phlebotomy Program

Seminole State College is offering a new phlebotomy certificate program during the summer semester. Students will learn the essentials of drawing blood, the role of the phlebotomist, safety and infection control, specimen processing and handling and use of a laboratory computer.

Phlebotomists play a vital part in healthcare by collecting blood specimens from patients for laboratory tests used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. They also work with laboratory personnel to process and transport specimens collected from patients.

The student courses are completed on campus during a two-week session. The clinical practicum, which follows campus classes, requires the student to travel to a clinical affiliate to train for an additional 2-3 weeks.

Upon successful completion

of the phlebotomy program students will receive a "Certificate of Achievement" in Phlebotomy which is needed for PBT certification exam. Graduates may apply for the Phlebotomy Technician (PBT) certification examination through the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

To learn about the steps in the admission process, contact Malinda Browning in the MLT Department at (405) 382-9286. Space is limited.



## SSC PSI Beta Inducts members



Twelve Seminole State College students earned the honor to be inducted in to the PSI Beta Psychology Honor Society in April.

Seated (l-r) David Pritchett of Prague, Tifani Harris of Shawnee, Kasey Dervin of Stroud, Amber Freeman-Vance of Tecumseh, Annie Daniel of Prague, Felicia Coats of Seminole, Faculty Co-Sponsor Christal Stevenson. Standing (l-r) Samantha Roney of Seminole, Allison Reed of Shawnee, Daphne Vining of Tecumseh, Autumn Wiles of Seminole, Brandon Bratcher of Tecumseh, Jessie New of Shawnee, Induction Speaker and Licensed Practicing Counselor Karrie Utterback, and Faculty Co-Sponsor Mona Ridley.

## Seminole Chamber Honors College Personnel at Chamber Forum

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the monthly Chamber of Commerce Forum Thursday, April 8. Secretary for Math, Science and Engineering Division Ann Gavin and Retention Specialist for the All Nations Student Development Center Yashanda Scruggs were recognized as "Staff Member of the Month" and "Educator of the Month," respectively.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Blue Ribbon Realty recognize SSC employees several times during Forum each year. Individuals are nominated from across the campus and chosen by SSC administrators, chairpersons and other directors of campus services to receive the honor.

Gavin graduated from Blackford High School in Hartford City, IN and from the American Business College in Fayetteville, AR. She is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a member

of the College's Classified Staff Association.

Gavin and her husband Michael live in Seminole and have two children, Wendy and Colt. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren: Lane, Cy and Shayla. Her hobbies include reading, working on craft projects and looking forward to their annual trip to the All-American Horse Race in New Mexico.

Scruggs graduated from Langston University in 2004 and will receive her Master's degree in Adult and Higher Education Administration from the University of Oklahoma in May.

Scruggs came to SSC in 2007 to serve as Coordinator of Media Relations, while serving in that position she won first place in the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association News Writing competition and received honorable mention recognition in the Sports Publications category. She now serves as the Retention Specialist for the federally-funded grant program NASNTI.



Ann Gavin "Staff Member of the Month" and Yashanda Scruggs "Educator of the Month" accept their awards at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum Feb. 11.

Prior to working at SSC, she was the Public Information Coordinator at Murray State College in Tishomingo.

She and her husband Louis, who is a Budget Analyst with the Department of Defense, make their home in Midwest City.

## SSC and BancFirst Partnership Recognized at Economic Development Program

Seminole State College and BancFirst were among education and business partnerships honored during an Economic Development Partnership Recognition program held Tuesday.

The Economic Development Partnership Recognition program honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma's workforce.

The joint efforts of Seminole State College and BancFirst have resulted in great things happening in economic development and educational efforts for Seminole and surrounding communities, according to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback.

This partnership has provided employee training in insurance education and public seminars on subjects such as counterfeit detection and identity theft protection.

For many years, BancFirst has sponsored an all-campus luncheon for employees during In-Service training prior to the beginning of the fall semester. The College provides centrally-located and easily accessible training and meeting space for BancFirst presidents from through-

out the region on a regular basis.

The two organizations joined forces to show support for area firefighters after devastating wildfires consumed the area – hosting a “Heroes” appreciation dinner for several city fire departments as well as small volunteer firefighters from across the area.

A partnership program established in 2002 with the BancFirst locations in Prague, Meeker and Stroud, continues to provide a tuition-free college-credit courses in “Business Leadership” for qualified high school juniors and seniors. Over 100 students have taken advantage of the partnership program.

The organizations have also worked together to host the opening session of the annual Leadership Oklahoma retreat – held at St. Crispin's Lodge in Seminole. The bank and College helped the state organization with the event – providing food and welcome gifts, as well as having representatives at the lodge to greet guests.

The ties between the two organizations have been strengthened over the years with BancFirst leaders taking active roles in the Col-



SSC Rural Business and Resources Director Larry Smith, BancFirst Regional Executive Karen James, Seminole BancFirst Executive Vice President Mark Schell, Director of Community Banking for BancFirst Darryl Schmidt, BancFirst Seminole President Roger Nansel and SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback are recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for their economic development partnership.

lege's Educational Foundation and governing Board. BancFirst Executives Karen James, Harvey Robinson, Mark Schell and Roger Nansel have all served as either Trustees or Regents.

“The partnership between Seminole State College and the BancFirst has been extremely beneficial in economic and educational efforts. We are proud of our partnership and pleased that our joint efforts have been recognized by the State

Regents,” said SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.

BancFirst's motto of ‘Loyal to Oklahoma and Loyal to You’ rings true as they touch the lives of students, employees and community members in their support and connection to Seminole State College,” Reynolds said.

To learn more about the Partnership Recognition Program visit [www.okhighered.org/eco-devo](http://www.okhighered.org/eco-devo).



### Whitten speaks on SSC Campus

Seminole native and Oklahoma City attorney and philanthropist Reggie Whitten (right) pictured with SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback (center) and John Hargrave (left) spoke on the Seminole State College campus April 22. Whitten talked about recent efforts to provide assistance to the children of Uganda through the “Pros for Africa” organization during a campus presentation and at the community luncheon meeting.

### Permanent Issue Band Announcements

On Tuesday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center Seminole State College's Permanent Issue band will hold auditions for band members for the 2010-2011 academic year. For more info contact Travis Qualls at (405) 382-9295

**Free Spring Concert**  
**Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m.**  
**Jeff Johnston Building**



## SSC Student Fun Day

Seminole State College students enjoyed the nice weather and a break from class at the "SSC Fun Day" in Henderson Park April 21 sponsored by Student Activities and Student Government. Students enjoyed horseshoes, sand volleyball, and courtesy of the National Guard - an inflatable obstacle course, rock climbing wall and a halo jump. SSC Food Services, Sodexo, provided hamburgers with all the fixings for lunch.



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## Seminole State College 2010 SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

### MAY 10, 11, 12, 13

**Classes MUST MEET for final exams as scheduled.**

#### MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>	<u>Test Schedule</u>
8:00 am M W F	8:00 am – 9:50 am
10:00 am M W F	10:00 am – 11:50 am
Noon M W F	Noon – 1:50 pm

#### TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>	<u>Test Schedule</u>
7:30 or 7:45 am T R	8:00 am – 9:50 am
8:00 am T R	8:00 am – 9:50 am
10:50 am T R	11:00 am – 12:50 pm
1:40 pm T R	1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>	<u>Test Schedule</u>
9:00 am M W F	8:00 am – 9:50 am
11:00 am M W F	10:00 am – 11:50 am
1:00 pm M W F	Noon – 1:50 pm
2:00 pm M W F	2:00 pm – 3:50 pm
3:00 pm M W F	4:00 pm – 5:50 pm

#### THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>	<u>Test Schedule</u>
9:25 am T R	9:00 am – 10:50 am
12:15 pm T R	Noon – 1:50 pm
3:05 pm T R	2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

#### EVENING CLASSES 2010

**All semester tests in evening classes are given during the last 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 12, 2010. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Thursday, May 13, 2010. Classes, which meet one day/night per week, will be tested during their regular class meeting time and day, May 8, 2010 to May 13, 2010.

**NOTICE:** *Finals are to be taken according to this schedule. If an early final is unavoidable, written permission is required from the Vice President for Academic Affairs in advance of the final exam.*