Important Dates

~ Offices Closed ~

**Fall Break**
Thursday and Friday
October 17-18

**Thanksgiving Holiday**
Wednesday - Friday
November 27-29

**Winter Break**
Wednesday, December 18 -
Wednesday, January 1
SSC President’s Leadership Students Grow Through Challenges

Freshmen members of the Seminole State College President’s Leadership Class worked “high and low” on team building activities and to accomplish personal goals on a ropes challenge course at St. Crispin’s Conference Center east of Seminole Sept. 12.

The students, led by Conference Center Directors Mike and Joanne Roberts, participated in a number of activities which challenged their abilities to think through difficult tasks. The students learned to explore options for addressing their assigned problems, discussed and implemented plans to accomplish tasks and encouraged team members to be successful.

The group began their experience with ground-level team building activities and concluded the day by navigating through elevated high ropes obstacles. The progressive sequence of games, challenges and trust-building activities helped promote bonding, cooperation, communication and recognition of the group’s strengths and weaknesses.

The President’s Leadership Class at SSC is a two-year scholarship program created to help students develop leadership skills and provide personal and professional growth opportunities. The program provides students with

Students and teachers take advantage of SSC GEAR UP offerings to enhance skills

Students and teachers at 15 rural school districts in the Seminole State College area are receiving services provided by the college’s OK, Go College! GEAR UP Project. Students and teachers took advantage of the project’s offerings during the summer months to improve their skills leading toward educational success for the students.

SSC GEAR UP students had many opportunities this summer to experience the world of STEM. In addition to helping students enroll for various summer residential camps throughout the state, the GEAR UP staff operated a daytime camp for a three-day period in July.

At the GEAR UP Geocaching Adventure, students enjoyed the activity of searching for treasure the modern way—with technology and not a map. While the clues also required some critical thinking, the students eventually used a Global Positioning System receiver searching for “geocaches” hidden by the GEAR UP staff in preparation for the activity.

The GEAR UP staff recorded the longitude and latitude coordinates of the treasures before students arrived for the camp. Various puzzles and other activities provided clues for the students to find the coordinates. Then, the student teams used the coordinates to find the treasure and report back to GEAR UP staff.

“It was a treat to witness the students working together and utilizing the GPS devices,” said GEAR UP Advisor Marissa Lightsey. “The activities required students to solve math equations, solve mathematical puzzles, as well as answer Oklahoma history questions.”

During classroom sessions,

Dr. Amanda Regnier of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey works with SSC GEAR UP students on an archeology practice dig during a GEAR UP Day Camp at the Seminole State College campus.
Constitution Day Observance
In observance of Constitution Day, Seminole State College hosted “Constitution Jeopardy!” in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. SSC Assistant Professor of Government Jeffrey Christiansen, Social Sciences Division Chair Marta Osby, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Bill Knowles and Associate Professor of History Dr. Steve Bolin assisted students in the Constitution-themed quiz show competition. Pictured (l-r) student contestants included Destine O’Brien representing Phi Theta Kappa, Trisha Kingsbury representing the President’s Leadership Class, Gregory Votaw representing Sigma Kappa Delta and Clayton Powell representing the Student Government Association. Professor Christiansen organizes the annual event at the college.

Campus Hosted Service Fair
Seminole State College students and faculty learned about goods and services available in the community during the college’s 20th annual “Area Services Fair” held in conjunction with the annual “Back-to-School Ice Cream Social” on the SSC campus Sept. 30.

7th Annual Halloween Costume Dance
Sponsored by the Student Government Association
October 31, 2013 @ 8 pm – 10 pm
Enoch Kelly Haney Center
*Prizes awarded for the best couple, most unique and best overall costume!!
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Seminole State Scrambles

Crossword courtesy of mirroreyes.com

ACROSS
1. Fashionable
2. Italian resort
3. Not under
4. Close
5. Ancient ascetic
6. Dozed
7. Vagabond
8. Any minute
9. Sex
10. Subsequently
11. Bing, bang or boom
12. Adolescents
25. A daring exploit
26. Magma
27. Wickedness
28. Pigeonhole
29. Sugar and aspartame
30. Trap
31. Cab
32. Purposes
36. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
37. A river in Spain
38. Caught in the act
39. A small insectivorous American bird
40. Chocolate cookie
45. Louver
48. Armed forces
50. Wears away
51. Words to live by
52. Ancient Roman magistrate
53. Moon of Saturn
54. In shape
57. Verbal
58. It smells
59. Where a bird lives
60. Not tricked by
61. ___-friendly
62. Arid
63. Ritual
64. Press laundry
65. Packed
66. Winged
67. Lack of difficulty
68. Aromatic compound
69. Focusing glass
70. Sleigh
71. Shop65. A religious cult

1. Copy
2. Type of carpet
3. Initial wager
4. Homes for bees
5. Solitary
6. Enemies
7. Notions
8. Black, in poetry
9. Neckwear
10. Exchange messages
11. Slave
12. Cashew or pecan
13. Exit
14. Tenant
15. Scatter
16. Affirm
17. Albacore or bluefin
18. Periods of discounted prices
19. A small insectivorous American bird
20. Single-reed woodwind
21. Fashionable
22. Clan
23. Adjust
24. Goddess of discord
25. Dreadful
26. Flirt
27. Any minute
28. Sex
29. Subsequently
30. Bing, bang or boom
31. Cooking fat
32. A daring exploit
33. Magma
34. Wickedness
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alert annual brisk brothers contract diner exist flies forge fraud fraught future hanger hire illegal income opal prison project punished pyramid receive returns rules savings scheme sparks squad teen tour track untrue world

Sudoku
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Sudoku is a number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks.

Answers

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Leadership Class Participates in Ropes Challenge

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unique opportunities to foster their leadership skills while developing academic growth.

School officials throughout the college’s service area of Seminole, Lincoln, Pottawatomie, Hughes and Okfuskee counties are invited by SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback to nominate high school seniors as candidates for the scholarship program each year. Other students are nominated by business owners and school officials. Participants are selected based on ACT scores, academic performance in high school and demonstrated leadership ability.

SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds, serves as coordinator and sponsor of the program.

St. Crispin’s Conference Center is owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. The center operates as a retreat and conference facility for church, school and civic groups from across the state. It is located on 450 acres in the rolling, oak-covered hills of Seminole County. For more information about the center or the Challenge Course, visit www.stcrispins.epiok.org.

What a Tangled Web
Teamwork gets Logan Boland, of Bethel, through a designated hole in a rope web.

Challenge Course
SSC President’s Leadership students participated in a multi-story Challenge Course at St. Crispin’s Conference Center this week.

One Step at a Time
Carson Sosbee, of Wewoka, and Jacey Goodnight, of Seminole, work together to move across wooden planks hung high above the ground on their way to a zip line activity.
GEAR UP Grant Program Enhances Area Students and Teachers Skills

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the students prepared for the activities with the heelp of experts from the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and the Oklahoma Forestry Services Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. Additionally, Seminole State College Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Melanie Croy, an avid Geocaching hobbyist, visited with the students about the use of the technology and her experience with the activity. Dr. Amanda Regnier and another member of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey staff also provided the students with the opportunity to learn more about searching for archeological finds by creating a dig on the SSC campus as one of the camp’s activities.

The camp concluded with a tour of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. “I think the students really enjoyed seeing the importance of preserving history. It was a nice ending to the geocaching lessons,” Lightsey said.

In addition to the camp on the SSC campus, many students attended the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education summer academies throughout the state, including: Peek Into Engineering at Seminole State College; EDUCATE ME at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; the 2013 MSC Summer College STEM Academy at Murray State College; Where Does our Food Come From and How Did it Get Here? at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Explorations in Computer Science and Robotics at East Central University; The Oklahoma Mesonet Presents – Meteorology: From Atmosphere to Zulu at the University of Oklahoma; and Warner Ecological Investigations and Wilderness Adventure at Connors State College.

Teachers and administrators from the OK, Go College! partner schools received both training and equipment when they made the trip to the Seminole State campus for the GEAR UP “Technology Boot Camp” Aug. 1 and 2.

Along with picking up a set of "clickers" provided by the grant for use in engaging student interest and interaction, the educators were trained in the use of the All In Response system included in the technology package. A trainer from All In Learning provided hands on training for the teachers.

The All In Response software and equipment provides teachers with the opportunity to improve student-teacher interaction in the classroom. With the feedback from the interaction, teachers can change or adjust teaching strategies and spend more time on difficult concepts for the students. The system also can incorporate the use of iPads to provide one-on-one assignments for specific students. Use of the All In Response system also provides teachers with the opportunity to track data through reports generated by the system’s assessments and target a struggling student for academic intervention.

“The equipment and the technology peaks the student’s interest, and the recorded results help guide the teacher’s approach to helping the student understand,” said Jeanie Nix, GEAR UP Project Director.

An additional presentation by David Young of Texas Instruments provided the “Boot Campers” with the opportunity to learn more about the functions and expanded capabilities of the TI-84 Plus graphing calculators purchased for the 15 schools during the previous grant year.

“Many of the GEAR UP students will have the opportunity to work with this most basic building block for technology in mathematics and science as they enter their ninth-grade year and work to grasp the intricacies of algebra,” Nix said.

Dr. Katherine Hughes with Apple Education spoke to teachers and principals about the use of Apple iPads in the classroom. The workshop material included software in the classroom and how to implement iPad use in an academic setting. The SCC GEAR UP project is in the process of placing iPads in the partner schools.

GEAR UP is a federally-funded program designed to improve the chances that young people are "Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs."

Seminole State College was notified in the spring of 2012 of an award of $568,000 annually to fund a GEAR UP partnership grant with 15 qualifying rural school districts in the college’s immediate area. The grant focuses on providing services in support of the education of a group of students from Asher, Bowlegs, Butler, Davenport, Earlsboro, Holdenville, Konawa, Maud, Paden, Prague, Sasakwa, Seminole, Strother, Varnum, and Wetumka.

The project will follow that group of students through the remainder of their K-12 education providing services through a network of support that includes community partners, volunteers, counselors, teachers, school leaders and families. OK, Go College! also provides services to parents supporting their children’s education and assisting in the student’s college preparation.

In addition to the college’s commitment to the program and the 15 schools, volunteers, local businesses and community organizations can add to the grant’s effectiveness by providing in-kind products, services and time as a partner in the GEAR UP grant. GEAR UP grantees are required to match part of the cost of operating the project from non-federal sources.

For more information about Seminole State’s OK, Go College! GEAR UP project, go to www.ss-cok.edu/gearup.
SSC Invitational Golf Tournament a Success

Seminole State College’s Educational Foundation Golf Tournament held Sept. 19 at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole raised money for scholarships and other capital projects at the College. Over $22,000 was added to the Foundation’s “Shaping the Future” capital campaign through the event.
NASA Members Participate in Downtown Seminole Parade

Seminole State College Native American Student Association recently participated in the Seminole Nation Days Parade in Downtown Seminole.

Students paid tribute to a fellow student with a memorial for the late Corey Tiger who was a former President of NASA.

NASA students also sponsored an Indian Taco fundraiser Sept. 30. On Saturday, October 12 the group will also sponsor a Gourd Dance from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the SSC Gymnasium. The Gourd Dance is open to the public.

For more information about the NASA program or their upcoming events contact NASA President Shelby Whitethunder at whitethunder.s@cruiser.sscok.edu, or staff advisor Shelly Watson at s.watson@sscok.edu.

GEAR UP Students learn about History in Black Mesa

Seminole State College’s GEAR UP projects recently took Wetumka students on a tour of Black Mesa. As guests of Reggie Whitten’s, students were able to learn about petroglyphs that are on the mesas in the area from guide Jeff Hargrave, Executive Director of Native Explorers. They also viewed the 200-250 million year old Triassic quarry and climbed up a quarry that was originally discovered in the 1930s by an OU paleontologist, was closed during WWII and until recently had no new dig sites for about 80 years.

Whitten, a trial attorney and philanthropist who is also co-founder of the Whitten-Newman Foundation, has been instrumental in the establishment and development of the “Pros for Africa” organization. This international, non-profit relief organization has partnered with professional athletes, business professionals and other organizations to provide food, water, clothing, medicine and other necessities to disadvantaged children of war, poverty and natural disaster.

“It’s really nice to have the opportunity to see history up close with students,” said Jeanie Nix, Director of GEAR UP. “Students were able to touch, see and smell about the history of previous explorers around the mesas.”

Additional attendees of the trip included Robin Gann, Wetumka Counselor; Donna Cooper, Wetumka Teacher; Jenn Roudolph, GEAR UP Advisor; Deena MacDonald, GEAR UP Advisor; Terry Copeland, GEAR UP Advisor; and Chris Holtz, Assistant Professor of Physical Science.