



# 24-25 ANNUAL REPORT







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2024-2025

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## *New Regents Appointed*

Barry Tims (left) and Mona Adkisson (right) were appointed to the SSC Board of Regents in the Spring of 2025. Both Adkisson and Tims reside in Seminole. Adkisson and her husband, Sam, are owners of Ecoat.us. Tims is an independent insurance agent. Their terms began July 1, 2025.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing up in Seminole County, my family ran a small grocery store. It wasn't just a place for buying essentials—it was a hub of community life. People came to exchange news, swap stories and even engage in spirited political debate. I still remember the thrill of campaign season, when candidates would make our store a regular stop. It wasn't uncommon to see someone in slacks and a sport coat shaking hands in front of our gas pumps, explaining their vision for the future of our county.

That humble store taught me that when people gather with purpose, powerful things happen. And that spirit—of community, conversation and collaboration—still lives on at Seminole State College.

More than an academic institution, SSC has become our region's town square. From hosting Governor Kevin Stitt, Senators and members of Congress, to facilitating local workforce development forums and regional business roundtables, our campus continues to serve as a meeting place where ideas are exchanged and futures are shaped. The monthly Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum, where SSC regularly honors faculty and staff, is just one of many examples of how this campus intersects with community life.

In the last year, leaders from across our state have walked our halls to engage in critical conversations about the future of Seminole County and rural Oklahoma. Our Rural Business and Resources Center—funded through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce—has brought together small business owners, civic leaders and state agencies to discuss the pressing challenges of our workforce and brainstorm collaborative solutions.

SSC is listening, and we are adapting.

To meet the demands of a shifting job market, we've expanded our academic offerings and bolstered our partnerships. We recently launched new 2+2 transfer

programs in computer science to cybersecurity (in partnership with OU's Polytechnic Institute) and agricultural education (in partnership with Oklahoma State University). These pathways not only cut down the cost of a degree but also alleviate transfer stress for students seeking careers in high-demand sectors.

We've also deepened our vocational and healthcare education tracks through our growing partnership with Gordon Cooper Technology Center. From physical therapy assistants and medical lab technicians to engineering technicians, these fast-track programs offer students the ability to enter the workforce with specialized skills in as little as 18 months.

We've revitalized our nursing program, supported by a new simulation lab and a modernized curriculum. Our Fall 2024 nursing cohort achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX exam—an achievement that speaks to both the hard work of our students and the commitment of our faculty. With the continued shortage of healthcare professionals in rural Oklahoma, we are proud to train the next generation of caregivers close to home.

We've made these changes with affordability in mind. SSC students pay less than half the cost of tuition and fees at Oklahoma's research universities, saving an average of \$1,000 per semester compared to the statewide average. We offer flexible course delivery—online, in-person, or hybrid—to meet students where they are.

This past year, we also celebrated the incredible contributions of our faculty and staff—the backbone of this institution. Whether mentoring students one-on-one, leading service projects in our community, or presenting at state and national conferences, their dedication continues to elevate the educational experience at SSC. Our new campus wellness center—now fully operational—offers students and employees access to fitness equipment, wellness resources and recreational

space to support their physical and mental health. Looking ahead, we are excited to unveil our state-of-the-art esports lab in Winter 2025, expanding opportunities for students to engage in digital competition, teamwork and cutting-edge career pathways.

Throughout these pages, you'll see more examples of how SSC continues to be at the heart of growth in our region. You'll read about the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex and its economic impact, the success of our student-athletes on national stages, and the inspiring stories of alumni, staff and faculty whose dedication elevates our mission.

I'm reminded of those campaign stops in my family's grocery store—where community members gathered not just to listen, but to shape the future. Today, Seminole State College is that place. A space for civic dialogue. A launching pad for opportunity. A town square for the 21st century.

As always, I am deeply grateful for your support of this College. We are proud to stand at the center of this community—and even prouder to grow alongside it.



*Lana Reynolds*

**SSC President**

# EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The College's Educational Foundation was established in 1972 to "supply aid for charitable, benevolent, educational, scientific and literary purposes," according to the organization's articles of incorporation. Foundation schol-

arships are awarded according to guidelines established by donors.

Each year the nonprofit hosts three major fundraising events, the Golf Tournament, Holiday Reception and Spring Recognition Banquet.

## *Foundation Appoints Three New Trustees*



Adam Baker



Kim Hyden



Carla Tollett

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation welcomed three new trustees during their meeting on Oct. 9, 2024. Adam Baker, Vice President of First United Bank of Seminole, Kim Hyden, President of Gary

A. Crain, Inc. and Carla Tollett, Director of Communications and Member Engagement at Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, were appointed to the Foundation Board.

## *Trustees Donate Utility Vehicles*



Three utility vehicles were donated for use at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex by two SSC Educational Foundation Trustees. (Pictured) Trustee and Owner of Sullivan-Dollar Insurance David Wilson



and his wife Cindy Wilson (left photo) donated two golf carts. SSC Educational Foundation Trustee Jim Hardin and his wife Dr. Donna Hardin (right photo) donated a John Deere Gator utility vehicle.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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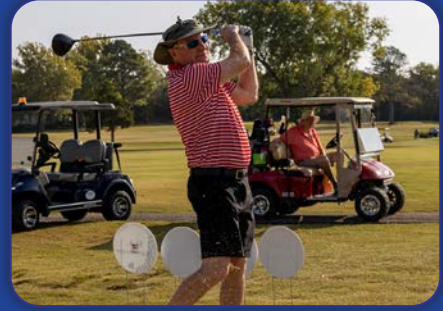
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# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## *Golf Tournament*



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its **28th Annual Golf Tournament** at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole on Sept. 13. This year's event raised more than **\$52,000** for student scholarships and campus capital projects. A total of 116 players, comprising 29 teams, took to the links to show their support.

## *Holiday Reception*



The Educational Foundation hosted its annual **Holiday Reception** on Dec. 16 at the Crossing Hearts Ranch in Tecumseh. The event raised just over **\$28,000**.

## *Spring Recognition Banquet*



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its **30th Annual Spring Recognition Banquet** on Thursday, May 1 in the Utterback Ballroom of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. A crowd of 450 guests filled the venue, and the event raised just over **\$60,000**—making it the most successful banquet in the event's history.



# SPRING BANQUET

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 30th Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, May 1, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Alumni, current students, campus leaders, employees and retirees were recognized for their achievements.



## *Alumni Hall of Fame*

Karen Romine (left) and Phil Johnson (right) were inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall at the event. Romine is a Clinical Educator at SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital in Shawnee. Johnson serves as State Director of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution System.



## *Distinguished Service*

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Brad Walck. He was honored for his 22 years of service at SSC, where he held several roles, including Vice President for Student Affairs and Head Women's Basketball Coach.



## *Outstanding Students*

SSC President Lana Reynolds interviews this year's Outstanding Student honorees during the Spring Recognition Banquet. Pictured (left to right) are: President Reynolds, Cednei Hulbutta of Wewoka, Caitlin Nuttall of Midwest City, Caden Pothorst of Prague, Troy Edwards of Davenport, and Bailey Galleciez of Seminole.



# SPORTS COMPLEX



## *SSC Hosts NJCAA Regional Tournament and High School State Championship*

SSC hosted the NJCAA Region II Division I Baseball Tournament at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex May 8-11. This marks the second consecutive year SSC has hosted the tournament. The following week, from May 15-17, the sports complex hosted the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association's Class 2A State Baseball Championship.

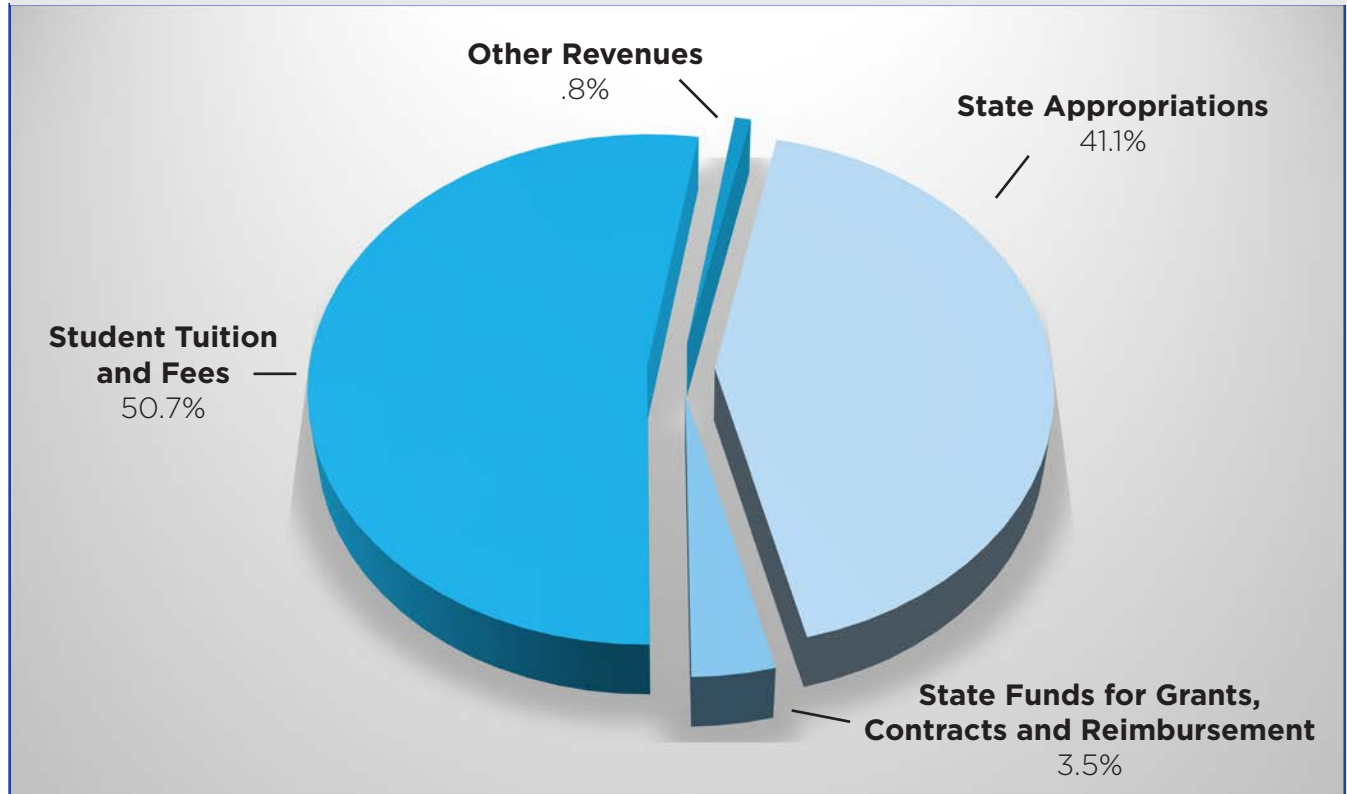
## *Coach Chambers Honored for 200th Win*

Pictured (left to right): SSC sophomores Kendall McDowell and Wilfred Gonzalez, Head Coach Mack Chambers, Board of Regents Chair Curtis Morgan and President Lana Reynolds gather on Lloyd Simmons Field to honor Chambers for his 200th win as head coach of the Trojans on April 7. Chambers, a native of Spiro, Oklahoma, has served as the Trojans' head coach since the fall of 2018.



# FISCAL AFFAIRS

## FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL REVENUE BY SOURCE



## FISCAL YEAR 2025 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

Function	Amount	Percentage
Instruction	\$5,231,886	39.8%
Academic Support	\$641,636	4.9%
Student Services	\$2,100,044	16%
Institutional Support	\$2,023,331	14.9%
Operation and Maintenance	\$2,358,652	18%
Scholarships and Other Assistance	\$750,000	5.7%





## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025-2026

### Revenue

- State appropriations remain flat, but the College will benefit from a property insurance subsidy.
- Tuition and fees will increase by 3.11%, which includes a \$2 tuition increase and a \$3 safety fee increase.
- The College will continue prioritizing campus safety and the development of new programs.
- Deferred maintenance support continues with \$1.9 million in appropriations.
- Efforts will be made to improve collections on outstanding receivables.

### Expenses

- Health insurance premiums and deferred contributions will increase by 9%.
- SSC has hired an additional Social Sciences faculty member and plans to add a payroll backup position and athletic trainer.
- The budget for supplies and materials will increase by 20%.
- Utility costs are projected to decrease by 7% to 10%, thanks to energy-saving initiatives implemented across campus.

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Seminole State College continues to expand its academic offerings to meet the evolving needs of students and the workforce. This year, SSC introduced new programs and learning technologies that enhance student success, support transfer readiness, and open pathways to high-demand careers.



# LAUNCHING IN FALL 2025



## NURSING SIMULATION LAB

Seminole State College's Nursing Simulation Lab is set to open in fall 2025, supported by a \$1,050,000 federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The renovated facility will include four hospital-style rooms—two equipped with video and audio capabilities—for immersive, real-time clinical simulations. Students will train with high-fidelity manikins simulating diverse medical conditions and use industry-standard equipment, such as medication dispensers and electronic charting systems.



## ESPORTS PROGRAM

Seminole State College will launch its Esports program in fall 2025, offering students a chance to compete in intercollegiate gaming while pursuing academic pathways in esports and digital media. Funded through SSC's NASNTI grant, the program includes scholarship opportunities and access to a new Esports Lab, set to open by the end of summer 2025. Students can join the Esports team and enroll in related courses like Game Development and Esports Communication, supporting careers in this growing industry.

## NEW DEGREE OPTIONS AND COURSES

### NEW DEGREE EMPHASES

- Agriculture AS – Agriculture Education Emphasis
- Computer Science AS – Esports Emphasis
- Computer Science AS – Programming Emphasis
- Computer Science AS – Security Emphasis
- Computer Science AS – Cybersecurity Emphasis
- Liberal Studies AA – Social Sciences Emphasis

### NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

- Introduction to Game Development
- Multimedia Development
- Introduction to Esports
- Esports Communication
- Introduction to World Mythology
- Creative Nonfiction Writing
- Cross Country Participation
- Functions and Modeling Lab
- Discrete Mathematics
- Immunology



### Explore Our Campus

Scan the QR code to embark on a virtual tour of the SSC campus.





# GRADUATION 2025



Seminole State College students completing degree requirements at the end of the 2025 spring and summer semesters, along with 2024 fall graduates, participated in the College's annual commencement exercises on Friday, May 9.

The graduation ceremony was held at 10 a.m. inside the Raymond Harbor Field House on campus. **Oklahoma Speaker of the House Kyle Hilbert** served as the featured guest speaker.

Candidates for graduation were presented by Dr. Bill Knowles, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and degrees were conferred by President Lana Reynolds





Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives Kyle Hilbert joins Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds and the SSC Board of Regents for a photo prior to the College's Commencement Ceremony. Pictured (left to right) are Regents Curtis Morgan, Robyn Ready, Marci Donaho, Speaker Hilbert, President Reynolds, Teresa Burnett and Bryan Cain.



Graduates, family and friends celebrate outside of the Raymond Harber Field House following the commencement ceremony.





## December 2024 Graduates

# NURSING PINNING

SSC held pinning ceremonies in both the fall and spring semesters for nursing students meeting degree requirements. On Dec. 13, 12 students graduated from the program, and, on May 9, 14 students graduated. Since the nursing program began in 1972, more than 1,100 nurses have graduated from SSC.



## May 2025 Graduates





*UCO Challenge Course  
Arcadia*



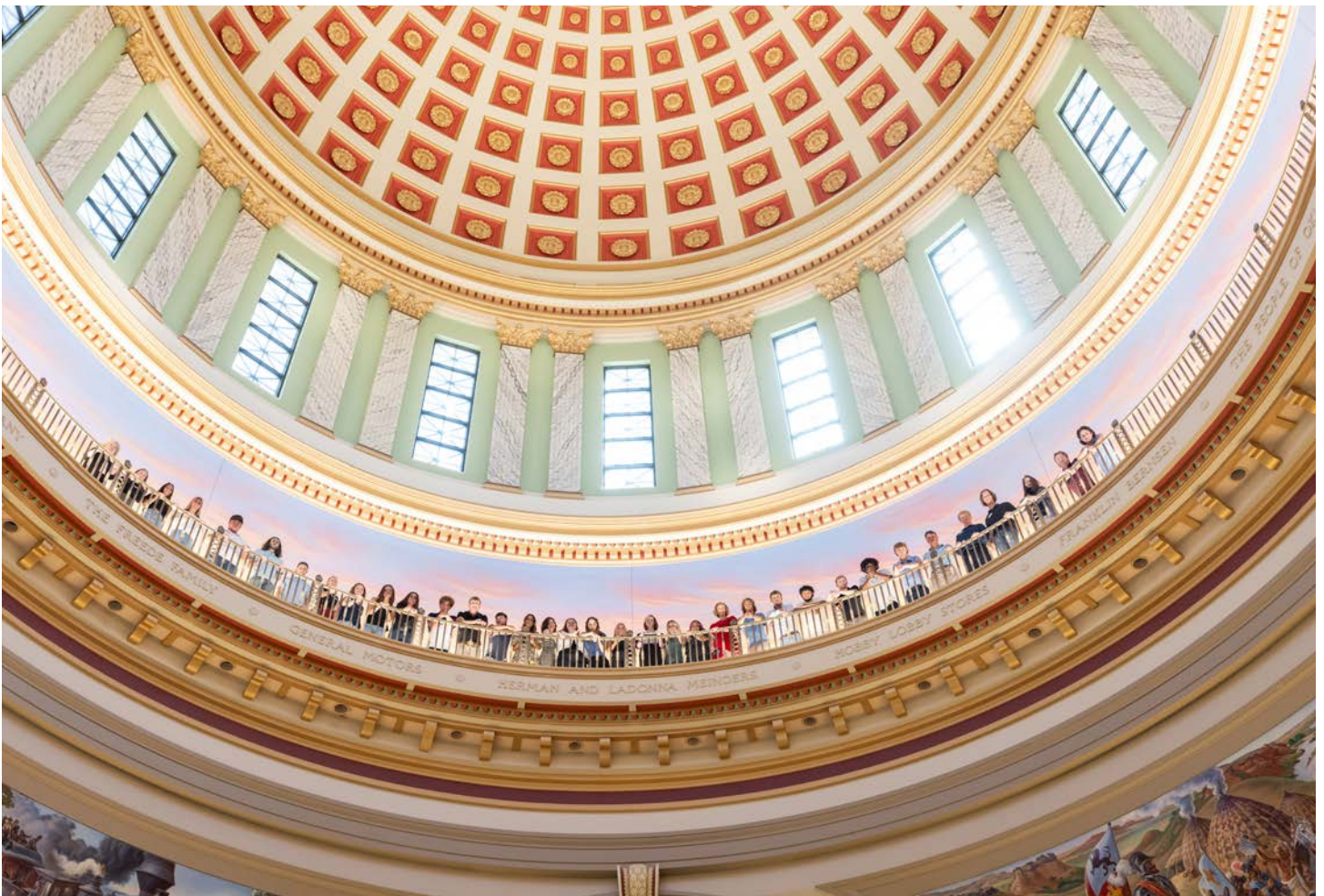
*Greenwood District  
Tulsa*



*Oklahoma City National  
Memorial*

# PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS

The President's Leadership Class is a two-year scholarship program to help students enhance leadership skills. The program was developed to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance the leadership skills of students. Responsibilities of PLC members include volunteering for the community and assisting with campus events.



*Oklahoma State Capitol Dome Tour  
OKC*





With classes beginning Aug. 19, Seminole State College welcomed students back with a wide range of free campus activities throughout the week. Students enjoyed a free cookout, a pop-up game show, custom street sign designing and a movie night at Strother Cinema.

### *Welcome Week*



Seminole State College welcomed students to campus for its annual High School Visit Day on Nov. 12. Nearly 200 students attended the event from area schools. Attendees enjoyed interactive breakout sessions and a complimentary lunch.

### *High School Visit Day*



Seminole State College students and employees planted 5,000 American flags for an honor field on Oct. 24 at the intersection of Highways 9 and 3. The flags were planted in recognition of the Veteran's Day holiday and the college's Military and Veteran Resource Fair on Nov. 7

### *SSC Students Plant Flags Ahead of Military and Veteran Resource Fair*

# CAMPUS EVENTS





Hundreds of little ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses visited Seminole State College to load up on candy Oct. 29 for the College's annual Trick or Treat Trail event. Members of SSC's Enrollment Management team donned Scooby-Doo costumes as they greeted attendees and passed out treats.

### *Trick or Treat Trail*



Seminole State College hosted its third annual Tribal Fest on Oct. 9 at the Cook Commons on SSC's campus. Hundreds of attendees browsed the tribal resource fair, which featured more than 30 vendors. Attendees also enjoyed art demonstrations, traditional dance performances and Native American cuisine. The event was sponsored by several federal grant programs on SSC's campus, including the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services and Student Support Services STEM.

### *Tribal Fest*



The SSC Aggie Club hosted their seventh annual FFA Interscholastic Meet on April 10. More than 1,500 students from across the state participated in the competition.

### *Ag Interscholastic Meet*



Dr. John Hassell, Associate Professor of Software development at the OU Polytechnic Institute and SSC alumnus, delivered a presentation on artificial intelligence myths on April 23. The event was sponsored by the SSC STEM Division.

### *AI Myths Presentation*

Throughout the 2024-2025 academic year, Seminole State College hosted a vibrant array of events that brought students, faculty, and the broader community together in celebration, learning, and service. From academic showcases to cultural gatherings, SSC's calendar was filled with opportunities to connect and grow.



# GRANT PROGRAMS



## *Talent Search Students Attend Broadway Musical “& Juliet”*

On May 3, Seminole State College Talent Search/FOCUS students and staff gathered for dinner before attending the Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical “& Juliet” at the OKC Civic Center. Pictured (left to right): Tecumseh High School student Anna Harvey and Shawnee High School students Bristol Tipton, Destini Richards and Manuela Parada.



## *Students Gain Interview Experience at Career Workshop*

Seminole State College students received real-world job interview experience during a mock interview workshop hosted on campus April 30. The event, themed “Be More Employable,” was organized in partnership by SSC’s Business and Industry program, the SSC Boren Library’s Career Center, and the College’s federally-funded Student Support Services, Upward Bound, and Talent Search grant programs.



## *SSC Receives \$6.5 Million in GEAR UP Federal Grant*

Seminole State College received notification in August 2004 from the U.S. Department of Education that it would receive \$6.5 million through the “GEAR UP – Believe and Achieve” grant. The grant will provide \$934,400 annually over a seven-year period, which began September 1, 2024.

This funding serves approximately 1,168 students across 12 school districts, including Asher, Holdenville, Konawa, Maud, Moss, Okemah, Seminole, Strother, Tecumseh, Var-num, Wetumka, and Wewoka.





### *NASNTI Program Secures Supplemental Grant*

The Seminole State College Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) federal grant program was awarded a supplemental grant, totaling \$157,500 in November. The funding will support an array of initiatives at the college, including mental health services, faculty training and enhancements to the Computer Science curriculum. The grant included \$60,000 designated for mental health initiatives. Licensed Professional Counselor Stephanie Hassell (pictured), an SSC alumna, provided free counseling sessions to students.



### *Presenters Speak on Native Language at AI Symposium*

The Seminole State College Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution's (NASNTI) federal grant program hosted "The Methods of AI in Preserving and Revitalizing Native American Languages" symposium on Sept. 26. Deidre Holmberg (pictured) delivered the event's keynote with a presentation on generative AI and education. Holmberg is the Principal Tech Education Strategist at Amazon Web Services.



### *SSC Upward Bound Students Travel to St. Louis and New England*

Upward Bound program participants who completed the 9th, 10th and 11th grades visited St. Louis in July of 2024. Their trip included stops at Missouri State University, Six Flags, the St. Louis Arch and a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River.



Upward Bound participants who completed the 12th grade in the spring visited New England. They visited the USS Constitution Ship and Museum, went whale watching, toured Harvard University and attended a baseball game at Fenway Park.



# HIGHER ED DAY



Seminole State College students, employees and community supporters traveled to the Oklahoma State Capitol on April 15 to participate in the annual Higher Education and Oklahoma's Promise Day. Sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the day underscores the value of public higher education and celebrates legislative support of key initiatives like the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.



SSC students Aubree Wilkins of Ealrsboro, Madalyn Douthit of Seminole, Kynslei Wise of Stroud and Jael Salceda of Seminole attend the Oklahoma's Promise Day program in House Caucus Room 110 at the State Capitol.



Trojan baseball players, who are also members of the President's Leadership Class, presented SSC alumni and former Trojan player Senator Darcy Jech with a baseball cap during the group's visit. Pictured (left to right) Cole Girard of Oklahoma City, Jett Farmer of Choctaw, Hunter Gibson of Cashion, Sen. Jech, Clayton Moore of Norman and Ethan Rich of Prague.





### *Gov. Stitt Tours SSC*

Governor Kevin Stitt spoke at a breakfast hosted by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce on March 27 in the Utterback Ballroom on SSC's campus. Gov. Stitt met with students and toured the campus following his presentation.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

### *Congresswoman Bice Speaks with SSC Students*

U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Bice visited Seminole State College on Sept. 3. She spoke with President's Leadership Class students about her political journey and her day-to-day responsibilities in Washington D.C. Students also had the opportunity to ask Congresswoman Bice questions at the close of her presentation.



### *Sen. Pugh Visits SSC*

At the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Dec. 12, Oklahoma State Senator and Chair of the Senate Education Committee Adam Pugh spoke to community members. Following his presentation, he spoke with President Lana Reynolds, Sen. Grant Green and the SSC Board of Regents.





## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



### *SSC Representatives Attend Oklahoma Academy Town Hall*

Amberlynn Mathews, a sophomore at Seminole State College, was selected as one of only eight student participants from across Oklahoma to attend the 2024 Oklahoma Academy Town Hall. This marks the second time that an SSC student has been chosen for this honor.

Mathews, alongside SSC President Lana Reynolds, Social Sciences Division Chair Jeffrey Christiansen and SSC Rural Business and Resource Center Director Danny Morgan, joined more than 100 civic leaders, policymakers and community advocates for the annual conference, which focused on the theme “Politics, Primaries, Polarization – What About the Oklahoma People?”



### *SSC Participates in Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing*

Seminole State College participated in the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing on Dec. 3 at Pete’s Place in Krebs. SSC was joined by delegations from other higher education institutions and state legislators for the event.

Several legislators attended on behalf of SSC, including Speaker of the House Kyle Hilbert, Sen. Grant Green, Rep. Danny Williams, Rep. Dell Kerbs and Rep. Danny Sterling. SSC’s delegation included a diverse group of students, regents, foundation trustees, and community supporters.



### *SSC Participates in Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing*

U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Bice visited Seminole on March 7 to meet with community leaders in Seminole State College’s Haney Center Board Room. Bice updated the group on activities in Washington, D.C., and heard about the impact proposed cuts in federal funding would have on the college and community, as well as challenges being faced by financial institutions.



### *Higher Ed Chancellor Visits SSC*

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Sean Burrage toured Seminole State College’s campus on April 10. During his visit, he spoke to high school students participating in the FFA Interscholastic Meet, attended a reception with SSC employees, toured the BCM Sports Complex, met with representatives from the College’s Board of Regents and the SSC Educational Foundation, and spoke at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce monthly forum.

# ATHLETICS

Baseball • Basketball • Cross-Country • Golf • Softball • Soccer • Volleyball

## *Women's Soccer Competes in National Tournament*

The women's soccer team competed in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Wichita, Kansas in November. The Trojans secured a decisive 3-0 victory against Cowley College in their second game of the tournament. However, the team was unable to advance out of pool play due to a first round loss to Daytona State College. The Trojans concluded the season with a record of 19-1-2. This was the sixth consecutive national tournament appearance for Head Coach Dan Hill.

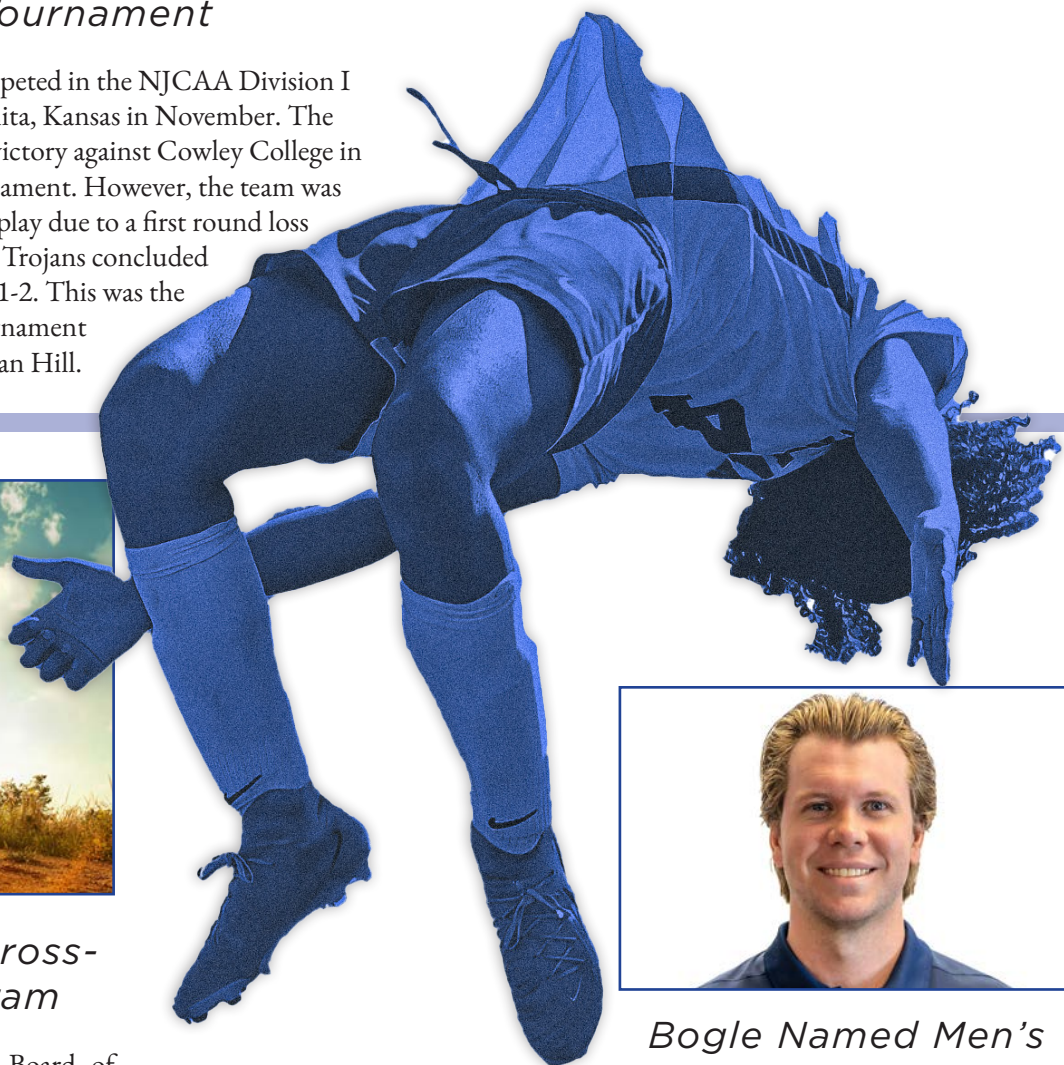


## *SSC Launches Cross-Country Program*

The Seminole State College Board of Regents approved the establishment of a men's and women's cross-country program on Feb. 24, with competition set to begin in fall 2025.

The addition of cross-country is expected to enhance student recruitment and generate additional revenue for the College. The sport is popular among area high schools and has a strong presence in NJCAA Region II.

Ronnie Williamson, current Head Coach of SSC's men's and women's golf teams, will lead the new cross-country program.



## *Bogle Named Men's Basketball Head Coach*

Seminole State College named Austin Bogle the full-time Head Coach of the Men's Basketball team, removing the interim tag just in time for the Trojans' run in the Region II – Division I Tournament in March.

Bogle, who led the Trojans as interim head coach throughout the 2024-2025 season, brings a diverse background of collegiate coaching experience to the role.







**Head Coach** Hannah Killian // **Win-Loss Record** 16-23



**Head Coach** Dan Hill // **Win-Loss Record** 19-1-2



**Head Coach** Rita Story-Schell // **WIN-LOSS RECORD** 19-11



**Head Coach** Austin Bogle // **WIN-LOSS RECORD** 20-12



## SOFTBALL



**Head Coach** Amber Flores // **Win-Loss Record** 37-12

## BASEBALL



**Head Coach** Mack Chambers // **Win-Loss Record** 34-20

## WOMEN'S GOLF



**Head Coach** Ronnie Williamson

## MEN'S GOLF



**Head Coach** Ronnie Williamson



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## *Seminole Chamber of Commerce Recognizes SSC Personnel*

Four times during the academic year, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognizes two outstanding SSC employees. Honorees are nominated by supervisors and co-workers across campus.

### October 2024



Custodian Carmen Wright (left) and Assistant Professor of Math Cullen Birney (right).

### December 2024



Director of Human Resources Holly Wilson-Byrd (left) and Assistant Professor of Microbiology Amanda Soward (right).

### March 2025



Assistant Professor of English Jamie Worthley (left) and TRIO Accounting Clerk Yannah Factor (right).

### April 2025



Director of Nursing Dr. Misty Gray (left) and Research Librarian Ashley Bagwell (right).

## *PR Team Wins Awards at State Conference*

The Seminole State College Public Relations team was honored with two awards at the annual Oklahoma College Public Relations Association conference in July of 2024. Director of Communications Josh Hutton, Director of Community Relations Kim Pringle and Web and Multimedia won awards for the 2023 Annual Report and the 29th Annual Spring Banquet event.





## Isaacs Named Dean of Instruction

Professor of English Jessica Isaacs was named the new Dean of Instruction at Seminole State College, effective July 15, 2024. Isaacs has worked full-time at Seminole State College for the past 22 years. She has served as the Division Chair of the Language Arts and Humanities Division and played a pivotal role in the college's reaffirmation of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in both 2010 and 2020.

## SSC Employees Recognized at Statewide Conference

Three Seminole State College employees were honored at the 57th annual Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference held on Oct. 4 at Tulsa Community College. During the event, STEM Division Chair Emily Carpenter was named SSC Faculty Member of the Year, Talent Search-West Advisor Tina Savage was named Professional Staff Member of the Year and Maintenance Technician Dwayne Castle was named Classified Staff Member of the Year.



## SSC Honors Six Employees for Outstanding Achievements at Fall In-Service



At the Fall 2024 In-Service, themed “Building Brighter Tomorrows,” Seminole State College celebrated six employees for their outstanding contributions in a special recognition segment titled “Stargazing.”

Women’s Soccer Head Coach Dan Hill was honored for leading his team to the NJCAA national tournament for the fifth straight year and securing his 100th career win. Kay Wallace, NASNTI Grant Director, was recognized for organizing

a landmark campus event featuring “Killers of the Flower Moon” author David Grann. Assistant Professor of English Paul Juhasz was acknowledged for publishing his fifth poetry collection, “The Fires of Heraclitus.”

Stacey Foster, Admissions Clerk and VA School Certification Officer, was praised for organizing SSC’s Veterans Day observances, including a large-scale flag display and resource fair. Danny Morgan, Director of the SSC Rural

Business and Resources Center, was commended for his operational oversight of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex and facilitating a \$2.5 million scholarship matching initiative established by the Chickasaw Nation.

Softball Coach Amber Flores earned recognition for her 500th career win and her continued success with the Oklahoma City Spark professional team.





### *Kappele Debuts Short Film at L.A. Skins Fest*

Seminole State College alumnus Matt Kappele was honored for his debut short film, *Cheatin' Ain't Easy*, which screened at the L.A. Skins Fest Native American Film Festival on Nov. 24. A Choctaw Nation member and SSC's Upward Bound Math and Science II Coordinator, Kappele directed, shot, edited and co-created the film with former SSC students. The supernatural comedy also appeared at festivals in Arkansas and Colorado, marking a milestone in Kappele's growing independent filmmaking career.



### *Nursing Program Admissions Reinstated Following Successful Appeal*

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing lifted admission restrictions on the Seminole State College nursing program, approving the College's appeal on Nov. 14. Admissions were paused in 2023 after low student NCLEX pass rates in prior years. SSC addressed the issues through curriculum changes, simulation lab upgrades and improved student benchmarking. With an 88% NCLEX pass rate in 2024 and a successful site review, SSC resumed nursing admissions in January 2025.



### *Tenure Granted to Ag Professor*

Wendy Slusher-Rich was granted tenure by the SSC Board of Regents on Feb. 24. An agriculture professor with eight years at SSC, she mentors students, leads clubs, and organizes the annual FFA Interscholastic Meet.



### *Juhasz Named Oklahoma Book Award Finalist, Earns Second Pushcart Nomination*

In March, Seminole State College Assistant Professor of English Paul Juhasz was named a 2025 Oklahoma Book Award finalist in poetry for *The Fires of Heraclitus*, a collection. He also earned his second Pushcart Prize nomination in December 2024 for *Row*, a flash memoir honoring his high school mentor. Juhasz continues to inspire SSC students through his teaching and creative writing, while garnering recognition for his contributions to Oklahoma's literary landscape.



### *SGA Members Attend Leadership Retreat*

Three Seminole State College Student Government Association members attended the 2025 Student Leadership Retreat on April 12. Pictured (left to right): SGA Advisor Maddy Potter, Freshman Senator Aubree Wilkins, President Adisen Williamson, Secretary Zoe Davis of Shawnee and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles.





### *Emeritus Status Awarded to Former Division Chair*

Dr. Noble Jobe poses with members of the Seminole State College Board of Regents following their vote to award him emeritus status at the Board's March meeting. Pictured (left to right): Robyn Ready, Bryan Cain, Dr. Jobe, Curtis Morgan, Marci Donaho and Teresa Burnett.



### *SSC Awarded \$25,000 Grant*

Seminole State College received a \$25,000 planning grant from the Teagle Foundation's Cornerstone: Learning for Living initiative to develop a humanities-focused curriculum project. Spearheaded by Professors Yasmina Choate and Jarrod Tollet, the initiative will embed transformative texts into Freshman Composition II and launch a new interdisciplinary course pairing literature and astronomy.



### *Long Represents SSC at Nigh Leadership Academy*

Seminole State College freshman Melanie Long, of Mustang, attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City from Feb. 1-4. Long joined college students from across the state for the four-day academy, where she participated in a variety of leadership activities, networking events and community service projects.



### *SSC Earns Military Friendly Status*

Seminole State College has been designated a 2025-2026 Military Friendly School by Viqtory, earning Silver Status for its commitment to supporting military-affiliated students. SSC Board of Regents Chair Curtis Morgan (left) presents the Military Friendly Silver Status Award to VA School Certifying Officer Stacey Foster (right) during the Board meeting on March 27.



### *Local Students Honored at OACC Awards Ceremony*

Three area high school seniors—Savana Sims of Prague, Emelia Bronson of Shawnee, and Felicity Hamilton of McLoud—were honored by Seminole State College on March 25 at the Oklahoma State Capitol with OACC President's Tuition Waivers. The award recognizes academic excellence and community service. Each student has excelled in leadership, extracurriculars and honors programs, with future goals ranging from chiropractic care to small business ownership. The trio will begin their college journeys this fall.



# COMMUNITY

Seminole State College Trojan baseball players worked with members of A League of Their Own at the Avedis Foundation Adaptive Field, located within the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on March 31. The softball team volunteered the following week on April 7. The League is a co-ed softball league established to provide an avenue for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities to enjoy the sport.



*SSC Lights Up the Night  
with Holiday Fun*

Seminole State College hosted its annual Night at the Lights event on Dec. 2 at the Reynolds Wellness Center in Seminole. Local families enjoyed the community Snowman Wonderland light display, as well as cookies and hot chocolate provided by the College. Dozens of SSC students manned stations, helping children create crafts.



*SSC Hosts Military and Veteran  
Resource Fair*

Seminole State College hosted its second annual Military and Veteran Resource Fair on Nov. 7 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. The event drew nearly 80 veterans and active service members seeking essential support and resources. The American Legion donated 5,000 American flags that were planted across campus in recognition of the event and the Veteran's Day holiday. Pictured (left to right): American Legion Post 204 Vice Commander Robert Gatzke, SSC VA School Certifying Officer Stacey Foster, Post 204 Commander Carl Odom and Post 204 member Harris Thacker.





### *SSC and CPN Partnership Honored*

Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) were honored for their decades-long partnership supporting education, business development, and regional economic growth. The collaboration was recognized at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony, held May 6 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The partnership between SSC and CPN includes multiple initiatives aimed at supporting education and workforce development.



### *Upward Bound Kicks Off Community Cleanup Program*

Seminole State College's Upward Bound program launched the UB Cleans initiative in the spring, providing students with the opportunity to give back to their community. Participants volunteer alongside the Seminole Arts Council, cleaning various locations around Seminole.



### *Local Business Leaders and SSC Collaborate on Workforce Readiness*

Faculty members from Seminole State College's Business and Education division met with local business leaders during a Business Advisory Meeting held on campus on Feb. 27. The discussion focused on how SSC can better support local businesses, essential skills students need to develop and internship opportunities.



### *State Farm Donates Printers*

State Farm Insurance of Seminole donated four multi-purpose printers to Seminole State College, enhancing the campus's technological resources for students and faculty.



### *SSC Extends Textbook Waivers for National Guard Members*

For the second year in a row, members of the Oklahoma National Guard had the cost of their tuition, fees and textbooks covered while attending Seminole State College. SSC extended textbook waivers to supplement the benefits provided through the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP).



### *SSC Hosts Community Leaders Breakfast*

Seminole State College welcomed civic leaders from Stroud, Holdenville, Seminole, Konawa, Prague, Okemah, McLoud, Maud, Meeker, Wewoka and Cromwell on April 9 for a breakfast meeting. The event was sponsored by SSC's Rural Business and Resources Center.



# MILESTONES

## Years of Service



**Rita Story-Schell**  
*Belles Head Coach*  
**25 Years**



**Evan Lee**  
*Campus Police Officer*  
**20 Years**



**Tammy Kasterke**  
*Business & Education  
Division Chair*  
**20 Years**

## Retirements



**David Cobb**  
*IT Technician*  
**6 Years**



**Katy Hall**  
*Great Western Dining  
Banquet Coordinator*  
**22 Years** at SSC



**Sam Rivera**  
*Asst. Professor of  
Criminal Justice*  
**10 Years**



**Mark Spencer**  
*Custodian*  
**21 Years**



**Mindy Stufflebeam**  
*Financial Aid Specialist*  
**14 Years**

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