# **SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE**





Empowering people for academic success, personal development and lifelong learning.

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### January 21, 2020

Dear Friends,

As we rolled into a new year, and a new decade, there were a number of newspaper articles, television programs and social media posts reflecting on the past. Looking back at what has happened always gives us some perspective on our history, and sometimes helps us plan and prepare for the future.

This document highlights the news, activities and accomplishments of 2019 at Seminole State College. It gives us a quick monthly review of the headlines of the year, along with capturing a few special moments with photographs.

The opening of the publication highlights three major "Stories of the Year" - the groundbreaking for our new sports complex, the ribbon cutting on the SSC Food Pantry and Help Center, and our ongoing preparations for the February, 2020 Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit. These stories truly reflect what I believe we consider important on this campus.

We are connected to our community and excited to celebrate the success of our sports programs and provide an economic boost to our area through the development of the new Brian Crawford Sports Complex. Opening the Food Pantry and Help Center demonstrates our commitment to take care of the needs of our students. And, of course, ensuring the academic accreditation of our institution is critical to our ability to provide a quality education and degree programs for our students. What you will read in the following pages underscores our efforts to support the College's mission to empower people for academic success, personal development and lifelong learning.

Thank you for your role as a Regent, Foundation Trustee, employee, student or community supporter in making 2019 a great year at Seminole State College. I look forward to working with you in 2020 in continuing to help individuals change their lives through education and to improving our institution and the communities we serve.

Best wishes to all!



Lana Reynolds SSC President

# **STORIES OF THE YEAR**

# **SSC BREAKS GROUND ON SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on campus for the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on Nov. 7 at the Utterback Ballroom located within the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. More than 250 people were in attendance at the event.

The first phase of the complex will include a Trojan baseball stadium and field, training facility, lighting, artificial turf, area landscaping, site dirt preparation, restrooms, snack bar, press box, parking, and a youth multi-use field that can be used for baseball, softball or soccer.



# **SSC HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING FOR FOOD PANTRY AND HELP CENTER**

Seminole State College hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of its Food Pantry and Help Center on Oct. 24 at the Boren Library. The Food Pantry serves students facing food insecurity issues and the Help Center provides counseling and resources for students seeking guidance on issues both inside and outside of the classroom.



# **THE COLLEGE PREPARES FOR HLC VISIT**

Throughout the year, the College has held various events to familiarize faculty, staff and students with the accredidation process. The College's in-service programming was built around the theme "HLC Matters to Me" in preparation for the college's upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit in February, 2020.



# JANUARY

#### MLK Event Is a Success at SSC

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Seminole State College hosted a special MLK program on campus featuring guest speaker Ashley Peden, Director of Corporate Communications for the Oklahoma City Thunder, on Jan. 16.

#### SSC Regents Renew President's Contract

At their meeting on Jan. 17, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved a resolution to maintain local board governance for the College and reviewed the terms of President Lana Reynolds' employment.

#### SSC Delegation Attends Legislative Briefing

A delegation of 24 people representing Seminole State College attended the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs on Jan. 18.

#### Seminole Chamber of Commerce Passes Resolution in Support of SSC

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted on Jan. 25 to support community efforts to retain local governing board control of Seminole State College.



**SSC Administration Hosts Welcome Back Breakfast** Seminole State College hosted a "Pancakes with the President" event Jan. 11 at the Kelly Haney Center's Utterback Ballroom for faculty and staff. The event served as a kickoff to the spring semester, which began Jan. 14. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles, President Lana Reynolds and Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Tony Crouch each took to a griddle and served pancakes to campus employees.

#### SSC Shines at Chamber Auction

Seminole State College received a surprise recognition at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 29 with the presentation of a President's award for "outstanding dedication, commitment and support of all of the chamber's endeavors."

### Former Trojans Return Home to Kick-Off Baseball Season

Former Seminole State College baseball players, along with community supporters and members of the 2019 Trojan squad, gathered on the SSC campus Feb. 2 for the annual Trojan Season Kick-Off Banquet. Over 250 guests attended the event.

### SSC Delegation Attends Higher Ed Day

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended "Higher Education Day" at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on Feb. 12. The event, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, is held annually to demonstrate grassroots support for Higher Education funding.



**Additional Groups Pass Resolutions Supporting SSC** Three organizations — Seminole School Board, Seminole City Council and the SSC Educational Foundation — joined the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and the Seminole State College Board of Regents in passing resolutions supporting local governance of the College. Regent Marci Donaho, Chair of the SSC Board of Regents 2018-2019, signs a resolution passed by the Board expressing support for maintaining local Board governance of Seminole State College. Donaho is surrounded by Regents (left to right): Curtis Morgan, Kim Hyden, Paige Sherry and Bryan Cain.

## Hanan Attends Nigh Leadership Academy

Area Seminole State Čollege student McKenna Hanan of Seminole, Okla. attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City. Hanan received a George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship through the Nigh Institute program funded by the Oklahoma Legislature.

### PLC Visit Army Ammunition Plant

Members of the Seminole State College President's Leadership Class and their trip sponsors visited the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) and toured the facilities.

### SSC Art Club Visits Local Accomplished Artist

Seminole State College Art Club students visited the studio of professional ceramicist Paul Pfrehm in February to learn his process of horse hair raku ceramic firing. Pfrehm, an artist who has a working ceramic studio in Seminole. His artwork has been featured in six different galleries in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.



#### Five Former Employees Granted Emeritus Status

Following the Seminole State College Board of Regents' February meeting, the College hosted a reception to celebrate the emeritus status of five former employees at the Dan and Andrea Boren Center on campus Feb. 21. Pictured (from left to right) are SSC President Lana Reynolds and emeritus honorees Gerhard Laule, Annette Barnes, Beverly Williams, Dawna Hamm and Dan Factor.

# MARCH

### SSC Student Government Attends Spring Congress at Capitol

Seminole State College Student Government Association members attended the Oklahoma Student Government Spring Congress March 9 and 10 at the State Capitol. Students completed workshops and visited committee meetings where new resolutions were developed in order to be introduced as new legislation.

#### SSC Hosts Women in STEM Program

Several professional women and current college students shared their success stories in a program entitled "Women in STEM: We are Unstoppable!" The program was presented to encourage young women to consider careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

#### SSC Named Certified Healthy Campus

Seminole State College received a 2018 Award of Excellence from Certified Healthy Oklahoma. The College was recognized as a Certified Healthy Campus at CHO's annual awards event, hosted in partnership with The Journal Record. The Certified Healthy Oklahoma program showcases businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants, and schools that are committed to supporting healthy choices through environmental and policy change.

#### PLC Visits National Weather Center

The Seminole State College President's Leadership Class traveled to Norman on March 12 to visit the National Weather Center. During their visit, the SSC students toured the multi-level facility and saw storm vehicles, equipment and other technology used in the field and at the center to predict and track the weather.

#### SSC and City of Seminole Partnership Honored

Seminole State College and the City of Seminole were among colleges, schools and businesses honored during a Business Partnership Excellence Awards Luncheon held March 12 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The recognition program was hosted by The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

#### SSC Honor Society Inducts New Members

Fifty Seminole State College students were inducted into the Alpha Theta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges at the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on March 13.

#### SSC Hosts Regional Speech Tournament

Seminole State College hosted its third speech and debate tournament of the academic year on March 15 and 16. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association's Southeast Regional was the largest tournament of the season, bringing in 16 schools and 293 students and coaches.



#### Students Recognized at OACC Ceremony

Four Seminole State College students were recognized for their academic achievements at the All Oklahoma USA Academic Team and Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges President's Tuition Waiver Student Recognition Ceremony on March 26. Former Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Mills poses with award winner and SSC student Mattie Wood.

# APRIL

#### Students Inducted into Psi Beta

Twelve Seminole State College students were inducted into the Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society for two-year colleges on April 11. Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges. The mission of Psi Beta is professional development of psychology students through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.



#### **Professor Honored at National Convention**

Seminole State College Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Linda Goeller received the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award at the 2019 American Association of Community Colleges annual convention on April 14 in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Goeller would later be named Interim Vice President of the College.

#### Honor Society Recognizes Graduating Members

Thirty-two sophomore members of Seminole State College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society were recognized at a dinner for graduating members on April 16.

#### **Regents Approve Construction Bid for Tanner Hall Renovation**

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened April 18 for their monthly meeting. The Board approved a construction bid for a Tanner Hall Renovation project and authorized the College to seek outside legal counsel in regard to guidance on taxation options to protect local Board governance.

#### Documentary Screening Draws Large Crowd

Seminole State College and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society hosted a free screening of the documentary series *Killing Pain* on April 18. The event drew more than 140 campus and community guests. The series focuses on Oklahoma's opioid crisis and the steps being taken to stem the epidemic.



#### Alumni, Employees and Students Honored by SSC at Spring Banquet

More than 350 friends and supporters of Seminole State College attended the SSC Educational Foundation's annual recognition banquet April 25, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event included recognition of college alumni, employees and students. SSC alumni Johnathan Russell, Darlene Wallace and Carlos James were inducted into the SSC Alumni Hall of Fame.

### SSC Welcomes Denmark Student Delegation

Eleven Danish students, and their sponsors, Henrik Staal and Annemarie Kratz Theusen, arrived in Seminole April 22 as part of an educational and cultural exchange program between 360 College in Silkeborg, Denmark and Seminole State College.

# MAY

### SSC Softball Team Ranked Number One in the Nation

For the first time in the program's history, the Seminole State College women's softball team was ranked number one in the nation. The SSC softball team took the top spot when NJCAA Division I rankings were released May 7. There are 158 two-year colleges across the nation competing in 20 Regions of Division I Softball. The Trojan Softball Team advanced to the the NJCAA JUCO World Series in St. George, Utah, where they finished fourth in the Nation.

#### Flores named Coach of the Year

The SSC Trojan Softball team celebrated Head Coach Amber Flores after she was named the Region II Division I Coach of the Year, following the Region II Division championship game on May 13.



#### SSC Announces Expected Graduates

Seminole State College students completing degree requirements at the end of the 2019 spring and summer semesters, along with 2018 fall graduates, participated in the College's annual commencement exercises on Friday, May 10. Gordon Cooper Superintendent Marty Lewis served as the commencement speaker.

#### **Regents Approve Strategic Plan**

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened May 16 and approved the adoption of the College's "Charting the Future" strategic plan. Over the period of several months, campus administrators, faculty, staff and students met to discuss and draw up plans to ensure a bright future for the College.

#### Students Complete New Financial Literacy Program

Four Seminole State College students completed a week-long personal finance and financial literacy class as part of the Neil Molleur KEY Scholarship Program. The KEY (Keep Educating Yourself) seminar covered all aspects of financial literacy, as well as professional development tips.



#### SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program Receives Accreditation

The Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program was awarded a five-year full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program is the result of a three-year partnership between the two institutions, and is one of only eight accredited programs in the state.

# JUNE

### Former SSC Belle Named Spokesperson for Caribbean American Heritage Month

Former Seminole State College Belles basketball player and the first Jamaican WNBA Player Simone Edwards signed on as national spokesperson for Caribbean American Heritage Month. Edwards who was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, accepted the duties of spokesperson for Caribbean American Heritage Month to help bring more visibility to Caribbean Americans and the contributions they make.

#### Student-Athletes Receive Academic All-American Honors

Thirty-five student-athletes and five athletic teams at Seminole State College were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements this year by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

#### **Employees Celebrate Retirement**

Retirement receptions were held for Seminole State College employees Mary Higgins and Deedra Eldredge. Higgins worked for the College for 18 years as the Accounts Payable Clerk. She received her associate's degree from SSC in 2000 and began working for the College shortly thereafter. Eldredge worked for the College for 21 years in a number of roles. Most recently she held the position of NASNTI Coaching Specialist.

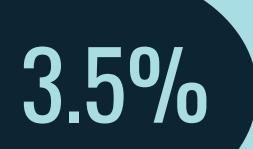
#### SSC Hosts Summer Kids Camps

Seminole State College hosted Kids on Campus, a variety of children and youth camps scheduled throughout the summer. The campus focused on a variety of topics, including painting, swimming, Minecraft and much more.

#### SSC Educational Foundation Approves Plan to Build Sports Complex

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation approved a plan to begin construction on the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex at their meeting on June 12.

The complex will be constructed on a plot approximately half of a mile west of the SSC campus on Highway 9, adjacent to the new Seminole High School site.



# SSC Regents Approve Salary Increases for Faculty and Staff

At their June 20 meeting, the Board approved the college's budget for the 2020 fiscal year, a 3.5% salary increase for all employees and a 3.3% increase in tuition and fees.

#### SSC and ECU Hire Shared English Instructor

Seminole State College and East Central University announced a partnership to share the employment of a fulltime English instructor. According to the Presidents of both institutions, the shared employee is an example of a partnership created to better utilize resources allocated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Legislature.

#### SSC Foundation Receives \$10,000 Arvest Grant

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from the Arvest Foundation. The donation will help provide leadership opportunities for students at the College – specifically members of the President's Leadership Class. The gift was presented by Arvest Bank of Shawnee and member of the SSC Alumni Hall of Fame Chris Clark.

#### SSC Educational Foundation Receives Large Donation from Symons Estate

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation recently received a \$64,200 donation from Stanley and Inez Symons of Seminole upon the closing of their estate. The Foundation received an initial gift of \$343,000 in December of 2017 from the couple who named the College as a beneficiary, along with several other local charities.

#### Upward Bound Hosts Summer Camp

Seminole State College's Upward Bound program hosted approximately 160 students for a summer camp on campus. The purpose of the camp is to simulate a college environment that includes hands-on, interactive enrichment classes, social and cultural activities, overnight field trips and a variety of team building events.

#### SSC Employee Honored at Retirement Reception

A retirement reception was held for Seminole State College employee Cindy Guinn on July 25. Guinn served SSC for 19 years, most recently as an Administrative Assistant in the President's Office.

#### SSC GEAR UP Students Attend Youth Leadership Summit

Eight Seminole State College GEAR UP students were among 200 selected from approximately 700,000 across the United States to attend and participate in the 2019 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) during the annual National GEAR UP conference July 14-17, 2019 in San Francisco, CA.



#### High School Juniors Are Now Eligible for Tuition Waivers at SSC

High school juniors can now earn college credit through tuition-free enrollment in concurrent courses at Seminole State College.Qualified students will be able to earn nine credit hours over the course of the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters.

# AUGUST

### SSC Holds In-Service for Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff at Seminole State College celebrated the beginning of the new academic year with an in-service program built around the theme "HLC Matters to Me" in preparation for the college's upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit in February, 2020.

#### SSC Board of Regents Appoints New Officers

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened Aug. 15 for their monthly meeting. The Board held an election of officers, approved a revision to a non-discrimination policy and reviewed and approved institutional documents related to the College's mission.

#### Former NASA Commander Delivers Speech at Seminole State College

Former NASA Commander Dr. John Herrington spoke to students, faculty, staff and community members at an event hosted by Seminole State College's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions program on campus Aug. 15.



**SSC Welcomes Presidential Leadership Class XIII** Seminole State College selected 21 students for Class XIII of the SSC Presidential Leadership program. PLC is a two-year scholarship program created to help students develop leadership skills and provide personal and professional growth opportunities.

### SSC Announces Food Pantry for Students Beginning in the Fall

Seminole State College opened a food pantry for students in the fall. The College gathered non-perishable food items and monetary donations to ensure its inventory will meet student needs. In order to sustain the availability of food for students, SSC has partnered with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Mitch Enos, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, and Courtney Jones, Director of Human Resources for Seminole State College, kicked off a community effort to support the College's new campus Food Pantry, by presenting a check to SSC Vice President for Student Services Dr. Bill Knowles to cover the first truck load of food from the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Community members and frequent supporters of the college, Bettie Conn and LaVere Bishop, also made major donations to help get the program started.

### Former SSC Baseball Player Makes Major League Debut

Former Seminole State College Trojans baseball player Abraham Toro made his Major League Baseball debut for the Houston Astros on August 22.

# SEPTEMBER

### SSC Educational Foundation Finalizes Contract for Sports Complex

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation finalized their contract on Sept. 10 with the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation to officially begin work on the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex.



#### SSC Hosts Miss Indian World Reception

The Seminole State College Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) program hosted Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger at a reception in the Utterback Ballroom in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on Sept. 20.

#### Seminole District Attorney Presents at Campus Event

Seminole State College hosted its annual Constitution Day event on Sept. 17. The event featured guest speaker Paul B. Smith, District Attorney for Seminole, Hughes and Pontotoc Counties. Smith addressed students, faculty and staff about "Changing American Values; Creating Constitutional Conflicts Impacting Law Enforcement."

#### SSC Retirees Return to Campus

Seminole State College welcomed 20 retirees to campus for a breakfast in their honor on Sept. 24.



#### **SSC Educational Foundation Hosts Golf Tournament** The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its

23rd annual Golf Tournament on Sept. 20 at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole. The event serves as a fundraiser to provide scholarships to students and support capital projects at the College.

#### SSC Athletic Booster Club Hosts Fall Cookout

The Seminole State College Athletic Booster Club hosted a cookout for the college's student-athletes and special guests Sept. 24 at the SSC softball complex. This year's sports teams include 106 students from across Oklahoma. Students also represent Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, New York, Florida, Virginia, Canada and Africa.

### SSC Opens Help Center for Students

The SSC Help Center was established to provide support and information in many areas, including mental health, counseling referrals, safety, academic success, resume writing, career planning, student organizations, scholarships and campus activities.

#### SSC Student Attends National Student Government Summit

Seminole State College sophomore Tijah Johnson, of Shawnee, attended the American Student Government Association annual conference in Washington D.C. Oct. 10-13.

#### SSC Food Pantry Receives Major Donations

The Seminole State College Food Pantry received a major donation to aid with the program's launch. SSC Regent Hyden and her husband Glen donated \$500 to bolster supplies.

#### SSC President Named One of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence's New Trustees

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, a statewide charitable organization that recognizes and encourages academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools, announced the addition of 11 new members to its Board of Trustees, including Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds.

#### SSC Employee Joins Student Affairs Mentoring Program

Seminole State College Residential Life and Student Activities Coordinator Melinda Sims participated in the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education's Council of Student Activities (COSA) Mentoring Initiative.

### SSC Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Food Pantry and Help Center

Seminole State College hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of its Food Pantry and Help Center on Oct. 24 at the Boren Library.



#### SSC Welcomes Danish Students

Seminole State College welcomed a delegation of 16 Danish students and instructors to campus as part of the College's cultural and educational exchange program with College360° in Silkeborg, Denmark. The students visited the College from Oct. 21 to the 28.

#### Large Crowd Attends SSC Trick-or-Treat Trail Event

Several hundred kids and family members participated in Seminole State College's 6th Annual Trick-or-Treat Trail on campus October 28. Tables were set up along the walking trails of Henderson Park with various SSC teams, organizations, students and employees who passed out candy to trick-or-treaters.

# NOVEMBER

#### SSC Student Government Members Attend Fall Congress

Oklahoma Student Government Association hosted their annual Fall Congress November 9 and 10 at Oklahoma City University. Breaking previous records, the first session of the 39th legislature had over 160 participants who represented 22 universities and colleges throughout the state of Oklahoma.

#### SSC Baseball Team Makes Donation to Campus Food Pantry

The Seminole State College Baseball team donated a truckload of non-perishable food items to the College's Food Pantry. The Food Pantry held a food drive from Nov. 7-22 in an effort to bolster supplies for those in need over the holidays.



#### SSC Women's Soccer Team Wins Region II Tournament

The Seminole State College women's soccer team won the NJ-CAA Region II Tournament on Nov. 2 in Enid and advanced to the District Tournament on Nov. 6. The Trojans were ranked seventh in the nation heading into the District Tournament. This marked the first time the women's soccer team advanced to the national tournament in the program's history.

#### SSC Leadership Class Donates to Food Pantry

The Seminole State College Leadership Development Class donated 30 personal hygiene bags to the college's food pantry on campus. Each bag included a toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap and deodorant. In addition, the group donated over 50 containers of toilet paper and boxes of tissue along with 9 dozen packages of canned meat, macaroni and cheese and noodles.

#### Groundbreaking for New SSC Sports Complex Draws Large Crowd

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on campus for the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on Nov. 7 at the Utterback Ballroom located within the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. More than 250 people were in attendance at the event.

#### PLC Tour Braum's Bakery and Processing Plant

The Seminole State College President's Leadership Class traveled to Tuttle, Oklahoma on November 19 to tour the Braum's Bakery and Processing Plant.



#### **Concert Pianist Peter Simon Performs at SSC**

Concert pianist Peter Simon played a selection from his "Classy Piano Favorites" at Seminole State College on Nov. 18. Many SSC students, employees and community members were in attendance to hear Simon play the music of Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven and several others. On Nov. 19, Simon played a number of concerts for local third grade classes.

#### First United Bank of Seminole and Area Schools Make Donation to SSC Food Bank

First United Bank sponsored a food drive contest for area schools to benefit the Seminole State College Food Pantry. Classes at the Academy of Seminole, Wilson Elementary, New Lima, Strother and Varnum competed for the prize of a pizza party provided by First United Bank. A winning class was selected at each school.

### PLC Visit the Gathering Place

The Seminole State College President's Leadership Class concluded their fall semester with a trip to Tulsa to visit The Gathering Place – a 100 acre park located along the waterfront of the Arkansas River.

# DECEMBER

### SSC Athletes Wrap Gifts for Community Members

Seminole State College student-athletes and coaches volunteered their time on Dec. 3 to wrap over 650 gifts for the upcoming Rotary Christmas Dinner. The presents were distributed at the annual community dinner on Tuesday, December 25 at the Senior Citizen's Heritage House in Seminole.



#### SSC's Night at the Lights a Success

Seminole Štate College hosted its annual "SSC Night at the Lights" event Dec. 2 at Magnolia Park 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 student athletes manned crafting stations inside the Reynolds Wellness Center, helping children create holiday crafts.

#### Rep. Kevin Wallace Receives Higher Education Distinguished Service Award

Rep. Kevin Wallace was recognized with a 2019 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education during the Dec. 5 meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

#### SSC Board of Regents Approves Academic Calendar

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met Dec. 12 for their monthly meeting. The Board approved a resolution banning firearms on campus, approved a revision to a Board policy concerning accreditation, approved entering into an investment grade audit agreement with Energy Solutions Professionals and approved the academic calendar for 2020-2021.



#### SSC Hosts Appreciation Luncheon for the Seminole Pink Ladies

Seminole State College hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for members of the Seminole Pink Ladies hospital volunteer association on Dec. 11. For decades, the group has provided scholarships for nursing students at the College. The event was attended by 35, including Pink Ladies and representatives of Alliance Health of Seminole and Seminole State College.

#### SSC Honors Veterans with Holiday Cheer Project

From Veterans Day until the end of the fall semester, SSC students, student athletes, faculty, staff and Administration signed thank you and holiday messages on festive cards and delivered the cards to veterans in the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City. This year more than 100 cards were signed with notes of appreciation and cheer.



### Expected Graduates of SSC's Nursing Program Recognized at Pinning Ceremony

Seminole State College held a pinning ceremony at the Kelly Haney Center on Dec. 6 for nursing students expected to meet degree requirements this semester. Due to the program's rapid growth, this event marked the first time the College has hosted a pinning ceremony in the fall.













